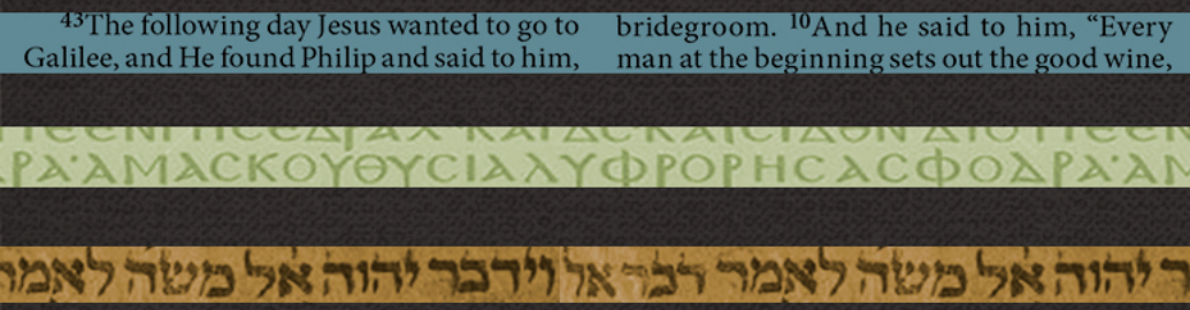
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ABBREVIATIONS OF THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

The Old Testament

Genesis	Gen.
Exodus	Ex.
Leviticus	Lev.
Numbers	Num.
Deuteronomy	Deut.
Joshua	Josh.
Judges	Judg.
Ruth	Ruth
1 Samuel	1 Sam.
2 Samuel	2 Sam.
1 Kings	1 Kin.
2 Kings	2 Kin.
1 Chronicles	1 Chr.
2 Chronicles	2 Chr.
Ezra	Ezra
Nehemiah	Neh.
Esther	Esth.
Job	Job
Psalms	Ps.
Proverbs	Prov.
Ecclesiastes	Eccl.
Song of Solomon	Song
Isaiah	Is.
Jeremiah	Jer.
Lamentations	Lam.
Ezekiel	Ezek.
Daniel	Dan.
Hosea	Hos.
Joel	Joel
Amos	Amos
Obadiah	Obad.
Jonah	Jon.
Micah	Mic.
Nahum	Nah.
Habakkuk	Hab.
Zephaniah	Zeph.
Haggai	Hag.
Zechariah	Zech.
Malachi	Mal.

The New Testament

Matthew	Matt.
Mark	Mark
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Romans	Rom.
1 Corinthians	1 Cor.
2 Corinthians	2 Cor.
Galatians	Gal.
Ephesians	Eph.
Philippians	Phil.
Colossians	Col.
1 Thessalonians	1 Thess.
2 Thessalonians	2 Thess.
1 Timothy	1 Tim.
2 Timothy	2 Tim.
Titus	Titus
Philemon	Philem.
Hebrews	Heb.
James	James
1 Peter	1 Pet.
2 Peter	2 Pet.
1 John	1 John
2 John	2 John
3 John	3 John
Jude	Jude
Revelation	Rev.

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ABBREVIATIONS IN WORD STUDIES

Hebrew	Heb.
Aramaic	Aram.
Greek	Gr.
compare	cf.

THE OLD TESTAMENT

THE FIRST BOOK OF MOSES, CALLED

GENESIS

THE FIRST PART OF GENESIS focuses on the beginning and spread of sin in the world and culminates in the devastating flood in the days of Noah. The second part of the book focuses on God's dealings with one man, Abraham, through whom God promises to bring salvation and blessing to the world. Abraham and his descendants learn firsthand that it is always safe to trust the Lord in times of famine and feasting, blessing and bondage. From Abraham . . . to Isaac . . . to Jacob . . . to Joseph . . . God's promises begin to come to fruition in a great nation possessing a great land.

Genesis **is a Greek word meaning "origin," "source," "generation," or "beginning." The original Hebrew title *Bereshith* means "In the Beginning."**

The literary structure of Genesis is clear and is built around eleven separate units, all but the first including the word *generations* in a summary phrase: (1) Introduction to the Genealogies (1:1—2:3); (2) Heaven and Earth (2:4—4:26); (3) Adam (5:1—6:8); (4) Noah (6:9—9:29); (5) Sons of Noah (10:1—11:9); (6) Shem (11:10–26); (7) Terah (11:27—25:11); (8) Ishmael (25:12–18); (9) Isaac (25:19—35:29); (10) Esau (36:1—37:1); (11) Jacob (37:2—50:26).

WATCH WORDS

- **create** (make something out of nothing)—1:1 (also 1:27; 6:7)
- **family** (descendants)—12:3 (also 10:32)
- **most high** (the greatest, most supreme)—14:18 (also 14:22)
- **believe** (establish or confirm, express approval)—15:6
- **seed** (offspring or descendants)—22:18 (also 3:15; 13:15; 15:3)

The Creation

1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

The First Day

3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.
4 And God saw the light, that *it was* good: and God divided the light from the darkness.
5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

1:1 create

(Heb. *bara'*) (Gen. 1:27; 6:7; Is. 45:18; 65:17) H1254: God alone has the power to create everything out of nothing, whether it's "the heaven and the earth" (Gen. 1:1), people (Gen. 1:27), or everything in between. Of course, God also has the power to destroy, as happens during the Flood (Gen. 6:7). The book of Isaiah is filled with references to the creative power of God (Is. 40:26; 41:20; 42:5; 43:1, 7; 45:8, 12), emphasizing His uniqueness and superiority over all earthly gods. God promises that He will create a "new heaven and a new earth" for us to dwell in, a promise that is initiated with the birth of Jesus and finds its fulfillment in the prophecy in Revelation.

1:1 heaven ▸ *see Gen. 1:9.*
1:1 earth ▸ *see Gen. 12:1.*
1:2 was ▸ *see Gen. 27:1.*
1:2 without form ▸ *see Is. 45:18.*
1:2 darkness ▸ *see 1 Sam. 2:9.*
1:3 say ▸ *see Is. 31:4.*
1:4 good ▸ *see Ezek. 34:14.*
1:4 divide ▸ *see Num. 16:9.*
1:5 night ▸ *see Ps. 134:1.*
1:5 evening ▸ *see Ps. 65:8.*

The Second Day

6 And God said, Let there be a firmament
in the midst of the waters, and let it divide
the waters from the waters.
7 And God made the firmament, and
divided the waters which *were* under the
firmament from the waters which *were* above
the firmament: and it was so.
8 And God called the firmament Heaven.
And the evening and the morning were the
second day.

The Third Day

9 And God said, Let the waters under the
heaven be gathered together unto one place,
and let the dry *land* appear: and it was so.
10 And God called the dry *land* Earth; and
the gathering together of the waters called he
Seas: and God saw that *it was* good.
11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth
grass, the herb yielding seed, *and* the fruit
tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed
is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.
12 And the earth brought forth grass, *and*
herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree
yielding fruit, whose seed *was* in itself, after
his kind: and God saw that *it was* good.
13 And the evening and the morning were
the third day.

The Fourth Day

14 And God said, Let there be lights in the
firmament of the heaven to divide the day
from the night; and let them be for signs, and
for seasons, and for days, and years:
15 And let them be for lights in the firma-
ment of the heaven to give light upon the
earth: and it was so.
16 And God made two great lights; the
greater light to rule the day, and the lesser
light to rule the night: *he made* the stars also.
17 And God set them in the firmament of
the heaven to give light upon the earth,
18 And to rule over the day and over the
night, and to divide the light from the dark-
ness: and God saw that *it was* good.
19 And the evening and the morning were
the fourth day.

The Fifth Day

20 And God said, Let the waters bring forth
abundantly the moving creature that hath
life, and fowl *that* may fly above the earth in
the open firmament of heaven.
21 And God created great whales, and every
living creature that moveth, which the waters
brought forth abundantly, after their kind,
and every winged fowl after his kind: and
God saw that *it was* good.
22 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruit-
ful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the
seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.
23 And the evening and the morning were
the fifth day.

The Sixth Day

24 And God said, Let the earth bring forth
the living creature after his kind, cattle, and
creeping thing, and beast of the earth after
his kind: and it was so.
25 And God made the beast of the earth
after his kind, and cattle after their kind,
and every thing that creepeth upon the earth
after his kind: and God saw that *it was* good.

The Creation of Man

26 And God said, Let us make man in our
image, after our likeness: and let them have

1:8 heaven ▸ *see Gen. 1:9.*

1:9 heaven

(Heb. *shamayim*) (Gen. 1:1, 8; Ps. 2:4) H8064: The Hebrew word for *heaven* may refer to either the physical heavens, the sky or the atmosphere of earth (Gen. 2:1, 4, 19), or to the dwelling place of God (Ps. 14:2), the spiritual heaven. The expression is probably derived from a word meaning "to be high, lofty." To describe God as living in the heavens is to describe His exalted position over all people. The physical heavens testify to God's glorious position and also to His creative genius (Ps. 19:1, 6).

1:10 earth ▸ *see Gen. 12:1.*
1:10 sea ▸ *see 2 Chr. 4:2.*
1:14 sign ▸ *see Is. 55:13.*
1:14 seasons ▸ *see Num. 9:2.*
1:16 two ▸ *see 2 Kin. 2:9.*
1:16 great ▸ *see Gen. 21:18.*
1:16 rule ▸ *see Ps. 114:2.*
1:21 living creature ▸ *see Ezek. 1:5.*
1:22 fill ▸ *see Jer. 23:24.*

1:26 man

(Heb. *'adam*) (Gen. 2:7; 3:8; 4:1) H0120: Although man was created before woman, and although the word sometimes refers distinctly to men, *'adam*

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dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.
27 So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.
28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

The Giving of Food

29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which *is* upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which *is* the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.
30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein *there is* life, *I have given* every green herb for meat: and it was so.
31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, *it was* very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

The Seventh Day

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.
2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.
3 And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.
4 These *are* the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,
5 And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and *there was* not a man to till the ground.
6 But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.
7 And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

The Garden of Eden

8 And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.
9 And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Continued

is most often used to refer to all humans (Gen. 5:2). As if to emphasize his status as someone created by God, *'adam* was made out of *'adamah* ("the ground"). Nevertheless, *'adam* was made in God's image, exalted above all other creatures, and made to "have dominion over" all creation (Gen. 1:28). The word also refers to the first man, Adam, father of Cain and Abel (Gen. 3:8; 4:1).

1:27 create ▸ *see Gen. 1:1.*
1:27 male ▸ *see Num. 1:2.*
1:28 fruitful ▸ *see Gen. 28:3.*
1:28 multiply ▸ *see Ex. 11:9.*
1:28 subdue ▸ *see Neh. 5:5.*
1:28 dominion ▸ *see Ps. 72:8.*
2:1 host ▸ *see Is. 10:16.*
2:2 seventh ▸ *see Lev. 23:8.*
2:2 work ▸ *see Ex. 31:3.*
2:2 rest ▸ *see Ex. 16:30.*

2:7 form

(Heb. *yatsar*) (Jer. 1:5; Lam. 4:2; Zech. 12:1) H3335: The basic meaning of this verb is "to shape or form." It implies a degree of craftsmanship. God formed the earth (Is. 45:18), animals and man (Gen. 2:7, 8, 19), and, more abstractly, light (Is. 45:7), summer and winter (Ps. 74:17), and His divine plans (Is. 46:11; Jer. 18:11). Humans form idols (Is. 44:9–12) as well as evil to harm others (Ps. 94:20). The most frequent object of this verb is pottery, with the analogy applied to God's working with humanity (Jer. 19:1–10). This imagery sits well with God forming man from the ground here in Genesis 2.

2:7 man ▸ *see Gen. 1:26.*
2:7 dust ▸ *see Num. 23:10.*
2:7 breath ▸ *see Ps. 150:6.*
2:8-10 garden ▸ *see 2 Kin. 21:18.*
2:8 Eden ▸ *see Gen. 2:15.*
2:9 knowledge ▸ *see Mal. 2:7.*
2:9 evil ▸ *see Deut. 4:25.*

10 And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads.
11 The name of the first *is* Pison: that *is* it which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where *there is* gold;
12 And the gold of that land *is* good: there *is* bdellium and the onyx stone.
13 And the name of the second river *is* Gihon: the same *is* it that compasseth the whole land of Ethiopia.
14 And the name of the third river *is* Hiddekel: that *is* it which goeth toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river *is* Euphrates.

Man to Care for the Garden

15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.
16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:
17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.
18 And the LORD God said, *It is* not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

Adam Names Living Creatures

19 And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought *them* unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that *was* the name thereof.
20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

The Creation of Woman

21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;
22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.
23 And Adam said, This *is* now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

The First Marriage

24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.
25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

The Temptation

3 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?
2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:
3 But of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.
4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:
5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

The Fall of Man

6 And when the woman saw that the tree

2:10 river ▸ *see 1 Chr. 1:48.*

2:15 Eden

(Heb. *`eden*) (Gen. 2:8; Ezek. 36:35; Joel 2:3) H5731: This word is a proper noun designating the place where God planted a garden for Adam and Eve (Gen. 2:8). It is probably based on a word indicating luxury, delight, pleasure, and bliss. This base word expresses the feelings of Sarah at the prospect of finally bearing a child (Gen. 18:12), as well other pleasures that come from God (Ps. 36:8). Economically, it denotes luxurious clothing and other delicacies (2 Sam. 1:24). While the expression Garden of Eden is prevalent, Ezekiel speaks of the "trees of Eden" four times (Ezek. 31:9–18). It truly was a "Garden of Bliss."

2:16 command ▸ *see Num. 5:2.*
2:21 sleep ▸ *see Ps. 4:8.*
2:21 take ▸ *see 1 Sam. 8:14.*
2:21 one ▸ *see Deut. 6:4.*
2:22 woman ▸ *see Judg. 21:11.*
2:24 father ▸ *see Ps. 68:5.*
2:25 ashamed ▸ *see Ezek. 16:63.*

was good for food, and that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make *one* wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.
7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.
8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.
9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where *art* thou?
10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I *was* naked; and I hid myself.
11 And he said, Who told thee that thou *wast* naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?
12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.
13 And the LORD God said unto the woman, What *is* this *that* thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

The Curse

14 And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou *art* cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:
15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.
16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire *shall be* to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.
17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed *is* the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat *of* it all the days of thy life;
18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;
19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou *art,* and unto dust shalt thou return.
20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.
21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

Man Sent from the Garden

22 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:
23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth

3:6 pleasant

(Heb. *ta'avah*) (Ps. 38:9; 78:29) H8378: This Hebrew word is a noun designating a desire, longing, or craving. It appears most frequently in the poetic books. Proverbs declares the desire of the righteous is only for good and that the Lord will grant it (Prov. 10:24; 11:23). In addition to referring to desire itself, this word can also refer to the thing desired (Gen. 3:6; Job 33:20; Prov. 13:12, 19). Desire can cross the line into covetousness, especially when one "desires a desire" (Num. 11:4; Prov. 21:26). As in English, desire is associated with the heart (Ps. 10:3, 17; 21:2).

3:7 fig ▸ *see 2 Kin. 20:7.*
3:8 Adam ▸ *see Gen. 1:26.*
3:10 hear ▸ *see 1 Sam. 3:10.*
3:11 tell ▸ *see Is. 3:9.*
3:13 beguile ▸ *see Is. 36:14.*
3:15 enmity ▸ *see Ezek. 35:5.*
3:15 seed ▸ *see Gen. 22:18.*

3:15 head

(Heb. *rosh*) (Gen. 40:20; Ex. 6:14; 1 Sam. 10:1; 17:51) H7218: The Hebrew word *rosh* often means the literal head of a person, as when Samson described his strength residing in the hair on his head (Judg. 16:17), or when Samuel anointed Saul as king of Israel by pouring oil on his head (1 Sam. 10:1). However, while both Pharaoh's baker and butler would have their heads "lifted up"—for one this meant restoration but for the other it meant being hanged (Gen. 40:20). The word *rosh* can also refer to the leader of a group or tribe, or even to a mountaintop (Gen. 8:5; Ex. 19:20).

3:19 bread ▸ *see 1 Sam. 21:3.*
3:22 put forth ▸ *see Ps. 144:7.*

from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.
24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

Cain and Abel

4 And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.
2 And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.
3 And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD.
4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering:
5 But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.
6 And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?
7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee *shall be* his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

Abel Murdered

8 And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.
9 And the LORD said unto Cain, Where *is* Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: *Am* I my brother's keeper?
10 And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.

The Curse of Cain

11 And now *art* thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand;
12 When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth.
13 And Cain said unto the LORD, My punishment *is* greater than I can bear.
14 Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass, *that* every one that findeth me shall slay me.
15 And the LORD said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And the LORD set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him.

Cain Dwells in the Land of Nod

16 And Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden.
17 And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Enoch: and he builded a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch.
18 And unto Enoch was born Irad: and Irad begat Mehujael: and Mehujael begat Methusael: and Methusael begat Lamech.

Lamech's Descendants

19 And Lamech took unto him two wives: the name of the one *was* Adah, and the name of the other Zillah.
20 And Adah bare Jabal: he was the father of such as dwell in tents, and *of such as have* cattle.
21 And his brother's name *was* Jubal: he was the father of all such as handle the harp and organ.
22 And Zillah, she also bare Tubal-cain, an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron: and the sister of Tubal-cain *was* Naamah.
23 And Lamech said unto his wives, Adah

3:24 cherubim ▸ *see Ex. 25:18.*
3:24 sword ▸ *see Josh. 19:47.*
4:1 Adam ▸ *see Gen. 1:26.*
4:1 know ▸ *see Ex. 3:7.*
4:4 fat ▸ *see Gen. 45:18.*
4:4 offering ▸ *see Num. 29:6.*
4:8 brother ▸ *see Ps. 133:1.*
4:8 slay ▸ *see 2 Chr. 22:8.*
4:9 keeper ▸ *see Job 10:12.*
4:13 bear ▸ *see 1 Sam. 25:28.*
4:15 slay ▸ *see Gen. 19:11.*
4:16 land ▸ *see Gen. 12:1.*
4:17 city ▸ *see Deut. 20:10.*
4:21 harp ▸ *see 1 Sam. 16:16.*
4:22 brass ▸ *see 2 Chr. 2:7.*

and Zillah, Hear my voice; ye wives of Lamech, hearken unto my speech: for I have slain a man to my wounding, and a young man to my hurt.
24 If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, truly Lamech seventy and sevenfold.

The Birth of Seth

25 And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For God, *said she,* hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew.
26 And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: then began men to call upon the name of the LORD.

Adam's Descendants

5 This *is* the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him;
2 Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.
3 And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat *a son* in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth:
4 And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons and daughters:
5 And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died.

Seth's Descendants

6 And Seth lived an hundred and five years, and begat Enos:
7 And Seth lived after he begat Enos eight hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters:
8 And all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years: and he died.

Enos's Descendants

9 And Enos lived ninety years, and begat Cainan:
10 And Enos lived after he begat Cainan eight hundred and fifteen years, and begat sons and daughters:
11 And all the days of Enos were nine hundred and five years: and he died.

Cainan's Descendants

12 And Cainan lived seventy years, and begat Mahalaleel:
13 And Cainan lived after he begat Mahalaleel eight hundred and forty years, and begat sons and daughters:
14 And all the days of Cainan were nine hundred and ten years: and he died.

Mahalaleel's Descendants

15 And Mahalaleel lived sixty and five years, and begat Jared:
16 And Mahalaleel lived after he begat Jared eight hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters:
17 And all the days of Mahalaleel were eight hundred ninety and five years: and he died.

Jared's Descendants

18 And Jared lived an hundred sixty and two years, and he begat Enoch:
19 And Jared lived after he begat Enoch eight hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:
20 And all the days of Jared were nine hundred sixty and two years: and he died.

Enoch's Descendants

21 And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah:

4:23 hurt ▸ *see Is. 53:5.*

4:25 appoint

(Heb. *shith*) (Ps. 3:6; 90:8; 110:1) H7896: The basic meaning of this word is "to put, place, or set." It is a rather exotic, poetic, and formal word. One may "place" a variety of objects, such as place one's hand on someone to confer a blessing (Gen. 48:14), place a child into a woman's lap (Ruth 4:16), or place a penalty upon a person (Ex. 21:22). God also places various things including boundary limits (Ex. 23:31) and a person into a position of power (1 Kin. 11:34; Ps. 132:11). The most frequent object of placing is one's heart—said once of God Himself (Job 7:17; Jer. 31:21). In the current passage, this word is a pun upon the sound of the name "Seth."

5:5 die ▸ *see 2 Sam. 19:6.*

5:21 Methuselah

(Heb. *methushelach*) (Gen. 5:22; 1 Chr. 1:3) H4968: Methuselah's name can perhaps be interpreted as "man of the javelin," or "man of the canal," but there are several other suggestions. If the first suggestion

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22 And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:
23 And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years:
24 And Enoch walked with God: and he *was* not; for God took him.

Methuselah's Descendants

25 And Methuselah lived an hundred eighty and seven years, and begat Lamech:
26 And Methuselah lived after he begat Lamech seven hundred eighty and two years, and begat sons and daughters:
27 And all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred sixty and nine years: and he died.

Lamech's Descendants

28 And Lamech lived an hundred eighty and two years, and begat a son:
29 And he called his name Noah, saying, This *same* shall comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground which the LORD hath cursed.
30 And Lamech lived after he begat Noah five hundred ninety and five years, and begat sons and daughters:
31 And all the days of Lamech were seven hundred seventy and seven years: and he died.

Noah's Descendants

32 And Noah was five hundred years old: and Noah begat Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

Man's Wickedness

6 And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,
2 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they *were* fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.
3 And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also *is* flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.
4 There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare *children* to them, the same *became* mighty men which *were* of old, men of renown.
5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every imagination of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually.
6 And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.
7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

Noah Finds Grace with God

8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.
9 These *are* the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man *and* perfect in his generations, *and* Noah walked with God.

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is correct, then his name might indicate a wish or hope that he would grow up to be skillful in the use of this weapon. "Man of a canal" would probably relate to the location of his birth. It is also possible that he was given this name to honor a close family member (Luke 1:59–61). Apart from Genesis 5, his name does not occur elsewhere in the Bible outside of being listed in two later genealogies—one, a genealogy of Jesus (1 Chr. 1:3; Luke 3:37).

5:22 Methuselah ▸ *see Gen. 5:21.*

5:24 walk

(Heb. *halak*) (Gen. 6:9; Deut. 13:4; Ps. 128:1; Mic. 6:8) H1980: The basic meaning of the Hebrew verb translated here as *walk* is "to go" or "to travel." The word is used often in the Old Testament to signify merely a simple act of motion (Gen. 13:17; 2 Sam. 11:2). In Genesis 6:9 and other passages, the word possesses connotations of a habitual manner of life or a constant relationship with God. Thus the word describes Noah, Enoch, and other people of faith as living in a close relationship with their God and in obedience to His commands. Throughout Scripture, believers are called to walk with God daily, abiding in Him completely (Gal. 5:16; 1 John 2:6).

5:32 Shem ▸ *see Gen. 10:22.*
5:32 Japheth ▸ *see 1 Chr. 1:5.*
6:1 earth ▸ *see Jer. 35:15*
6:3 spirit ▸ *see Joel 2:28.*
6:3 strive ▸ *see Deut. 32:36.*
6:5 imagination ▸ *see Gen. 8:21.*
6:7 create ▸ *see Gen. 1:1.*
6:8 grace ▸ *see Zech. 12:10.*
6:9 just ▸ *see Lam. 1:18.*
6:9 perfect ▸ *see Judg. 9:16.*
6:9 walk ▸ *see Gen. 5:24.*

10 And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.
11 The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.
12 And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.
13 And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

Building the Ark

14 Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.
15 And this *is the fashion* which thou shalt make it *of:* The length of the ark *shall be* three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits.
16 A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; *with* lower, second, and third *stories* shalt thou make it.
17 And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein *is* the breath of life, from under heaven; *and* every thing that *is* in the earth shall die.

The Promise of a Covenant

18 But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.
19 And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every *sort* shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep *them* alive with thee; they shall be male and female.
20 Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of every *sort* shall come unto thee, to keep *them* alive.
21 And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather *it* to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them.
22 Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

Entering the Ark

7 And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation.
2 Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: and of beasts that *are* not clean by two, the male and his female.
3 Of fowls also of the air by sevens, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth.
4 For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth.
5 And Noah did according unto all that the LORD commanded him.
6 And Noah *was* six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth.
7 And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood.
8 Of clean beasts, and of beasts that *are* not clean, and of fowls, and of every thing that creepeth upon the earth,
9 There went in two and two unto Noah into the ark, the male and the female, as God had commanded Noah.
10 And it came to pass after seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth.

6:10 beget

(Heb. *yalad*) (Gen. 16:1; Num. 1:18; Is. 51:18) H3205: This word indicates production—normally of offspring. It is used of both male and female human beings (Gen. 17:17) and even of animals, including birds (Jer. 17:11; Ezek. 31:6). One not only produces immediate successors, but more distant generations as well (Deut. 4:25). Thus, genealogies sometimes skip over insignificant individuals. In certain forms, this word can indicate "do the duties of a midwife" (Ex. 1:16). The wicked produce iniquity (Is. 59:4), and the rain causes the earth to produce grain (Is. 55:10). As for God, He produced drops of dew (Job 38:28), the mountains (Ps. 90:2), Israel (Deut. 32:18; Is. 66:8, 9), and His own royal Son (Ps. 2:7).

6:11 violence ▸ *see Hab. 1:9.*
6:15 cubit ▸ *see Ezek. 41:8.*
6:16 door ▸ *see Ps. 24:7.*
6:17 waters ▸ *see Is. 43:2.*
6:18 covenant ▸ *see 2 Sam. 3:12.*
6:21 gather ▸ *see Gen. 35:29.*
7:4 destroy ▸ *see Gen. 7:23.*

The Flood

11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.
12 And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights.
13 In the selfsame day entered Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark;
14 They, and every beast after his kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind, and every fowl after his kind, every bird of every sort.
15 And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein *is* the breath of life.
16 And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the LORD shut him in.
17 And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lift up above the earth.

The Waters Prevail

18 And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark went upon the face of the waters.
19 And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that *were* under the whole heaven, were covered.
20 Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered.
21 And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man:
22 All in whose nostrils *was* the breath of life, of all that *was* in the dry *land,* died.
23 And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained *alive,* and they that *were* with him in the ark.
24 And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.

The Waters Recede

8 And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that *was* with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters asswaged;
2 The fountains also of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained;
3 And the waters returned from off the earth continually: and after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated.

The Ark Rests on Ararat

4 And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat.
5 And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month: in the tenth *month,* on the first *day* of the month, were the tops of the mountains seen.

A Raven and a Dove Sent Forth

6 And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made:
7 And he sent forth a raven, which went forth to and fro, until the waters were dried up from off the earth.

7:11 day ▸ *see Mal. 4:5.*
7:12 rain ▸ *see Lev. 26:4.*
7:13 enter ▸ *see Num. 34:8.*
7:13 Shem ▸ *see Gen. 10:22.*
7:14 bird ▸ *see Is. 31:5.*
7:19 prevail ▸ *see Ex. 17:11.*
7:20 mountain ▸ *see Deut. 9:9.*

7:23 destroy

(Heb. *machah*) (Gen. 7:4; Prov. 6:33) H4229: This verb denotes both wiping off and wiping out. It is used literally of wiping tears from one's face (Is. 25:8), wiping off a plate (2 Kin. 21:13), and wiping off words from a scroll (through a washing or scraping process) (Num. 5:23). This latter imagery is used by Moses to ask God to wipe his name from God's book if God does not forgive the Israelites (Ex. 32:32, 33). It may also be behind the thought of blotting out transgression (Is. 43:25). While the meaning "to wipe out" may refer to merely human actions (Judg. 21:17), far more often divine judgment is involved (Deut. 9:14; 25:19; 2 Kin. 21:13).

8:1 living thing ▸ *see Ezek. 1:5.*
8:3 return ▸ *see Ezek. 14:6.*
8:4 rest ▸ *see Ex. 33:14.*
8:7 raven ▸ *see Ps. 147:9.*

8 Also he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground;
9 But the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him into the ark, for the waters *were* on the face of the whole earth: then he put forth his hand, and took her, and pulled her in unto him into the ark.
10 And he stayed yet other seven days; and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark;
11 And the dove came in to him in the evening; and, lo, in her mouth *was* an olive leaf pluckt off: so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth.
12 And he stayed yet other seven days; and sent forth the dove; which returned not again unto him any more.
13 And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year, in the first *month,* the first *day* of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth: and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and, behold, the face of the ground was dry.
14 And in the second month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, was the earth dried.

Leaving the Ark

15 And God spake unto Noah, saying,
16 Go forth of the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee.
17 Bring forth with thee every living thing that *is* with thee, of all flesh, *both* of fowl, and of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth.
18 And Noah went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him:
19 Every beast, every creeping thing, and every fowl, *and* whatsoever creepeth upon the earth, after their kinds, went forth out of the ark.

Noah's Sacrifice and God's Promise

20 And Noah builded an altar unto the LORD; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.
21 And the LORD smelled a sweet savour; and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart *is* evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done.
22 While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

God Blesses Noah

9 And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.
2 And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth *upon* the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered.
3 Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things.
4 But flesh with the life thereof, *which is* the blood thereof, shall ye not eat.
5 And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man.
6 Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.
7 And you, be ye fruitful, and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply therein.

8:9 rest ▸ *see 1 Chr. 6:31.*
8:11 dove ▸ *see Ps. 68:13.*
8:13 covering ▸ *see Num. 4:10.*
8:21 savour ▸ *see Ex. 29:25.*

8:21 imagination

(Heb. *yetser*) (Gen. 6:5; Deut. 31:21; 1 Chr. 29:18; Ps. 103:14) H3336: The Hebrew word *yetser* is translated as "imagination," "inclination," or "intent" (Gen. 6:5; Deut. 31:21; 1 Chr. 28:9; 29:18) or as "frame," "formed," or "mold" (Ps. 103:14; Is. 29:16; Hab. 2:18). It carries the connotation of purpose or creative intent. As a result of the Fall, the inclination of man's heart is sinful from birth. Because all people are born with a sinful nature, and are thus deserving of the wrath of God, we need God's mercy and forbearance.

8:22 harvest ▸ *see Prov. 20:4.*
8:22 heat ▸ *see Neh. 7:3.*
8:22 night ▸ *see Ps. 134:1.*

God's Covenant with Noah

8 And God spake unto Noah, and to his sons with him, saying,
9 And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you;
10 And with every living creature that *is* with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you; from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth.
11 And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth.

The Rainbow

12 And God said, This *is* the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that *is* with you, for perpetual generations:
13 I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.
14 And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud:
15 And I will remember my covenant, which *is* between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.
16 And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that *is* upon the earth.
17 And God said unto Noah, This *is* the token of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that *is* upon the earth.
18 And the sons of Noah, that went forth of the ark, were Shem, and Ham, and Japheth: and Ham *is* the father of Canaan.
19 These *are* the three sons of Noah: and of them was the whole earth overspread.

Noah's Drunkenness

20 And Noah began *to be* an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard:
21 And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent.
22 And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without.
23 And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid *it* upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces *were* backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness.
24 And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him.

Canaan Cursed

25 And he said, Cursed *be* Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.
26 And he said, Blessed *be* the LORD God of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant.
27 God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant.

9:18 Canaan ▸ *see Gen. 9:25.*
9:20 vineyard ▸ *see Deut. 22:9.*
9:21 wine ▸ *see Ps. 75:8.*
9:22, 23 nakedness ▸ *see Lev. 18:13.*
9:23 Shem ▸ *see Gen. 10:22.*

9:25 Canaan

(Heb. *kena`an*) (Gen. 9:18; 12:5; 17:8; Josh. 5:12) H3667: *Canaan* literally means "lowland," and the word refers to both (1) the people who were descended from Canaan, the fourth son of Ham and the grandson of Noah, and (2) the land west of the Jordan where the descendants of Canaan settled. Canaan was implicated in the dishonor of Noah (Gen. 9:20–27), and as a result was cursed and his land eventually conquered by the Hebrews. The land of Canaan became known for its idolatry, so the curse of generations of servitude became punishment for both the original sin of Canaan and the subsequent sins of his descendants.

9:27 enlarge

(Heb. *pathah*) (Prov. 20:19; Hos. 2:14) H6601: The blessing that Japheth be enlarged is a play on words, since the two words sound similar and share the same root. The blessing literally means "God enlarge the enlarger" or "cause the meaning of his name to be realized in the extension of his power." Elsewhere the word *pathah* is translated as "entice" (Judg. 16:5; Prov. 1:10); "deceive" (Deut. 11:16); or "persuade" (1 Kin. 22:21). Japheth did indeed become the father of many nations (Gen. 10:2–5).

9:27 Japheth ▸ *see 1 Chr. 1:5.*

28 And Noah lived after the flood three hundred and fifty years.
29 And all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years: and he died.

Noah's Descendants

10 Now these *are* the generations of the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth: and unto them were sons born after the flood.

Japheth's Descendants

2 The sons of Japheth; Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras.
3 And the sons of Gomer; Ashkenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah.
4 And the sons of Javan; Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim.
5 By these were the isles of the Gentiles divided in their lands; every one after his tongue, after their families, in their nations.

Ham's Descendants

6 And the sons of Ham; Cush, and Mizraim, and Phut, and Canaan.
7 And the sons of Cush; Seba, and Havilah, and Sabtah, and Raamah, and Sabtechah: and the sons of Raamah; Sheba, and Dedan.
8 And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth.
9 He was a mighty hunter before the LORD: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD.
10 And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.
11 Out of that land went forth Asshur, and builded Nineveh, and the city Rehoboth, and Calah,
12 And Resen between Nineveh and Calah: the same *is* a great city.
13 And Mizraim begat Ludim, and Anamim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim,
14 And Pathrusim, and Casluhim, (out of whom came Philistim,) and Caphtorim.
15 And Canaan begat Sidon his firstborn, and Heth,
16 And the Jebusite, and the Amorite, and the Girgasite,
17 And the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite,
18 And the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite: and afterward were the families of the Canaanites spread abroad.
19 And the border of the Canaanites was from Sidon, as thou comest to Gerar, unto Gaza; as thou goest, unto Sodom, and Gomorrah, and Admah, and Zeboim, even unto Lasha.
20 These *are* the sons of Ham, after their families, after their tongues, in their countries, *and* in their nations.

Shem's Descendants

21 Unto Shem also, the father of all the children of Eber, the brother of Japheth the elder, even to him were *children* born.
22 The children of Shem; Elam, and Asshur, and Arphaxad, and Lud, and Aram.
23 And the children of Aram; Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Mash.
24 And Arphaxad begat Salah; and Salah begat Eber.
25 And unto Eber were born two sons: the name of one *was* Peleg; for in his days was the earth divided; and his brother's name *was* Joktan.
26 And Joktan begat Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah,
27 And Hadoram, and Uzal, and Diklah,
28 And Obal, and Abimael, and Sheba,
29 And Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab: all these *were* the sons of Joktan.
30 And their dwelling was from Mesha, as thou goest unto Sephar a mount of the east.

10:1 generation ▸ *see 1 Chr. 5:7.*
10:5 isle ▸ *see Ezek. 26:18.*

10:22 Shem

(Heb. *shem*) (Gen. 5:32; 7:13; 9:23) H8035: The name *Shem* means "name" or "renown." He was most likely the eldest son of Noah, since he is mentioned first among his brothers. In that case, the translation of Genesis 10:21 could possibly be "the elder brother of Japheth." Shem was present on the ark, and later he, together with his brother Japheth, covered his father's nakedness (Gen. 9:20–27). As a result, the two of them were prophesied to rule over Canaan (Gen. 9:26). Shem lived for 600 years and had twenty-six children, only five of whom were sons.

10:30 dwelling

(Heb. *moshab*) (Gen. 27:39; Lev. 23:3; Num. 24:21; Ps. 1:1) H4186: The word for *dwelling* refers to

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31 These *are* the sons of Shem, after their families, after their tongues, in their lands, after their nations.
32 These *are* the families of the sons of Noah, after their generations, in their nations: and by these were the nations divided in the earth after the flood.

The Tower of Babel

11 And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.
2 And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.
3 And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for morter.
4 And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top *may reach* unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.
5 And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.
6 And the LORD said, Behold, the people *is* one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.
7 Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.
8 So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.
9 Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

Shem's Line to Abram

10 These *are* the generations of Shem: Shem *was* an hundred years old, and begat Arphaxad two years after the flood:
11 And Shem lived after he begat Arphaxad five hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.
12 And Arphaxad lived five and thirty years, and begat Salah:
13 And Arphaxad lived after he begat Salah four hundred and three years, and begat sons and daughters.
14 And Salah lived thirty years, and begat Eber:
15 And Salah lived after he begat Eber four hundred and three years, and begat sons and daughters.
16 And Eber lived four and thirty years, and begat Peleg:
17 And Eber lived after he begat Peleg four hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters.
18 And Peleg lived thirty years, and begat Reu:
19 And Peleg lived after he begat Reu two hundred and nine years, and begat sons and daughters.
20 And Reu lived two and thirty years, and begat Serug:
21 And Reu lived after he begat Serug two hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters.
22 And Serug lived thirty years, and begat Nahor:
23 And Serug lived after he begat Nahor two hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.
24 And Nahor lived nine and twenty years, and begat Terah:
25 And Nahor lived after he begat Terah an hundred and nineteen years, and begat sons and daughters.
26 And Terah lived seventy years, and begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

Terah's Family

27 Now these *are* the generations of Terah:

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"a place that is inhabited," such as a home (Ex. 12:20) or a plot of land (Gen. 10:30; 27:39; 1 Chr. 6:54). The word can also refer to the place where one sits (Job 29:7; Ps. 1:1). The world of the Old Testament was an agrarian society, so having one's own land and habitation meant security. Therefore, the blessing of God was often associated with land and the promise of a dwelling place was a sign of God's protection, provision, and prosperity (Ez. 34:13).

10:32 family ▸ *see Gen. 12:3.*
11:4 scatter ▸ *see 2 Kin. 25:5.*
11:6 imagine ▸ *see Ps. 37:12.*
11:8 scatter ▸ *see 2 Kin. 25:5.*

Terah begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran begat Lot.
28 And Haran died before his father Terah in the land of his nativity, in Ur of the Chaldees.
29 And Abram and Nahor took them wives: the name of Abram's wife *was* Sarai; and the name of Nahor's wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah, and the father of Iscah.
30 But Sarai was barren; she *had* no child.

Terah Moves to Haran

31 And Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran his son's son, and Sarai his daughter in law, his son Abram's wife; and they went forth with them from Ur of the Chaldees, to go into the land of Canaan; and they came unto Haran, and dwelt there.
32 And the days of Terah were two hundred and five years: and Terah died in Haran.

Abram's Call

12 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:
2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:
3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Abram Enters Canaan

4 So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram *was* seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.
5 And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came.
6 And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Sichem, unto the plain of Moreh. And the Canaanite *was* then in the land.
7 And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him.
8 And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of Beth-el, and pitched

11:28 Chaldees ▸ *see Jer. 41:18.*

11:30 barren

(Heb. *`aqar*) (Gen. 25:21; Ex. 23:26; Judg. 13:3; Ps. 113:9) H6135: Because people ascribed the ability to have children to divine providence, barrenness (or the inability to conceive) was seen as a sign of God's displeasure (Ex. 23:25, 26; Deut. 7:14). It was a reversal of the natural order of fruitfulness prescribed at creation (Gen. 1:28). In the ancient world, a son would carry on the family name and take possession of the family land and livelihood. Thus, when Sarai was barren, it was a serious situation that had implications for her financial and social standing as well as her emotional well-being. When she conceived Isaac, her joy knew no bounds (Gen. 21:7).

12:1 land

(Heb. *'erets*) (Gen. 1:1, 10; 4:16; Deut. 34:2; Ps. 98:3) H0776: The common Old Testament word *land* possesses several nuances of meaning, including: earth in contrast to the heavens (1:1); land in contrast to the sea (Gen. 1:10); ground as a plot of real estate or a geographical location (Gen. 4:16); the land of a sovereign nation (Gen. 13:10, 12); or even the people who live upon the earth (Ps. 98:3; 100:1). In essence, all land belongs to God as its Creator (Ps. 24:1). Thus when God promised the Israelites the "land" of Canaan, it was His to give. Because the land of Canaan was an important element in God's covenant with the Israelites (Gen. 12:1), it became one of their identifying characteristics—the "people of the land" (Gen. 13:15; 15:7).

12:2 great ▸ *see Gen. 48:19.*

12:3 family

(Heb. *mishpachah*) (Gen. 10:32; Num. 1:2; 1 Chr. 16:28) H4940: The Hebrew word here encompasses more than just the traditional family unit of parents and children. So, when Noah's descendants are listed we read about "the families of the sons of Noah" (Gen. 10:32), just as when the census is taken of the Hebrews "by their families" before they entered the Promised Land (Num. 1:2, 18). Similarly, when discussing laws of inheritance for a man who died with no children or brothers or uncles, the next relative "next to him of his family" would receive the land (Num. 27:11), as Boaz would later do with Ruth (Ruth 4). This word can also refer broadly to the entire people of Israel, as in Amos 3:1, 2.

12:5 substance ▸ *see Ezra 10:8.*
12:5 gather ▸ *see Gen. 46:6.*
12:5 Canaan ▸ *see Gen. 9:25.*
12:6 pass ▸ *see Josh. 3:4.*

his tent, *having* Beth-el on the west, and Hai on the east: and there he builded an altar unto the LORD, and called upon the name of the LORD.
9 And Abram journeyed, going on still toward the south.

Abram's Deception

10 And there was a famine in the land: and Abram went down into Egypt to sojourn there; for the famine *was* grievous in the land.
11 And it came to pass, when he was come near to enter into Egypt, that he said unto Sarai his wife, Behold now, I know that thou *art* a fair woman to look upon:
12 Therefore it shall come to pass, when the Egyptians shall see thee, that they shall say, This *is* his wife: and they will kill me, but they will save thee alive.
13 Say, I pray thee, thou *art* my sister: that it may be well with me for thy sake; and my soul shall live because of thee.
14 And it came to pass, that, when Abram was come into Egypt, the Egyptians beheld the woman that she *was* very fair.
15 The princes also of Pharaoh saw her, and commended her before Pharaoh: and the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house.
16 And he entreated Abram well for her sake: and he had sheep, and oxen, and he asses, and menservants, and maidservants, and she asses, and camels.

God Sends Plagues

17 And the LORD plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai Abram's wife.
18 And Pharaoh called Abram, and said, What *is* this *that* thou hast done unto me? why didst thou not tell me that she *was* thy wife?
19 Why saidst thou, She *is* my sister? so I might have taken her to me to wife: now therefore behold thy wife, take *her,* and go thy way.
20 And Pharaoh commanded *his* men concerning him: and they sent him away, and his wife, and all that he had.

Abram's Return to Beth-el

13 And Abram went up out of Egypt, he, and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the south.
2 And Abram *was* very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold.
3 And he went on his journeys from the south even to Beth-el, unto the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Beth-el and Hai;
4 Unto the place of the altar, which he had made there at the first: and there Abram called on the name of the LORD.

Abram and Lot Separate

5 And Lot also, which went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents.
6 And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together: for their substance was great, so that they could not dwell together.
7 And there was a strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle: and the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelled then in the land.
8 And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we *be* brethren.
9 *Is* not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if *thou wilt take* the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if *thou depart* to the right hand, then I will go to the left.
10 And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it *was* well watered every where, before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, *even* as the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar.
11 Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other.
12 Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched *his* tent toward Sodom.
13 But the men of Sodom *were* wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly.

12:16 sheep ▸ *see Mic. 2:12.*
13:1 go up ▸ *see Ex. 19:20.*
13:5 tent ▸ *see 2 Sam. 20:1.*

13:13 sinner

(Heb. *chatta'*) (1 Sam. 15:18; Ps. 1:5; Prov. 23:17) H2400: A sinner is one who transgresses the law of God and is thus deserving of divine condem-

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God Renews His Covenant

14 And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward:
15 For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever.
16 And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, *then* shall thy seed also be numbered.
17 Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee.
18 Then Abram removed *his* tent, and came and dwelt in the plain of Mamre, which *is* in Hebron, and built there an altar unto the LORD.

The Battle of the Kings

14 And it came to pass in the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of nations;
2 *That these* made war with Bera king of Sodom, and with Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, and Shemeber king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela, which is Zoar.
3 All these were joined together in the vale of Siddim, which is the salt sea.
4 Twelve years they served Chedorlaomer, and in the thirteenth year they rebelled.
5 And in the fourteenth year came Chedorlaomer, and the kings that *were* with him, and smote the Rephaims in Ashteroth Karnaim, and the Zuzims in Ham, and the Emims in Shaveh Kiriathaim,
6 And the Horites in their mount Seir, unto El-paran, which *is* by the wilderness.
7 And they returned, and came to En-mishpat, which is Kadesh, and smote all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites, that dwelt in Hazezon-tamar.
8 And there went out the king of Sodom, and the king of Gomorrah, and the king of Admah, and the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (the same *is* Zoar;) and they joined battle with them in the vale of Siddim;
9 With Chedorlaomer the king of Elam, and with Tidal king of nations, and Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar; four kings with five.
10 And the vale of Siddim *was full of* slimepits; and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, and fell there; and they that remained fled to the mountain.
11 And they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their victuals, and went their way.

Lot's Capture and Rescue

12 And they took Lot, Abram's brother's son, who dwelt in Sodom, and his goods, and departed.
13 And there came one that had escaped, and told Abram the Hebrew; for he dwelt in the plain of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol, and brother of Aner: and these *were* confederate with Abram.
14 And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his trained *servants,* born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued *them* unto Dan.
15 And he divided himself against them, he and his servants, by night, and smote them, and pursued them unto Hobah, which *is* on the left hand of Damascus.
16 And he brought back all the goods, and also brought again his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also, and the people.
17 And the king of Sodom went out to meet him after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer, and of the kings that *were* with him, at the valley of Shaveh, which *is* the king's dale.

Melchizedek Blesses Abram

18 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought

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nation. This form of the word is used 18 times in Scripture, but the root word from which it comes, *chata'* (sin), is used 238 times in the Old Testament. The people of Sodom had reached such a state that they were guilty of the most heinous and notorious crimes. Lot chose to live in the midst of and share his life with these exceedingly wicked people.

13:15 seed ▸ *see Gen. 22:18.*
13:16 dust ▸ *see Num. 23:10.*
13:18 Hebron ▸ *see 1 Chr. 3:1.*
14:3 vale ▸ *see Hos. 1:5.*
14:13 Hebrew ▸ *see Jer. 34:9.*
14:15 Damascus ▸ *see 1 Kin. 20:34.*

forth bread and wine: and he *was* the priest of the most high God.
19 And he blessed him, and said, Blessed *be* Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth:
20 And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.
21 And the king of Sodom said unto Abram, Give me the persons, and take the goods to thyself.
22 And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lift up mine hand unto the LORD, the most high God, the possessor of heaven and earth,
23 That I will not *take* from a thread even to a shoelatchet, and that I will not take any thing that *is* thine, lest thou shouldest say, I have made Abram rich:
24 Save only that which the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men which went with me, Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion.

Abram's Vision

15 After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I *am* thy shield, *and* thy exceeding great reward.
2 And Abram said, Lord GOD, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house *is* this Eliezer of Damascus?
3 And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir.

Abram Promised an Heir

4 And, behold, the word of the LORD *came* unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir.
5 And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.
6 And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

14:18 most high

(Heb. *`elyon*) (Gen. 14:22; Ps. 47:2; 78:35) H5945: Although the word can simply mean "upper," as in the "upper pool" (2 Kin. 18:17) or "higher gate" (Ezek. 9:2), the vast majority of references to *`elyon* describe God in His position as the greatest, most supreme deity, superseding all others. He is "the LORD most high . . . a great King over all the earth" (Ps. 47:2). He stands far and above all others. Indeed, the sin of the king of Babylon (sometimes considered to be a reference to Satan) was attempting to be like "the most High" (Is. 14:14).

14:20 deliver ▸ *see Josh. 10:19.*
14:20 enemy ▸ *see Num. 10:9.*
14:20 tithe ▸ *see 2 Chr. 31:5.*
14:22 most high ▸ *see Gen. 14:18.*
15:1 after ▸ *see 1 Sam. 13:7.*
15:1 shield ▸ *see Ps. 18:30.*
15:1 reward ▸ *see Gen. 30:28.*
15:3 seed ▸ *see Gen. 22:18.*
15:5 number ▸ *see Ps. 118:17.*

15:6 believe

(Heb. *'aman*) (Ex. 4:31; 2 Chr. 20:20; Ps. 116:10) H0539: The Hebrew word translated *believe* is from a root meaning "establish" or "confirm." The English word *amen*, which is used to express approval, comes from the same root (Neh. 5:13; Ps. 41:13). Belief is one of the most important ideas in all the Bible, because a person must *believe* God in order to be saved from sin. For this very reason, the New Testament makes much of the fact that Abraham *believed* God (Heb. 11:8–12). Whenever the Scriptures, whether the Old Testament or New Testament, state that a person "believed in the Lord," it signals that the person has made a decision to treat God's word as certain and has made a commitment to do what God wants (Gen. 15:6; John 1:12).

15:6 count

(Heb. *chashab*) (Lev. 25:27; Is. 33:8) H2803: This complex verb has two distinct ranges of meaning. The first is associated with calculations of some sort: "count" (Lev. 25:27; Prov. 17:28), "esteem" (Is. 53:3), "impute" (2 Sam. 19:19), "reckon" (Lev. 27:18, 23). The second includes the element of planning. Thus the word has the meaning of "think" (1 Sam. 1:13), "devise" (Esth. 8:3), "cunning work" (Ex. 26:1; 35:35), or "regard" (Is. 33:8). As used in Genesis 15:6, the word has commercial connotations. Abram's faith was "counted" to him for righteousness—that is, computed or tallied as a credit or deposit in Abram's favor. Paul also appeals to this credit and debit language of the accounting ledger in his explanation of justification by faith (Rom. 4:3).

The Covenant Renewed

7 And he said unto him, I *am* the LORD that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it.
8 And he said, Lord GOD, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it?
9 And he said unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon.
10 And he took unto him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another: but the birds divided he not.
11 And when the fowls came down upon the carcases, Abram drove them away.

Abram's Deep Sleep and Vision

12 And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, an horror of great darkness fell upon him.
13 And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land *that is* not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years;
14 And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance.
15 And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age.
16 But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites *is* not yet full.
17 And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp that passed between those pieces.
18 In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:
19 The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites,
20 And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims,
21 And the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.

Hagar Given to Abram

16 Now Sarai Abram's wife bare him no children: and she had an handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name *was* Hagar.
2 And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, the LORD hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai.
3 And Sarai Abram's wife took Hagar her maid the Egyptian, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife.
4 And he went in unto Hagar, and she conceived: and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes.
5 And Sarai said unto Abram, My wrong *be* upon thee: I have given my maid into thy bosom; and when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes: the LORD judge between me and thee.
6 But Abram said unto Sarai, Behold, thy maid *is* in thy hand; do to her as it pleaseth thee. And when Sarai dealt hardly with her, she fled from her face.

Hagar and the Angel of the Lord

7 And the angel of the LORD found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to Shur.
8 And he said, Hagar, Sarai's maid, whence camest thou? and whither wilt thou go? And she said, I flee from the face of my mistress Sarai.
9 And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Return to thy mistress, and submit thyself under her hands.
10 And the angel of the LORD said unto her, I will multiply thy seed exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude.
11 And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Behold, thou *art* with child, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael; because the LORD hath heard thy affliction.
12 And he will be a wild man; his hand *will be* against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.

15:11 come down ▸ *see 1 Sam. 23:11.*
15:13 afflict ▸ *see Judg. 16:6.*
15:18 covenant ▸ *see 2 Sam. 3:12.*
16:1 bear ▸ *see Gen. 6:10.*
16:6 flee ▸ *see 1 Sam. 20:1.*

13 And she called the name of the LORD that spake unto her, Thou God seest me: for she said, Have I also here looked after him that seeth me?
14 Wherefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi; behold, *it is* between Kadesh and Bered.

The Birth of Ishmael

15 And Hagar bare Abram a son: and Abram called his son's name, which Hagar bare, Ishmael.
16 And Abram *was* fourscore and six years old, when Hagar bare Ishmael to Abram.

God Renews His Covenant

17 And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I *am* the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.
2 And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.
3 And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying,
4 As for me, behold, my covenant *is* with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.

From Abram to Abraham

5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.
6 And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee.
7 And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.
8 And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.
9 And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations.
10 This *is* my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised.
11 And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you.
12 And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which *is* not of thy seed.
13 He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised: and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.
14 And the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant.

From Sarai to Sarah

15 And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah *shall* her name *be*.

16:13 see

(Heb. *ro'i*) (1 Sam. 16:12; Job 7:8; 33:21) H7210: This word is derived from another Hebrew word meaning "sight" and is used only five times in the Old Testament. In Job 7:8, as here, it is rendered in the present tense. Job 33:21 sets it in the past participle ("seen"). In the other two instances, the word is translated "to look to" (1 Sam. 16:12) and "gazingstock" (Nah. 3:6), both variations on the concept of physical sight. Here, Hagar uses the word both as part of a name for God ("Thou God seest me") and describing her vision of the angel of the Lord ("Have I also here seen Him who sees me?").

17:1 Almighty ▸ *see Gen. 49:25.*

17:5 Abraham

(Heb. *'abraham*) (Gen. 18:19; 22:15; Ex. 3:6) H0085: Abraham was the father of the nation of Israel. Called by God out of Haran (Gen. 12:4), Abraham, whose name means "father of a great multitude," believed God's promise that he would become "a great nation" (Gen. 12:2, 3) despite his wife's barrenness (Gen. 11:30). Abraham is the first of the three biblical patriarchs (Ex. 3:6; Matt. 22:32; Acts 3:13) and is included in both Matthew's (Matt. 1:2) and Luke's (Luke 3:34) genealogies of Jesus. Abraham is listed in the "hall of faith" in Hebrews (Heb. 11:8–10).

17:8 Canaan ▸ *see Gen. 9:25.*
17:8 possession ▸ *see Josh. 22:9.*
17:10 man ▸ *see Num. 1:2.*
17:10 circumcise ▸ *see Deut. 30:6.*
17:14 uncircumcised ▸ *see Ex. 6:12.*
17:15 Sarah ▸ *see Is. 51:2.*

God's Promise of a Son

16 And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and she shall be *a mother* of nations; kings of people shall be of her.
17 Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall *a child* be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear?
18 And Abraham said unto God, O that Ishmael might live before thee!
19 And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, *and* with his seed after him.

Ishmael to Be a Great Nation

20 And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation.
21 But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, which Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year.
22 And he left off talking with him, and God went up from Abraham.

Abraham's Household Circumcised

23 And Abraham took Ishmael his son, and all that were born in his house, and all that were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house; and circumcised the flesh of their foreskin in the selfsame day, as God had said unto him.
24 And Abraham *was* ninety years old and nine, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.
25 And Ishmael his son *was* thirteen years old, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.
26 In the selfsame day was Abraham circumcised, and Ishmael his son.
27 And all the men of his house, born in the house, and bought with money of the stranger, were circumcised with him.

Abraham's Heavenly Visitors

18 And the LORD appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day;
2 And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw *them,* he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground,
3 And said, My Lord, if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant:
4 Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree:
5 And I will fetch a morsel of bread, and comfort ye your hearts; after that ye shall pass on: for therefore are ye come to your servant. And they said, So do, as thou hast said.
6 And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead *it,* and make cakes upon the hearth.
7 And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetcht a calf tender and good, and gave *it* unto a young man; and he hasted to dress it.
8 And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set *it* before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat.

Sarah Promised a Son

9 And they said unto him, Where *is* Sarah thy wife? And he said, Behold, in the tent.
10 And he said, I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life; and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son. And Sarah

17:17 laugh ▸ *see Gen. 18:13.*

17:19 Isaac

(Heb. *yitschaq*) (Gen. 21:3; 22:2; 26:25) H3327: Isaac was the son miraculously born to Abraham and Sarah in their old age. The name means "laughter"; Isaac was so named because Sarah laughed when she received the prophecy of his birth (Gen. 18:10–15; 21:5–7). Isaac's mistakes included his deception of Abimelech (Gen. 26:1–11), favoring his son Esau over Jacob, which led to Jacob's deception of Isaac and enmity between his sons (Gen. 27:1–41). Nevertheless, Isaac is listed among the faithful in the "hall of faith" (Heb. 11:20), and Jesus included Isaac in His list of those who would sit down in the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 8:11).

17:20 prince ▸ *see Ezek. 46:8.*
17:23 house ▸ *see 2 Sam. 7:11.*

heard *it* in the tent door, which *was* behind him.
11 Now Abraham and Sarah *were* old *and* well stricken in age; *and* it ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women.
12 Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?
13 And the LORD said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old?
14 Is any thing too hard for the LORD? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.
15 Then Sarah denied, saying, I laughed not; for she was afraid. And he said, Nay; but thou didst laugh.

Sodom and Gomorrah's Fate

16 And the men rose up from thence, and looked toward Sodom: and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way.
17 And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do;
18 Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?
19 For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.
20 And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous;
21 I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know.
22 And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the LORD.

Abraham Intercedes for Sodom

23 And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?
24 Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that *are* therein?
25 That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?
26 And the LORD said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes.
27 And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, which *am but* dust and ashes:
28 Peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty righteous: wilt thou destroy all the city for *lack of* five? And he said, If I find there forty and five, I will not destroy *it*.
29 And he spake unto him yet again, and said, Peradventure there shall be forty found there. And he said, I will not do *it* for forty's sake.
30 And he said *unto him,* Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: Peradventure there shall thirty be found there. And he said, I will not do *it,* if I find thirty there.
31 And he said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord: Peradventure there shall be twenty found there. And he said, I will not destroy *it* for twenty's sake.
32 And he said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy *it* for ten's sake.

18:12 lord ▸ *see Mic. 4:13.*

18:13 laugh

(Heb. *tsachaq*) (Gen. 17:17; 21:6; Ex.32:6; Judg. 16:25) H6711: The verb meaning "to laugh" can also mean to jest or play, as in Genesis 19:14, where Lot's sons-in-law think him "joking," or 26:8, where Jacob is seen "showing endearment to" his wife. The term can have negative implications as well, as in Genesis 21:9 ("scoffing") and 39:14 ("mock"). Sarah's disbelieving laughter in Genesis 18:12 earned her a gentle rebuke from God (Gen. 18:13, 14) but also became the name of her son—*Isaac* means "laughter." Sarah put a positive spin on the name in Genesis 21:6, declaring, "God hath made me to laugh, so that all that hear will laugh with me."

18:14 Sarah ▸ *see Is. 51:2.*
18:18 mighty ▸ *see Ps. 135:10.*
18:19 Abraham ▸ *see Gen. 17:5.*
18:23 wicked ▸ *see Prov. 10:16.*
18:27 answer ▸ *see 1 Sam. 12:3.*

33 And the LORD went his way, as soon as he had left communing with Abraham: and Abraham returned unto his place.

Angels Visit Lot

19 And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing *them* rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground;
2 And he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night.
3 And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat.

The Evil Men of Sodom

4 But before they lay down, the men of the city, *even* the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter:
5 And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where *are* the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them.
6 And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him,
7 And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly.
8 Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as *is* good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof.
9 And they said, Stand back. And they said *again,* This one *fellow* came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal worse with thee, than with them. And they pressed sore upon the man, *even* Lot, and came near to break the door.
10 But the men put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut to the door.
11 And they smote the men that *were* at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great: so that they wearied themselves to find the door.

Lot and His Family Flee

12 And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring *them* out of this place:
13 For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the LORD; and the LORD hath sent us to destroy it.
14 And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons in law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law.
15 And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city.
16 And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the LORD being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city.
17 And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed.
18 And Lot said unto them, Oh, not so, my Lord:
19 Behold now, thy servant hath found grace in thy sight, and thou hast magnified

19:6 door ▸ *see Is. 57:8.*

19:11 smite

(Heb. *nakah*) (Gen. 4:15; Num. 20:11; 1 Sam. 17:49; Hos. 14:5) H5221: The Hebrew verb most often translated "to smite" can also mean to slay, kill, beat, or wound. It is translated "smitten" in the prophet Isaiah's famous description of the suffering Messiah: "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted" (Is. 53:4). Its usage in Lamentations 3:30 ("He giveth his cheek to him that smiteth him") foreshadows Jesus' words in Matthew 5:39 ("whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also").

19:14 marry ▸ *see 1 Sam. 8:14.*
19:17 escape ▸ *see Jer. 48:8.*

thy mercy, which thou hast shewed unto me in saving my life; and I cannot escape to the mountain, lest some evil take me, and I die:
20 Behold now, this city *is* near to flee unto, and it *is* a little one: Oh, let me escape thither, (*is* it not a little one?) and my soul shall live.
21 And he said unto him, See, I have accepted thee concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow this city, for the which thou hast spoken.
22 Haste thee, escape thither; for I cannot do any thing till thou be come thither. Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.
23 The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zoar.

Sodom and Gomorrah Destroyed

24 Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven;
25 And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground.
26 But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.
27 And Abraham gat up early in the morning to the place where he stood before the LORD:
28 And he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain, and beheld, and, lo, the smoke of the country went up as the smoke of a furnace.
29 And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in the which Lot dwelt.

The Birth of Moab and Ben-ammi

30 And Lot went up out of Zoar, and dwelt in the mountain, and his two daughters with him; for he feared to dwell in Zoar: and he dwelt in a cave, he and his two daughters.
31 And the firstborn said unto the younger, Our father *is* old, and *there is* not a man in the earth to come in unto us after the manner of all the earth:
32 Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father.
33 And they made their father drink wine that night: and the firstborn went in, and lay with her father; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose.
34 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the firstborn said unto the younger, Behold, I lay yesternight with my father: let us make him drink wine this night also; and go thou in, *and* lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father.
35 And they made their father drink wine that night also: and the younger arose, and lay with him; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose.
36 Thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father.
37 And the firstborn bare a son, and called his name Moab: the same *is* the father of the Moabites unto this day.
38 And the younger, she also bare a son, and called his name Ben-ammi: the same *is* the father of the children of Ammon unto this day.

Abraham Deceives Abimelech

20 And Abraham journeyed from thence toward the south country, and dwelled between Kadesh and Shur, and sojourned in Gerar.
2 And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, She *is* my sister: and Abimelech king of Gerar sent, and took Sarah.
3 But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night, and said to him, Behold, thou *art but* a dead man, for the woman which thou hast taken; for she *is* a man's wife.
4 But Abimelech had not come near her: and he said, Lord, wilt thou slay also a righteous nation?
5 Said he not unto me, She *is* my sister? and she, even she herself said, He *is* my brother: in the integrity of my heart and innocency of my hands have I done this.

19:20 near ▸ *see Ezek. 42:13.*
19:29 destroy ▸ *see 1 Chr. 20:1.*
19:38 Ammon ▸ *see Num. 21:24.*
20:3 Abimelech ▸ *see Gen. 26:1.*

20:5 innocency

(Heb. *niqqayon*) (Ps. 26:6; 73:13; Hos. 8:5; Amos 4:6) H5356: This relatively uncommon Hebrew word is used four times in the Old Testament to convey a sense of spiritual cleanness or purity and once to indicate physical spotlessness ("cleanness of teeth"—Amos 4:6). It indicates freedom from guilt or punishment and is associated with a symbolic washing of hands in Psalms 26:6 and 73:13.

6 And God said unto him in a dream, Yea, I know that thou didst this in the integrity of thy heart; for I also withheld thee from sinning against me: therefore suffered I thee not to touch her.
7 Now therefore restore the man *his* wife; for he *is* a prophet, and he shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live: and if thou restore *her* not, know thou that thou shalt surely die, thou, and all that *are* thine.
8 Therefore Abimelech rose early in the morning, and called all his servants, and told all these things in their ears: and the men were sore afraid.

Abimelech Reproaches Abraham

9 Then Abimelech called Abraham, and said unto him, What hast thou done unto us? and what have I offended thee, that thou hast brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin? thou hast done deeds unto me that ought not to be done.
10 And Abimelech said unto Abraham, What sawest thou, that thou hast done this thing?
11 And Abraham said, Because I thought, Surely the fear of God *is* not in this place; and they will slay me for my wife's sake.
12 And yet indeed *she is* my sister; she *is* the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife.
13 And it came to pass, when God caused me to wander from my father's house, that I said unto her, This *is* thy kindness which thou shalt shew unto me; at every place whither we shall come, say of me, He *is* my brother.
14 And Abimelech took sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and womenservants, and gave *them* unto Abraham, and restored him Sarah his wife.
15 And Abimelech said, Behold, my land *is* before thee: dwell where it pleaseth thee.
16 And unto Sarah he said, Behold, I have given thy brother a thousand *pieces* of silver: behold, he *is* to thee a covering of the eyes, unto all that *are* with thee, and with all *other:* thus she was reproved.

Abraham Prays for Abimelech

17 So Abraham prayed unto God: and God healed Abimelech, and his wife, and his maidservants; and they bare *children.*
18 For the LORD had fast closed up all the wombs of the house of Abimelech, because of Sarah Abraham's wife.

The Birth of Isaac

21 And the LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did unto Sarah as he had spoken.
2 For Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him.
3 And Abraham called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sarah bare to him, Isaac.
4 And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac being eight days old, as God had commanded him.
5 And Abraham was an hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born unto him.
6 And Sarah said, God hath made me to laugh, *so that* all that hear will laugh with me.
7 And she said, Who would have said unto Abraham, that Sarah should have given children suck? for I have born *him* a son in his old age.
8 And the child grew, and was weaned: and Abraham made a great feast the *same* day that Isaac was weaned.

Hagar Cast Out

9 And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, which she had born unto Abraham, mocking.
10 Wherefore she said unto Abraham, Cast out this bondwoman and her son: for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, *even* with Isaac.
11 And the thing was very grievous in Abraham's sight because of his son.
12 And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy bondwoman; in all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Isaac shall thy seed be called.
13 And also of the son of the bondwoman will I make a nation, because he *is* thy seed.
14 And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread, and a bottle of water, and gave *it* unto Hagar, putting *it* on her shoulder, and the child, and sent her away: and she

20:7 pray ▸ *see 2 Chr. 7:14.*
20:11 fear ▸ *see Prov. 19:23.*
21:3 Isaac ▸ *see Gen. 17:19.*
21:6 laugh ▸ *see Gen. 18:13.*
21:8 wean ▸ *see Ps. 131:2.*
21:8 feast ▸ *see Prov. 15:15.*

departed, and wandered in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.
15 And the water was spent in the bottle, and she cast the child under one of the shrubs.
16 And she went, and sat her down over against *him* a good way off, as it were a bow shot: for she said, Let me not see the death of the child. And she sat over against *him,* and lift up her voice, and wept.

God Consoles Hagar

17 And God heard the voice of the lad; and the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said unto her, What aileth thee, Hagar? fear not; for God hath heard the voice of the lad where he *is.*
18 Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him in thine hand; for I will make him a great nation.
19 And God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water; and she went, and filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad drink.
20 And God was with the lad; and he grew, and dwelt in the wilderness, and became an archer.
21 And he dwelt in the wilderness of Paran: and his mother took him a wife out of the land of Egypt.

A Covenant with Abimelech

22 And it came to pass at that time, that Abimelech and Phichol the chief captain of his host spake unto Abraham, saying, God *is* with thee in all that thou doest:
23 Now therefore swear unto me here by God that thou wilt not deal falsely with me, nor with my son, nor with my son's son: *but* according to the kindness that I have done unto thee, thou shalt do unto me, and to the land wherein thou hast sojourned.
24 And Abraham said, I will swear.
25 And Abraham reproved Abimelech because of a well of water, which Abimelech's servants had violently taken away.
26 And Abimelech said, I wot not who hath done this thing: neither didst thou tell me, neither yet heard I *of it,* but to day.
27 And Abraham took sheep and oxen, and gave them unto Abimelech; and both of them made a covenant.
28 And Abraham set seven ewe lambs of the flock by themselves.
29 And Abimelech said unto Abraham, What *mean* these seven ewe lambs which thou hast set by themselves?
30 And he said, For *these* seven ewe lambs shalt thou take of my hand, that they may be a witness unto me, that I have digged this well.
31 Wherefore he called that place Beer-sheba; because there they sware both of them.
32 Thus they made a covenant at Beer-sheba: then Abimelech rose up, and Phichol the chief captain of his host, and they returned into the land of the Philistines.
33 And *Abraham* planted a grove in Beer-sheba, and called there on the name of the LORD, the everlasting God.
34 And Abraham sojourned in the Philistines' land many days.

Isaac to Be Offered as a Sacrifice

22 And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, *here* I *am.*
2 And he said, Take now thy son, thine only *son* Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there

21:18 great

(Heb. *gadol*) (Gen. 1:16; Ex. 3:3; Ps. 96:4; Is. 9:2) H1419: This common adjective often refers to magnitude or size (as in 2 Chr. 7:8—"a very great congregation" or Neh. 3:27—"great tower") but can also indicate loudness (Josh. 6:5; 1 Sam. 4:5), scope (as in 1 Sam 4:10—"a very great slaughter"), or age (Gen. 27:1—"eldest son"). The word can alternately be translated "high" (e.g., "high priest"), "mighty" (Deut. 9:29), or "proud" (Ps. 12:3). A very typical usage, especially in the psalms, describes the greatness of God (Ps. 95:3; 96:4; 145:3).

21:25 violently take away ▸ *see Job 20:19.*

22:2 only son

(Heb. *yachid*) (Gen. 22:16; Judg. 11:34; Ps. 22:20) H3173: The Hebrew word emphasizes the uniqueness of an individual. Isaac was not just Abraham's son, he was his *only* son. Abraham had no others. Jephthah's daughter, likewise, was "his only child. Besides her he had neither son nor daughter" (Judg. 11:34). The word *yachid* can also be translated as "darling" when referring to life itself, so valuable to each of us (Ps. 22:20; 35:17), or even "desolate," emphasizing the fact that people can feel utterly alone at times (Ps. 25:16).

22:2 Isaac ▸ *see Gen. 17:19.*

for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.
3 And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.
4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off.
5 And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.
6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid *it* upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together.
7 And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here *am* I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where *is* the lamb for a burnt offering?
8 And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.

A Substitute Offering

9 And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood.
10 And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.
11 And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here *am* I.
12 And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only *son* from me.
13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind *him* a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.
14 And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-jireh: as it is said *to* this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.

Abraham Blessed

15 And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time,
16 And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only *son:*
17 That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which *is* upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;
18 And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.
19 So Abraham returned unto his young men, and they rose up and went together to Beer-sheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beer-sheba.

Nahor's Descendants

20 And it came to pass after these things, that it was told Abraham, saying, Behold, Milcah, she hath also born children unto thy brother Nahor;
21 Huz his firstborn, and Buz his brother, and Kemuel the father of Aram,
22 And Chesed, and Hazo, and Pildash, and Jidlaph, and Bethuel.
23 And Bethuel begat Rebekah: these eight Milcah did bear to Nahor, Abraham's brother.

22:3 rise up early ▸ *see Josh. 8:10.*
22:3 ass ▸ *see 1 Kin. 2:40.*
22:9 build ▸ *see Jer. 1:10.*
22:12 fear ▸ *see Ps. 118:4.*
22:13 horn ▸ *see Ezek. 29:21.*
22:15 Abraham ▸ *see Gen. 17:5.*
22:16 only son ▸ *see Gen. 22:2.*

22:18 seed

(Heb. *zera'*) (Gen. 3:15; 13:15; 15:3; Ps. 89:4) H2233: The Hebrew word translated *seed* can literally mean a seed sown in the ground (Gen. 1:11, 12) or figuratively one's offspring or descendants (Gen. 13:15). The word can refer to a large group of people, such as the descendants of Abraham or the nation of Israel, or to an individual. In some parts of Genesis, it refers specifically to the coming Messiah, as in God's promise that the woman's "seed" would defeat the serpent (Gen. 3:15; see Num. 24:7; Is. 6:13; Gal. 3:16). As such, the term takes on great importance in the Bible: It is through Abraham's *seed*, both collectively in Israel and singularly in Christ, that God would reach out to save all people (Gen. 15:3).

24 And his concubine, whose name *was* Reumah, she bare also Tebah, and Gaham, and Thahash, and Maachah.

The Death of Sarah

23 And Sarah was an hundred and seven and twenty years old: *these were* the years of the life of Sarah.
2 And Sarah died in Kirjath-arba; the same *is* Hebron in the land of Canaan: and Abraham came to mourn for Sarah, and to weep for her.

The Purchase of Machpelah

3 And Abraham stood up from before his dead, and spake unto the sons of Heth, saying,
4 I *am* a stranger and a sojourner with you: give me a possession of a buryingplace with you, that I may bury my dead out of my sight.
5 And the children of Heth answered Abraham, saying unto him,
6 Hear us, my lord: thou *art* a mighty prince among us: in the choice of our sepulchres bury thy dead; none of us shall withhold from thee his sepulchre, but that thou mayest bury thy dead.
7 And Abraham stood up, and bowed himself to the people of the land, *even* to the children of Heth.
8 And he communed with them, saying, If it be your mind that I should bury my dead out of my sight; hear me, and intreat for me to Ephron the son of Zohar,
9 That he may give me the cave of Machpelah, which he hath, which *is* in the end of his field; for as much money as it is worth he shall give it me for a possession of a buryingplace amongst you.
10 And Ephron dwelt among the children of Heth: and Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham in the audience of the children of Heth, *even* of all that went in at the gate of his city, saying,
11 Nay, my lord, hear me: the field give I thee, and the cave that *is* therein, I give it thee; in the presence of the sons of my people give I it thee: bury thy dead.
12 And Abraham bowed down himself before the people of the land.
13 And he spake unto Ephron in the audience of the people of the land, saying, But if thou *wilt give it,* I pray thee, hear me: I will give thee money for the field; take *it* of me, and I will bury my dead there.
14 And Ephron answered Abraham, saying unto him,
15 My lord, hearken unto me: the land *is worth* four hundred shekels of silver; what is that betwixt me and thee? bury therefore thy dead.
16 And Abraham hearkened unto Ephron; and Abraham weighed to Ephron the silver, which he had named in the audience of the sons of Heth, four hundred shekels of silver, current *money* with the merchant.
17 And the field of Ephron, which *was* in Machpelah, which *was* before Mamre, the field, and the cave which *was* therein, and all the trees that *were* in the field, that *were* in all the borders round about, were made sure
18 Unto Abraham for a possession in the presence of the children of Heth, before all that went in at the gate of his city.

The Burial of Sarah

19 And after this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Machpelah before Mamre: the same *is* Hebron in the land of Canaan.
20 And the field, and the cave that *is* therein, were made sure unto Abraham for a possession of a buryingplace by the sons of Heth.

The Search for a Wife for Isaac

24 And Abraham was old, *and* well stricken in age: and the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things.

23:4 sojourner

(Heb. *toshab*) (Ex. 12:45; Lev. 25:47) H8453: The *toshab* was similar to the *ger* (H1616) in many ways. Both were foreigners, outsiders residing temporarily in the land. They had limited rights determined entirely by the nation in which they had chosen to stay. Sojourners (visitors) were never truly included in God's chosen people. They could be sold as slaves (Lev. 25:45) but also buy others as slaves (Lev. 25:47). They were not allowed to celebrate Passover unless they submitted to circumcision (Ex. 12:45–48), but they could flee to a city of refuge if needed (Num. 35:15). Spiritually, we are all sojourners here, awaiting our true home with God (Ps. 39:12).

23:7 bow ▸ *see Deut. 26:10.*
23:9 cave ▸ *see 1 Sam. 24:3.*
23:9 buryingplace ▸ *see Neh. 2:5.*
23:16 weigh ▸ *see Jer. 32:9.*
23:19 Sarah ▸ *see Is. 51:2.*

2 And Abraham said unto his eldest servant of his house, that ruled over all that he had, Put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh:
3 And I will make thee swear by the LORD, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell:
4 But thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son Isaac.
5 And the servant said unto him, Peradventure the woman will not be willing to follow me unto this land: must I needs bring thy son again unto the land from whence thou camest?
6 And Abraham said unto him, Beware thou that thou bring not my son thither again.
7 The LORD God of heaven, which took me from my father's house, and from the land of my kindred, and which spake unto me, and that sware unto me, saying, Unto thy seed will I give this land; he shall send his angel before thee, and thou shalt take a wife unto my son from thence.
8 And if the woman will not be willing to follow thee, then thou shalt be clear from this my oath: only bring not my son thither again.
9 And the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and sware to him concerning that matter.

The Servant's Prayer

10 And the servant took ten camels of the camels of his master, and departed; for all the goods of his master *were* in his hand: and he arose, and went to Mesopotamia, unto the city of Nahor.
11 And he made his camels to kneel down without the city by a well of water at the time of the evening, *even* the time that women go out to draw *water.*
12 And he said, O LORD God of my master Abraham, I pray thee, send me good speed this day, and shew kindness unto my master Abraham.
13 Behold, I stand *here* by the well of water; and the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water:
14 And let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: *let the same be* she *that* thou hast appointed for thy servant Isaac; and thereby shall I know that thou hast shewed kindness unto my master.

Rebekah: An Answer to Prayer

15 And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, that, behold, Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, with her pitcher upon her shoulder.
16 And the damsel *was* very fair to look upon, a virgin, neither had any man known her: and she went down to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came up.
17 And the servant ran to meet her, and said, Let me, I pray thee, drink a little water of thy pitcher.
18 And she said, Drink, my lord: and she hasted, and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave him drink.
19 And when she had done giving him drink, she said, I will draw *water* for thy camels also, until they have done drinking.
20 And she hasted, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again unto the well to draw *water,* and drew for all his camels.
21 And the man wondering at her held his peace, to wit whether the LORD had made his journey prosperous or not.
22 And it came to pass, as the camels had done drinking, that the man took a golden

24:7 swear ▸ *see Deut. 1:8.*
24:11 time ▸ *see Is. 33:6.*
24:14 drink ▸ *see Num. 21:22.*
24:16 virgin ▸ *see Ps. 45:14.*

24:21 make prosperous

(Heb. *tsalach*) (Gen. 39:23; Deut. 28:29; Ps. 1:3) H6743: When used to describe the outcome of a certain course of events, *tsalach* often simply refers to a plan or activity succeeding or not (Num. 14:41; Deut. 28:29), but it can also refer to the accumulation of wealth and riches (as happened for Joseph, Gen. 39:2, 23), or even to mighty power from the Spirit of the Lord coming upon someone (Judg. 14:6; 1 Sam. 16:13). Prosperity is promised to those who obey the Law of God (1 Chr. 22:13; Ps. 1:3) but kept from the one "that covereth his sins" (Prov. 28:13). The Messianic prophecy of Isaiah 53:10 promises "the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand."

earring of half a shekel weight, and two bracelets for her hands of ten *shekels* weight of gold;
23 And said, Whose daughter *art* thou? tell me, I pray thee: is there room *in* thy father's house for us to lodge in?
24 And she said unto him, I *am* the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah, which she bare unto Nahor.
25 She said moreover unto him, We have both straw and provender enough, and room to lodge in.
26 And the man bowed down his head, and worshipped the LORD.
27 And he said, Blessed *be* the LORD God of my master Abraham, who hath not left destitute my master of his mercy and his truth: I *being* in the way, the LORD led me to the house of my master's brethren.
28 And the damsel ran, and told *them of* her mother's house these things.

Laban's Greeting

29 And Rebekah had a brother, and his name *was* Laban: and Laban ran out unto the man, unto the well.
30 And it came to pass, when he saw the earring and bracelets upon his sister's hands, and when he heard the words of Rebekah his sister, saying, Thus spake the man unto me; that he came unto the man; and, behold, he stood by the camels at the well.
31 And he said, Come in, thou blessed of the LORD; wherefore standest thou without? for I have prepared the house, and room for the camels.

The Errand Explained

32 And the man came into the house: and he ungirded his camels, and gave straw and provender for the camels, and water to wash his feet, and the men's feet that *were* with him.
33 And there was set *meat* before him to eat: but he said, I will not eat, until I have told mine errand. And he said, Speak on.
34 And he said, I *am* Abraham's servant.
35 And the LORD hath blessed my master greatly; and he is become great: and he hath given him flocks, and herds, and silver, and gold, and menservants, and maidservants, and camels, and asses.
36 And Sarah my master's wife bare a son to my master when she was old: and unto him hath he given all that he hath.
37 And my master made me swear, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife to my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I dwell:
38 But thou shalt go unto my father's house, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son.
39 And I said unto my master, Peradventure the woman will not follow me.
40 And he said unto me, The LORD, before whom I walk, will send his angel with thee, and prosper thy way; and thou shalt take a wife for my son of my kindred, and of my father's house:
41 Then shalt thou be clear from *this* my oath, when thou comest to my kindred; and if they give not thee *one,* thou shalt be clear from my oath.
42 And I came this day unto the well, and said, O LORD God of my master Abraham, if now thou do prosper my way which I go:
43 Behold, I stand by the well of water; and it shall come to pass, that when the virgin cometh forth to draw *water,* and I say to her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water of thy pitcher to drink;
44 And she say to me, Both drink thou, and I will also draw for thy camels: *let* the same *be* the woman whom the LORD hath appointed out for my master's son.
45 And before I had done speaking in mine heart, behold, Rebekah came forth with her pitcher on her shoulder; and she went down

24:25 lodge ▸ *see Judg. 19:7.*
24:31 prepare ▸ *see Is. 40:3.*
24:35 herd ▸ *see Ps. 66:15.*
24:43 virgin ▸ *see Is. 7:14.*

24:45 Rebekah

(Heb. *ribqah*) (Gen. 24:60; 25:21) H7259: Abraham sent his servant to find a wife for his son, and he found the granddaughter of Abraham's brother Nahor. Rebekah was chosen by God to be Isaac's wife. For Rebekah and Isaac, it was love at first sight (Gen. 24:64), and although initially barren (Gen. 25:21), she later gave birth to twins; Jacob and Esau (Gen. 25:24). Rebekah loved Jacob, the younger son, more than Esau, whom Jacob favored (Gen. 25:28). Rebekah encouraged Jacob to steal the blessing from his older brother (Gen. 27:9, 10), and then helped him escape Esau's wrath by sending Jacob to live with her brother Laban (Gen. 27:43).

unto the well, and drew *water:* and I said unto her, Let me drink, I pray thee.
46 And she made haste, and let down her pitcher from her *shoulder,* and said, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: so I drank, and she made the camels drink also.
47 And I asked her, and said, Whose daughter *art* thou? And she said, The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bare unto him: and I put the earring upon her face, and the bracelets upon her hands.
48 And I bowed down my head, and worshipped the LORD, and blessed the LORD God of my master Abraham, which had led me in the right way to take my master's brother's daughter unto his son.
49 And now if ye will deal kindly and truly with my master, tell me: and if not, tell me; that I may turn to the right hand, or to the left.

Rebekah Can Go

50 Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, The thing proceedeth from the LORD: we cannot speak unto thee bad or good.
51 Behold, Rebekah *is* before thee, take *her,* and go, and let her be thy master's son's wife, as the LORD hath spoken.
52 And it came to pass, that, when Abraham's servant heard their words, he worshipped the LORD, *bowing himself* to the earth.
53 And the servant brought forth jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment, and gave *them* to Rebekah: he gave also to her brother and to her mother precious things.

Preparing to Leave

54 And they did eat and drink, he and the men that *were* with him, and tarried all night; and they rose up in the morning, and he said, Send me away unto my master.
55 And her brother and her mother said, Let the damsel abide with us *a few* days, at the least ten; after that she shall go.
56 And he said unto them, Hinder me not, seeing the LORD hath prospered my way; send me away that I may go to my master.
57 And they said, We will call the damsel, and enquire at her mouth.

Rebekah Agrees to Go

58 And they called Rebekah, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And she said, I will go.
59 And they sent away Rebekah their sister, and her nurse, and Abraham's servant, and his men.
60 And they blessed Rebekah, and said unto her, Thou *art* our sister, be thou *the mother* of thousands of millions, and let thy seed possess the gate of those which hate them.
61 And Rebekah arose, and her damsels, and they rode upon the camels, and followed the man: and the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

Isaac and Rebekah Marry

62 And Isaac came from the way of the well Lahai-roi; for he dwelt in the south country.
63 And Isaac went out to meditate in the field at the eventide: and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, the camels *were* coming.
64 And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she lighted off the camel.
65 For she *had* said unto the servant, What man *is* this that walketh in the field to meet us? And the servant *had* said, It *is* my master: therefore she took a vail, and covered herself.
66 And the servant told Isaac all things that he had done.
67 And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her: and Isaac was comforted after his mother's *death.*

Abraham's Descendants

25 Then again Abraham took a wife, and her name *was* Keturah.
2 And she bare him Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah.
3 And Jokshan begat Sheba, and Dedan. And the sons of Dedan were Asshurim, and Letushim, and Leummim.
4 And the sons of Midian; Ephah, and Epher, and Hanoch, and Abidah, and Eldaah. All these *were* the children of Keturah.
5 And Abraham gave all that he had unto Isaac.
6 But unto the sons of the concubines, which Abraham had, Abraham gave gifts, and sent them away from Isaac his son, while he yet lived, eastward, unto the east country.

24:46 make haste ▸ *see Nah. 2:5.*
24:60 Rebekah ▸ *see Gen. 24:45.*

The Death and Burial of Abraham

7 And these *are* the days of the years of Abraham's life which he lived, an hundred threescore and fifteen years.
8 Then Abraham gave up the ghost, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full *of years;* and was gathered to his people.
9 And his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, which *is* before Mamre;
10 The field which Abraham purchased of the sons of Heth: there was Abraham buried, and Sarah his wife.
11 And it came to pass after the death of Abraham, that God blessed his son Isaac; and Isaac dwelt by the well Lahai-roi.

Ishmael's Descendants

12 Now these *are* the generations of Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's handmaid, bare unto Abraham:
13 And these *are* the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names, according to their generations: the firstborn of Ishmael, Nebajoth; and Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam,
14 And Mishma, and Dumah, and Massa,
15 Hadar, and Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah:
16 These *are* the sons of Ishmael, and these *are* their names, by their towns, and by their castles; twelve princes according to their nations.
17 And these *are* the years of the life of Ishmael, an hundred and thirty and seven years: and he gave up the ghost and died; and was gathered unto his people.
18 And they dwelt from Havilah unto Shur, that *is* before Egypt, as thou goest toward Assyria: *and* he died in the presence of all his brethren.

Isaac's Descendants

19 And these *are* the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham begat Isaac:
20 And Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah to wife, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Padan-aram, the sister to Laban the Syrian.
21 And Isaac intreated the LORD for his wife, because she *was* barren: and the LORD was intreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived.
22 And the children struggled together within her; and she said, If *it be* so, why *am* I thus? And she went to enquire of the LORD.
23 And the LORD said unto her, Two nations *are* in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and *the one* people shall be stronger than *the other* people; and the elder shall serve the younger.

The Birth of Esau and Jacob

24 And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, *there were* twins in her womb.
25 And the first came out red, all over like an hairy garment; and they called his name Esau.
26 And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel; and his name was called Jacob: and Isaac *was* threescore years old when she bare them.
27 And the boys grew: and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob *was* a plain man, dwelling in tents.
28 And Isaac loved Esau, because he did eat of *his* venison: but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Esau Sells His Birthright

29 And Jacob sod pottage: and Esau came from the field, and he *was* faint:
30 And Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray

25:8 full

(Heb. *sabea'*) (1 Chr. 29:28; Job 10:15; Prov. 19:23) H7649: Like Abraham, Isaac and David are also described as dying "full of days" (Gen. 35:29; 1 Chr. 29:28), implying a long, satisfying life, lived to completion. In contrast, given the misery of his suffering, Job considered himself "full of confusion" (Job 10:15) and "full of trouble" (Job 14:1), yet in the end, by God's grace, he also died "full of days" (Job 42:17). Ultimately, a full life comes from the fear of the Lord, for "he that hath it shall abide satisfied" (Prov. 19:23).

25:8 gather ▸ *see Gen. 35:29.*
25:11 death ▸ *see Ps. 13:3.*
25:16 castle ▸ *see Ezek. 25:4.*
25:16 nations ▸ *see Ps. 117:1.*
25:21 barren ▸ *see Gen. 11:30.*
25:21 Rebekah ▸ *see Gen. 24:45.*
25:23 younger ▸ *see 1 Sam. 9:21.*
25:25 first ▸ *see Is. 46:9.*
25:25 Esau ▸ *see Gen. 36:1.*
25:26 take hold ▸ *see 2 Sam. 6:6.*
25:26 Jacob ▸ *see Amos 7:2.*

thee, with that same red *pottage;* for I *am* faint: therefore was his name called Edom.
31 And Jacob said, Sell me this day thy birthright.
32 And Esau said, Behold, I *am* at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me?
33 And Jacob said, Swear to me this day; and he sware unto him: and he sold his birthright unto Jacob.
34 Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentiles; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: thus Esau despised *his* birthright.

God's Covenant with Isaac

26 And there was a famine in the land, beside the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went unto Abimelech king of the Philistines unto Gerar.
2 And the LORD appeared unto him, and said, Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of:
3 Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I sware unto Abraham thy father;
4 And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;
5 Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.

Isaac's Deception

6 And Isaac dwelt in Gerar:
7 And the men of the place asked *him* of his wife; and he said, She *is* my sister: for he feared to say, *She is* my wife; lest, *said he,* the men of the place should kill me for Rebekah; because she *was* fair to look upon.
8 And it came to pass, when he had been there a long time, that Abimelech king of the Philistines looked out at a window, and saw, and, behold, Isaac *was* sporting with Rebekah his wife.
9 And Abimelech called Isaac, and said, Behold, of a surety she *is* thy wife: and how saidst thou, She *is* my sister? And Isaac said unto him, Because I said, Lest I die for her.
10 And Abimelech said, What *is* this thou hast done unto us? one of the people might lightly have lien with thy wife, and thou shouldest have brought guiltiness upon us.
11 And Abimelech charged all *his* people, saying, He that toucheth this man or his wife shall surely be put to death.

Isaac Prospers

12 Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the LORD blessed him.
13 And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great:
14 For he had possession of flocks, and possession of herds, and great store of servants: and the Philistines envied him.
15 For all the wells which his father's servants had digged in the days of Abraham his father, the Philistines had stopped them, and filled them with earth.
16 And Abimelech said unto Isaac, Go from us; for thou art much mightier than we.

Disputes Over Wells

17 And Isaac departed thence, and pitched his tent in the valley of Gerar, and dwelt there.
18 And Isaac digged again the wells of water, which they had digged in the days of Abraham his father; for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham:

25:30 red ▸ *see Zech. 1:8.*
25:30 faint ▸ *see 2 Sam. 16:14.*

26:1 Abimelech

(Heb. *'abimelek*) (Gen. 20:3; 26:16; Judg. 9:52) H0040: A combination of two words, *abi* (father) and *melek* (king), Abimelech was the name of a number of kings in the Old Testament. In Genesis 20, an Abimelech was deceived into thinking Sarah was Abraham's sister instead of his wife, and because of that, comes under the curse of God. The same ruse is employed here by Isaac and Rebekah (Gen. 26:6–11). Gideon's son was also named Abimelech, and he was made a king (Judg. 9:6), although he was an evil man who killed his seventy brothers before being killed when a woman dropped a millstone on his head (Judg. 9:53).

26:1 Philistine ▸ *see 2 Sam. 5:17.*
26:5 charge ▸ *see Ezek. 48:11.*
26:16 Abimelech ▸ *see Gen. 26:1.*

and he called their names after the names by which his father had called them.
19 And Isaac's servants digged in the valley, and found there a well of springing water.
20 And the herdmen of Gerar did strive with Isaac's herdmen, saying, The water *is* ours: and he called the name of the well Esek; because they strove with him.
21 And they digged another well, and strove for that also: and he called the name of it Sitnah.
22 And he removed from thence, and digged another well; and for that they strove not: and he called the name of it Rehoboth; and he said, For now the LORD hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land.

God Appears to Isaac

23 And he went up from thence to Beer-sheba.
24 And the LORD appeared unto him the same night, and said, I *am* the God of Abraham thy father: fear not, for I *am* with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed for my servant Abraham's sake.
25 And he builded an altar there, and called upon the name of the LORD, and pitched his tent there: and there Isaac's servants digged a well.

A Covenant with Abimelech

26 Then Abimelech went to him from Gerar, and Ahuzzath one of his friends, and Phichol the chief captain of his army.
27 And Isaac said unto them, Wherefore come ye to me, seeing ye hate me, and have sent me away from you?
28 And they said, We saw certainly that the LORD was with thee: and we said, Let there be now an oath betwixt us, *even* betwixt us and thee, and let us make a covenant with thee;
29 That thou wilt do us no hurt, as we have not touched thee, and as we have done unto thee nothing but good, and have sent thee away in peace: thou *art* now the blessed of the LORD.
30 And he made them a feast, and they did eat and drink.
31 And they rose up betimes in the morning, and sware one to another: and Isaac sent them away, and they departed from him in peace.
32 And it came to pass the same day, that Isaac's servants came, and told him concerning the well which they had digged, and said unto him, We have found water.
33 And he called it Shebah: therefore the name of the city *is* Beer-sheba unto this day.
34 And Esau was forty years old when he took to wife Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Bashemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite:
35 Which were a grief of mind unto Isaac and to Rebekah.

Isaac's Request

27 And it came to pass, that when Isaac was old, and his eyes were dim, so that he could not see, he called Esau his eldest son, and said unto him, My son: and he said unto him, Behold, *here am* I.
2 And he said, Behold now, I am old, I know not the day of my death:
3 Now therefore take, I pray thee, thy weapons, thy quiver and thy bow, and go out to the field, and take me *some* venison;
4 And make me savoury meat, such as I love, and bring *it* to me, that I may eat; that my soul may bless thee before I die.
5 And Rebekah heard when Isaac spake to Esau his son. And Esau went to the field to hunt *for* venison, *and* to bring *it*.

Rebekah and Jacob's Scheme

6 And Rebekah spake unto Jacob her son, saying, Behold, I heard thy father speak unto Esau thy brother, saying,
7 Bring me venison, and make me savoury meat, that I may eat, and bless thee before the LORD before my death.

26:20 strive ▸ *see Gen. 31:36.*
26:25 Isaac ▸ *see Gen. 17:19.*
26:25 dig ▸ *see Jer. 18:20.*

27:1 come to pass

(Heb. *hayah*) (Gen. 1:2; Ex. 8:22; Ezek 39:8; Zech. 8:10) H1961: The word *hayah* appears 76 times in the Old Testament and is translated as "was" (Gen. 1:2, 3); "came to pass" (Gen. 27:1); "came"; and "has been." It is the substantive verb "to be or exist." Here the word specifically relates to the passage of time; at this point, Isaac was about 137 years old, and whereas in the previous chapter he was still an active member of the household, here he is old and infirm.

27:3 bow ▸ *see Ps. 44:6.*

8 Now therefore, my son, obey my voice according to that which I command thee.
9 Go now to the flock, and fetch me from thence two good kids of the goats; and I will make them savoury meat for thy father, such as he loveth:
10 And thou shalt bring *it* to thy father, that he may eat, and that he may bless thee before his death.
11 And Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, Behold, Esau my brother *is* a hairy man, and I *am* a smooth man:
12 My father peradventure will feel me, and I shall seem to him as a deceiver; and I shall bring a curse upon me, and not a blessing.
13 And his mother said unto him, Upon me *be* thy curse, my son: only obey my voice, and go fetch me *them*.
14 And he went, and fetched, and brought *them* to his mother: and his mother made savoury meat, such as his father loved.
15 And Rebekah took goodly raiment of her eldest son Esau, which *were* with her in the house, and put them upon Jacob her younger son:
16 And she put the skins of the kids of the goats upon his hands, and upon the smooth of his neck:
17 And she gave the savoury meat and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob.

Jacob Deceives Isaac

18 And he came unto his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here *am* I; who *art* thou, my son?
19 And Jacob said unto his father, I *am* Esau thy firstborn; I have done according as thou badest me: arise, I pray thee, sit and eat of my venison, that thy soul may bless me.
20 And Isaac said unto his son, How *is it* that thou hast found *it* so quickly, my son? And he said, Because the LORD thy God brought *it* to me.
21 And Isaac said unto Jacob, Come near, I pray thee, that I may feel thee, my son, whether thou *be* my very son Esau or not.
22 And Jacob went near unto Isaac his father; and he felt him, and said, The voice *is* Jacob's voice, but the hands *are* the hands of Esau.

Jacob Receives the Blessing

23 And he discerned him not, because his hands were hairy, as his brother Esau's hands: so he blessed him.
24 And he said, *Art* thou my very son Esau? And he said, I *am*.
25 And he said, Bring *it* near to me, and I will eat of my son's venison, that my soul may bless thee. And he brought *it* near to him, and he did eat: and he brought him wine, and he drank.
26 And his father Isaac said unto him, Come near now, and kiss me, my son.
27 And he came near, and kissed him: and he smelled the smell of his raiment, and blessed him, and said, See, the smell of my son *is* as the smell of a field which the LORD hath blessed:
28 Therefore God give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine:
29 Let people serve thee, and nations bow down to thee: be lord over thy brethren, and let thy mother's sons bow down to thee: cursed *be* every one that curseth thee, and blessed *be* he that blesseth thee.

Esau Returns

30 And it came to pass, as soon as Isaac had made an end of blessing Jacob, and Jacob was yet scarce gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting.
31 And he also had made savoury meat, and brought it unto his father, and said unto his father, Let my father arise, and eat of his son's venison, that thy soul may bless me.
32 And Isaac his father said unto him, Who *art* thou? And he said, I *am* thy son, thy firstborn Esau.
33 And Isaac trembled very exceedingly, and said, Who? where *is* he that hath taken venison, and brought *it* me, and I have eaten of all before thou camest, and have blessed him? yea, *and* he shall be blessed.

Esau Begs for a Blessing

34 And when Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with a great and exceeding

27:9 kid ▸ *see Judg. 13:15.*
27:12 curse ▸ *see Jer. 44:8.*
27:19 sit ▸ *see Lam. 5:19.*
27:26 kiss ▸ *see Song 8:1.*
27:28 wine ▸ *see Neh. 13:12.*

bitter cry, and said unto his father, Bless me, *even* me also, O my father.
35 And he said, Thy brother came with subtilty, and hath taken away thy blessing.
36 And he said, Is not he rightly named Jacob? for he hath supplanted me these two times: he took away my birthright; and, behold, now he hath taken away my blessing. And he said, Hast thou not reserved a blessing for me?
37 And Isaac answered and said unto Esau, Behold, I have made him thy lord, and all his brethren have I given to him for servants; and with corn and wine have I sustained him: and what shall I do now unto thee, my son?
38 And Esau said unto his father, Hast thou but one blessing, my father? bless me, *even* me also, O my father. And Esau lifted up his voice, and wept.
39 And Isaac his father answered and said unto him, Behold, thy dwelling shall be the fatness of the earth, and of the dew of heaven from above;
40 And by thy sword shalt thou live, and shalt serve thy brother; and it shall come to pass when thou shalt have the dominion, that thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck.

Esau Plans Revenge

41 And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing wherewith his father blessed him: and Esau said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then will I slay my brother Jacob.
42 And these words of Esau her elder son were told to Rebekah: and she sent and called Jacob her younger son, and said unto him, Behold, thy brother Esau, as touching thee, doth comfort himself, *purposing* to kill thee.
43 Now therefore, my son, obey my voice; and arise, flee thou to Laban my brother to Haran;
44 And tarry with him a few days, until thy brother's fury turn away;
45 Until thy brother's anger turn away from thee, and he forget *that* which thou hast done to him: then I will send, and fetch thee from thence: why should I be deprived also of you both in one day?
46 And Rebekah said to Isaac, I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth: if Jacob take a wife of the daughters of Heth, such as these *which are* of the daughters of the land, what good shall my life do me?

Jacob Sent to Padan-aram

28 And Isaac called Jacob, and blessed him, and charged him, and said unto him, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan.
2 Arise, go to Padan-aram, to the house of Bethuel thy mother's father; and take thee a wife from thence of the daughters of Laban thy mother's brother.
3 And God Almighty bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be a multitude of people;
4 And give thee the blessing of Abraham, to thee, and to thy seed with thee; that thou mayest inherit the land wherein thou art a stranger, which God gave unto Abraham.
5 And Isaac sent away Jacob: and he went to Padan-aram unto Laban, son of Bethuel the Syrian, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's mother.
6 When Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob, and sent him away to Padan-aram, to take him a wife from thence; and that as he blessed him he gave him a charge, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan;
7 And that Jacob obeyed his father and his mother, and was gone to Padan-aram;
8 And Esau seeing that the daughters of Canaan pleased not Isaac his father;
9 Then went Esau unto Ishmael, and took unto the wives which he had Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael Abraham's son, the sister of Nebajoth, to be his wife.

27:37 Esau ▸ *see Gen. 36:1.*
27:39 dwelling ▸ *see Gen. 10:30.*
28:3 Almighty ▸ *see Gen. 49:25.*

28:3 fruitful

(Heb. *parah*) (Gen. 1:28; Ex. 1:7; Ps. 128:3; Jer. 23:3) H6509: The word *parah*, "to be fruitful or bear fruit," specifically refers to reproduction and continuance of the familial line. Fruitfulness was both a mandate (Gen. 1:22, 28) and a blessing from God (Ezek. 36:11). Thus, this particular blessing from Isaac to Jacob would have been a common one passed from fathers to sons. God Himself conferred this blessing on many of the patriarchs—most notably Adam (Gen. 1:22), Noah (Gen. 9:1), and Abraham (Gen. 17:6).

Jacob's Dream

10 And Jacob went out from Beer-sheba, and went toward Haran.
11 And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put *them for* his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep.
12 And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.
13 And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I *am* the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed;
14 And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.
15 And, behold, I *am* with thee, and will keep thee in all *places* whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done *that* which I have spoken to thee of.
16 And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is in this place; and I knew *it* not.
17 And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful *is* this place! this *is* none other but the house of God, and this *is* the gate of heaven.
18 And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put *for* his pillows, and set it up *for* a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it.
19 And he called the name of that place Beth-el: but the name of that city *was called* Luz at the first.

Jacob's Vow

20 And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on,
21 So that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the LORD be my God:
22 And this stone, which I have set *for* a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.

Jacob and Rachel

29 Then Jacob went on his journey, and came into the land of the people of the east.
2 And he looked, and behold a well in the field, and, lo, there *were* three flocks of sheep lying by it; for out of that well they watered the flocks: and a great stone *was* upon the well's mouth.
3 And thither were all the flocks gathered: and they rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the sheep, and put the stone again upon the well's mouth in his place.
4 And Jacob said unto them, My brethren, whence *be* ye? And they said, Of Haran *are* we.
5 And he said unto them, Know ye Laban the son of Nahor? And they said, We know *him*.
6 And he said unto them, *Is* he well? And they said, *He is* well: and, behold, Rachel his daughter cometh with the sheep.
7 And he said, Lo, *it is* yet high day, neither *is it* time that the cattle should be gathered together: water ye the sheep, and go *and* feed *them*.
8 And they said, We cannot, until all the flocks be gathered together, and *till* they roll the stone from the well's mouth; then we water the sheep.
9 And while he yet spake with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep: for she kept them.
10 And it came to pass, when Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother's

28:14 north ▸ *see Jer. 46:6.*
28:17 gate ▸ *see Josh. 2:5.*
28:18 pillar ▸ *see Deut. 16:22.*
28:18 oil ▸ *see Ps. 92:10.*
29:8 roll ▸ *see Prov. 16:3.*

29:10 Rachel

(Heb. *rachel*) (Gen. 30:22; Jer. 31:15) H7354: Rachel was the daughter of Laban, the beloved wife of Jacob. From this first meeting between her and Jacob, the text emphasizes that Rachel was a kinsman and thus a fit marriage partner for him. Rachel means "ewe." Rachel is known as the wife who is loved more than Jacob's other wife, her sister Leah (Gen. 29:30), but Rachel is heartbreakingly barren (Gen. 30:1). Eventually,

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brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, that Jacob went near, and rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother.
11 And Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice, and wept.
12 And Jacob told Rachel that he *was* her father's brother, and that he *was* Rebekah's son: and she ran and told her father.

Laban Greets Jacob

13 And it came to pass, when Laban heard the tidings of Jacob his sister's son, that he ran to meet him, and embraced him, and kissed him, and brought him to his house. And he told Laban all these things.
14 And Laban said to him, Surely thou *art* my bone and my flesh. And he abode with him the space of a month.

Jacob's Service for Rachel

15 And Laban said unto Jacob, Because thou *art* my brother, shouldest thou therefore serve me for nought? tell me, what *shall* thy wages *be*?
16 And Laban had two daughters: the name of the elder *was* Leah, and the name of the younger *was* Rachel.
17 Leah *was* tender eyed; but Rachel was beautiful and well favoured.
18 And Jacob loved Rachel; and said, I will serve thee seven years for Rachel thy younger daughter.
19 And Laban said, *It is* better that I give her to thee, than that I should give her to another man: abide with me.
20 And Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and they seemed unto him *but* a few days, for the love he had to her.

Marriage to Leah and Rachel

21 And Jacob said unto Laban, Give *me* my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I may go in unto her.
22 And Laban gathered together all the men of the place, and made a feast.
23 And it came to pass in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter, and brought her to him; and he went in unto her.
24 And Laban gave unto his daughter Leah Zilpah his maid *for* an handmaid.
25 And it came to pass, that in the morning, behold, it *was* Leah: and he said to Laban, What *is* this thou hast done unto me? did not I serve with thee for Rachel? wherefore then hast thou beguiled me?
26 And Laban said, It must not be so done in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn.
27 Fulfil her week, and we will give thee this also for the service which thou shalt serve with me yet seven other years.
28 And Jacob did so, and fulfilled her week: and he gave him Rachel his daughter to wife also.
29 And Laban gave to Rachel his daughter Bilhah his handmaid to be her maid.
30 And he went in also unto Rachel, and he loved also Rachel more than Leah, and served with him yet seven other years.

Leah's Children

31 And when the LORD saw that Leah *was* hated, he opened her womb: but Rachel *was* barren.
32 And Leah conceived, and bare a son, and she called his name Reuben: for she said, Surely the LORD hath looked upon my affliction; now therefore my husband will love me.
33 And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Because the LORD hath heard that I *was* hated, he hath therefore given me this *son* also: and she called his name Simeon.
34 And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Now this time will my husband be joined unto me, because I have born him three sons: therefore was his name called Levi.
35 And she conceived again, and bare a son: and she said, Now will I praise the LORD: therefore she called his name Judah; and left bearing.

Rachel Envious of Leah

30 And when Rachel saw that she bare Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister; and said unto Jacob, Give me children, or else I die.

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she produces two sons—Joseph (Gen. 30:24) and Benjamin (Gen. 35:18), who become Jacob's favorite children (Gen. 37:3; 42:38). Rachel died giving birth to Benjamin and was buried near Bethlehem—the context for the Jeremiah reference which is also referred to in Matthew 2:18.

29:32 affliction ▸ *see Job 30:16.*
29:35 Judah ▸ *see 1 Chr. 9:3.*

2 And Jacob's anger was kindled against Rachel: and he said, *Am* I in God's stead, who hath withheld from thee the fruit of the womb?
3 And she said, Behold my maid Bilhah, go in unto her; and she shall bear upon my knees, that I may also have children by her.
4 And she gave him Bilhah her handmaid to wife: and Jacob went in unto her.

Bilhah and Zilpah's Children

5 And Bilhah conceived, and bare Jacob a son.
6 And Rachel said, God hath judged me, and hath also heard my voice, and hath given me a son: therefore called she his name Dan.
7 And Bilhah Rachel's maid conceived again, and bare Jacob a second son.
8 And Rachel said, With great wrestlings have I wrestled with my sister, and I have prevailed: and she called his name Naphtali.
9 When Leah saw that she had left bearing, she took Zilpah her maid, and gave her Jacob to wife.
10 And Zilpah Leah's maid bare Jacob a son.
11 And Leah said, A troop cometh: and she called his name Gad.
12 And Zilpah Leah's maid bare Jacob a second son.
13 And Leah said, Happy am I, for the daughters will call me blessed: and she called his name Asher.

Leah's Plan

14 And Reuben went in the days of wheat harvest, and found mandrakes in the field, and brought them unto his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, Give me, I pray thee, of thy son's mandrakes.
15 And she said unto her, *Is it* a small matter that thou hast taken my husband? and wouldest thou take away my son's mandrakes also? And Rachel said, Therefore he shall lie with thee to night for thy son's mandrakes.
16 And Jacob came out of the field in the evening, and Leah went out to meet him, and said, Thou must come in unto me; for surely I have hired thee with my son's mandrakes. And he lay with her that night.

Leah Conceives

17 And God hearkened unto Leah, and she conceived, and bare Jacob the fifth son.
18 And Leah said, God hath given me my hire, because I have given my maiden to my husband: and she called his name Issachar.
19 And Leah conceived again, and bare Jacob the sixth son.
20 And Leah said, God hath endued me *with* a good dowry; now will my husband dwell with me, because I have born him six sons: and she called his name Zebulun.
21 And afterwards she bare a daughter, and called her name Dinah.

The Birth of Joseph

22 And God remembered Rachel, and God hearkened to her, and opened her womb.
23 And she conceived, and bare a son; and said, God hath taken away my reproach:
24 And she called his name Joseph; and said, The LORD shall add to me another son.

Jacob Bargains with Laban

25 And it came to pass, when Rachel had born Joseph, that Jacob said unto Laban, Send me away, that I may go unto mine own place, and to my country.
26 Give *me* my wives and my children, for whom I have served thee, and let me go: for thou knowest my service which I have done thee.
27 And Laban said unto him, I pray thee, if I have found favour in thine eyes, *tarry: for* I have learned by experience that the LORD hath blessed me for thy sake.
28 And he said, Appoint me thy wages, and I will give *it*.
29 And he said unto him, Thou knowest

30:3 maid ▸ *see 1 Sam. 1:11.*
30:13 blessed ▸ *see Prov. 31:28.*
30:22 Rachel ▸ *see Gen. 29:10.*
30:23 reproach ▸ *see Ps. 15:3.*
30:24 Joseph ▸ *see Gen. 37:2.*

30:28 wages

(Heb. *sakar*) (Gen. 15:1; Ex. 22:15; Eccl. 4:9; Jer. 31:16) H7939: The word *sakar* is translated as "hire" (Deut. 24:15; Zech. 8:10), "reward" (Gen. 15:1; Num. 18:31), or "price" (Zech. 11:12). It implies an agreement of terms in a relationship. Before he parted ways with Laban, Jacob was given the opportunity to receive just payment for his years of service. The text makes it clear that God is the one who rewarded Jacob, despite Laban's attempt to swindle him.

how I have served thee, and how thy cattle was with me.
30 For *it was* little which thou hadst before I *came,* and it is *now* increased unto a multitude; and the LORD hath blessed thee since my coming: and now when shall I provide for mine own house also?
31 And he said, What shall I give thee? And Jacob said, Thou shalt not give me any thing: if thou wilt do this thing for me, I will again feed *and* keep thy flock:
32 I will pass through all thy flock to day, removing from thence all the speckled and spotted cattle, and all the brown cattle among the sheep, and the spotted and speckled among the goats: and *of such* shall be my hire.
33 So shall my righteousness answer for me in time to come, when it shall come for my hire before thy face: every one that *is* not speckled and spotted among the goats, and brown among the sheep, that shall be counted stolen with me.
34 And Laban said, Behold, I would it might be according to thy word.
35 And he removed that day the he goats that were ringstraked and spotted, and all the she goats that were speckled and spotted, *and* every one that had *some* white in it, and all the brown among the sheep, and gave *them* into the hand of his sons.
36 And he set three days' journey betwixt himself and Jacob: and Jacob fed the rest of Laban's flocks.

Jacob Prospers

37 And Jacob took him rods of green poplar, and of the hazel and chesnut tree; and pilled white strakes in them, and made the white appear which *was* in the rods.
38 And he set the rods which he had pilled before the flocks in the gutters in the watering troughs when the flocks came to drink, that they should conceive when they came to drink.
39 And the flocks conceived before the rods, and brought forth cattle ringstraked, speckled, and spotted.
40 And Jacob did separate the lambs, and set the faces of the flocks toward the ringstraked, and all the brown in the flock of Laban; and he put his own flocks by themselves, and put them not unto Laban's cattle.
41 And it came to pass, whensoever the stronger cattle did conceive, that Jacob laid the rods before the eyes of the cattle in the gutters, that they might conceive among the rods.
42 But when the cattle were feeble, he put *them* not in: so the feebler were Laban's, and the stronger Jacob's.
43 And the man increased exceedingly, and had much cattle, and maidservants, and menservants, and camels, and asses.

God Tells Jacob to Return

31 And he heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, Jacob hath taken away all that *was* our father's; and of *that* which *was* our father's hath he gotten all this glory.
2 And Jacob beheld the countenance of Laban, and, behold, it *was* not toward him as before.
3 And the LORD said unto Jacob, Return unto the land of thy fathers, and to thy kindred; and I will be with thee.
4 And Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to the field unto his flock,
5 And said unto them, I see your father's countenance, that it *is* not toward me as before; but the God of my father hath been with me.
6 And ye know that with all my power I have served your father.
7 And your father hath deceived me, and changed my wages ten times; but God suffered him not to hurt me.
8 If he said thus, The speckled shall be thy wages; then all the cattle bare speckled: and if he said thus, The ringstraked shall be thy hire; then bare all the cattle ringstraked.
9 Thus God hath taken away the cattle of your father, and given *them* to me.
10 And it came to pass at the time that the cattle conceived, that I lifted up mine eyes, and saw in a dream, and, behold, the rams which leaped upon the cattle *were* ringstraked, speckled, and grisled.
11 And the angel of God spake unto me in a dream, *saying,* Jacob: And I said, Here *am* I.
12 And he said, Lift up now thine eyes, and see, all the rams which leap upon the cattle *are* ringstraked, speckled, and grisled: for I have seen all that Laban doeth unto thee.
13 I *am* the God of Beth-el, where thou anointedst the pillar, *and* where thou vowedst a vow unto me: now arise, get thee out from this land, and return unto the land of thy kindred.

14 And Rachel and Leah answered and said unto him, *Is there* yet any portion or inheritance for us in our father's house?
15 Are we not counted of him strangers? for he hath sold us, and hath quite devoured also our money.
16 For all the riches which God hath taken from our father, that *is* ours, and our children's: now then, whatsoever God hath said unto thee, do.

The Flight from Laban

17 Then Jacob rose up, and set his sons and his wives upon camels;
18 And he carried away all his cattle, and all his goods which he had gotten, the cattle of his getting, which he had gotten in Padanaram, for to go to Isaac his father in the land of Canaan.
19 And Laban went to shear his sheep: and Rachel had stolen the images that *were* her father's.
20 And Jacob stole away unawares to Laban the Syrian, in that he told him not that he fled.
21 So he fled with all that he had; and he rose up, and passed over the river, and set his face *toward* the mount Gilead.

Laban Pursues Jacob

22 And it was told Laban on the third day that Jacob was fled.
23 And he took his brethren with him, and pursued after him seven days' journey; and they overtook him in the mount Gilead.
24 And God came to Laban the Syrian in a dream by night, and said unto him, Take heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad.
25 Then Laban overtook Jacob. Now Jacob had pitched his tent in the mount: and Laban with his brethren pitched in the mount of Gilead.
26 And Laban said to Jacob, What hast thou done, that thou hast stolen away unawares to me, and carried away my daughters, as captives *taken* with the sword?
27 Wherefore didst thou flee away secretly, and steal away from me; and didst not tell me, that I might have sent thee away with mirth, and with songs, with tabret, and with harp?
28 And hast not suffered me to kiss my sons and my daughters? thou hast now done foolishly in *so* doing.
29 It is in the power of my hand to do you hurt: but the God of your father spake unto me yesternight, saying, Take thou heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad.
30 And now, *though* thou wouldest needs be gone, because thou sore longedst after thy father's house, *yet* wherefore hast thou stolen my gods?
31 And Jacob answered and said to Laban, Because I was afraid: for I said, Peradventure thou wouldest take by force thy daughters from me.
32 With whomsoever thou findest thy gods, let him not live: before our brethren discern thou what *is* thine with me, and take *it* to thee. For Jacob knew not that Rachel had stolen them.
33 And Laban went into Jacob's tent, and into Leah's tent, and into the two maidservants' tents; but he found *them* not. Then went he out of Leah's tent, and entered into Rachel's tent.
34 Now Rachel had taken the images, and put them in the camel's furniture, and sat upon them. And Laban searched all the tent, but found *them* not.
35 And she said to her father, Let it not displease my lord that I cannot rise up before thee; for the custom of women *is* upon me. And he searched, but found not the images.

Jacob Confronts Laban

36 And Jacob was wroth, and chode with Laban: and Jacob answered and said to Laban, What *is* my trespass? what *is* my sin, that thou hast so hotly pursued after me?
37 Whereas thou hast searched all my stuff, what hast thou found of all thy household stuff? set *it* here before my brethren and thy

31:15 stranger ▸ *see Ruth 2:10.*
31:18 get ▸ *see Gen. 46:6.*
31:19 steal ▸ *see Deut. 24:7.*

31:36 chide

(Heb. *rib*) (Gen. 26:20; Ex. 17:2; 1 Sam. 2:10; Job 40:2; Ps. 119:154) H7378: Usually translated as "plead" (27 times), *rib* can also mean "strive" (13 times) or "contend" (12 times). It can refer to quarreling or complaining (Num. 20:3; Is. 45:9) or to the pleading of a legal case (Prov. 25:9). Jacob was angry about Laban's injustice toward him and hotly rebuked him. Thus, here the word takes on both nuances of the term.

brethren, that they may judge betwixt us both.
38 This twenty years *have* I *been* with thee; thy ewes and thy she goats have not cast their young, and the rams of thy flock have I not eaten.
39 That which was torn *of beasts* I brought not unto thee; I bare the loss of it; of my hand didst thou require it, *whether* stolen by day, or stolen by night.
40 *Thus* I was; in the day the drought consumed me, and the frost by night; and my sleep departed from mine eyes.
41 Thus have I been twenty years in thy house; I served thee fourteen years for thy two daughters, and six years for thy cattle: and thou hast changed my wages ten times.
42 Except the God of my father, the God of Abraham, and the fear of Isaac, had been with me, surely thou hadst sent me away now empty. God hath seen mine affliction and the labour of my hands, and rebuked *thee* yesternight.

Jacob's Covenant with Laban

43 And Laban answered and said unto Jacob, *These* daughters *are* my daughters, and *these* children *are* my children, and *these* cattle *are* my cattle, and all that thou seest is mine: and what can I do this day unto these my daughters, or unto their children which they have born?
44 Now therefore come thou, let us make a covenant, I and thou; and let it be for a witness between me and thee.
45 And Jacob took a stone, and set it up *for* a pillar.
46 And Jacob said unto his brethren, Gather stones; and they took stones, and made an heap: and they did eat there upon the heap.
47 And Laban called it Jegar-sahadutha: but Jacob called it Galeed.
48 And Laban said, This heap *is* a witness between me and thee this day. Therefore was the name of it called Galeed;
49 And Mizpah; for he said, The LORD watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another.
50 If thou shalt afflict my daughters, or if thou shalt take *other* wives beside my daughters, no man *is* with us; see, God *is* witness betwixt me and thee.
51 And Laban said to Jacob, Behold this heap, and behold *this* pillar, which I have cast betwixt me and thee;
52 This heap *be* witness, and *this* pillar *be* witness, that I will not pass over this heap to thee, and that thou shalt not pass over this heap and this pillar unto me, for harm.
53 The God of Abraham, and the God of Nahor, the God of their father, judge betwixt us. And Jacob sware by the fear of his father Isaac.
54 Then Jacob offered sacrifice upon the mount, and called his brethren to eat bread: and they did eat bread, and tarried all night in the mount.
55 And early in the morning Laban rose up, and kissed his sons and his daughters, and blessed them: and Laban departed, and returned unto his place.

Jacob Sends a Message to Esau

32 And Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him.
2 And when Jacob saw them, he said, This *is* God's host: and he called the name of that place Mahanaim.
3 And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother unto the land of Seir, the country of Edom.
4 And he commanded them, saying, Thus shall ye speak unto my lord Esau; Thy servant Jacob saith thus, I have sojourned with Laban, and stayed there until now:
5 And I have oxen, and asses, flocks, and menservants, and womenservants: and I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find grace in thy sight.

Jacob Prepares to Meet Esau

6 And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, We came to thy brother Esau, and also he cometh to meet thee, and four hundred men with him.
7 Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed: and he divided the people that *was* with him, and the flocks, and herds, and the camels, into two bands;
8 And said, If Esau come to the one company, and smite it, then the other company which is left shall escape.

Jacob's Prayer

9 And Jacob said, O God of my father

31:44 witness ▸ *see Mic. 1:2.*
32:8 escape ▸ *see Is. 37:32.*

Abraham, and God of my father Isaac, the LORD which saidst unto me, Return unto thy country, and to thy kindred, and I will deal well with thee:
10 I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which thou hast shewed unto thy servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan; and now I am become two bands.
11 Deliver me, I pray thee, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau: for I fear him, lest he will come and smite me, *and* the mother with the children.
12 And thou saidst, I will surely do thee good, and make thy seed as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.

A Present for Esau

13 And he lodged there that same night; and took of that which came to his hand a present for Esau his brother;
14 Two hundred she goats, and twenty he goats, two hundred ewes, and twenty rams,
15 Thirty milch camels with their colts, forty kine, and ten bulls, twenty she asses, and ten foals.
16 And he delivered *them* into the hand of his servants, every drove by themselves; and said unto his servants, Pass over before me, and put a space betwixt drove and drove.
17 And he commanded the foremost, saying, When Esau my brother meeteth thee, and asketh thee, saying, Whose *art* thou? and whither goest thou? and whose *are* these before thee?
18 Then thou shalt say, *They be* thy servant Jacob's; it *is* a present sent unto my lord Esau: and, behold, also he *is* behind us.
19 And so commanded he the second, and the third, and all that followed the droves, saying, On this manner shall ye speak unto Esau, when ye find him.
20 And say ye moreover, Behold, thy servant Jacob *is* behind us. For he said, I will appease him with the present that goeth before me, and afterward I will see his face; peradventure he will accept of me.
21 So went the present over before him: and himself lodged that night in the company.
22 And he rose up that night, and took his two wives, and his two womenservants, and his eleven sons, and passed over the ford Jabbok.
23 And he took them, and sent them over the brook, and sent over that he had.

Jacob Wrestles with an Angel

24 And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day.
25 And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him.
26 And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.
27 And he said unto him, What *is* thy name? And he said, Jacob.

From Jacob to Israel

28 And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast

32:15 bull ▸ *see 1 Chr. 15:26.*

32:24 wrestle

(Heb. *'abaq*) (Gen. 32:25) H0079: This particular word for wrestle or grapple is used only in this passage. It comes from a root word meaning "dust." The word *'abaq* means "to pound, to make small" or more literally "to dustify." Related words for dust are used in connection with judgment (Deut. 28:24; Nah. 1:3; Is. 5:24). When Jacob wrestled with God, they wrestled in the dust literally, but it was also the point at which God's promise to bless the nations through Israel was transferred from one man, Abraham, onto a nation that would become as numerous as "the dust of the earth" (Gen. 13:16).

32:25 wrestle ▸ *see Gen. 32:24.*

32:28 Israel

(Heb. *yisra'el*) (Ex. 3:15; 12:51; Is. 14:1; Amos 9:14) H3478: The name Israel literally means "God prevails" or "ruling with God" and is closely related to the word "prince." Jacob is given this new name after he wrestles with Christ at Peniel in order to gain a blessing (Gen. 32:24, 25). So Jacob "the supplanter" became Israel "the prince of God" who shall prevail over men. The name change signifies spiritual growth in Jacob; after his persistent struggle and the bestowing of God's blessing, Jacob has become a fit leader for God's chosen people. The name Israel was passed down to the entire nation of God's chosen people to signify God's rule over them.

thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.
29 And Jacob asked *him,* and said, Tell *me,* I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore *is* it *that* thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there.
30 And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.
31 And as he passed over Penuel the sun rose upon him, and he halted upon his thigh.
32 Therefore the children of Israel eat not *of* the sinew which shrank, which *is* upon the hollow of the thigh, unto this day: because he touched the hollow of Jacob's thigh in the sinew that shrank.

Jacob and Esau Meet

33 And Jacob lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, Esau came, and with him four hundred men. And he divided the children unto Leah, and unto Rachel, and unto the two handmaids.
2 And he put the handmaids and their children foremost, and Leah and her children after, and Rachel and Joseph hindermost.
3 And he passed over before them, and bowed himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother.
4 And Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him: and they wept.
5 And he lifted up his eyes, and saw the women and the children; and said, Who *are* those with thee? And he said, The children which God hath graciously given thy servant.
6 Then the handmaidens came near, they and their children, and they bowed themselves.
7 And Leah also with her children came near, and bowed themselves: and after came Joseph near and Rachel, and they bowed themselves.
8 And he said, What *meanest* thou by all this drove which I met? And he said, *These are* to find grace in the sight of my lord.
9 And Esau said, I have enough, my brother; keep that thou hast unto thyself.
10 And Jacob said, Nay, I pray thee, if now I have found grace in thy sight, then receive my present at my hand: for therefore I have seen thy face, as though I had seen the face of God, and thou wast pleased with me.
11 Take, I pray thee, my blessing that is brought to thee; because God hath dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough. And he urged him, and he took *it.*
12 And he said, Let us take our journey, and let us go, and I will go before thee.
13 And he said unto him, My lord knoweth that the children *are* tender, and the flocks and herds with young *are* with me: and if men should overdrive them one day, all the flock will die.
14 Let my lord, I pray thee, pass over before his servant: and I will lead on softly, according as the cattle that goeth before me and the children be able to endure, until I come unto my lord unto Seir.
15 And Esau said, Let me now leave with thee *some* of the folk that *are* with me. And he said, What needeth it? let me find grace in the sight of my lord.
16 So Esau returned that day on his way unto Seir.

Jacob Settles in Canaan

17 And Jacob journeyed to Succoth, and built him an house, and made booths for his cattle: therefore the name of the place is called Succoth.
18 And Jacob came to Shalem, a city of Shechem, which *is* in the land of Canaan, when he came from Padan-aram; and pitched his tent before the city.
19 And he bought a parcel of a field, where he had spread his tent, at the hand of the children of Hamor, Shechem's father, for an hundred pieces of money.
20 And he erected there an altar, and called it El-elohe-Israel.

32:28 prevail ▸ *see Num. 13:30.*
32:30 face ▸ *see Gen. 33:10.*
32:32 sinew ▸ *see Ezek. 37:6.*
33:4 Esau ▸ *see Gen. 36:1.*

33:10 face

(Heb. *panim*) (Gen. 32:30; Ex. 33:20; 34:35; 1 Kin. 19:13; Ps. 24:6) H6440: Jacob here relates his fear of seeing Esau's face—and subsequent joy at being graciously received—to seeing the face of God when he wrestled with Him at Peniel (Gen. 32:30). The word used for "face of God" here is the same word used to name the place where Jacob wrestled with God. Jacob experiences the love of God through the gracious reception Esau gives him.

Dinah Defiled

34 And Dinah the daughter of Leah, which she bare unto Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land.
2 And when Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, prince of the country, saw her, he took her, and lay with her, and defiled her.
3 And his soul clave unto Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the damsel, and spake kindly unto the damsel.
4 And Shechem spake unto his father Hamor, saying, Get me this damsel to wife.
5 And Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter: now his sons were with his cattle in the field: and Jacob held his peace until they were come.
6 And Hamor the father of Shechem went out unto Jacob to commune with him.
7 And the sons of Jacob came out of the field when they heard *it:* and the men were grieved, and they were very wroth, because he had wrought folly in Israel in lying with Jacob's daughter; which thing ought not to be done.
8 And Hamor communed with them, saying, The soul of my son Shechem longeth for your daughter: I pray you give her him to wife.
9 And make ye marriages with us, *and* give your daughters unto us, and take our daughters unto you.
10 And ye shall dwell with us: and the land shall be before you; dwell and trade ye therein, and get you possessions therein.
11 And Shechem said unto her father and unto her brethren, Let me find grace in your eyes, and what ye shall say unto me I will give.
12 Ask me never so much dowry and gift, and I will give according as ye shall say unto me: but give me the damsel to wife.

The Brothers' Requirement

13 And the sons of Jacob answered Shechem and Hamor his father deceitfully, and said, because he had defiled Dinah their sister:
14 And they said unto them, We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to one that is uncircumcised; for that *were* a reproach unto us:
15 But in this will we consent unto you: If ye will be as we *be,* that every male of you be circumcised;
16 Then will we give our daughters unto you, and we will take your daughters to us, and we will dwell with you, and we will become one people.
17 But if ye will not hearken unto us, to be circumcised; then will we take our daughter, and we will be gone.
18 And their words pleased Hamor, and Shechem Hamor's son.
19 And the young man deferred not to do the thing, because he had delight in Jacob's daughter: and he *was* more honourable than all the house of his father.
20 And Hamor and Shechem his son came unto the gate of their city, and communed with the men of their city, saying,
21 These men *are* peaceable with us; therefore let them dwell in the land, and trade therein; for the land, behold, *it is* large enough for them; let us take their daughters to us for wives, and let us give them our daughters.
22 Only herein will the men consent unto us for to dwell with us, to be one people, if every male among us be circumcised, as they *are* circumcised.
23 *Shall* not their cattle and their substance and every beast of theirs *be* ours? only let us consent unto them, and they will dwell with us.
24 And unto Hamor and unto Shechem his son hearkened all that went out of the gate of his city; and every male was circumcised, all that went out of the gate of his city.

The Brothers' Revenge

25 And it came to pass on the third day, when they were sore, that two of the sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brethren,

34:5 hold his peace ▸ *see 2 Sam. 13:20.*

34:7 folly

(Heb. *nebalah*) (Deut. 22:21; Judg. 19:23; 1 Sam. 25:25; Is. 32:6) H5039: The verse almost defines the word *nebalah* itself when it calls Shechem's rape of Dinah a thing which "ought not to be done." The word is often translated as "disgraceful," "vile," or "lewd." More traditionally, the term was translated as "folly," since Scripture declares transgression of God's law to be utter foolishness and against all reason (Ps. 14:1). By contrast, "the fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom" (Ps. 111:10).

34:13 deceitfully ▸ *see Ps. 55:23.*

took each man his sword, and came upon the city boldly, and slew all the males.
26 And they slew Hamor and Shechem his son with the edge of the sword, and took Dinah out of Shechem's house, and went out.
27 The sons of Jacob came upon the slain, and spoiled the city, because they had defiled their sister.
28 They took their sheep, and their oxen, and their asses, and that which *was* in the city, and that which *was* in the field,
29 And all their wealth, and all their little ones, and their wives took they captive, and spoiled even all that *was* in the house.
30 And Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, Ye have troubled me to make me to stink among the inhabitants of the land, among the Canaanites and the Perizzites: and I *being* few in number, they shall gather themselves together against me, and slay me; and I shall be destroyed, I and my house.
31 And they said, Should he deal with our sister as with an harlot?

God Speaks to Jacob

35 And God said unto Jacob, Arise, go up to Beth-el, and dwell there: and make there an altar unto God, that appeared unto thee when thou fleddest from the face of Esau thy brother.
2 Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that *were* with him, Put away the strange gods that *are* among you, and be clean, and change your garments:
3 And let us arise, and go up to Beth-el; and I will make there an altar unto God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went.
4 And they gave unto Jacob all the strange gods which *were* in their hand, and *all their* earrings which *were* in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the oak which *was* by Shechem.
5 And they journeyed: and the terror of God was upon the cities that *were* round about them, and they did not pursue after the sons of Jacob.

Jacob Builds an Altar

6 So Jacob came to Luz, which *is* in the land of Canaan, that *is,* Beth-el, he and all the people that *were* with him.
7 And he built there an altar, and called the place El-beth-el: because there God appeared unto him, when he fled from the face of his brother.
8 But Deborah Rebekah's nurse died, and she was buried beneath Beth-el under an oak: and the name of it was called Allon-bachuth.
9 And God appeared unto Jacob again, when he came out of Padan-aram, and blessed him.
10 And God said unto him, Thy name *is* Jacob: thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name: and he called his name Israel.
11 And God said unto him, I *am* God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins;
12 And the land which I gave Abraham and Isaac, to thee I will give it, and to thy seed after thee will I give the land.
13 And God went up from him in the place where he talked with him.
14 And Jacob set up a pillar in the place where he talked with him, *even* a pillar of stone: and he poured a drink offering thereon, and he poured oil thereon.
15 And Jacob called the name of the place where God spake with him, Beth-el.

The Birth of Benjamin

16 And they journeyed from Beth-el; and there was but a little way to come to Ephrath: and Rachel travailed, and she had hard labour.
17 And it came to pass, when she was in hard labour, that the midwife said unto her, Fear not; thou shalt have this son also.
18 And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing, (for she died) that she called his name Ben-oni: but his father called him Benjamin.

The Death of Rachel

19 And Rachel died, and was buried in the way to Ephrath, which *is* Beth-lehem.
20 And Jacob set a pillar upon her grave: that *is* the pillar of Rachel's grave unto this day.

35:4 ear ▸ *see Ezek. 44:5.*
35:11 Almighty ▸ *see Gen. 49:25.*
35:14 pillar ▸ *see 2 Sam. 18:18.*
35:14 stone ▸ *see 1 Kin. 5:17.*
35:16 hard ▸ *see 1 Sam. 5:7.*
35:18 Benjamin ▸ *see 1 Chr. 8:1.*
35:20 pillar ▸ *see 2 Sam. 18:18.*

Jacob's Descendants

21 And Israel journeyed, and spread his tent beyond the tower of Edar.
22 And it came to pass, when Israel dwelt in that land, that Reuben went and lay with Bilhah his father's concubine: and Israel heard *it*. Now the sons of Jacob were twelve:
23 The sons of Leah; Reuben, Jacob's firstborn, and Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Zebulun:
24 The sons of Rachel; Joseph, and Benjamin:
25 And the sons of Bilhah, Rachel's handmaid; Dan, and Naphtali:
26 And the sons of Zilpah, Leah's handmaid; Gad, and Asher: these *are* the sons of Jacob, which were born to him in Padan-aram.
27 And Jacob came unto Isaac his father unto Mamre, unto the city of Arbah, which *is* Hebron, where Abraham and Isaac sojourned.

The Death of Isaac

28 And the days of Isaac were an hundred and fourscore years.
29 And Isaac gave up the ghost, and died, and was gathered unto his people, *being* old and full of days: and his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.

Esau's Descendants

36 Now these *are* the generations of Esau, who *is* Edom.
2 Esau took his wives of the daughters of Canaan; Adah the daughter of Elon the Hittite, and Aholibamah the daughter of Anah the daughter of Zibeon the Hivite;
3 And Bashemath Ishmael's daughter, sister of Nebajoth.
4 And Adah bare to Esau Eliphaz; and Bashemath bare Reuel;
5 And Aholibamah bare Jeush, and Jaalam, and Korah: these *are* the sons of Esau, which were born unto him in the land of Canaan.
6 And Esau took his wives, and his sons, and his daughters, and all the persons of his house, and his cattle, and all his beasts, and all his substance, which he had got in the land of Canaan; and went into the country from the face of his brother Jacob.
7 For their riches were more than that they might dwell together; and the land wherein they were strangers could not bear them because of their cattle.
8 Thus dwelt Esau in mount Seir: Esau *is* Edom.
9 And these *are* the generations of Esau the father of the Edomites in mount Seir:
10 These *are* the names of Esau's sons; Eliphaz the son of Adah the wife of Esau, Reuel the son of Bashemath the wife of Esau.
11 And the sons of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, Zepho, and Gatam, and Kenaz.
12 And Timna was concubine to Eliphaz Esau's son; and she bare to Eliphaz Amalek: these *were* the sons of Adah Esau's wife.
13 And these *are* the sons of Reuel; Nahath, and Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah: these were the sons of Bashemath Esau's wife.
14 And these were the sons of Aholibamah, the daughter of Anah the daughter of Zibeon, Esau's wife: and she bare to Esau Jeush, and Jaalam, and Korah.
15 These *were* dukes of the sons of Esau: the sons of Eliphaz the firstborn *son* of Esau;

35:29 gather

(Heb. *'asaph*) (Gen. 6:21; 25:8; Ps. 50:5; Jer. 4:5) H0622: The word *'asaph* means "to gather for any purpose; to collect; to remove." It was often used as a description of death—being gathered to one's ancestors (Gen. 25:8, for example). It is also used to describe gathering the people for any purpose, such as safety (Josh. 2:18), worship (2 Chr. 29:15), or battle (Is. 13:4). Using the phrase "gathered to his people" in reference to death is an affirmation that there is life after death and that Christians will be reunited with one another.

36:1 Esau

(Heb. *`esav*) (Gen. 25:25; 27:37; 33:4) H6215: The name Esau means "hairy," a description which Esau lived up to (Gen. 25:25; 27:11). Esau was one of Rebekah's twin sons, the slightly older brother of Jacob. Esau may be best known for selling his rights as firstborn for a pot of stew (Gen. 25:29–34). That same impetuous foolishness was exhibited when he married two Canaanite women against his parents' advice (Gen. 26:34, 35). The author of the book of Hebrews sums up Esau's life with these words: "Lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright" (Heb. 12:16). Yet in Esau's reunion with Jacob (Gen. 33:1–17), we see growth in Esau's character. He was able to extend grace and love to the brother who had tricked and cheated him, and so the two brothers were reconciled. Both had learned that family love is more important than revenge or wealth.

duke Teman, duke Omar, duke Zepho, duke Kenaz,
16 Duke Korah, duke Gatam, *and* duke Amalek: these *are* the dukes *that came* of Eliphaz in the land of Edom; these *were* the sons of Adah.
17 And these *are* the sons of Reuel Esau's son; duke Nahath, duke Zerah, duke Shammah, duke Mizzah: these *are* the dukes *that came* of Reuel in the land of Edom; these *are* the sons of Bashemath Esau's wife.
18 And these *are* the sons of Aholibamah Esau's wife; duke Jeush, duke Jaalam, duke Korah: these *were* the dukes *that came* of Aholibamah the daughter of Anah, Esau's wife.
19 These *are* the sons of Esau, who *is* Edom, and these *are* their dukes.
20 These *are* the sons of Seir the Horite, who inhabited the land; Lotan, and Shobal, and Zibeon, and Anah,
21 And Dishon, and Ezer, and Dishan: these *are* the dukes of the Horites, the children of Seir in the land of Edom.
22 And the children of Lotan were Hori and Hemam; and Lotan's sister *was* Timna.
23 And the children of Shobal *were* these; Alvan, and Manahath, and Ebal, Shepho, and Onam.
24 And these *are* the children of Zibeon; both Ajah, and Anah: this *was that* Anah that found the mules in the wilderness, as he fed the asses of Zibeon his father.
25 And the children of Anah *were* these; Dishon, and Aholibamah the daughter of Anah.
26 And these *are* the children of Dishon; Hemdan, and Eshban, and Ithran, and Cheran.
27 The children of Ezer *are* these; Bilhan, and Zaavan, and Akan.
28 The children of Dishan *are* these; Uz, and Aran.
29 These *are* the dukes *that came* of the Horites; duke Lotan, duke Shobal, duke Zibeon, duke Anah,
30 Duke Dishon, duke Ezer, duke Dishan: these *are* the dukes *that came* of Hori, among their dukes in the land of Seir.

The Kings of Edom

31 And these *are* the kings that reigned in the land of Edom, before there reigned any king over the children of Israel.
32 And Bela the son of Beor reigned in Edom: and the name of his city *was* Dinhabah.
33 And Bela died, and Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his stead.
34 And Jobab died, and Husham of the land of Temani reigned in his stead.
35 And Husham died, and Hadad the son of Bedad, who smote Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his stead: and the name of his city *was* Avith.
36 And Hadad died, and Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his stead.
37 And Samlah died, and Saul of Rehoboth *by* the river reigned in his stead.
38 And Saul died, and Baal-hanan the son of Achbor reigned in his stead.
39 And Baal-hanan the son of Achbor died, and Hadar reigned in his stead: and the name of his city *was* Pau; and his wife's name *was* Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab.

The Dukes of Edom

40 And these *are* the names of the dukes *that came* of Esau, according to their families, after their places, by their names; duke Timnah, duke Alvah, duke Jetheth,
41 Duke Aholibamah, duke Elah, duke Pinon,
42 Duke Kenaz, duke Teman, duke Mibzar,
43 Duke Magdiel, duke Iram: these *be* the dukes of Edom, according to their habitations in the land of their possession: he *is* Esau the father of the Edomites.

Joseph's Dreams

37 And Jacob dwelt in the land wherein his father was a stranger, in the land of Canaan.
2 These *are* the generations of Jacob. Joseph, *being* seventeen years old, was feed-

37:2 Joseph

(Heb. *yoseph*) (Gen. 30:24; 37:28; 39:2; 42:6) H3130: Joseph was the oldest son of Jacob and Rachel, born after many painful years of barrenness. Because of this, he was Jacob's favored son (Gen. 37:3). This of course made his brothers jealous, and in anger they sold him into slavery in Egypt. There Joseph suffered much but eventually earned a position of power from which he was able to save his brothers and father from

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ing the flock with his brethren; and the lad *was* with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives: and Joseph brought unto his father their evil report.
3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he *was* the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of *many* colours.
4 And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him.

The Sheaf

5 And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told *it* his brethren: and they hated him yet the more.
6 And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed:
7 For, behold, we *were* binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf.
8 And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words.

The Sun, Moon, and Stars

9 And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me.
10 And he told *it* to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What *is* this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth?
11 And his brethren envied him; but his father observed the saying.

Joseph's Search for His Brothers

12 And his brethren went to feed their father's flock in Shechem.
13 And Israel said unto Joseph, Do not thy brethren feed *the flock* in Shechem? come, and I will send thee unto them. And he said to him, Here *am I.*
14 And he said to him, Go, I pray thee, see whether it be well with thy brethren, and well with the flocks; and bring me word again. So he sent him out of the vale of Hebron, and he came to Shechem.
15 And a certain man found him, and, behold, *he was* wandering in the field: and the man asked him, saying, What seekest thou?
16 And he said, I seek my brethren: tell me, I pray thee, where they feed *their flocks.*
17 And the man said, They are departed hence; for I heard them say, Let us go to Dothan. And Joseph went after his brethren, and found them in Dothan.

The Brothers' Conspiracy

18 And when they saw him afar off, even before he came near unto them, they conspired against him to slay him.
19 And they said one to another, Behold, this dreamer cometh.

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starvation during a famine. He summed up his own life thus: "Ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive" (Gen. 50:20). Joseph offers a shining example of how we can interpret hardship through the lens of God's providence, seeing His hand orchestrating all the events of our lives for His glory and our good.

37:2 lad ▸ *see Judg. 8:20.*
37:5 dream ▸ *see Gen. 40:5.*
37:5 more ▸ *see 2 Chr. 9:6.*
37:6 dream ▸ *see Deut. 13:5.*
37:8 reign ▸ *see 2 Sam. 8:15.*

37:8 have dominion

(Heb. *mashal*) (Gen. 45:8; Judg. 8:23; 2 Sam. 23:3; Ps. 103:19) H4910: The Hebrew word *mashal* means "to have dominion, reign, or ruling power." The word was used to describe the domination that entered human relationships through the Fall: "Thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee" (Gen. 3:16). *Mashal* is later used to describe man's rule over his fellow man (Judg. 8:22; 2 Chr. 7:18; Dan. 11:3) and God's ultimate rule over all people (Ps. 22:28). Human beings do not like to be ruled over—particularly by someone who is, like Joseph in this verse, a teenage younger brother—yet it is God who places people in authority (Rom. 13:1), and Jesus told us to submit to those in authority over us (Matt. 22:20, 21).

37:9 star ▸ *see Job 25:5.*

20 Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into some pit, and we will say, Some evil beast hath devoured him: and we shall see what will become of his dreams.
21 And Reuben heard *it,* and he delivered him out of their hands; and said, Let us not kill him.
22 And Reuben said unto them, Shed no blood, *but* cast him into this pit that *is* in the wilderness, and lay no hand upon him; that he might rid him out of their hands, to deliver him to his father again.
23 And it came to pass, when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stript Joseph out of his coat, *his* coat of *many* colours that *was* on him;
24 And they took him, and cast him into a pit: and the pit *was* empty, *there was* no water in it.
25 And they sat down to eat bread: and they lifted up their eyes and looked, and, behold, a company of Ishmeelites came from Gilead with their camels bearing spicery and balm and myrrh, going to carry *it* down to Egypt.
26 And Judah said unto his brethren, What profit *is it* if we slay our brother, and conceal his blood?
27 Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmeelites, and let not our hand be upon him; for he *is* our brother *and* our flesh. And his brethren were content.

Joseph Sold to Ishmeelites

28 Then there passed by Midianites merchantmen; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmeelites for twenty *pieces* of silver: and they brought Joseph into Egypt.
29 And Reuben returned unto the pit; and, behold, Joseph *was* not in the pit; and he rent his clothes.
30 And he returned unto his brethren, and said, The child *is* not; and I, whither shall I go?

Jacob Is Deceived

31 And they took Joseph's coat, and killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the coat in the blood;
32 And they sent the coat of *many* colours, and they brought *it* to their father; and said, This have we found: know now whether it *be* thy son's coat or no.
33 And he knew it, and said, *It is* my son's coat; an evil beast hath devoured him; Joseph is without doubt rent in pieces.
34 And Jacob rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned for his son many days.
35 And all his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted; and he said, For I will go down into the grave unto my son mourning. Thus his father wept for him.

Joseph Sold to Potiphar

36 And the Midianites sold him into Egypt unto Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's, *and* captain of the guard.

Judah's Descendants

38 And it came to pass at that time, that Judah went down from his brethren, and turned in to a certain Adullamite, whose name *was* Hirah.
2 And Judah saw there a daughter of a certain Canaanite, whose name *was* Shuah; and he took her, and went in unto her.
3 And she conceived, and bare a son; and he called his name Er.
4 And she conceived again, and bare a son; and she called his name Onan.
5 And she yet again conceived, and bare a son; and called his name Shelah: and he was at Chezib, when she bare him.

Tamar, Wife of Er

6 And Judah took a wife for Er his firstborn, whose name *was* Tamar.
7 And Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the sight of the LORD; and the LORD slew him.
8 And Judah said unto Onan, Go in unto thy brother's wife, and marry her, and raise up seed to thy brother.
9 And Onan knew that the seed should not be his; and it came to pass, when he went in unto his brother's wife, that he spilled *it* on the ground, lest that he should give seed to his brother.
10 And the thing which he did displeased the LORD: wherefore he slew him also.
11 Then said Judah to Tamar his daughter

37:28 Joseph ▸ *see Gen. 37:2.*
37:33 know ▸ *see Gen. 42:8.*
37:34 sackcloth ▸ *see Is. 50:3.*
38:1 time ▸ *see Is. 33:6.*

in law, Remain a widow at thy father's house, till Shelah my son be grown: for he said, Lest peradventure he die also, as his brethren *did.* And Tamar went and dwelt in her father's house.

12 And in process of time the daughter of Shuah Judah's wife died; and Judah was comforted, and went up unto his sheepshearers to Timnath, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite.

Judah Deceived by Tamar

13 And it was told Tamar, saying, Behold thy father in law goeth up to Timnath to shear his sheep.

14 And she put her widow's garments off from her, and covered her with a vail, and wrapped herself, and sat in an open place, which *is* by the way to Timnath; for she saw that Shelah was grown, and she was not given unto him to wife.

15 When Judah saw her, he thought her *to be* an harlot; because she had covered her face.

16 And he turned unto her by the way, and said, Go to, I pray thee, let me come in unto thee; (for he knew not that she *was* his daughter in law.) And she said, What wilt thou give me, that thou mayest come in unto me?

17 And he said, I will send *thee* a kid from the flock. And she said, Wilt thou give *me* a pledge, till thou send *it?*

18 And he said, What pledge shall I give thee? And she said, Thy signet, and thy bracelets, and thy staff that *is* in thine hand. And he gave *it* her, and came in unto her, and she conceived by him.

19 And she arose, and went away, and laid by her vail from her, and put on the garments of her widowhood.

20 And Judah sent the kid by the hand of his friend the Adullamite, to receive *his* pledge from the woman's hand: but he found her not.

21 Then he asked the men of that place, saying, Where *is* the harlot, that *was* openly by the way side? And they said, There was no harlot in this *place.*

22 And he returned to Judah, and said, I cannot find her; and also the men of the place said, *that* there was no harlot in this *place.*

23 And Judah said, Let her take *it* to her, lest we be shamed: behold, I sent this kid, and thou hast not found her.

24 And it came to pass about three months after, that it was told Judah, saying, Tamar thy daughter in law hath played the harlot; and also, behold, she *is* with child by whoredom. And Judah said, Bring her forth, and let her be burnt.

25 When she *was* brought forth, she sent to her father in law, saying, By the man, whose these *are, am* I with child: and she said, Discern, I pray thee, whose *are* these, the signet, and bracelets, and staff.

26 And Judah acknowledged *them,* and said, She hath been more righteous than I; because that I gave her not to Shelah my son. And he knew her again no more.

Birth of Zarah and Pharez

27 And it came to pass in the time of her travail, that, behold, twins *were* in her womb.

28 And it came to pass, when she travailed, that *the one* put out *his* hand: and the midwife took and bound upon his hand a scarlet thread, saying, This came out first.

29 And it came to pass, as he drew back his hand, that, behold, his brother came out: and she said, How hast thou broken forth? *this* breach *be* upon thee: therefore his name was called Pharez.

30 And afterward came out his brother, that had the scarlet thread upon his hand: and his name was called Zarah.

Joseph as Overseer

39 And Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him of the hands of the Ishmeelites, which had brought him down thither.

2 And the LORD was with Joseph, and he

38:18 signet ▸ *see Hag. 2:23.*
38:19 put on ▸ *see Is. 52:1.*

38:26 be righteous

(Heb. *tsadaq*) (Ex. 23:7; Job 4:17; Ps. 19:9; Dan. 12:3) H6663: The phrase, "She has been more righteous," comes from a single Hebrew word that implies moral straightness or rightness. The same word can be translated "justified" (Job 13:18; Ps. 51:4), or "justice" (Ps. 82:3). The sense is generally causative—that is, being *made* righteous or justified.

38:29 break forth ▸ *see 1 Chr. 14:11.*
39:2 Joseph ▸ *see Gen. 37:2.*

was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian.
3 And his master saw that the LORD *was* with him, and that the LORD made all that he did to prosper in his hand.
4 And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him: and he made him overseer over his house, and all *that* he had he put into his hand.
5 And it came to pass from the time *that* he had made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the LORD was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field.
6 And he left all that he had in Joseph's hand; and he knew not ought he had, save the bread which he did eat. And Joseph was *a* goodly *person,* and well favoured.

Joseph Tempted

7 And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, Lie with me.
8 But he refused, and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master wotteth not what *is* with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand;
9 *There is* none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou *art* his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?
10 And it came to pass, as she spake to Joseph day by day, that he hearkened not unto her, to lie by her, *or* to be with her.
11 And it came to pass about this time, that *Joseph* went into the house to do his business; and *there was* none of the men of the house there within.
12 And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out.

Joseph Accused of Wrongdoing

13 And it came to pass, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand, and was fled forth,
14 That she called unto the men of her house, and spake unto them, saying, See, he hath brought in an Hebrew unto us to mock us; he came in unto me to lie with me, and I cried with a loud voice:
15 And it came to pass, when he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled, and got him out.
16 And she laid up his garment by her, until his lord came home.
17 And she spake unto him according to these words, saying, The Hebrew servant, which thou hast brought unto us, came in unto me to mock me:
18 And it came to pass, as I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled out.
19 And it came to pass, when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spake unto him, saying, After this manner did thy servant to me; that his wrath was kindled.

Joseph Is Imprisoned

20 And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners *were* bound: and he was there in the prison.
21 But the LORD was with Joseph, and shewed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison.
22 And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that *were* in the prison; and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer *of it.*
23 The keeper of the prison looked not to any thing *that was* under his hand; because the LORD was with him, and *that* which he did, the LORD made *it* to prosper.

The Butler and the Baker Imprisoned

40 And it came to pass after these things, *that* the butler of the king of

39:6 favour ▸ *see Ezek. 40:3.*

39:12 catch

(Heb. *taphas*) (2 Kin. 7:12; Ezek. 21:24) H8610: The word translated "caught" here is more often translated "take" or "took," as in taking hold of a person or thing. This commonly applies to capturing prisoners in battle (2 Kin. 10:14) or overtaking cities (Is. 36:1). The term can also mean to handle (Ezek. 27:29) or hold (Ezek. 30:21); in Genesis 4:21, it means to play the harp and flute. Proverbs 30:9 uses the word in the abstract to suggest improperly possessing the name of God.

39:12 flee ▸ *see Num. 35:6.*
39:23 make prosper ▸ *see Gen. 24:21.*

Egypt and *his* baker had offended their lord the king of Egypt.
2 And Pharaoh was wroth against two *of* his officers, against the chief of the butlers, and against the chief of the bakers.
3 And he put them in ward in the house of the captain of the guard, into the prison, the place where Joseph *was* bound.
4 And the captain of the guard charged Joseph with them, and he served them: and they continued a season in ward.

The Two Dreams

5 And they dreamed a dream both of them, each man his dream in one night, each man according to the interpretation of his dream, the butler and the baker of the king of Egypt, which *were* bound in the prison.
6 And Joseph came in unto them in the morning, and looked upon them, and, behold, they *were* sad.
7 And he asked Pharaoh's officers that *were* with him in the ward of his lord's house, saying, Wherefore look ye *so* sadly to day?
8 And they said unto him, We have dreamed a dream, and *there is* no interpreter of it. And Joseph said unto them, *Do* not interpretations *belong* to God? tell me *them,* I pray you.

The Butler's Dream

9 And the chief butler told his dream to Joseph, and said to him, In my dream, behold, a vine *was* before me;
10 And in the vine *were* three branches: and it *was* as though it budded, *and* her blossoms shot forth; and the clusters thereof brought forth ripe grapes:
11 And Pharaoh's cup *was* in my hand: and I took the grapes, and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup, and I gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand.
12 And Joseph said unto him, This *is* the interpretation of it: The three branches are three days:
13 Yet within three days shall Pharaoh lift up thine head, and restore thee unto thy place: and thou shalt deliver Pharaoh's cup into his hand, after the former manner when thou wast his butler.

Joseph Makes a Request

14 But think on me when it shall be well with thee, and shew kindness, I pray thee, unto me, and make mention of me unto Pharaoh, and bring me out of this house:
15 For indeed I was stolen away out of the land of the Hebrews: and here also have I done nothing that they should put me into the dungeon.

The Baker's Dream

16 When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was good, he said unto Joseph, I also *was* in my dream, and, behold, *I had* three white baskets on my head:
17 And in the uppermost basket *there was* of all manner of bakemeats for Pharaoh; and the birds did eat them out of the basket upon my head.
18 And Joseph answered and said, This *is* the interpretation thereof: The three baskets *are* three days:
19 Yet within three days shall Pharaoh lift up thy head from off thee, and shall hang thee on a tree; and the birds shall eat thy flesh from off thee.

The Fulfillment of the Dreams

20 And it came to pass the third day, *which was* Pharaoh's birthday, that he made a feast unto all his servants: and he lifted up the head of the chief butler and of the chief baker among his servants.
21 And he restored the chief butler unto his butlership again; and he gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand:

40:5 dream

(Heb. *chalom*) (Gen. 37:5; 41:7; Joel 2:28) H2472: The word simply means "to dream." The ancients understood a dream or a vision as "watching during sleep," suggesting a special state of consciousness. Often dreams were recognized as revelations from the gods, or from the Lord God Himself in the case of the Hebrews. Many times these dreams and visions were encoded in symbolic language that needed interpretation. Those who could interpret dreams possessed power in the ancient world (Gen. 41:37–40; Dan. 2:46–48). Joseph both received and interpreted such messages but was able to interpret the figures and symbols of dream-events only as God enabled him (Gen. 40:8; 41:16).

40:10 bud ▸ *see Is. 66:14.*
40:19 hang ▸ *see Deut. 21:22.*
40:20 head ▸ *see Gen. 3:15.*

22 But he hanged the chief baker: as Joseph had interpreted to them.
23 Yet did not the chief butler remember Joseph, but forgat him.

The Two Dreams of Pharaoh

41 And it came to pass at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh dreamed: and, behold, he stood by the river.
2 And, behold, there came up out of the river seven well favoured kine and fatfleshed; and they fed in a meadow.
3 And, behold, seven other kine came up after them out of the river, ill favoured and leanfleshed; and stood by the *other* kine upon the brink of the river.
4 And the ill favoured and leanfleshed kine did eat up the seven well favoured and fat kine. So Pharaoh awoke.
5 And he slept and dreamed the second time: and, behold, seven ears of corn came up upon one stalk, rank and good.
6 And, behold, seven thin ears and blasted with the east wind sprung up after them.
7 And the seven thin ears devoured the seven rank and full ears. And Pharaoh awoke, and, behold, *it was* a dream.
8 And it came to pass in the morning that his spirit was troubled; and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt, and all the wise men thereof: and Pharaoh told them his dream; but *there was* none that could interpret them unto Pharaoh.

Joseph Remembered

9 Then spake the chief butler unto Pharaoh, saying, I do remember my faults this day:
10 Pharaoh was wroth with his servants, and put me in ward in the captain of the guard's house, *both* me and the chief baker:
11 And we dreamed a dream in one night, I and he; we dreamed each man according to the interpretation of his dream.
12 And *there was* there with us a young man, an Hebrew, servant to the captain of the guard; and we told him, and he interpreted to us our dreams; to each man according to his dream he did interpret.
13 And it came to pass, as he interpreted to us, so it was; me he restored unto mine office, and him he hanged.

Joseph Brought Before Pharaoh

14 Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him hastily out of the dungeon: and he shaved *himself,* and changed his raiment, and came in unto Pharaoh.
15 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and *there is* none that can interpret it: and I have heard say of thee, *that* thou canst understand a dream to interpret it.
16 And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, *It is* not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace.
17 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, In my dream, behold, I stood upon the bank of the river:
18 And, behold, there came up out of the river seven kine, fatfleshed and well favoured; and they fed in a meadow:
19 And, behold, seven other kine came up after them, poor and very ill favoured and leanfleshed, such as I never saw in all the land of Egypt for badness:
20 And the lean and the ill favoured kine did eat up the first seven fat kine:
21 And when they had eaten them up, it could not be known that they had eaten them; but they *were* still ill favoured, as at the beginning. So I awoke.
22 And I saw in my dream, and, behold, seven ears came up in one stalk, full and good:
23 And, behold, seven ears, withered, thin, *and* blasted with the east wind, sprung up after them:

41:1 Pharaoh

(Heb. *Par`oh*) (Ex. 1:11) H6547: The name Pharaoh comes from the Egyptian word *pr-`o*, which means "the great house." Originally the word Pharaoh was not a designation for the king of Egypt, but a reference to his palace. The ancient Egyptians believed that Pharaoh was the living representation of the god Horus in Egyptian religion, identified with the cult of the sun god and symbolized by the falcon. The plagues against the Egyptians prior to the Israelite exodus from Egypt were cosmic in nature, a kind of spiritual warfare between the living God and the false gods of Egypt (Ex. 12:12; 15:11). The tenth plague, resulting in the death of the firstborn among the Egyptians (including Pharaoh's), was divine judgment upon Pharaoh's claim to deity (Ex. 12:29, 30; 18:11, 12).

41:6 east ▸ *see Ezek. 47:2.*
41:7 dream ▸ *see Gen. 40:5.*
41:14 bring hastily ▸ *see Song 1:4.*

24 And the thin ears devoured the seven good ears: and I told *this* unto the magicians; but *there was* none that could declare *it* to me.

Joseph Interprets the Dreams

25 And Joseph said unto Pharaoh, The dream of Pharaoh *is* one: God hath shewed Pharaoh what he *is* about to do.
26 The seven good kine *are* seven years; and the seven good ears *are* seven years: the dream *is* one.
27 And the seven thin and ill favoured kine that came up after them *are* seven years; and the seven empty ears blasted with the east wind shall be seven years of famine.
28 This *is* the thing which I have spoken unto Pharaoh: What God *is* about to do he sheweth unto Pharaoh.
29 Behold, there come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt:
30 And there shall arise after them seven years of famine; and all the plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine shall consume the land;
31 And the plenty shall not be known in the land by reason of that famine following; for it *shall be* very grievous.
32 And for that the dream was doubled unto Pharaoh twice; *it is* because the thing *is* established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass.
33 Now therefore let Pharaoh look out a man discreet and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt.
34 Let Pharaoh do *this,* and let him appoint officers over the land, and take up the fifth part of the land of Egypt in the seven plenteous years.
35 And let them gather all the food of those good years that come, and lay up corn under the hand of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities.
36 And that food shall be for store to the land against the seven years of famine, which shall be in the land of Egypt; that the land perish not through the famine.

Joseph Is Made Ruler

37 And the thing was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all his servants.
38 And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find *such a one* as this *is,* a man in whom the Spirit of God *is?*
39 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, *there is* none so discreet and wise as thou *art:*
40 Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou.
41 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt.
42 And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck;
43 And he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried before him, Bow the knee: and he made him *ruler* over all the land of Egypt.
44 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I *am* Pharaoh, and without thee shall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.
45 And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphnath-paaneah; and he gave him to wife Asenath the daughter of Poti-pherah priest of On. And Joseph went out over *all* the land of Egypt.

The Seven Years of Plenty

46 And Joseph *was* thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt.
47 And in the seven plenteous years the earth brought forth by handfuls.
48 And he gathered up all the food of the seven years, which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities: the food of the field, which *was* round about every city, laid he up in the same.
49 And Joseph gathered corn as the sand of the sea, very much, until he left numbering; for *it was* without number.

Joseph's Descendants

50 And unto Joseph were born two sons before the years of famine came, which Asenath the daughter of Poti-pherah priest of On bare unto him.
51 And Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh: For God, *said he,* hath made

41:26, 27 kine ▸ *see 1 Sam. 6:7.*
41:27 empty ▸ *see 2 Chr. 13:7.*
41:27 famine ▸ *see Ezek. 5:16.*

me forget all my toil, and all my father's house.
52 And the name of the second called he Ephraim: For God hath caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction.

The Seven Years of Famine Begin

53 And the seven years of plenteousness, that was in the land of Egypt, were ended.
54 And the seven years of dearth began to come, according as Joseph had said: and the dearth was in all lands; but in all the land of Egypt there was bread.
55 And when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread: and Pharaoh said unto all the Egyptians, Go unto Joseph; what he saith to you, do.
56 And the famine was over all the face of the earth: And Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold unto the Egyptians; and the famine waxed sore in the land of Egypt.
57 And all countries came into Egypt to Joseph for to buy *corn;* because that the famine was *so* sore in all lands.

Jacob Sends Sons to Egypt

42 Now when Jacob saw that there was corn in Egypt, Jacob said unto his sons, Why do ye look one upon another?
2 And he said, Behold, I have heard that there is corn in Egypt: get you down thither, and buy for us from thence; that we may live, and not die.
3 And Joseph's ten brethren went down to buy corn in Egypt.
4 But Benjamin, Joseph's brother, Jacob sent not with his brethren; for he said, Lest peradventure mischief befall him.
5 And the sons of Israel came to buy *corn* among those that came: for the famine was in the land of Canaan.
6 And Joseph *was* the governor over the land, *and* he *it was* that sold to all the people of the land: and Joseph's brethren came, and bowed down themselves before him *with* their faces to the earth.

Joseph Recognizes His Brothers

7 And Joseph saw his brethren, and he knew them, but made himself strange unto them, and spake roughly unto them; and he said unto them, Whence come ye? And they said, From the land of Canaan to buy food.
8 And Joseph knew his brethren, but they knew not him.

The Brothers Accused of Being Spies

9 And Joseph remembered the dreams which he dreamed of them, and said unto them, Ye *are* spies; to see the nakedness of the land ye are come.
10 And they said unto him, Nay, my lord, but to buy food are thy servants come.
11 We *are* all one man's sons; we *are* true *men,* thy servants are no spies.
12 And he said unto them, Nay, but to see the nakedness of the land ye are come.
13 And they said, Thy servants *are* twelve brethren, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan; and, behold, the youngest *is* this day with our father, and one *is* not.
14 And Joseph said unto them, That *is it* that I spake unto you, saying, Ye *are* spies:
15 Hereby ye shall be proved: By the life of Pharaoh ye shall not go forth hence, except your youngest brother come hither.
16 Send one of you, and let him fetch your brother, and ye shall be kept in prison, that your words may be proved, whether *there be any* truth in you: or else by the life of Pharaoh surely ye *are* spies.
17 And he put them all together into ward three days.

Joseph's Conditions

18 And Joseph said unto them the third day, This do, and live; *for* I fear God:
19 If ye *be* true *men,* let one of your brethren be bound in the house of your prison: go ye, carry corn for the famine of your houses:

41:52 Ephraim ▸ *see Hos. 12:8.*
42:6 Joseph ▸ *see Gen. 37:2.*

42:8 know

(Heb. *nakar*) (Gen. 37:33; Ruth 3:14; 1 Kin. 18:7) H5234: The Hebrew word carries two seemingly contradictory meanings. The most common is "to recognize" or "to know" (1 Sam. 26:17); related translations include "acknowledge" (Deut. 21:17), "perceive" (Neh. 6:12), and "discern" (Job 4:16). But the same word can also be translated "dissemble" (Prov. 26:24) or "estrange" (Jer. 19:4).

42:9 remember ▸ *see Ps.25:6.*
42:15 prove ▸ *see Mal. 3:10.*

20 But bring your youngest brother unto me; so shall your words be verified, and ye shall not die. And they did so.
21 And they said one to another, We *are* verily guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the anguish of his soul, when he besought us, and we would not hear; therefore is this distress come upon us.
22 And Reuben answered them, saying, Spake I not unto you, saying, Do not sin against the child; and ye would not hear? therefore, behold, also his blood is required.
23 And they knew not that Joseph understood *them;* for he spake unto them by an interpreter.
24 And he turned himself about from them, and wept; and returned to them again, and communed with them, and took from them Simeon, and bound him before their eyes.

Returning to Canaan

25 Then Joseph commanded to fill their sacks with corn, and to restore every man's money into his sack, and to give them provision for the way: and thus did he unto them.
26 And they laded their asses with the corn, and departed thence.
27 And as one of them opened his sack to give his ass provender in the inn, he espied his money; for, behold, it *was* in his sack's mouth.
28 And he said unto his brethren, My money is restored; and, lo, *it is* even in my sack: and their heart failed *them,* and they were afraid, saying one to another, What *is* this *that* God hath done unto us?

The Brothers' Report to Jacob

29 And they came unto Jacob their father unto the land of Canaan, and told him all that befell unto them; saying,
30 The man, *who is* the lord of the land, spake roughly to us, and took us for spies of the country.
31 And we said unto him, We *are* true *men;* we are no spies:
32 We *be* twelve brethren, sons of our father; one *is* not, and the youngest *is* this day with our father in the land of Canaan.
33 And the man, the lord of the country, said unto us, Hereby shall I know that ye *are* true *men;* leave one of your brethren *here* with me, and take *food for* the famine of your households, and be gone:
34 And bring your youngest brother unto me: then shall I know that ye *are* no spies, but *that* ye *are* true *men: so* will I deliver you your brother, and ye shall traffick in the land.
35 And it came to pass as they emptied their sacks, that, behold, every man's bundle of money *was* in his sack: and when *both* they and their father saw the bundles of money, they were afraid.

Jacob's Grief

36 And Jacob their father said unto them, Me have ye bereaved *of my children:* Joseph *is* not, and Simeon *is* not, and ye will take Benjamin *away:* all these things are against me.
37 And Reuben spake unto his father, saying, Slay my two sons, if I bring him not to thee: deliver him into my hand, and I will bring him to thee again.
38 And he said, My son shall not go down with you; for his brother is dead, and he is left alone: if mischief befall him by the way in the which ye go, then shall ye bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.

The Famine Worsens

43 And the famine *was* sore in the land.
2 And it came to pass, when they had eaten up the corn which they had brought out of Egypt, their father said unto them, Go again, buy us a little food.
3 And Judah spake unto him, saying, The man did solemnly protest unto us, saying, Ye shall not see my face, except your brother *be* with you.
4 If thou wilt send our brother with us, we will go down and buy thee food:
5 But if thou wilt not send *him,* we will not go down: for the man said unto us, Ye shall not see my face, except your brother *be* with you.
6 And Israel said, Wherefore dealt ye *so* ill with me, *as* to tell the man whether ye had yet a brother?
7 And they said, The man asked us straitly of our state, and of our kindred, saying, *Is* your father yet alive? have ye *another* brother? and we told him according to the tenor of these words: could we certainly know that he would say, Bring your brother down?

Judah as Surety for Benjamin

8 And Judah said unto Israel his father, Send the lad with me, and we will arise and

go; that we may live, and not die, both we, and thou, *and* also our little ones.
9 I will be surety for him; of my hand shalt thou require him: if I bring him not unto thee, and set him before thee, then let me bear the blame for ever:
10 For except we had lingered, surely now we had returned this second time.
11 And their father Israel said unto them, If *it must be* so now, do this; take of the best fruits in the land in your vessels, and carry down the man a present, a little balm, and a little honey, spices, and myrrh, nuts, and almonds:
12 And take double money in your hand; and the money that was brought again in the mouth of your sacks, carry *it* again in your hand; peradventure it *was* an oversight:

Benjamin Sent to Egypt

13 Take also your brother, and arise, go again unto the man:
14 And God Almighty give you mercy before the man, that he may send away your other brother, and Benjamin. If I be bereaved *of my children,* I am bereaved.
15 And the men took that present, and they took double money in their hand, and Benjamin; and rose up, and went down to Egypt, and stood before Joseph.
16 And when Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the ruler of his house, Bring *these* men home, and slay, and make ready; for *these* men shall dine with me at noon.
17 And the man did as Joseph bade; and the man brought the men into Joseph's house.

Preparing to Meet Joseph

18 And the men were afraid, because they were brought into Joseph's house; and they said, Because of the money that was returned in our sacks at the first time are we brought in; that he may seek occasion against us, and fall upon us, and take us for bondmen, and our asses.
19 And they came near to the steward of Joseph's house, and they communed with him at the door of the house,
20 And said, O sir, we came indeed down at the first time to buy food:
21 And it came to pass, when we came to the inn, that we opened our sacks, and, behold, *every* man's money *was* in the mouth of his sack, our money in full weight: and we have brought it again in our hand.
22 And other money have we brought down in our hands to buy food: we cannot tell who put our money in our sacks.
23 And he said, Peace *be* to you, fear not: your God, and the God of your father, hath given you treasure in your sacks: I had your money. And he brought Simeon out unto them.
24 And the man brought the men into Joseph's house, and gave *them* water, and they washed their feet; and he gave their asses provender.
25 And they made ready the present against Joseph came at noon: for they heard that they should eat bread there.

Joseph Meets Benjamin

26 And when Joseph came home, they brought him the present which *was* in their hand into the house, and bowed themselves to him to the earth.
27 And he asked them of *their* welfare, and said, *Is* your father well, the old man of whom ye spake? *Is* he yet alive?
28 And they answered, Thy servant our father *is* in good health, he *is* yet alive. And they bowed down their heads, and made obeisance.
29 And he lifted up his eyes, and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother's son, and said, *Is* this your younger brother, of whom ye spake unto me? And he said, God be gracious unto thee, my son.
30 And Joseph made haste; for his bowels did yearn upon his brother: and he sought *where* to weep; and he entered into *his* chamber, and wept there.

43:9 be surety

(Heb. *`arab*) (Gen. 44:32; Ps. 119:122; Prov. 11:15) H6148: "Surety" here means a promise or guarantee, as of payment for a debt—Judah offering himself as a guarantee of Benjamin's safe return to his father. The Hebrew word is sometimes rendered "pledge" (2 Kin. 18:23; Is. 36:8). The same word can also mean to mingle (as a kind of exchange—Ezra 9:2; Ps. 106:35), or share (Prov. 14:10).

43:14 Almighty ▸ *see Gen. 49:25.*
43:14 mercy ▸ *see Is. 63:7.*
43:23 peace ▸ *see 1 Chr. 12:18.*
43:30 make haste ▸ *see Nah. 2:5.*

The Feast

31 And he washed his face, and went out, and refrained himself, and said, Set on bread.
32 And they set on for him by himself, and for them by themselves, and for the Egyptians, which did eat with him, by themselves: because the Egyptians might not eat bread with the Hebrews; for that *is* an abomination unto the Egyptians.
33 And they sat before him, the firstborn according to his birthright, and the youngest according to his youth: and the men marvelled one at another.
34 And he took *and sent* messes unto them from before him: but Benjamin's mess was five times so much as any of theirs. And they drank, and were merry with him.

Joseph's Final Test

44 And he commanded the steward of his house, saying, Fill the men's sacks *with* food, as much as they can carry, and put every man's money in his sack's mouth.
2 And put my cup, the silver cup, in the sack's mouth of the youngest, and his corn money. And he did according to the word that Joseph had spoken.
3 As soon as the morning was light, the men were sent away, they and their asses.
4 *And* when they were gone out of the city, *and* not *yet* far off, Joseph said unto his steward, Up, follow after the men; and when thou dost overtake them, say unto them, Wherefore have ye rewarded evil for good?
5 *Is* not this *it* in which my lord drinketh, and whereby indeed he divineth? ye have done evil in so doing.

The Search for Joseph's Silver Cup

6 And he overtook them, and he spake unto them these same words.
7 And they said unto him, Wherefore saith my lord these words? God forbid that thy servants should do according to this thing:
8 Behold, the money, which we found in our sacks' mouths, we brought again unto thee out of the land of Canaan: how then should we steal out of thy lord's house silver or gold?
9 With whomsoever of thy servants it be found, both let him die, and we also will be my lord's bondmen.
10 And he said, Now also *let* it *be* according unto your words: he with whom it is found shall be my servant; and ye shall be blameless.
11 Then they speedily took down every man his sack to the ground, and opened every man his sack.
12 And he searched, *and* began at the eldest, and left at the youngest: and the cup was found in Benjamin's sack.
13 Then they rent their clothes, and laded every man his ass, and returned to the city.

Joseph's Accusation

14 And Judah and his brethren came to Joseph's house; for he *was* yet there: and they fell before him on the ground.
15 And Joseph said unto them, What deed *is* this that ye have done? wot ye not that such a man as I can certainly divine?
16 And Judah said, What shall we say unto my lord? what shall we speak? or how shall we clear ourselves? God hath found out the iniquity of thy servants: behold, we *are* my lord's servants, both we, and *he* also with whom the cup is found.
17 And he said, God forbid that I should do so: *but* the man in whose hand the cup is found, he shall be my servant; and as for you, get you up in peace unto your father.

Judah Pleads for Benjamin

18 Then Judah came near unto him, and said, Oh my lord, let thy servant, I pray thee, speak a word in my lord's ears, and let not thine anger burn against thy servant: for thou *art* even as Pharaoh.
19 My lord asked his servants, saying, Have ye a father, or a brother?
20 And we said unto my lord, We have

44:4 reward ▸ *see Lev. 24:18.*

44:15 divine

(Heb. *nachash*) (Lev. 19:26; 2 Kin. 17:17; 2 Chr. 33:6) H5172: The practice of divination was strictly prohibited in Mosaic law (Lev. 19:26; Deut. 18:10); in the time of the patriarchs, the concept was terrifying enough for Joseph to use it as a dire threat. The Hebrew word, translated "use enchantments" in 2 Chronicles 33:6, literally means to "hiss" or "whisper," as a medium might do, perhaps in communication with the dead. The word has a less sinister meaning as well—Genesis 30:27 renders it "learned by experience."

a father, an old man, and a child of his old age, a little one; and his brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother, and his father loveth him.
21 And thou saidst unto thy servants, Bring him down unto me, that I may set mine eyes upon him.
22 And we said unto my lord, The lad cannot leave his father: for *if* he should leave his father, *his father* would die.
23 And thou saidst unto thy servants, Except your youngest brother come down with you, ye shall see my face no more.
24 And it came to pass when we came up unto thy servant my father, we told him the words of my lord.
25 And our father said, Go again, *and* buy us a little food.
26 And we said, We cannot go down: if our youngest brother be with us, then will we go down: for we may not see the man's face, except our youngest brother *be* with us.
27 And thy servant my father said unto us, Ye know that my wife bare me two *sons:*
28 And the one went out from me, and I said, Surely he is torn in pieces; and I saw him not since:
29 And if ye take this also from me, and mischief befall him, ye shall bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.
30 Now therefore when I come to thy servant my father, and the lad *be* not with us; seeing that his life is bound up in the lad's life;
31 It shall come to pass, when he seeth that the lad *is* not *with us,* that he will die: and thy servants shall bring down the gray hairs of thy servant our father with sorrow to the grave.
32 For thy servant became surety for the lad unto my father, saying, If I bring him not unto thee, then I shall bear the blame to my father for ever.
33 Now therefore, I pray thee, let thy servant abide instead of the lad a bondman to my lord; and let the lad go up with his brethren.
34 For how shall I go up to my father, and the lad *be* not with me? lest peradventure I see the evil that shall come on my father.

Joseph Reveals His Identity

45 Then Joseph could not refrain himself before all them that stood by him; and he cried, Cause every man to go out from me. And there stood no man with him, while Joseph made himself known unto his brethren.
2 And he wept aloud: and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard.
3 And Joseph said unto his brethren, I *am* Joseph; doth my father yet live? And his brethren could not answer him; for they were troubled at his presence.
4 And Joseph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, I *am* Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt.
5 Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life.
6 For these two years *hath* the famine *been* in the land: and yet *there are* five years, in the which *there shall* neither *be* earing nor harvest.
7 And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.
8 So now *it was* not you *that* sent me hither, but God: and he hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

Joseph Wants Jacob in Egypt

9 Haste ye, and go up to my father, and say unto him, Thus saith thy son Joseph, God hath made me lord of all Egypt: come down unto me, tarry not:
10 And thou shalt dwell in the land of Goshen, and thou shalt be near unto me, thou, and thy children, and thy children's children, and thy flocks, and thy herds, and all that thou hast:
11 And there will I nourish thee; for yet *there are* five years of famine; lest thou, and thy household, and all that thou hast, come to poverty.
12 And, behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin, that *it is* my mouth that speaketh unto you.
13 And ye shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and of all that ye have seen; and ye shall haste and bring down my father hither.
14 And he fell upon his brother Benjamin's

44:32 become surety ▸ *see Gen. 43:9.*
45:7 posterity ▸ *see 2 Chr. 34:9.*
45:8 ruler ▸ *see Gen. 37:8.*
45:14 Benjamin ▸ *see 1 Chr. 8:1.*

neck, and wept; and Benjamin wept upon his neck.
15 Moreover he kissed all his brethren, and wept upon them: and after that his brethren talked with him.

The Invitation of Pharaoh

16 And the fame thereof was heard in Pharaoh's house, saying, Joseph's brethren are come: and it pleased Pharaoh well, and his servants.
17 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Say unto thy brethren, This do ye; lade your beasts, and go, get you unto the land of Canaan;
18 And take your father and your households, and come unto me: and I will give you the good of the land of Egypt, and ye shall eat the fat of the land.
19 Now thou art commanded, this do ye; take you wagons out of the land of Egypt for your little ones, and for your wives, and bring your father, and come.
20 Also regard not your stuff; for the good of all the land of Egypt *is* yours.

Provisions for the Journey

21 And the children of Israel did so: and Joseph gave them wagons, according to the commandment of Pharaoh, and gave them provision for the way.
22 To all of them he gave each man changes of raiment; but to Benjamin he gave three hundred *pieces* of silver, and five changes of raiment.
23 And to his father he sent after this *manner;* ten asses laden with the good things of Egypt, and ten she asses laden with corn and bread and meat for his father by the way.
24 So he sent his brethren away, and they departed: and he said unto them, See that ye fall not out by the way.

Good News for Jacob

25 And they went up out of Egypt, and came into the land of Canaan unto Jacob their father,
26 And told him, saying, Joseph *is* yet alive, and he *is* governor over all the land of Egypt. And Jacob's heart fainted, for he believed them not.
27 And they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said unto them: and when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived:
28 And Israel said, *It is* enough; Joseph my son *is* yet alive: I will go and see him before I die.

Jacob Goes to Egypt

46 And Israel took his journey with all that he had, and came to Beer-sheba, and offered sacrifices unto the God of his father Isaac.
2 And God spake unto Israel in the visions of the night, and said, Jacob, Jacob. And he said, Here *am* I.
3 And he said, I *am* God, the God of thy father: fear not to go down into Egypt; for I will there make of thee a great nation:
4 I will go down with thee into Egypt; and I will also surely bring thee up *again:* and Joseph shall put his hand upon thine eyes.
5 And Jacob rose up from Beer-sheba: and the sons of Israel carried Jacob their father, and their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons which Pharaoh had sent to carry him.
6 And they took their cattle, and their goods, which they had gotten in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, Jacob, and all his seed with him:

45:18 fat

(Heb. *cheleb*) (Gen. 4:4; Ex. 29:13; Deut. 32:14; Ezek. 39:19) H2459: Though the Hebrew word means the actual fat of animals (or humans), it can also be used, as here, to describe the choicest part of something (in this case, the land; see also Ps. 147:14—"finest"). The term is most often used in the context of animal sacrifice (Ex. 29:22; Lev. 3:9, 10) but can also imply excess (Ps. 73:7) or abundance (Ps. 63:5). A particularly gruesome image is found in the story of Ehud (Judg. 3:12–30), who killed the Moabite king Eglon by driving a dagger so deep into his belly that "the fat closed upon the blade."

45:20 stuff ▸ *see 1 Sam. 14:6.*
45:20 good ▸ *see 2 Kin. 8:9.*
45:21 commandment ▸ *see Num. 27:14.*
46:2 vision ▸ *see Dan. 10:7.*

46:6 get

(Heb. *rakash*) (Gen. 12:5; 31:18) H7408: This extremely rare verb meaning "to acquire, accumulate, or amass" is used only five times and in just four verses—all in Genesis. In every case,

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7 His sons, and his sons' sons with him, his daughters, and his sons' daughters, and all his seed brought he with him into Egypt.

Israelites Who Entered Egypt

8 And these *are* the names of the children of Israel, which came into Egypt, Jacob and his sons: Reuben, Jacob's firstborn.
9 And the sons of Reuben; Hanoch, and Phallu, and Hezron, and Carmi.
10 And the sons of Simeon; Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, and Jachin, and Zohar, and Shaul the son of a Canaanitish woman.
11 And the sons of Levi; Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.
12 And the sons of Judah; Er, and Onan, and Shelah, and Pharez, and Zarah: but Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan. And the sons of Pharez were Hezron and Hamul.
13 And the sons of Issachar; Tola, and Phuvah, and Job, and Shimron.
14 And the sons of Zebulun; Sered, and Elon, and Jahleel.
15 These *be* the sons of Leah, which she bare unto Jacob in Padan-aram, with his daughter Dinah: all the souls of his sons and his daughters *were* thirty and three.
16 And the sons of Gad; Ziphion, and Haggi, Shuni, and Ezbon, Eri, and Arodi, and Areli.
17 And the sons of Asher; Jimnah, and Ishuah, and Isui, and Beriah, and Serah their sister: and the sons of Beriah; Heber, and Malchiel.
18 These *are* the sons of Zilpah, whom Laban gave to Leah his daughter, and these she bare unto Jacob, *even* sixteen souls.
19 The sons of Rachel Jacob's wife; Joseph, and Benjamin.
20 And unto Joseph in the land of Egypt were born Manasseh and Ephraim, which Asenath the daughter of Poti-pherah priest of On bare unto him.
21 And the sons of Benjamin *were* Belah, and Becher, and Ashbel, Gera, and Naaman, Ehi, and Rosh, Muppim, and Huppim, and Ard.
22 These *are* the sons of Rachel, which were born to Jacob: all the souls *were* fourteen.
23 And the sons of Dan; Hushim.
24 And the sons of Naphtali; Jahzeel, and Guni, and Jezer, and Shillem.
25 These *are* the sons of Bilhah, which Laban gave unto Rachel his daughter, and she bare these unto Jacob: all the souls *were* seven.
26 All the souls that came with Jacob into Egypt, which came out of his loins, besides Jacob's sons' wives, all the souls *were* threescore and six;
27 And the sons of Joseph, which were born him in Egypt, *were* two souls: all the souls of the house of Jacob, which came into Egypt, *were* threescore and ten.

The Reunion of Joseph and Jacob

28 And he sent Judah before him unto Joseph, to direct his face unto Goshen; and they came into the land of Goshen.
29 And Joseph made ready his chariot, and went up to meet Israel his father, to Goshen, and presented himself unto him; and he fell on his neck, and wept on his neck a good while.
30 And Israel said unto Joseph, Now let me die, since I have seen thy face, because thou *art* yet alive.
31 And Joseph said unto his brethren, and unto his father's house, I will go up, and shew Pharaoh, and say unto him, My brethren, and my father's house, which *were* in the land of Canaan, are come unto me;
32 And the men *are* shepherds, for their trade hath been to feed cattle; and they have brought their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have.
33 And it shall come to pass, when Pharaoh shall call you, and shall say, What *is* your occupation?
34 That ye shall say, Thy servants' trade hath been about cattle from our youth even until now, both we, *and* also our fathers: that ye may dwell in the land of Goshen; for every shepherd *is* an abomination unto the Egyptians.

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the term refers to an individual's (Abraham, Jacob, and Esau) having accumulated movable goods (never land) that are then being packed up for a major relocation that is instigated by God Himself (with Esau's move being a possible exception). Each of these relocations is a very significant turning point in the Book of Genesis. This term suggests both wealth and affluence—ordinarily, if not always, coming from God's blessings upon the person (Gen. 31:16–18; 36:6, 7; 46:6).

46:34 abomination ▸ *see Ezek. 18:12.*

The Brothers Presented to Pharaoh

47 Then Joseph came and told Pharaoh, and said, My father and my brethren, and their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have, are come out of the land of Canaan; and, behold, they *are* in the land of Goshen.
2 And he took some of his brethren, *even* five men, and presented them unto Pharaoh.
3 And Pharaoh said unto his brethren, What *is* your occupation? And they said unto Pharaoh, Thy servants *are* shepherds, both we, *and* also our fathers.
4 They said moreover unto Pharaoh, For to sojourn in the land are we come; for thy servants have no pasture for their flocks; for the famine *is* sore in the land of Canaan: now therefore, we pray thee, let thy servants dwell in the land of Goshen.
5 And Pharaoh spake unto Joseph, saying, Thy father and thy brethren are come unto thee:
6 The land of Egypt *is* before thee; in the best of the land make thy father and brethren to dwell; in the land of Goshen let them dwell: and if thou knowest *any* men of activity among them, then make them rulers over my cattle.

Jacob Presented to Pharaoh

7 And Joseph brought in Jacob his father, and set him before Pharaoh: and Jacob blessed Pharaoh.
8 And Pharaoh said unto Jacob, How old *art* thou?
9 And Jacob said unto Pharaoh, The days of the years of my pilgrimage *are* an hundred and thirty years: few and evil have the days of the years of my life been, and have not attained unto the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage.
10 And Jacob blessed Pharaoh, and went out from before Pharaoh.

Jacob Settles in Goshen

11 And Joseph placed his father and his brethren, and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded.
12 And Joseph nourished his father, and his brethren, and all his father's household, with bread, according to *their* families.

Herds Sold for Bread

13 And *there was* no bread in all the land; for the famine *was* very sore, so that the land of Egypt and *all* the land of Canaan fainted by reason of the famine.
14 And Joseph gathered up all the money that was found in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, for the corn which they bought: and Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh's house.
15 And when money failed in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came unto Joseph, and said, Give us bread: for why should we die in thy presence? for the money faileth.
16 And Joseph said, Give your cattle; and I will give you for your cattle, if money fail.
17 And they brought their cattle unto Joseph: and Joseph gave them bread *in exchange* for horses, and for the flocks, and for the cattle of the herds, and for the asses: and he fed them with bread for all their cattle for that year.

Land Sold for Bread

18 When that year was ended, they came unto him the second year, and said unto him, We will not hide *it* from my lord, how that our money is spent; my lord also hath our herds of cattle; there is not ought left in the sight of my lord, but our bodies, and our lands:
19 Wherefore shall we die before thine eyes, both we and our land? buy us and our land for bread, and we and our land will be servants unto Pharaoh: and give *us* seed, that we may live, and not die, that the land be not desolate.

47:9 pilgrimage

(Heb. *magur*) (Ex. 6:4; Ps. 119:54) H4033: The Hebrew word carries the sense of wandering, as in a strange land (Gen. 17:8) or of sojourning in a foreign country (Ezek. 20:38). The word can also be used to describe strangers (Gen. 28:4; 36:7; 37:1)—i.e., those who wander or dwell in a place that is not their home. An alternate translation is "dwellings" (Job 18:19; Ps. 55:15). In describing his life as a "pilgrimage," Jacob gives the sense of a lifetime of wandering and of existing on the earth as a stranger or a guest.

47:19 live ▸ *see Hab. 2:4.*

20 And Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh; for the Egyptians sold every man his field, because the famine prevailed over them: so the land became Pharaoh's.
21 And as for the people, he removed them to cities from *one* end of the borders of Egypt even to the *other* end thereof.

The Priests' Land Not Sold

22 Only the land of the priests bought he not; for the priests had a portion *assigned them* of Pharaoh, and did eat their portion which Pharaoh gave them: wherefore they sold not their lands.

Joseph Establishes Tenant Laws

23 Then Joseph said unto the people, Behold, I have bought you this day and your land for Pharaoh: lo, *here is* seed for you, and ye shall sow the land.
24 And it shall come to pass in the increase, that ye shall give the fifth *part* unto Pharaoh, and four parts shall be your own, for seed of the field, and for your food, and for them of your households, and for food for your little ones.
25 And they said, Thou hast saved our lives: let us find grace in the sight of my lord, and we will be Pharaoh's servants.
26 And Joseph made it a law over the land of Egypt unto this day, *that* Pharaoh should have the fifth *part;* except the land of the priests only, *which* became not Pharaoh's.

Jacob's Final Days

27 And Israel dwelt in the land of Egypt, in the country of Goshen; and they had possessions therein, and grew, and multiplied exceedingly.
28 And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years: so the whole age of Jacob was an hundred forty and seven years.
29 And the time drew nigh that Israel must die: and he called his son Joseph, and said unto him, If now I have found grace in thy sight, put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh, and deal kindly and truly with me; bury me not, I pray thee, in Egypt:
30 But I will lie with my fathers, and thou shalt carry me out of Egypt, and bury me in their buryingplace. And he said, I will do as thou hast said.
31 And he said, Swear unto me. And he sware unto him. And Israel bowed himself upon the bed's head.

Joseph's Sons Visit Jacob

48 And it came to pass after these things, that *one* told Joseph, Behold, thy father *is* sick: and he took with him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim.
2 And *one* told Jacob, and said, Behold, thy son Joseph cometh unto thee: and Israel strengthened himself, and sat upon the bed.
3 And Jacob said unto Joseph, God Almighty appeared unto me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and blessed me,
4 And said unto me, Behold, I will make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, and I will make of thee a multitude of people; and will give this land to thy seed after thee *for* an everlasting possession.
5 And now thy two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, which were born unto thee in the land of Egypt before I came unto thee into Egypt, *are* mine; as Reuben and Simeon, they shall be mine.
6 And thy issue, which thou begettest after them, shall be thine, *and* shall be called after the name of their brethren in their inheritance.
7 And as for me, when I came from Padan, Rachel died by me in the land of Canaan in the way, when yet *there was* but a little way to come unto Ephrath: and I buried her there in the way of Ephrath; the same *is* Beth-lehem.

Joseph and His Sons Blessed

8 And Israel beheld Joseph's sons, and said, Who *are* these?
9 And Joseph said unto his father, They *are* my sons, whom God hath given me in this *place*. And he said, Bring them, I pray thee, unto me, and I will bless them.
10 Now the eyes of Israel were dim for age, *so that* he could not see. And he brought them near unto him; and he kissed them, and embraced them.
11 And Israel said unto Joseph, I had not thought to see thy face: and, lo, God hath shewed me also thy seed.
12 And Joseph brought them out from between his knees, and he bowed himself with his face to the earth.
13 And Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and

48:1 sick ▸ *see Is. 38:9.*

Manasseh in his left hand toward Israel's right hand, and brought *them* near unto him.
14 And Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid *it* upon Ephraim's head, who *was* the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh's head, guiding his hands wittingly; for Manasseh *was* the firstborn.
15 And he blessed Joseph, and said, God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God which fed me all my life long unto this day,
16 The Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.
17 And when Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand upon the head of Ephraim, it displeased him: and he held up his father's hand, to remove it from Ephraim's head unto Manasseh's head.
18 And Joseph said unto his father, Not so, my father: for this *is* the firstborn; put thy right hand upon his head.
19 And his father refused, and said, I know *it,* my son, I know *it:* he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great: but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude of nations.
20 And he blessed them that day, saying, In thee shall Israel bless, saying, God make thee as Ephraim and as Manasseh: and he set Ephraim before Manasseh.

Return to Canaan Foretold

21 And Israel said unto Joseph, Behold, I die: but God shall be with you, and bring you again unto the land of your fathers.
22 Moreover I have given to thee one portion above thy brethren, which I took out of the hand of the Amorite with my sword and with my bow.

Jacob's Prophecy and Blessing

49 And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you *that* which shall befall you in the last days.
2 Gather yourselves together, and hear, ye sons of Jacob; and hearken unto Israel your father.

Reuben

3 Reuben, thou *art* my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power:
4 Unstable as water, thou shalt not excel; because thou wentest up to thy father's bed; then defiledst thou *it:* he went up to my couch.

Simeon and Levi

5 Simeon and Levi *are* brethren; instruments of cruelty *are in* their habitations.
6 O my soul, come not thou into their secret; unto their assembly, mine honour, be not thou united: for in their anger they slew a man, and in their selfwill they digged down a wall.
7 Cursed *be* their anger, for *it was* fierce; and their wrath, for it was cruel: I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel.

Judah

8 Judah, thou *art he* whom thy brethren shall praise: thy hand *shall be* in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children shall bow down before thee.
9 Judah *is* a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up?
10 The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him *shall* the gathering of the people *be.*
11 Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto the choice vine; he washed

48:14 younger ▸ *see 1 Sam. 9:21.*
48:17 hold up ▸ *see Is. 41:10.*

48:19 great

(Heb. *gadal*) (Gen. 12:2; 2 Sam. 7:22; 1 Kin. 1:37; Ps. 18:50) H1431: Most often translated "magnify" (Josh. 3:7; Job 7:17; Ps. 34:3; 69:30), the Hebrew word literally means "to twist together," as rope or twine, carrying the sense of increasing strength or greatness. The same word can also mean "to grow," as in physical stature (1 Sam. 3:19) or in volume or significance (Ezra 9:6—"our trespass is grown up unto the heavens").

49:1 befall ▸ *see 2 Sam. 1:6.*
49:3 firstborn ▸ *see Num. 8:17.*
49:6 dig ▸ *see 1 Chr. 18:4.*
49:7 divide ▸ *see Ps. 60:6.*
49:9 lion ▸ *see Mic. 5:8.*
49:10 Judah ▸ *see 1 Chr. 9:3.*

his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes:
12 His eyes *shall be* red with wine, and his teeth white with milk.

Zebulun

13 Zebulun shall dwell at the haven of the sea; and he *shall be* for an haven of ships; and his border *shall be* unto Zidon.

Issachar

14 Issachar *is* a strong ass couching down between two burdens:
15 And he saw that rest *was* good, and the land that *it was* pleasant; and bowed his shoulder to bear, and became a servant unto tribute.

Dan

16 Dan shall judge his people, as one of the tribes of Israel.
17 Dan shall be a serpent by the way, an adder in the path, that biteth the horse heels, so that his rider shall fall backward.
18 I have waited for thy salvation, O LORD.

Gad

19 Gad, a troop shall overcome him: but he shall overcome at the last.
20 Out of Asher his bread *shall be* fat, and he shall yield royal dainties.

Naphtali

21 Naphtali *is* a hind let loose: he giveth goodly words.

Joseph

22 Joseph *is* a fruitful bough, *even* a fruitful bough by a well; *whose* branches run over the wall:
23 The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot *at him,* and hated him:
24 But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty *God* of Jacob; (from thence *is* the shepherd, the stone of Israel:)
25 *Even* by the God of thy father, who shall help thee; and by the Almighty, who shall bless thee with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lieth under, blessings of the breasts, and of the womb:
26 The blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills: they shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren.

Benjamin

27 Benjamin shall ravin *as* a wolf: in the morning he shall devour the prey, and at night he shall divide the spoil.
28 All these *are* the twelve tribes of Israel: and this *is it* that their father spake unto them, and blessed them; every one according to his blessing he blessed them.

Jacob's Burial Instructions

29 And he charged them, and said unto them, I am to be gathered unto my people: bury me with my fathers in the cave that *is* in the field of Ephron the Hittite,
30 In the cave that *is* in the field of Machpelah, which *is* before Mamre, in the land of Canaan, which Abraham bought with the field of Ephron the Hittite for a possession of a buryingplace.
31 There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife; there they buried Isaac and Rebekah his wife; and there I buried Leah.
32 The purchase of the field and of the cave that *is* therein *was* from the children of Heth.

The Death of Jacob

33 And when Jacob had made an end of commanding his sons, he gathered up his feet into the bed, and yielded up the ghost, and was gathered unto his people.

49:15 pleasant ▸ *see Song 7:6.*
49:18 wait ▸ *see Lam. 3:25.*
49:24 shepherd ▸ *see Jer. 25:34.*

49:25 Almighty

(Heb. *shaddai*) (Gen. 17:1; 28:3; 35:11; 43:14; Job 37:23) H7706: This divine name in Hebrew is *'El Shaddai*. *'El* means God, and *Shaddai* is probably related to the Akkadian word for "mountain," or to a Hebrew verb meaning "mighty." God is "mountainlike." He is powerful, majestic, awe-inspiring, and enduring. Just like a mountain, He provides a shelter from the elements and from evil (Ps. 91:1, 2). Therefore, *'El Shaddai* can mean "Majestic Deity" or "the God Who Provides My Refuge."

49:26 hill ▸ *see Is. 65:7.*
49:27 Benjamin ▸ *see 1 Chr. 8:1.*
49:28 tribe ▸ *see Num. 24:17.*

Jacob Mourned

50 And Joseph fell upon his father's face, and wept upon him, and kissed him.
2 And Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father: and the physicians embalmed Israel.
3 And forty days were fulfilled for him; for so are fulfilled the days of those which are embalmed: and the Egyptians mourned for him threescore and ten days.

Joseph's Request of Pharaoh

4 And when the days of his mourning were past, Joseph spake unto the house of Pharaoh, saying, If now I have found grace in your eyes, speak, I pray you, in the ears of Pharaoh, saying,
5 My father made me swear, saying, Lo, I die: in my grave which I have digged for me in the land of Canaan, there shalt thou bury me. Now therefore let me go up, I pray thee, and bury my father, and I will come again.
6 And Pharaoh said, Go up, and bury thy father, according as he made thee swear.

Jacob Buried in Canaan

7 And Joseph went up to bury his father: and with him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his house, and all the elders of the land of Egypt,
8 And all the house of Joseph, and his brethren, and his father's house: only their little ones, and their flocks, and their herds, they left in the land of Goshen.
9 And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen: and it was a very great company.
10 And they came to the threshingfloor of Atad, which *is* beyond Jordan, and there they mourned with a great and very sore lamentation: and he made a mourning for his father seven days.
11 And when the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning in the floor of Atad, they said, This *is* a grievous mourning to the Egyptians: wherefore the name of it was called Abel-mizraim, which *is* beyond Jordan.
12 And his sons did unto him according as he commanded them:
13 For his sons carried him into the land of Canaan, and buried him in the cave of the field of Machpelah, which Abraham bought with the field for a possession of a burying-place of Ephron the Hittite, before Mamre.
14 And Joseph returned into Egypt, he, and his brethren, and all that went up with him to bury his father, after he had buried his father.

The Brothers Fear Joseph

15 And when Joseph's brethren saw that their father was dead, they said, Joseph will peradventure hate us, and will certainly requite us all the evil which we did unto him.
16 And they sent a messenger unto Joseph, saying, Thy father did command before he died, saying,
17 So shall ye say unto Joseph, Forgive, I pray thee now, the trespass of thy brethren, and their sin; for they did unto thee evil: and now, we pray thee, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of thy father. And Joseph wept when they spake unto him.
18 And his brethren also went and fell down before his face; and they said, Behold, we *be* thy servants.

Joseph Relieves His Brothers' Fears

19 And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for *am* I in the place of God?
20 But as for you, ye thought evil against me; *but* God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as *it is* this day, to save much people alive.
21 Now therefore fear ye not: I will nourish you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spake kindly unto them.

Joseph's Last Days

22 And Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he, and his father's house: and Joseph lived an hundred and ten years.

50:5 dig ▸ *see Jer. 18:20.*

50:10 lamentation

(Heb. *misped*) (Ezek. 27:31; Amos 5:16; Zech. 12:10) H4553: This noun denotes lamentation and wailing. It is one of numerous such words in the Old Testament. It is usually associated with expressions of grief over the death of an individual (Gen. 50:10) or of numerous persons (Esth. 4:3). The sacking of a city produces lamentation from its inhabitants (Jer. 6:26; Ezek. 27:31). At times, lamentation is said to accompany the repentance of sinners (Is. 22:12; Joel 2:12). This word is contrasted with words denoting joy, gladness, and dancing (Ps. 30:11).

23 And Joseph saw Ephraim's children of the third *generation:* the children also of Machir the son of Manasseh were brought up upon Joseph's knees.
24 And Joseph said unto his brethren, I die: and God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land unto the land which he sware to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.
25 And Joseph took an oath of the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you, and ye shall carry up my bones from hence.

The Death of Joseph

26 So Joseph died, *being* an hundred and ten years old: and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

50:25 bone ▸ *see Ps. 53:5.*

THE SECOND BOOK OF MOSES, CALLED

EXODUS

EXODUS IS THE RECORD OF Israel's birth as a nation. Within the protective "womb" of Egypt, the Israelite family of seventy rapidly multiplies. At the right time, accompanied with severe "birth pains," an infant nation, numbering between two and three million people, is brought into the world where it is divinely protected, fed, and nurtured.

The Hebrew title, *We'elleh Shemoth*, "Now These *Are* the Names," comes from the first phrase in 1:1. Exodus begins with "Now" to show it as a continuation of Genesis. The Greek title is *Exodus*, a word meaning "exit," "departure," or "going out." The Septuagint uses this word to describe the book by its key event (see 19:1, "gone forth"). In Luke 9:31 and in 2 Peter 1:15, the word *exodus* speaks of physical death (Jesus and Peter). This embodies Exodus's theme of redemption, because redemption is accomplished only through Christ's death. The Latin title is *Liber Exodus*, "Book of Departure," taken from the Greek title.

WATCH WORDS

- **deliver** (snatch away)—3:8 (also 6:6; 18:10)
- **intreat** (ask)—8:8 (also 9:28, 29)
- **rest** (stop doing something, cease working)—16:30 (also 34:21)
- **goodness** (loyal, steadfast love)—34:6 (also 15:13; 20:6)
- **tabernacle** (dwelling place–noun; live among–verb)—40:2 (also 25:9; 26:1)

Israel's Descendants in Egypt

1 Now these *are* the names of the children of Israel, which came into Egypt; every man and his household came with Jacob.
2 Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah,
3 Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin,
4 Dan, and Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.
5 And all the souls that came out of the loins of Jacob were seventy souls: for Joseph was in Egypt *already*.
6 And Joseph died, and all his brethren, and all that generation.
7 And the children of Israel were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and waxed exceeding mighty; and the land was filled with them.

A New King for Egypt

8 Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph.
9 And he said unto his people, Behold, the people of the children of Israel *are* more and mightier than we:
10 Come on, let us deal wisely with them; lest they multiply, and it come to pass, that, when there falleth out any war, they join also unto our enemies, and fight against us, and *so* get them up out of the land.

1:1 Egypt

(Heb. *mitsrayim*) (Ex. 20:2; Is. 36:6) H4714: This proper noun not only denotes the nation, but also can denote the inhabitants (Gen. 10:6; 41:56; Is. 19:16, 21). In spite of Israel sometimes looking to Egypt for military help (2 Kin. 17:4; Ezek. 17:15) or seeking refuge there (Jer. 42–43), from the time of Moses onward, the word "Egypt" often carried very negative connotations. The Bible frequently identifies "the land of Egypt" as "the house of bondage" (Deut. 5:6; Josh. 24:17; Mic. 6:4). Twice, God Himself compares Egypt to evil mythological sea monsters (Is. 30:7 [Rahab]; Ezek. 29:3). Yet, one day Egypt, Israel, and Assyria will be united in the Lord (Is. 19:16–25).

1:6 generation ▸ *see Esth. 9:28.*
1:7 fruitful ▸ *see Gen. 28:3.*
1:7 multiply ▸ *see Ex. 11:9.*
1:9 mighty ▸ *see Ps. 135:10.*

11 Therefore they did set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh treasure cities, Pithom and Raamses.
12 But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were grieved because of the children of Israel.
13 And the Egyptians made the children of Israel to serve with rigour:
14 And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage, in morter, and in brick, and in all manner of service in the field: all their service, wherein they made them serve, *was* with rigour.

Midwives to Kill Male Children

15 And the king of Egypt spake to the Hebrew midwives, of which the name of the one *was* Shiphrah, and the name of the other Puah:
16 And he said, When ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see *them* upon the stools; if it *be* a son, then ye shall kill him: but if it *be* a daughter, then she shall live.
17 But the midwives feared God, and did not as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the men children alive.
18 And the king of Egypt called for the midwives, and said unto them, Why have ye done this thing, and have saved the men children alive?
19 And the midwives said unto Pharaoh, Because the Hebrew women *are* not as the Egyptian women; for they *are* lively, and are delivered ere the midwives come in unto them.
20 Therefore God dealt well with the midwives: and the people multiplied, and waxed very mighty.
21 And it came to pass, because the midwives feared God, that he made them houses.

Pharaoh's Order to His People

22 And Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river, and every daughter ye shall save alive.

Moses Hidden

2 And there went a man of the house of Levi, and took *to wife* a daughter of Levi.
2 And the woman conceived, and bare a son: and when she saw him that he *was a* goodly *child,* she hid him three months.
3 And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child therein; and she laid *it* in the flags by the river's brink.
4 And his sister stood afar off, to wit what would be done to him.

Moses' Early Life

5 And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash *herself* at the river; and her maidens walked along by the river's side; and when she saw the ark among the flags, she sent her maid to fetch it.
6 And when she had opened *it,* she saw the child: and, behold, the babe wept. And she had compassion on him, and said, This *is one* of the Hebrews' children.
7 Then said his sister to Pharaoh's daughter, Shall I go and call to thee a nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for thee?
8 And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Go. And the maid went and called the child's mother.
9 And Pharaoh's daughter said unto her, Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give *thee* thy wages. And the woman took the child, and nursed it.
10 And the child grew, and she brought him unto Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name Moses: and she said, Because I drew him out of the water.

1:11 afflict ▸ *see Judg. 16:6.*
1:11 Pharaoh ▸ *see Gen. 41:1.*
1:14 bondage ▸ *see Num. 18:21.*
1:18 call ▸ *see Jer. 33:3.*
1:19 woman ▸ *see Judg. 21:11.*
2:5 wash ▸ *see Ex. 30:18.*

2:10 draw

(Heb. *mashah*) (2 Sam. 22:17; Ps. 18:16) H4871: This rare word occurs only three times in the entire Bible. All three instances refer to delivering an individual by drawing him out of water. In David's psalm (recorded twice), the water figuratively represents the danger he was in from King Saul. Here, the water is literal, but the danger is just as real. In this passage, the word is used as a pun upon the sound of Moses' name. Actually, Moses' name was Egyptian and similar to parts of other well-known Egyptian names (e.g. Rameses, Tuthmosis). The Old Testament loves wordplay based upon sound (e.g. Gen. 11:9).

11 And it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens: and he spied an Egyptian smiting an Hebrew, one of his brethren.
12 And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that *there was* no man, he slew the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand.
13 And when he went out the second day, behold, two men of the Hebrews strove together: and he said to him that did the wrong, Wherefore smitest thou thy fellow?
14 And he said, Who made thee a prince and a judge over us? intendest thou to kill me, as thou killedst the Egyptian? And Moses feared, and said, Surely this thing is known.

Moses Flees from Pharaoh

15 Now when Pharaoh heard this thing, he sought to slay Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh, and dwelt in the land of Midian: and he sat down by a well.
16 Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters: and they came and drew *water,* and filled the troughs to water their father's flock.
17 And the shepherds came and drove them away: but Moses stood up and helped them, and watered their flock.
18 And when they came to Reuel their father, he said, How *is it that* ye are come so soon to day?
19 And they said, An Egyptian delivered us out of the hand of the shepherds, and also drew *water* enough for us, and watered the flock.
20 And he said unto his daughters, And where *is* he? why *is* it *that* ye have left the man? call him, that he may eat bread.
21 And Moses was content to dwell with the man: and he gave Moses Zipporah his daughter.
22 And she bare *him* a son, and he called his name Gershom: for he said, I have been a stranger in a strange land.

God Hears His People's Cry

23 And it came to pass in process of time, that the king of Egypt died: and the children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage.
24 And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.
25 And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God had respect unto *them.*

Moses and the Burning Bush

3 Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, *even* to Horeb.
2 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush *was* not consumed.
3 And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.
4 And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here *am* I.
5 And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest *is* holy ground.
6 Moreover he said, I *am* the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.
7 And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which *are* in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows;

2:13 strive ▸ *see Num. 26:9.*
2:15 hear ▸ *see 1 Sam. 3:10.*
2:16 fill ▸ *see Jer. 23:24.*
2:22 stranger ▸ *see Ruth 2:10.*
2:23 sigh ▸ *see Is. 24:7.*
2:23 cry ▸ *see Judg. 10:10.*
2:24 covenant ▸ *see 2 Sam. 3:12.*
3:2 fire ▸ *see Lev. 10:2.*
3:3 great ▸ *see Gen. 21:18.*
3:5 foot ▸ *see 2 Sam. 14:25.*
3:5 holy ▸ *see Ex. 36:6.*
3:6 Abraham ▸ *see Gen. 17:5.*

3:7 know

(Heb. *yada'*) (Gen. 4:1; Ex. 5:2; Ezek. 38:23) H3045: To know means to understand, or perceive (as here), or to have knowledge of (Ex. 5:2), or to recognize in the fullest sense and with certainty (Ex.

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8 And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites.
9 Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them.

Moses' Call

10 Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.
11 And Moses said unto God, Who *am* I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?
12 And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this *shall be* a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.
13 And Moses said unto God, Behold, *when* I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What *is* his name? what shall I say unto them?
14 And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.
15 And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this *is* my name for ever, and this *is* my memorial unto all generations.
16 Go, and gather the elders of Israel together, and say unto them, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared unto me, saying, I have surely visited you, and *seen* that which is done to you in Egypt:
17 And I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt unto the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, unto a land flowing with milk and honey.
18 And they shall hearken to thy voice: and thou shalt come, thou and the elders of Israel, unto the king of Egypt, and ye shall say unto him, The LORD God of the Hebrews hath met with us: and now let us go, we beseech thee, three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.

God Will Do Wonders

19 And I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go, no, not by a mighty hand.
20 And I will stretch out my hand, and smite Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in the midst thereof: and after that he will let you go.
21 And I will give this people favour in the sight of the Egyptians: and it shall come to pass, that, when ye go, ye shall not go empty:

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7:17). It can also mean to have a skill, as Hiram's servants "had knowledge of the sea" (1 Kin. 9:27), or be used as a polite way to talk about sexual intercourse, as Adam knew Eve (Gen. 4:1), but David did not know the young woman they sent to lie with him (1 Kin. 1:4). God is described as knowing (taking care of) those who trust Him (Nah. 1:7), and making Himself known (revealing Himself) to the world (Ezek. 38:23).

3:8 deliver

(Heb. *natsal*) (Judg. 6:9; 1 Sam. 10:18) H5337: This verb may mean either "to strip, to plunder" or "to snatch away, to deliver." The word is often used to describe God's work in delivering (Ex. 3:8), or rescuing (Ex. 6:6), the Israelites from slavery. Sometimes it signifies deliverance of God's people from sin and guilt (Ps. 51:14). But in Exodus 18:8, the word is a statement of God's supremacy over the Egyptian pantheon of deities. The Lord was so powerful that He could "snatch" the entire nation of Israel from Pharaoh's grasp (Ex. 18:10). This was only the beginning, for God repeatedly delivered the Israelites from their enemies (Josh. 11:6; Judg. 3:9). The Lord was their Deliverer, and the psalmists proclaimed this fact with joy (Ps. 18:12; 144:2).

3:8 flowing ▸ *see Lam. 4:9.*
3:8 Canaanite ▸ *see Neh. 9:8.*
3:9 oppression ▸ *see Ps. 43:2.*
3:15 Israel ▸ *see Gen. 32:28.*
3:15 memorial ▸ *see Ps. 102:12.*
3:17 affliction ▸ *see Job 30:16.*
3:18 Hebrew ▸ *see Jer. 34:9.*

22 But every woman shall borrow of her neighbour, and of her that sojourneth in her house, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: and ye shall put *them* upon your sons, and upon your daughters; and ye shall spoil the Egyptians.

Moses' Rod

4 And Moses answered and said, But, behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice: for they will say, The LORD hath not appeared unto thee.
2 And the LORD said unto him, What *is* that in thine hand? And he said, A rod.
3 And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it.
4 And the LORD said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand:
5 That they may believe that the LORD God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath appeared unto thee.

Moses' Leprous Hand

6 And the LORD said furthermore unto him, Put now thine hand into thy bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom: and when he took it out, behold, his hand *was* leprous as snow.
7 And he said, Put thine hand into thy bosom again. And he put his hand into his bosom again; and plucked it out of his bosom, and, behold, it was turned again as his *other* flesh.
8 And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee, neither hearken to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign.
9 And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe also these two signs, neither hearken unto thy voice, that thou shalt take of the water of the river, and pour *it* upon the dry *land:* and the water which thou takest out of the river shall become blood upon the dry *land*.

Moses Feels Inadequate

10 And Moses said unto the LORD, O my Lord, I *am* not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I *am* slow of speech, and of a slow tongue.
11 And the LORD said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the LORD?
12 Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say.
13 And he said, O my Lord, send, I pray thee, by the hand *of him whom* thou wilt send.

Aaron Appointed Spokesman

14 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses, and he said, *Is* not Aaron the Levite thy brother? I know that he can speak well. And also, behold, he cometh forth to meet thee: and when he seeth thee, he will be glad in his heart.
15 And thou shalt speak unto him, and put words in his mouth: and I will be with thy mouth, and with his mouth, and will teach you what ye shall do.
16 And he shall be thy spokesman unto the people: and he shall be, *even* he shall be to thee instead of a mouth, and thou shalt be to him instead of God.
17 And thou shalt take this rod in thine hand, wherewith thou shalt do signs.

Moses Returns to Egypt

18 And Moses went and returned to Jethro his father in law, and said unto him, Let me go, I pray thee, and return unto my brethren which *are* in Egypt, and see whether they be yet alive. And Jethro said to Moses, Go in peace.
19 And the LORD said unto Moses in Midian, Go, return into Egypt: for all the men are dead which sought thy life.
20 And Moses took his wife and his sons, and set them upon an ass, and he returned to the land of Egypt: and Moses took the rod of God in his hand.

God's Message to Pharaoh

21 And the LORD said unto Moses, When thou goest to return into Egypt, see that thou do all those wonders before Pharaoh, which I

3:22 silver ▸ *see 2 Kin. 15:20.*
4:9 pour ▸ *see 1 Kin. 13:5.*
4:10 tongue ▸ *see Eccl. 10:11.*
4:14 kindle ▸ *see Ps. 124:3.*
4:17 rod ▸ *see Ex. 38:22.*
4:19 seek ▸ *see Hos. 5:15.*

have put in thine hand: but I will harden his heart, that he shall not let the people go.
22 And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel *is* my son, *even* my firstborn:
23 And I say unto thee, Let my son go, that he may serve me: and if thou refuse to let him go, behold, I will slay thy son, *even* thy firstborn.
24 And it came to pass by the way in the inn, that the LORD met him, and sought to kill him.
25 Then Zipporah took a sharp stone, and cut off the foreskin of her son, and cast *it* at his feet, and said, Surely a bloody husband *art* thou to me.
26 So he let him go: then she said, A bloody husband *thou art,* because of the circumcision.
27 And the LORD said to Aaron, Go into the wilderness to meet Moses. And he went, and met him in the mount of God, and kissed him.
28 And Moses told Aaron all the words of the LORD who had sent him, and all the signs which he had commanded him.

The Children of Israel Believe

29 And Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the children of Israel:
30 And Aaron spake all the words which the LORD had spoken unto Moses, and did the signs in the sight of the people.
31 And the people believed: and when they heard that the LORD had visited the children of Israel, and that he had looked upon their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshipped.

Confronting Pharaoh

5 And afterward Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness.
2 And Pharaoh said, Who *is* the LORD, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the LORD, neither will I let Israel go.
3 And they said, The God of the Hebrews hath met with us: let us go, we pray thee, three days' journey into the desert, and sacrifice unto the LORD our God; lest he fall upon us with pestilence, or with the sword.
4 And the king of Egypt said unto them, Wherefore do ye, Moses and Aaron, let the people from their works? get you unto your burdens.
5 And Pharaoh said, Behold, the people of the land now *are* many, and ye make them rest from their burdens.

Pharaoh Increases Burdens

6 And Pharaoh commanded the same day the taskmasters of the people, and their officers, saying,
7 Ye shall no more give the people straw to make brick, as heretofore: let them go and gather straw for themselves.
8 And the tale of the bricks, which they did make heretofore, ye shall lay upon them; ye shall not diminish *ought* thereof: for they *be* idle; therefore they cry, saying, Let us go *and* sacrifice to our God.

4:22 firstborn ▸ *see Num. 8:17.*
4:25 cut off ▸ *see Ex. 34:27.*
4:31 believe ▸ *see Gen. 15:6.*

4:31 visit

(Heb. *paqad*) (Ps. 8:4) H6485: This troublesome verb seems largely to boil down to "to visit in order to give careful attention to matters"—largely for good, but sometimes for bad. This visitation occurs for a variety of matters, such as giving due diligence (1 Sam. 17:18; 1 Kin. 14:27; 2 Kin. 9:34), appointing overseers (Gen. 39:4, 5; Deut. 20:9; Is. 62:6), mustering troops (Num. 1:3; 31:48; Is. 13:4), taking a census (2 Sam. 24:2), noticing an absence (1 Sam. 20:18), testing (Job 7:18; Ps. 17:3), executing divine judgment (Ex. 20:5; Jer. 51:47, 52), and conferring a divine blessing (Gen. 50:24, 25; 1 Sam. 2:21; Ruth 1:6). It is frequently used in a technical sense.

5:2 know ▸ *see Ex. 3:7.*

5:8 idle

(Heb. *raphah*) (Prov. 18:9; Jer. 38:4) H7503: The key idea of this word is "to drop or droop." One may drop work, often suggesting idleness or laziness (Neh. 6:3; Ps. 46:10; Prov. 18:9); maintaining company and/or support, thus leaving someone alone or abandoned (Deut. 4:31; Song 3:4); and anger (Judg. 8:3; Ps. 37:8). Grass drops in a flame (Is. 5:24) and the dropping of the sun suggests the dropping of the day (Judg. 19:9). The Hebrew expression "to drop the hands" frequently indicates a loss of courage and/or confidence (2 Sam. 4:1; 24:16; Neh. 6:9).

9 Let there more work be laid upon the men, that they may labour therein; and let them not regard vain words.
10 And the taskmasters of the people went out, and their officers, and they spake to the people, saying, Thus saith Pharaoh, I will not give you straw.
11 Go ye, get you straw where ye can find it: yet not ought of your work shall be diminished.
12 So the people were scattered abroad throughout all the land of Egypt to gather stubble instead of straw.
13 And the taskmasters hasted *them,* saying, Fulfil your works, *your* daily tasks, as when there was straw.
14 And the officers of the children of Israel, which Pharaoh's taskmasters had set over them, were beaten, *and* demanded, Wherefore have ye not fulfilled your task in making brick both yesterday and to day, as heretofore?

Officers Beg for Relief

15 Then the officers of the children of Israel came and cried unto Pharaoh, saying, Wherefore dealest thou thus with thy servants?
16 There is no straw given unto thy servants, and they say to us, Make brick: and, behold, thy servants *are* beaten; but the fault *is* in thine own people.
17 But he said, Ye *are* idle, *ye are* idle: therefore ye say, Let us go *and* do sacrifice to the LORD.
18 Go therefore now, *and* work; for there shall no straw be given you, yet shall ye deliver the tale of bricks.

Murmurings Against Moses

19 And the officers of the children of Israel did see *that* they *were* in evil *case,* after it was said, Ye shall not minish *ought* from your bricks of your daily task.
20 And they met Moses and Aaron, who stood in the way, as they came forth from Pharaoh:
21 And they said unto them, The LORD look upon you, and judge; because ye have made our savour to be abhorred in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of his servants, to put a sword in their hand to slay us.

Moses' Prayer

22 And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Lord, wherefore hast thou *so* evil entreated this people? why *is* it *that* thou hast sent me?
23 For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in thy name, he hath done evil to this people; neither hast thou delivered thy people at all.

God Renews His Covenant with Moses

6 Then the LORD said unto Moses, Now shalt thou see what I will do to Pharaoh: for with a strong hand shall he let them go, and with a strong hand shall he drive them out of his land.
2 And God spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I *am* the LORD:
3 And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by *the name of* God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them.
4 And I have also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, wherein they were strangers.
5 And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage; and I have remembered my covenant.
6 Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I *am* the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments:
7 And I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a God: and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD your God, which bringeth you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.
8 And I will bring you in unto the land, concerning the which I did swear to give it to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; and I will give it you for an heritage: I *am* the LORD.

The People Will Not Listen

9 And Moses spake so unto the children of Israel: but they hearkened not unto Moses for anguish of spirit, and for cruel bondage.
10 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
11 Go in, speak unto Pharaoh king of Egypt,

6:3 name ▸ *see 1 Kin. 18:24.*
6:4 pilgrimage ▸ *see Gen. 47:9.*

that he let the children of Israel go out of his land.
12 And Moses spake before the LORD, saying, Behold, the children of Israel have not hearkened unto me; how then shall Pharaoh hear me, who *am* of uncircumcised lips?
13 And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, and gave them a charge unto the children of Israel, and unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt.

Heads of Families in Egypt

14 These *be* the heads of their fathers' houses: The sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel; Hanoch, and Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi: these *be* the families of Reuben.
15 And the sons of Simeon; Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, and Jachin, and Zohar, and Shaul the son of a Canaanitish woman: these *are* the families of Simeon.
16 And these *are* the names of the sons of Levi according to their generations; Gershon, and Kohath, and Merari: and the years of the life of Levi *were* an hundred thirty and seven years.
17 The sons of Gershon; Libni, and Shimi, according to their families.
18 And the sons of Kohath; Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel: and the years of the life of Kohath *were* an hundred thirty and three years.
19 And the sons of Merari; Mahali and Mushi: these *are* the families of Levi according to their generations.
20 And Amram took him Jochebed his father's sister to wife; and she bare him Aaron and Moses: and the years of the life of Amram *were* an hundred and thirty and seven years.
21 And the sons of Izhar; Korah, and Nepheg, and Zichri.
22 And the sons of Uzziel; Mishael, and Elzaphan, and Zithri.
23 And Aaron took him Elisheba, daughter of Amminadab, sister of Naashon, to wife; and she bare him Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.
24 And the sons of Korah; Assir, and Elkanah, and Abiasaph: these *are* the families of the Korhites.
25 And Eleazar Aaron's son took him *one* of the daughters of Putiel to wife; and she bare him Phinehas: these *are* the heads of the fathers of the Levites according to their families.
26 These *are* that Aaron and Moses, to whom the LORD said, Bring out the children of Israel from the land of Egypt according to their armies.
27 These *are* they which spake to Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring out the children of Israel from Egypt: these *are* that Moses and Aaron.
28 And it came to pass on the day *when* the LORD spake unto Moses in the land of Egypt,
29 That the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, I *am* the LORD: speak thou unto Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I say unto thee.
30 And Moses said before the LORD, Behold, I *am* of uncircumcised lips, and how shall Pharaoh hearken unto me?

God's Instructions to Moses

7 And the LORD said unto Moses, See, I have made thee a god to Pharaoh: and Aaron thy brother shall be thy prophet.
2 Thou shalt speak all that I command thee: and Aaron thy brother shall speak unto Pharaoh, that he send the children of Israel out of his land.
3 And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and multiply my signs and my wonders in the land of Egypt.
4 But Pharaoh shall not hearken unto you, that I may lay my hand upon Egypt, and bring forth mine armies, *and* my people the

6:12 uncircumcised

(Heb. *`arel*) (Gen. 17:14; Josh. 5:7) H6189: This word actually means "having foreskin." Viewed negatively, it is translated "uncircumcised." Surprisingly, several things can be described this way: lips that do not speak well (Ex. 6:12, 30), ears that do not listen well (Jer. 6:10), hearts that reject God (Lev. 26:41–43; Ezek. 44:7–9), and even fruit that God forbade to be eaten for a time (Lev. 19:23). Uncircumcised men were considered unclean (Is. 52:1) and forbidden to participate in the Passover celebration (Ex. 12:48, 49). This word is used many times to identify men as Gentiles (people outside of God's covenant)—often employing a very negative tone, particularly with reference to the Philistines (a non-Abrahamic people) (1 Sam. 17:26, 36; 2 Sam. 1:20).

6:14 head ▸ *see Gen. 3:15.*

children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great judgments.
5 And the Egyptians shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I stretch forth mine hand upon Egypt, and bring out the children of Israel from among them.
6 And Moses and Aaron did as the LORD commanded them, so did they.
7 And Moses *was* fourscore years old, and Aaron fourscore and three years old, when they spake unto Pharaoh.
8 And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,
9 When Pharaoh shall speak unto you, saying, Shew a miracle for you: then thou shalt say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and cast *it* before Pharaoh, *and* it shall become a serpent.

Aaron's Rod Becomes a Serpent

10 And Moses and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and they did so as the LORD had commanded: and Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh, and before his servants, and it became a serpent.
11 Then Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers: now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments.
12 For they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents: but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods.
13 And he hardened Pharaoh's heart, that he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.

Instructions for Pharaoh

14 And the LORD said unto Moses, Pharaoh's heart *is* hardened, he refuseth to let the people go.
15 Get thee unto Pharaoh in the morning; lo, he goeth out unto the water; and thou shalt stand by the river's brink against he come; and the rod which was turned to a serpent shalt thou take in thine hand.
16 And thou shalt say unto him, The LORD God of the Hebrews hath sent me unto thee, saying, Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness: and, behold, hitherto thou wouldest not hear.
17 Thus saith the LORD, In this thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD: behold, I will smite with the rod that *is* in mine hand upon the waters which *are* in the river, and they shall be turned to blood.
18 And the fish that *is* in the river shall die, and the river shall stink; and the Egyptians shall lothe to drink of the water of the river.
19 And the LORD spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and stretch out thine hand upon the waters of Egypt, upon their streams, upon their rivers, and upon their ponds, and upon all their pools of water, that they may become blood; and *that* there may be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in *vessels of* wood, and in *vessels of* stone.

The Plague of Blood

20 And Moses and Aaron did so, as the LORD commanded; and he lifted up the rod, and smote the waters that *were* in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants; and all the waters that *were* in the river were turned to blood.
21 And the fish that *was* in the river died; and the river stank, and the Egyptians could not drink of the water of the river; and there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt.
22 And the magicians of Egypt did so with their enchantments: and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, neither did he hearken unto them; as the LORD had said.
23 And Pharaoh turned and went into his house, neither did he set his heart to this also.
24 And all the Egyptians digged round about the river for water to drink; for they could not drink of the water of the river.
25 And seven days were fulfilled, after that the LORD had smitten the river.

7:14 hardened

(Heb. *kabed*) (Ex. 18:18; Ps. 38:4; Prov. 27:3) H3515: This is one of several words used to refer to the "hardening of Pharaoh's heart." At base, it means "heavy." It is frequently employed negatively implying a difficulty or burden. This word is used literally only twice (Ex. 17:12; 1 Sam. 4:18). It can describe full rain clouds (Ex. 19:16), a massive swarm of insects (Ex. 8:24), and Abraham's riches (Gen. 13:2). Other things that are described as "heavy" include Solomon's taxes (1 Kin. 12:4), famine (Gen. 12:10), lamentation (Gen. 50:10, 11), and iniquity (Is. 1:4). Moses complained that his mouth and tongue were heavy, preventing their effective use (in speech, Ex. 4:10). Perhaps, this idea relates to Pharaoh's heavy heart in the Book of Exodus.

7:21 fish ▸ *see Ps. 105:29.*

The Plague of Frogs

8 And the LORD spake unto Moses, Go unto Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Let my people go, that they may serve me.
2 And if thou refuse to let *them* go, behold, I will smite all thy borders with frogs:
3 And the river shall bring forth frogs abundantly, which shall go up and come into thine house, and into thy bedchamber, and upon thy bed, and into the house of thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thine ovens, and into thy kneadingtroughs:
4 And the frogs shall come up both on thee, and upon thy people, and upon all thy servants.
5 And the LORD spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch forth thine hand with thy rod over the streams, over the rivers, and over the ponds, and cause frogs to come up upon the land of Egypt.
6 And Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt; and the frogs came up, and covered the land of Egypt.
7 And the magicians did so with their enchantments, and brought up frogs upon the land of Egypt.

Pharaoh Asks for Relief

8 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, Intreat the LORD, that he may take away the frogs from me, and from my people; and I will let the people go, that they may do sacrifice unto the LORD.
9 And Moses said unto Pharaoh, Glory over me: when shall I intreat for thee, and for thy servants, and for thy people, to destroy the frogs from thee and thy houses, *that* they may remain in the river only?
10 And he said, To morrow. And he said, *Be it* according to thy word: that thou mayest know that *there is* none like unto the LORD our God.
11 And the frogs shall depart from thee, and from thy houses, and from thy servants, and from thy people; they shall remain in the river only.
12 And Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh: and Moses cried unto the LORD because of the frogs which he had brought against Pharaoh.
13 And the LORD did according to the word of Moses; and the frogs died out of the houses, out of the villages, and out of the fields.
14 And they gathered them together upon heaps: and the land stank.
15 But when Pharaoh saw that there was respite, he hardened his heart, and hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.

The Plague of Lice

16 And the LORD said unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch out thy rod, and smite the dust of the land, that it may become lice throughout all the land of Egypt.
17 And they did so; for Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod, and smote the dust of the earth, and it became lice in man, and in beast; all the dust of the land became lice throughout all the land of Egypt.
18 And the magicians did so with their enchantments to bring forth lice, but they could not: so there were lice upon man, and upon beast.
19 Then the magicians said unto Pharaoh, This *is* the finger of God: and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.

The Plague of Flies

20 And the LORD said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh; lo, he cometh forth to the water; and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Let my people go, that they may serve me.

8:2 smite ▸ *see Ps. 89:23.*
8:2 border ▸ *see Josh. 15:12.*

8:8 intreat

(Heb. *`atar*) (Ex. 9:28; 10:17) H6279: This Hebrew word translated *intreat* (Ex. 8:8,9) is one of the biblical words for prayer. The word depicts a person earnestly beseeching God and basically means to ask (Gen. 25:21; Is. 19:22). In the Old Testament, spreading out one's hands before the Lord was a common gesture associated with prayer (Ex. 9:29). This gesture expressed the petitioner's receptiveness to God, and his or her need. Empty-handed, with nothing to offer but oneself, petitioners were asking God to fill their hands with His blessings. For this reason, God warned worshipers to petition Him with hands that were not soiled by unclean and halfhearted offerings (Mal. 1:9).

8:9 say ▸ *see Is. 31:4.*

21 Else, if thou wilt not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms *of flies* upon thee, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thy houses: and the houses of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms *of flies,* and also the ground whereon they *are.*
22 And I will sever in that day the land of Goshen, in which my people dwell, that no swarms *of flies* shall be there; to the end thou mayest know that I *am* the LORD in the midst of the earth.
23 And I will put a division between my people and thy people: to morrow shall this sign be.
24 And the LORD did so; and there came a grievous swarm *of flies* into the house of Pharaoh, and *into* his servants' houses, and into all the land of Egypt: the land was corrupted by reason of the swarm *of flies.*

Pharaoh Says Go

25 And Pharaoh called for Moses and for Aaron, and said, Go ye, sacrifice to your God in the land.
26 And Moses said, It is not meet so to do; for we shall sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians to the LORD our God: lo, shall we sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians before their eyes, and will they not stone us?
27 We will go three days' journey into the wilderness, and sacrifice to the LORD our God, as he shall command us.
28 And Pharaoh said, I will let you go, that ye may sacrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness; only ye shall not go very far away: intreat for me.
29 And Moses said, Behold, I go out from thee, and I will intreat the LORD that the swarms *of flies* may depart from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people, to morrow: but let not Pharaoh deal deceitfully any more in not letting the people go to sacrifice to the LORD.
30 And Moses went out from Pharaoh, and intreated the LORD.
31 And the LORD did according to the word of Moses; and he removed the swarms *of flies* from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people; there remained not one.
32 And Pharaoh hardened his heart at this time also, neither would he let the people go.

The Plague on the Cattle

9 Then the LORD said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh, and tell him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me.
2 For if thou refuse to let *them* go, and wilt hold them still,
3 Behold, the hand of the LORD is upon thy cattle which *is* in the field, upon the horses, upon the asses, upon the camels, upon the oxen, and upon the sheep: *there shall be* a very grievous murrain.
4 And the LORD shall sever between the cattle of Israel and the cattle of Egypt: and there shall nothing die of all *that is* the children's of Israel.
5 And the LORD appointed a set time, saying, To morrow the LORD shall do this thing in the land.
6 And the LORD did that thing on the morrow, and all the cattle of Egypt died: but of the cattle of the children of Israel died not one.
7 And Pharaoh sent, and, behold, there was not one of the cattle of the Israelites dead. And the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he did not let the people go.

The Plague of Boils

8 And the LORD said unto Moses and unto Aaron, Take to you handfuls of ashes of the furnace, and let Moses sprinkle it toward the heaven in the sight of Pharaoh.
9 And it shall become small dust in all the land of Egypt, and shall be a boil breaking forth *with* blains upon man, and upon beast, throughout all the land of Egypt.

8:22 shall be ▸ *see Gen. 27:1.*
8:23 division ▸ *see Ps. 111:9.*
9:4 sever ▸ *see Ps. 139:14.*

9:8 sprinkle

(Heb. *zaraq*) (Lev. 17:6; Num. 18:17; Ezek. 36:25) H2236: Sometimes translated as "scatter," the Hebrew word *zaraq* appears most often in the context of offerings, where blood is sprinkled to atone for sin. In Job 2:12 it is used to describe scattering dust, as it is here. It is fitting that God used scattered ashes to bring about this punishment for the Egyptians because their oppression of the Israelites was likened to a furnace in Deuteronomy 4:20: "But the LORD hath taken you, and brought you forth out of the iron furnace, even out of Egypt."

9:9 dust ▸ *see Is. 29:5.*

10 And they took ashes of the furnace, and stood before Pharaoh; and Moses sprinkled it up toward heaven; and it became a boil breaking forth *with* blains upon man, and upon beast.
11 And the magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils; for the boil was upon the magicians, and upon all the Egyptians.
12 And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had spoken unto Moses.

Moses Warns of Coming Hail

13 And the LORD said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me.
14 For I will at this time send all my plagues upon thine heart, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people; that thou mayest know that *there is* none like me in all the earth.
15 For now I will stretch out my hand, that I may smite thee and thy people with pestilence; and thou shalt be cut off from the earth.
16 And in very deed for this *cause* have I raised thee up, for to shew *in* thee my power; and that my name may be declared throughout all the earth.
17 As yet exaltest thou thyself against my people, that thou wilt not let them go?
18 Behold, to morrow about this time I will cause it to rain a very grievous hail, such as hath not been in Egypt since the foundation thereof even until now.
19 Send therefore now, *and* gather thy cattle, and all that thou hast in the field; *for upon* every man and beast which shall be found in the field, and shall not be brought home, the hail shall come down upon them, and they shall die.
20 He that feared the word of the LORD among the servants of Pharaoh made his servants and his cattle flee into the houses:
21 And he that regarded not the word of the LORD left his servants and his cattle in the field.

The Plague of Hail

22 And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch forth thine hand toward heaven, that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt, upon man, and upon beast, and upon every herb of the field, throughout the land of Egypt.
23 And Moses stretched forth his rod toward heaven: and the LORD sent thunder and hail, and the fire ran along upon the ground; and the LORD rained hail upon the land of Egypt.
24 So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, very grievous, such as there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation.
25 And the hail smote throughout all the land of Egypt all that *was* in the field, both man and beast; and the hail smote every herb of the field, and brake every tree of the field.
26 Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel *were,* was there no hail.

Pharaoh's Response

27 And Pharaoh sent, and called for Moses and Aaron, and said unto them, I have sinned this time: the LORD *is* righteous, and I and my people *are* wicked.
28 Intreat the LORD (for *it is* enough) that there be no *more* mighty thunderings and hail; and I will let you go, and ye shall stay no longer.
29 And Moses said unto him, As soon as I am gone out of the city, I will spread abroad my hands unto the LORD; *and* the thunder shall cease, neither shall there be any more hail; that thou mayest know how that the earth *is* the LORD's.
30 But as for thee and thy servants, I know that ye will not yet fear the LORD God.
31 And the flax and the barley was smitten: for the barley *was* in the ear, and the flax *was* bolled.
32 But the wheat and the rie were not smitten: for they *were* not grown up.
33 And Moses went out of the city from Pharaoh, and spread abroad his hands unto the LORD: and the thunders and hail ceased, and the rain was not poured upon the earth.
34 And when Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the thunders were ceased, he sinned yet more, and hardened his heart, he and his servants.

9:14 plague ▸ *see Num. 25:9.*
9:18 time ▸ *see Is. 33:6.*
9:23 thunder ▸ *see Ex. 20:18.*
9:28 intreat ▸ *see Ex. 8:8.*
9:29 spread ▸ *see 2 Kin. 19:14.*

35 And the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, neither would he let the children of Israel go; as the LORD had spoken by Moses.

What Things God Has Wrought

10 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh: for I have hardened his heart, and the heart of his servants, that I might shew these my signs before him:
2 And that thou mayest tell in the ears of thy son, and of thy son's son, what things I have wrought in Egypt, and my signs which I have done among them; that ye may know how that I *am* the LORD.

Moses Warns of Coming Locusts

3 And Moses and Aaron came in unto Pharaoh, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, How long wilt thou refuse to humble thyself before me? let my people go, that they may serve me.
4 Else, if thou refuse to let my people go, behold, to morrow will I bring the locusts into thy coast:
5 And they shall cover the face of the earth, that one cannot be able to see the earth: and they shall eat the residue of that which is escaped, which remaineth unto you from the hail, and shall eat every tree which groweth for you out of the field:
6 And they shall fill thy houses, and the houses of all thy servants, and the houses of all the Egyptians; which neither thy fathers, nor thy fathers' fathers have seen, since the day that they were upon the earth unto this day. And he turned himself, and went out from Pharaoh.
7 And Pharaoh's servants said unto him, How long shall this man be a snare unto us? let the men go, that they may serve the LORD their God: knowest thou not yet that Egypt is destroyed?
8 And Moses and Aaron were brought again unto Pharaoh: and he said unto them, Go, serve the LORD your God: *but* who *are* they that shall go?
9 And Moses said, We will go with our young and with our old, with our sons and with our daughters, with our flocks and with our herds will we go; for we *must hold* a feast unto the LORD.
10 And he said unto them, Let the LORD be so with you, as I will let you go, and your little ones: look *to it;* for evil *is* before you.
11 Not so: go now ye *that are* men, and serve the LORD; for that ye did desire. And they were driven out from Pharaoh's presence.

The Plague of Locusts

12 And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, that they may come up upon the land of Egypt, and eat every herb of the land, *even* all that the hail hath left.
13 And Moses stretched forth his rod over the land of Egypt, and the LORD brought an east wind upon the land all that day, and all *that* night; *and* when it was morning, the east wind brought the locusts.
14 And the locusts went up over all the land of Egypt, and rested in all the coasts of Egypt: very grievous *were they;* before them there were no such locusts as they, neither after them shall be such.
15 For they covered the face of the whole earth, so that the land was darkened; and they did eat every herb of the land, and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left: and there remained not any green thing in the trees, or in the herbs of the field, through all the land of Egypt.
16 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron in haste; and he said, I have sinned against the LORD your God, and against you.
17 Now therefore forgive, I pray thee, my sin only this once, and intreat the LORD your God, that he may take away from me this death only.
18 And he went out from Pharaoh, and intreated the LORD.

10:5 face ▸ *see Num. 22:11.*
10:5 escape ▸ *see Is. 37:32.*

10:7 snare

(Heb. *moqesh*) (Ex. 23:33; Josh. 23:13; Ps. 141:9; Is. 8:14) H4170: Snares were intentionally set traps to catch birds and wild animals for food (Amos 3:5). The word was also used of a ring put through an animal's nose (Job 40:24). Metaphorically it can describe traps set by evildoers to entangle others in sin or destruction (Deut. 7:16; Ps. 141:9) and the grasp of death (Ps. 18:5). People may even set snares for themselves if they follow the paths of sinners (Prov. 22:25). The common theme in these metaphors is that a snare causes injury.

10:17 intreat ▸ *see Ex. 8:8.*

19 And the LORD turned a mighty strong west wind, which took away the locusts, and cast them into the Red sea; there remained not one locust in all the coasts of Egypt.
20 But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, so that he would not let the children of Israel go.

The Plague of Darkness

21 And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even darkness *which* may be felt.
22 And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven; and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days:
23 They saw not one another, neither rose any from his place for three days: but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.
24 And Pharaoh called unto Moses, and said, Go ye, serve the LORD; only let your flocks and your herds be stayed: let your little ones also go with you.
25 And Moses said, Thou must give us also sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we may sacrifice unto the LORD our God.
26 Our cattle also shall go with us; there shall not an hoof be left behind; for thereof must we take to serve the LORD our God; and we know not with what we must serve the LORD, until we come thither.

See My Face No More

27 But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let them go.
28 And Pharaoh said unto him, Get thee from me, take heed to thyself, see my face no more; for in *that* day thou seest my face thou shalt die.
29 And Moses said, Thou hast spoken well, I will see thy face again no more.

The Final Plague

11 And the LORD said unto Moses, Yet will I bring one plague *more* upon Pharaoh, and upon Egypt; afterwards he will let you go hence: when he shall let *you* go, he shall surely thrust you out hence altogether.

Jewels to Be Borrowed

2 Speak now in the ears of the people, and let every man borrow of his neighbour, and every woman of her neighbour, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold.
3 And the LORD gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover the man Moses *was* very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's servants, and in the sight of the people.

Moses Warns of Firstborn's Death

4 And Moses said, Thus saith the LORD, About midnight will I go out into the midst of Egypt:
5 And all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sitteth upon his throne, even unto the firstborn of the maidservant that *is* behind the mill; and all the firstborn of beasts.
6 And there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there was none like it, nor shall be like it any more.
7 But against any of the children of Israel shall not a dog move his tongue, against man or beast: that ye may know how that the LORD doth put a difference between the Egyptians and Israel.
8 And all these thy servants shall come down unto me, and bow down themselves unto me, saying, Get thee out, and all the people that follow thee: and after that I will go out. And he went out from Pharaoh in a great anger.
9 And the LORD said unto Moses, Pharaoh shall not hearken unto you; that my wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt.
10 And Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before Pharaoh: and the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, so that he would not let the children of Israel go out of his land.

Passover Instituted by God

12 And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying,

10:25 sacrifice ▸ *see Num. 7:17.*

11:9 multiply

(Heb. *rabah*) (Gen. 1:28; Ex. 1:7; Deut. 8:13) H7235: The first command given to man was to "be fruitful and multiply" (Gen. 1:28), as the people of Israel did despite Pharaoh's brutal attempts to stop them (Ex. 1:7, 12). God's great promise to Abraham was to multiply his descendants "as the stars of the heaven" (Gen. 22:17). The word *rabah* could also refer to spreading out, as the waters of the great flood did (Gen. 7:18), or to the increase of wealth (Deut. 8:13), or the enlarging of territory (as in the prayer of Jabez, 1 Chr. 4:10).

2 This month *shall be* unto you the beginning of months: it *shall be* the first month of the year to you.
3 Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth *day* of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of *their* fathers, a lamb for an house:
4 And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take *it* according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb.
5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take *it* out from the sheep, or from the goats:
6 And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening.
7 And they shall take of the blood, and strike *it* on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.
8 And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; *and* with bitter *herbs* they shall eat it.
9 Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast *with* fire; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance thereof.
10 And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire.
11 And thus shall ye eat it; *with* your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it *is* the LORD's passover.
12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I *am* the LORD.
13 And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye *are:* and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy *you,* when I smite the land of Egypt.

Keep Passover as a Memorial

14 And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever.
15 Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel.
16 And in the first day *there shall be* an holy convocation, and in the seventh day there shall be an holy convocation to you; no manner of work shall be done in them, save *that* which every man must eat, that only may be done of you.
17 And ye shall observe *the feast of* unleavened bread; for in this selfsame day have I brought your armies out of the land of Egypt: therefore shall ye observe this day in your generations by an ordinance for ever.
18 In the first *month,* on the fourteenth day of the month at even, ye shall eat unleavened bread, until the one and twentieth day of the month at even.
19 Seven days shall there be no leaven found in your houses: for whosoever eateth that which is leavened, even that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he be a stranger, or born in the land.
20 Ye shall eat nothing leavened; in all your habitations shall ye eat unleavened bread.

Blood on the Lintel and Posts

21 Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them, Draw out and

12:3 congregation ▸ *see Josh. 22:17.*
12:5 sheep ▸ *see Is. 5:17.*
12:10 remain ▸ *see Is. 4:3.*
12:11 passover ▸ *see 2 Chr. 35:1.*
12:12 pass ▸ *see Josh. 3:4.*
12:12 judgment ▸ *see Ezek. 11:9.*
12:13 blood ▸ *see Lev. 3:2.*
12:14 memorial ▸ *see Ex. 39:7.*
12:14 feast ▸ *see Deut 31:10.*
12:14 keep a feast ▸ *see Ex. 23:14.*

12:16 convocation

(Heb. *miqra'*) (Lev. 23:2, 3) H4744: In its basic sense, a convocation is a meeting that has been called, or an assembly of all the people. So, "the feasts of the LORD" are called "holy convocations" (Lev. 23:2), as is the Sabbath (Lev. 23:3). Moses was commanded to make two silver trumpets "for the calling [*miqra'*] of the assembly, and for the journeying of the camps" (Num. 10:2). The word *miqra'* can also apply to the Scriptures, so when Ezra gathered the people together to read the Law, the reading is referred to as the *miqra'* (Neh. 8:8).

take you a lamb according to your families, and kill the passover.
22 And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip *it* in the blood that *is* in the bason, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that *is* in the bason; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning.
23 For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite *you*.
24 And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons for ever.
25 And it shall come to pass, when ye be come to the land which the LORD will give you, according as he hath promised, that ye shall keep this service.
26 And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you, What mean ye by this service?
27 That ye shall say, It *is* the sacrifice of the LORD's passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped.
28 And the children of Israel went away, and did as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.

Death of the Firstborn

29 And it came to pass, that at midnight the LORD smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the firstborn of the captive that *was* in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle.
30 And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt; for *there was* not a house where *there was* not one dead.

Pharaoh's Orders to Leave

31 And he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, Rise up, *and* get you forth from among my people, both ye and the children of Israel; and go, serve the LORD, as ye have said.
32 Also take your flocks and your herds, as ye have said, and be gone; and bless me also.
33 And the Egyptians were urgent upon the people, that they might send them out of the land in haste; for they said, We *be* all dead *men*.
34 And the people took their dough before it was leavened, their kneadingtroughs being bound up in their clothes upon their shoulders.
35 And the children of Israel did according to the word of Moses; and they borrowed of the Egyptians jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment:
36 And the LORD gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they lent unto them *such things as they required*. And they spoiled the Egyptians.

Leaving Egypt

37 And the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand on foot *that were* men, beside children.
38 And a mixed multitude went up also with them; and flocks, and herds, *even* very much cattle.
39 And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they brought forth out of Egypt, for it was not leavened; because they were thrust out of Egypt, and could not tarry, neither had they prepared for themselves any victual.
40 Now the sojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, *was* four hundred and thirty years.
41 And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the selfsame day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt.
42 It *is* a night to be much observed unto the LORD for bringing them out from the land of Egypt: this *is* that night of the LORD to be observed of all the children of Israel in their generations.

Rules of the Passover

43 And the LORD said unto Moses and Aaron, This *is* the ordinance of the passover: There shall no stranger eat thereof:
44 But every man's servant that is bought for money, when thou hast circumcised him, then shall he eat thereof.

12:23 smite ▸ *see Ps. 89:23.*
12:37 children ▸ *see 1 Chr. 4:1.*
12:43 passover ▸ *see 2 Chr. 35:1.*

45 A foreigner and an hired servant shall not eat thereof.
46 In one house shall it be eaten; thou shalt not carry forth ought of the flesh abroad out of the house; neither shall ye break a bone thereof.
47 All the congregation of Israel shall keep it.
48 And when a stranger shall sojourn with thee, and will keep the passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as one that is born in the land: for no uncircumcised person shall eat thereof.
49 One law shall be to him that is homeborn, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among you.
50 Thus did all the children of Israel; as the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.
51 And it came to pass the selfsame day, *that* the LORD did bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their armies.

Remember the Passover

13 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
2 Sanctify unto me all the firstborn, whatsoever openeth the womb among the children of Israel, *both* of man and of beast: it *is* mine.
3 And Moses said unto the people, Remember this day, in which ye came out from Egypt, out of the house of bondage; for by strength of hand the LORD brought you out from this *place:* there shall no leavened bread be eaten.
4 This day came ye out in the month Abib.
5 And it shall be when the LORD shall bring thee into the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which he sware unto thy fathers to give thee, a land flowing with milk and honey, that thou shalt keep this service in this month.
6 Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, and in the seventh day *shall be* a feast to the LORD.
7 Unleavened bread shall be eaten seven days; and there shall no leavened bread be seen with thee, neither shall there be leaven seen with thee in all thy quarters.
8 And thou shalt shew thy son in that day, saying, *This is done* because of that *which* the LORD did unto me when I came forth out of Egypt.
9 And it shall be for a sign unto thee upon thine hand, and for a memorial between thine eyes, that the LORD's law may be in thy mouth: for with a strong hand hath the LORD brought thee out of Egypt.
10 Thou shalt therefore keep this ordinance in his season from year to year.

Set Apart the Firstborn

11 And it shall be when the LORD shall bring thee into the land of the Canaanites, as he sware unto thee and to thy fathers, and shall give it thee,
12 That thou shalt set apart unto the LORD all that openeth the matrix, and every firstling that cometh of a beast which thou hast; the males *shall be* the LORD's.
13 And every firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a lamb; and if thou wilt not redeem it, then thou shalt break his neck: and all the firstborn of man among thy children shalt thou redeem.
14 And it shall be when thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, What *is* this? that thou shalt say unto him, By strength of hand the LORD brought us out from Egypt, from the house of bondage:
15 And it came to pass, when Pharaoh would hardly let us go, that the LORD slew all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man, and the firstborn of beast: therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all

12:45 foreigner ▸ *see Gen. 23:4.*
12:51 Israel ▸ *see Gen. 32:28.*
13:2 sanctify ▸ *see Ex. 19:10.*
13:5 swear ▸ *see Deut. 1:8.*

13:14 strength

(Heb. *chozeq*) (Amos 6:13; Hag. 2:22) H2392: God is the one whose strength is exalted in Exodus, as the one who brought the plagues and instituted the Passover. It is a power that goes beyond the human, to describe the mighty works of God to bring an entire nation out of Egypt (Ex. 13:14). Thus, many years later God would speak through the prophet Amos to condemn the pride and arrogance of the Israelites for thinking it was their strength that led to victory over their enemies (Amos 6:13), and He would emphasize in comparison His own unique strength to defeat the Gentile kingdoms (Hag. 2:22).

13:15 firstborn ▸ *see Num. 8:17.*

that openeth the matrix, being males; but all the firstborn of my children I redeem.
16 And it shall be for a token upon thine hand, and for frontlets between thine eyes: for by strength of hand the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt.

The Beginning of the Exodus

17 And it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God led them not *through* the way of the land of the Philistines, although that *was* near; for God said, Lest peradventure the people repent when they see war, and they return to Egypt:
18 But God led the people about, *through* the way of the wilderness of the Red sea: and the children of Israel went up harnessed out of the land of Egypt.
19 And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him: for he had straitly sworn the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you; and ye shall carry up my bones away hence with you.
20 And they took their journey from Succoth, and encamped in Etham, in the edge of the wilderness.

Led by a Pillar of Cloud and Fire

21 And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night:
22 He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, *from* before the people.

God's Instructions to Israelites

14 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
2 Speak unto the children of Israel, that they turn and encamp before Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, over against Baal-zephon: before it shall ye encamp by the sea.
3 For Pharaoh will say of the children of Israel, They *are* entangled in the land, the wilderness hath shut them in.
4 And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, that he shall follow after them; and I will be honoured upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host; that the Egyptians may know that I *am* the LORD. And they did so.

Pharaoh Pursues the Israelites

5 And it was told the king of Egypt that the people fled: and the heart of Pharaoh and of his servants was turned against the people, and they said, Why have we done this, that we have let Israel go from serving us?
6 And he made ready his chariot, and took his people with him:
7 And he took six hundred chosen chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt, and captains over every one of them.
8 And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued after the children of Israel: and the children of Israel went out with an high hand.
9 But the Egyptians pursued after them, all the horses *and* chariots of Pharaoh, and his horsemen, and his army, and overtook them encamping by the sea, beside Pi-hahiroth, before Baal-zephon.

Fear of the People

10 And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were sore afraid: and the children of Israel cried out unto the LORD.
11 And they said unto Moses, Because *there were* no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? wherefore hast

13:17 Philistine ▸ *see 2 Sam. 5:17.*
13:17 near ▸ *see Ezek. 42:13.*
13:18 lead about ▸ *see Josh. 6:14.*
13:19 bone ▸ *see Ps. 53:5.*
13:20 encamp ▸ *see Num. 33:5.*
13:21 lead ▸ *see Ps. 67:4.*
13:21 way ▸ *see 2 Chr. 17:6.*
13:21 fire ▸ *see Lev. 10:2.*
14:6 chariot ▸ *see Ps. 20:7.*

14:9 pursue

(Heb. *radaph*) (Lev. 26:7; Deut. 19:6) H7291: The Egyptians chased after (*radaph*) the Israelites (Ex. 14:23) but were destroyed when the sea closed in around them. Similarly, Saul is remembered for his obsessive, and ultimately futile, pursuit of David (1 Sam. 23:25). Spiritually, the Lord promised the people that they would "chase [their] enemies" out of the Promised Land (Lev. 26:7), but only if they obeyed His commandments, assuming that they would follow "what is altogether just" (Deut. 16:20). The sense is not just obeying externally, but living the Law out completely; aggressively pursuing God's way.

14:9 horseman ▸ *see Ezra 8:22.*

thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt?
12 *Is* not this the word that we did tell thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For *it had been* better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness.

The Salvation of the Lord

13 And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever.
14 The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.
15 And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward:
16 But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry *ground* through the midst of the sea.
17 And I, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them: and I will get me honour upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen.
18 And the Egyptians shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have gotten me honour upon Pharaoh, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen.
19 And the angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them:
20 And it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel; and it was a cloud and darkness *to them,* but it gave light by night *to these:* so that the one came not near the other all the night.

Crossing the Red Sea

21 And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go *back* by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry *land,* and the waters were divided.
22 And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry *ground:* and the waters *were* a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.
23 And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them to the midst of the sea, *even* all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.
24 And it came to pass, that in the morning watch the LORD looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians,
25 And took off their chariot wheels, that they drave them heavily: so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel; for the LORD fighteth for them against the Egyptians.

Pharaoh's Army Destroyed

26 And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.
27 And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea.
28 And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, *and* all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them.
29 But the children of Israel walked upon dry *land* in the midst of the sea; and the waters *were* a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.
30 Thus the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea shore.
31 And Israel saw that great work which the LORD did upon the Egyptians: and the people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD, and his servant Moses.

Moses Sings unto the Lord

15 Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the LORD, and spake, saying, I will sing unto the LORD, for

14:16 rod ▸ *see Ex. 38:22.*
14:16 sea ▸ *see 2 Chr. 4:2.*
14:19 camp ▸ *see 1 Sam. 26:6.*
14:24 trouble ▸ *see 2 Chr. 15:6.*
14:25 drive ▸ *see 1 Chr. 13:7.*
14:30 save ▸ *see Jer. 17:14.*
15:1 song ▸ *see Ps. 69:30.*

he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.
2 The LORD *is* my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he *is* my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him.
3 The LORD *is* a man of war: the LORD *is* his name.
4 Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath he cast into the sea: his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red sea.
5 The depths have covered them: they sank into the bottom as a stone.
6 Thy right hand, O LORD, is become glorious in power: thy right hand, O LORD, hath dashed in pieces the enemy.
7 And in the greatness of thine excellency thou hast overthrown them that rose up against thee: thou sentest forth thy wrath, *which* consumed them as stubble.
8 And with the blast of thy nostrils the waters were gathered together, the floods stood upright as an heap, *and* the depths were congealed in the heart of the sea.
9 The enemy said, I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; my lust shall be satisfied upon them; I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them.
10 Thou didst blow with thy wind, the sea covered them: they sank as lead in the mighty waters.
11 Who *is* like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? who *is* like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful *in* praises, doing wonders?
12 Thou stretchedst out thy right hand, the earth swallowed them.
13 Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people *which* thou hast redeemed: thou hast guided *them* in thy strength unto thy holy habitation.
14 The people shall hear, *and* be afraid: sorrow shall take hold on the inhabitants of Palestina.
15 Then the dukes of Edom shall be amazed; the mighty men of Moab, trembling shall take hold upon them; all the inhabitants of Canaan shall melt away.
16 Fear and dread shall fall upon them; by the greatness of thine arm they shall be *as* still as a stone; till thy people pass over, O LORD, till the people pass over, *which* thou hast purchased.
17 Thou shalt bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of thine inheritance, *in* the place, O LORD, *which* thou hast made for thee to dwell in, *in* the Sanctuary, O Lord, *which* thy hands have established.
18 The LORD shall reign for ever and ever.
19 For the horse of Pharaoh went in with his chariots and with his horsemen into the sea, and the LORD brought again the waters of the sea upon them; but the children of Israel went on dry *land* in the midst of the sea.

Miriam's Song

20 And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances.
21 And Miriam answered them, Sing ye to the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.
22 So Moses brought Israel from the Red sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur; and they went three days in the wilderness, and found no water.

The Bitter Waters of Marah

23 And when they came to Marah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah, for

15:1 triumph

(Heb. *ga'ah*) (Ex. 15:21; Job 10:16) H1342: In its most basic sense, *ga'ah* can mean deep, as in "the waters were risen" (Ezek. 47:5), or tall, as in "can the rush grow up without mire?" (Job 8:11). However, the primary meaning is presented here in Exodus, as God is praised for His triumphant victory (Ex. 15:1, 21), a moment that raises up God as supreme over all other powers in the world, and emphasizes the ascendant power of His strength and the associated growth of His people, Israel.

15:2 LORD ▸ *see Is. 12:2.*
15:2 strength ▸ *see Jer. 16:19.*
15:2 salvation ▸ *see Is. 49:6.*
15:2 exalt ▸ *see Ps. 145:1.*
15:3 war ▸ *see Josh. 5:6.*
15:6 power ▸ *see Deut. 8:18.*
15:9 spoil ▸ *see 2 Chr. 14:13.*
15:9 hand ▸ *see 2 Kin. 10:24.*
15:13 mercy ▸ *see Ex. 34:6.*
15:17 place ▸ *see Ps. 104:5.*
15:17 sanctuary ▸ *see Lev. 19:30.*
15:18 ever ▸ *see Mic. 4:5.*
15:21 triumph ▸ *see Ex. 15:1.*
15:21 horse ▸ *see 2 Chr. 1:16.*

they *were* bitter: therefore the name of it was called Marah.
24 And the people murmured against Moses, saying, What shall we drink?
25 And he cried unto the LORD; and the LORD shewed him a tree, *which* when he had cast into the waters, the waters were made sweet: there he made for them a statute and an ordinance, and there he proved them,
26 And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I *am* the LORD that healeth thee.

Encamped by the Wells of Elim

27 And they came to Elim, where *were* twelve wells of water, and threescore and ten palm trees: and they encamped there by the waters.

Wilderness Murmurings

16 And they took their journey from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came unto the wilderness of Sin, which *is* between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after their departing out of the land of Egypt.
2 And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness:
3 And the children of Israel said unto them, Would to God we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh pots, *and* when we did eat bread to the full; for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger.

God Instructs Moses

4 Then said the LORD unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no.
5 And it shall come to pass, that on the sixth day they shall prepare *that* which they bring in; and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily.
6 And Moses and Aaron said unto all the children of Israel, At even, then ye shall know that the LORD hath brought you out from the land of Egypt:
7 And in the morning, then ye shall see the glory of the LORD; for that he heareth your murmurings against the LORD: and what *are* we, that ye murmur against us?
8 And Moses said, *This shall be,* when the LORD shall give you in the evening flesh to eat, and in the morning bread to the full; for that the LORD heareth your murmurings which ye murmur against him: and what *are* we? your murmurings *are* not against us, but against the LORD.
9 And Moses spake unto Aaron, Say unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, Come near before the LORD: for he hath heard your murmurings.
10 And it came to pass, as Aaron spake unto the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and, behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.

God Sends Quail and Manna

11 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
12 I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel: speak unto them, saying, At even ye shall eat flesh, and in the morning ye shall be filled with bread; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD your God.
13 And it came to pass, that at even the quails came up, and covered the camp: and in the morning the dew lay round about the host.
14 And when the dew that lay was gone up, behold, upon the face of the wilderness *there lay* a small round thing, *as* small as the hoar frost on the ground.
15 And when the children of Israel saw *it,* they said one to another, It *is* manna: for they wist not what it *was.* And Moses said unto them, This *is* the bread which the LORD hath given you to eat.

Gather an Omer

16 This *is* the thing which the LORD hath commanded, Gather of it every man according to his eating, an omer for every man, *according to* the number of your persons;

15:26 right ▸ *see 2 Chr. 20:32.*
15:26 give ear ▸ *see Joel 1:2.*
16:1 congregation ▸ *see Josh. 22:17.*

take ye every man for *them* which *are* in his tents.
17 And the children of Israel did so, and gathered, some more, some less.
18 And when they did mete *it* with an omer, he that gathered much had nothing over, and he that gathered little had no lack; they gathered every man according to his eating.
19 And Moses said, Let no man leave of it till the morning.
20 Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto Moses; but some of them left of it until the morning, and it bred worms, and stank: and Moses was wroth with them.
21 And they gathered it every morning, every man according to his eating: and when the sun waxed hot, it melted.

The Sixth Day's Gathering

22 And it came to pass, *that* on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for one *man:* and all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses.
23 And he said unto them, This *is that* which the LORD hath said, To morrow *is* the rest of the holy sabbath unto the LORD: bake *that* which ye will bake *to day,* and seethe that ye will seethe; and that which remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning.
24 And they laid it up till the morning, as Moses bade: and it did not stink, neither was there any worm therein.
25 And Moses said, Eat that to day; for to day *is* a sabbath unto the LORD: to day ye shall not find it in the field.
26 Six days ye shall gather it; but on the seventh day, *which is* the sabbath, in it there shall be none.

Rest on the Seventh Day

27 And it came to pass, *that* there went out *some* of the people on the seventh day for to gather, and they found none.
28 And the LORD said unto Moses, How long refuse ye to keep my commandments and my laws?
29 See, for that the LORD hath given you the sabbath, therefore he giveth you on the sixth day the bread of two days; abide ye every man in his place, let no man go out of his place on the seventh day.
30 So the people rested on the seventh day.
31 And the house of Israel called the name thereof Manna: and it *was* like coriander seed, white; and the taste of it *was* like wafers *made* with honey.

Manna Kept as a Testimony

32 And Moses said, This *is* the thing which the LORD commandeth, Fill an omer of it to be kept for your generations; that they may see the bread wherewith I have fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you forth from the land of Egypt.
33 And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a pot, and put an omer full of manna therein, and lay it up before the LORD, to be kept for your generations.
34 As the LORD commanded Moses, so Aaron laid it up before the Testimony, to be kept.
35 And the children of Israel did eat manna forty years, until they came to a land inhabited; they did eat manna, until they came unto the borders of the land of Canaan.
36 Now an omer *is* the tenth *part* of an ephah.

Murmurings for Water

17 And all the congregation of the children of Israel journeyed from the wilderness of Sin, after their journeys, according to the commandment of the LORD, and pitched in Rephidim: and *there was* no water for the people to drink.

16:19 leave ▸ *see Is. 4:3.*
16:20 worm ▸ *see Jon. 4:7.*
16:20 stink ▸ *see 1 Sam. 27:12.*
16:26 seventh ▸ *see Lev. 23:8.*
16:29 abide ▸ *see Lam. 5:19.*

16:30 rest

(Heb. *shabat*) (Gen. 2:2; Ex. 34:21) H7673: The first instance of this word comes on the seventh day of creation, when God "rested," or ceased work. Thus, the people were commanded to rest on the seventh day (Ex. 34:21). Essentially, it means to stop doing something (Gen. 8:22), or for something to stop happening, as "the manna ceased on the morrow after they had eaten of the old corn of the land" (Josh. 5:12). It can also mean to silence (Ps. 8:2; Is. 16:10; 24:8), or to be absent, as when the elders "ceased from the gate" (Lam. 5:14).

16:36 ephah ▸ *see Ezek. 45:10.*
17:1 commandment ▸ *see Num. 27:14.*

2 Wherefore the people did chide with Moses, and said, Give us water that we may drink. And Moses said unto them, Why chide ye with me? wherefore do ye tempt the LORD?
3 And the people thirsted there for water; and the people murmured against Moses, and said, Wherefore *is* this *that* thou hast brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst?
4 And Moses cried unto the LORD, saying, What shall I do unto this people? they be almost ready to stone me.

Moses Smites the Rock of Horeb

5 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go on before the people, and take with thee of the elders of Israel; and thy rod, wherewith thou smotest the river, take in thine hand, and go.
6 Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.
7 And he called the name of the place Massah, and Meribah, because of the chiding of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the LORD, saying, Is the LORD among us, or not?

Israelites Battle Amalek

8 Then came Amalek, and fought with Israel in Rephidim.
9 And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek: to morrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in mine hand.
10 So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek: and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.
11 And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed.
12 But Moses' hands *were* heavy; and they took a stone, and put *it* under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.
13 And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.
14 And the LORD said unto Moses, Write this *for* a memorial in a book, and rehearse *it* in the ears of Joshua: for I will utterly put out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven.

Moses Builds an Altar

15 And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it Jehovah-nissi:
16 For he said, Because the LORD hath sworn *that* the LORD *will have* war with Amalek from generation to generation.

The Visit by Jethro

18 When Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses' father in law, heard of all that God had done for Moses, and for Israel his people, *and* that the LORD had brought Israel out of Egypt;
2 Then Jethro, Moses' father in law, took Zipporah, Moses' wife, after he had sent her back,
3 And her two sons; of which the name of the one *was* Gershom; for he said, I have been an alien in a strange land:
4 And the name of the other *was* Eliezer; for the God of my father, *said he, was* mine help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh:
5 And Jethro, Moses' father in law, came with his sons and his wife unto Moses into the wilderness, where he encamped at the mount of God:
6 And he said unto Moses, I thy father in law Jethro am come unto thee, and thy wife, and her two sons with her.

17:2 chide ▸ *see Gen. 31:36.*
17:6 drink ▸ *see Num. 21:22.*
17:8 fight ▸ *see Judg. 11:9.*

17:11 prevail

(Heb. *gabar*) (Gen. 7:19; 1 Sam. 2:9; Is. 42:13; Zech. 10:6) H1396: The Hebrew word *gabar* is usually translated "prevail," and it carries the connotation of making something strong or binding something to strengthen it. God prevails over all other forces (Is. 42:13), and man is enabled to prevail or be strong when God gives him strength (Zech. 10:6, 12). In this instance, as in so much of life, it is through prayer (here indicated by the lifting of Moses' hands) that Israel gained God's strength and was able to prevail against her enemies.

17:11 let down ▸ *see Ex. 33:14.*
17:12 stay up ▸ *see Is. 41:10.*

God's Deliverance

7 And Moses went out to meet his father in law, and did obeisance, and kissed him; and they asked each other of *their* welfare; and they came into the tent.
8 And Moses told his father in law all that the LORD had done unto Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, *and* all the travail that had come upon them by the way, and *how* the LORD delivered them.
9 And Jethro rejoiced for all the goodness which the LORD had done to Israel, whom he had delivered out of the hand of the Egyptians.
10 And Jethro said, Blessed *be* the LORD, who hath delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of Pharaoh, who hath delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians.
11 Now I know that the LORD *is* greater than all gods: for in the thing wherein they dealt proudly *he was* above them.
12 And Jethro, Moses' father in law, took a burnt offering and sacrifices for God: and Aaron came, and all the elders of Israel, to eat bread with Moses' father in law before God.

Moses Acts as Judge

13 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses sat to judge the people: and the people stood by Moses from the morning unto the evening.
14 And when Moses' father in law saw all that he did to the people, he said, What *is* this thing that thou doest to the people? why sittest thou thyself alone, and all the people stand by thee from morning unto even?
15 And Moses said unto his father in law, Because the people come unto me to enquire of God:
16 When they have a matter, they come unto me; and I judge between one and another, and I do make *them* know the statutes of God, and his laws.

Good Advice from Jethro

17 And Moses' father in law said unto him, The thing that thou doest *is* not good.
18 Thou wilt surely wear away, both thou, and this people that *is* with thee: for this thing *is* too heavy for thee; thou art not able to perform it thyself alone.
19 Hearken now unto my voice, I will give thee counsel, and God shall be with thee: Be thou for the people to God-ward, that thou mayest bring the causes unto God:
20 And thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws, and shalt shew them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do.
21 Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place *such* over them, *to be* rulers of thousands, *and* rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens:
22 And let them judge the people at all seasons: and it shall be, *that* every great matter they shall bring unto thee, but every small matter they shall judge: so shall it be easier for thyself, and they shall bear *the burden* with thee.
23 If thou shalt do this thing, and God command thee *so,* then thou shalt be able to endure, and all this people shall also go to their place in peace.
24 So Moses hearkened to the voice of his father in law, and did all that he had said.
25 And Moses chose able men out of all Israel, and made them heads over the people, rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.
26 And they judged the people at all seasons: the hard causes they brought unto Moses, but every small matter they judged themselves.

18:9 hand ▸ *see 2 Kin. 10:24.*
18:10 hand ▸ *see 2 Kin. 10:24.*

18:11 deal proudly

(Heb. *zud*) (Ex. 21:14; Deut. 1:43; Neh. 9:29) H2102: This onomatopoeic word means "to seethe, to boil" and is often translated as "pride" or "presumption." It is usually used to describe actions in which humans place themselves before God, acting as if their ways are better than His. This use can be summed up by the words of Nehemiah 9:16: "But they and our fathers dealt proudly, and hardened their necks, and hearkened not to thy commandments." In Exodus 18:11, Jethro professes faith by aligning himself with God, in contrast to the proud Egyptians who defied Him.

18:16 statute ▸ *see Deut. 5:1.*
18:17 good ▸ *see Ezek. 34:14.*
18:18 too heavy ▸ *see Ex. 7:14.*
18:19 counsel ▸ *see 1 Kin. 1:12.*
18:25 ruler ▸ *see 2 Kin. 24:12.*

27 And Moses let his father in law depart; and he went his way into his own land.

The Children of Israel at Sinai

19 In the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they *into* the wilderness of Sinai.
2 For they were departed from Rephidim, and were come *to* the desert of Sinai, and had pitched in the wilderness; and there Israel camped before the mount.

God Speaks to Moses

3 And Moses went up unto God, and the LORD called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel;
4 Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and *how* I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself.
5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth *is* mine:
6 And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These *are* the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

The Children of Israel's Response

7 And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the LORD commanded him.
8 And all the people answered together, and said, All that the LORD hath spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people unto the LORD.
9 And the LORD said unto Moses, Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and believe thee for ever. And Moses told the words of the people unto the LORD.

Sanctify the People

10 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and sanctify them to day and to morrow, and let them wash their clothes,
11 And be ready against the third day: for the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai.
12 And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves, *that ye* go *not* up into the mount, or touch the border of it: whosoever toucheth the mount shall be surely put to death:
13 There shall not an hand touch it, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether *it be* beast or man, it shall not live: when the trumpet soundeth long, they shall come up to the mount.
14 And Moses went down from the mount unto the people, and sanctified the people; and they washed their clothes.
15 And he said unto the people, Be ready against the third day: come not at *your* wives.

Meeting God at Mount Sinai

16 And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that *was* in the camp trembled.
17 And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount.
18 And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as

19:4 eagle ▸ *see Ezek. 17:3.*
19:5 peculiar ▸ *see Deut. 26:18.*
19:5 people ▸ *see Ruth 1:16.*
19:6 kingdom ▸ *see Deut. 17:20.*

19:10 sanctify

(Heb. *qadash*) (Ex. 13:2; 29:44) H6942: This Hebrew verb means "to make holy," "to declare distinct," or "to set apart." The word describes dedicating an object or person to God. By delivering the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, God made the nation of Israel distinct. Through His mighty acts of deliverance, God demonstrated that the Israelites were His people, and He was their God (Ex. 6:7). By having the people wash themselves at Mount Sinai, the Lord made it clear that they as a people were being set apart for Him (Ex. 19:10). Just like the Israelites, Christians also have been delivered from slavery to sin. This deliverance has set us apart: we have been dedicated to our Savior and His purposes. We have been called to be His holy people (1 Pet. 1:15, 16; 2:9).

19:12 mount ▸ *see Deut. 9:9.*
19:13 trumpet ▸ *see Lev. 27:17.*
19:16 trumpet ▸ *see Hos. 8:1.*

the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly.
19 And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Moses spake, and God answered him by a voice.

God Calls Moses to the Mount

20 And the LORD came down upon mount Sinai, on the top of the mount: and the LORD called Moses *up* to the top of the mount; and Moses went up.
21 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go down, charge the people, lest they break through unto the LORD to gaze, and many of them perish.
22 And let the priests also, which come near to the LORD, sanctify themselves, lest the LORD break forth upon them.
23 And Moses said unto the LORD, The people cannot come up to mount Sinai: for thou chargedst us, saying, Set bounds about the mount, and sanctify it.
24 And the LORD said unto him, Away, get thee down, and thou shalt come up, thou, and Aaron with thee: but let not the priests and the people break through to come up unto the LORD, lest he break forth upon them.
25 So Moses went down unto the people, and spake unto them.

Ten Commandments for Israel

20 And God spake all these words, saying,
2 I *am* the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.
3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness *of any thing* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth:
5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me;
6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.
7 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.
8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.
9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:
10 But the seventh day *is* the sabbath of the LORD thy God: *in it* thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that *is* within thy gates:
11 For *in* six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them *is*, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.
12 Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.
13 Thou shalt not kill.
14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.
15 Thou shalt not steal.
16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.
17 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that *is* thy neighbour's.

19:20 go up

(Heb. *`alah*) (Gen. 13:1; Ex. 40:36; Ps. 24:3) H5927: Used widely throughout the Old Testament, *`alah* can mean to climb to the top of something, as here, or to move from one place to another, as "Abram went up out of Egypt" (Gen. 13:1), or, when talking specifically about Jerusalem, as a place which is "up" above everything else, both symbolically and literally (Ps. 24:3; 122:4). When "the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle," the people would move (Ex. 40:36), and Rahab took the spies "up to the roof" to hide them (Josh. 2:6). Finally, it can also refer to offerings burned on the altar whose aroma goes up to God (Lev. 2:12).

19:22 break forth ▸ *see 1 Chr. 14:11.*
20:2 Egypt ▸ *see Ex. 1:1.*
20:6 mercy ▸ *see Ex. 34:6.*
20:7 guiltless ▸ *see Num. 14:18.*
20:8 sabbath ▸ *see Num. 28:9.*
20:9 labour ▸ *see Ps. 100:2.*
20:10 seventh ▸ *see Lev. 23:8.*
20:12 honour ▸ *see Ps. 87:3.*
20:12 mother ▸ *see Prov. 30:11.*
20:12 be long ▸ *see Job 6:11.*

God Has Come to Prove You

18 And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw *it,* they removed, and stood afar off.
19 And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die.
20 And Moses said unto the people, Fear not: for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not.
21 And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God *was.*

Making of Idols Forbidden

22 And the LORD said unto Moses, Thus thou shalt say unto the children of Israel, Ye have seen that I have talked with you from heaven.
23 Ye shall not make with me gods of silver, neither shall ye make unto you gods of gold.

Rules for Building Altars

24 An altar of earth thou shalt make unto me, and shalt sacrifice thereon thy burnt offerings, and thy peace offerings, thy sheep, and thine oxen: in all places where I record my name I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee.
25 And if thou wilt make me an altar of stone, thou shalt not build it of hewn stone: for if thou lift up thy tool upon it, thou hast polluted it.
26 Neither shalt thou go up by steps unto mine altar, that thy nakedness be not discovered thereon.

Laws Regarding Servants

21 Now these *are* the judgments which thou shalt set before them.
2 If thou buy an Hebrew servant, six years he shall serve: and in the seventh he shall go out free for nothing.
3 If he came in by himself, he shall go out by himself: if he were married, then his wife shall go out with him.
4 If his master have given him a wife, and she have born him sons or daughters; the wife and her children shall be her master's, and he shall go out by himself.
5 And if the servant shall plainly say, I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free:
6 Then his master shall bring him unto the judges; he shall also bring him to the door, or unto the door post; and his master shall bore his ear through with an aul; and he shall serve him for ever.

Laws Regarding Maidservants

7 And if a man sell his daughter to be a maidservant, she shall not go out as the menservants do.
8 If she please not her master, who hath betrothed her to himself, then shall he let her be redeemed: to sell her unto a strange nation he shall have no power, seeing he hath dealt deceitfully with her.
9 And if he have betrothed her unto his son, he shall deal with her after the manner of daughters.
10 If he take him another *wife;* her food, her raiment, and her duty of marriage, shall he not diminish.

20:18 thunderings

(Heb. *qol*) (Ex. 9:23; Ps. 77:18; Is. 30:30) H6963: The root word of *qol* means "to cry aloud," so this word is usually translated as "voice" (Gen. 3:8; 22:18). Here God's voice takes on a fearsome, thundering tone as He meets with Moses and speaks the Ten Commandments to him. This is consistent with Job's description of God's voice: "Hear attentively the noise of his voice, and the sound that goeth out of his mouth" (Job 37:2). God speaks in many ways—in the cool of the evening (Gen. 3:10), in a whisper (1 Kin. 19:12), and in thundering power (2 Sam. 22:14).

20:23 silver ▸ *see 2 Kin. 15:20.*
20:25 pollute ▸ *see Lev. 22:15.*
20:26 steps ▸ *see Amos 9:6.*
21:2 free ▸ *see Ex. 21:5.*

21:5 free

(Heb. *chophshi*) (Ex. 21:2; Is. 58:6; Jer. 34:9) H2670: This word denotes social freedom in every sense of the term—from slavery (Ex. 21:2), from taxes (1 Sam. 17:25), or from any other civil obligation. Other forms of the word imply separation, as someone with leprosy would be (2 Chr. 26:21). A slave who willingly and joyfully sacrifices his chance at freedom to remain married to an enslaved wife may be what Paul had in mind when he used the term "servant" (Rom. 1:1).

21:6 ear ▸ *see Ezek. 44:5.*

11 And if he do not these three unto her, then shall she go out free without money.

Laws Regarding Murder

12 He that smiteth a man, so that he die, shall be surely put to death.
13 And if a man lie not in wait, but God deliver *him* into his hand; then I will appoint thee a place whither he shall flee.
14 But if a man come presumptuously upon his neighbour, to slay him with guile; thou shalt take him from mine altar, that he may die.
15 And he that smiteth his father, or his mother, shall be surely put to death.

Laws Regarding Other Offenses

16 And he that stealeth a man, and selleth him, or if he be found in his hand, he shall surely be put to death.
17 And he that curseth his father, or his mother, shall surely be put to death.
18 And if men strive together, and one smite another with a stone, or with *his* fist, and he die not, but keepeth *his* bed:
19 If he rise again, and walk abroad upon his staff, then shall he that smote *him* be quit: only he shall pay *for* the loss of his time, and shall cause *him* to be thoroughly healed.
20 And if a man smite his servant, or his maid, with a rod, and he die under his hand; he shall be surely punished.
21 Notwithstanding, if he continue a day or two, he shall not be punished: for he *is* his money.

Eye for Eye, Tooth for Tooth

22 If men strive, and hurt a woman with child, so that her fruit depart *from her,* and yet no mischief follow: he shall be surely punished, according as the woman's husband will lay upon him; and he shall pay as the judges *determine.*
23 And if *any* mischief follow, then thou shalt give life for life,
24 Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot,
25 Burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.
26 And if a man smite the eye of his servant, or the eye of his maid, that it perish; he shall let him go free for his eye's sake.
27 And if he smite out his manservant's tooth, or his maidservant's tooth; he shall let him go free for his tooth's sake.

Laws Regarding Oxen

28 If an ox gore a man or a woman, that they die: then the ox shall be surely stoned, and his flesh shall not be eaten; but the owner of the ox *shall be* quit.
29 But if the ox were wont to push with his horn in time past, and it hath been testified to his owner, and he hath not kept him in, but that he hath killed a man or a woman; the ox shall be stoned, and his owner also shall be put to death.
30 If there be laid on him a sum of money, then he shall give for the ransom of his life whatsoever is laid upon him.
31 Whether he have gored a son, or have gored a daughter, according to this judgment shall it be done unto him.
32 If the ox shall push a manservant or a maidservant; he shall give unto their master thirty shekels of silver, and the ox shall be stoned.
33 And if a man shall open a pit, or if a man shall dig a pit, and not cover it, and an ox or an ass fall therein;
34 The owner of the pit shall make *it* good, *and* give money unto the owner of them; and the dead *beast* shall be his.
35 And if one man's ox hurt another's, that he die; then they shall sell the live ox, and divide the money of it; and the dead *ox* also they shall divide.
36 Or if it be known that the ox hath used to push in time past, and his owner hath not kept him in; he shall surely pay ox for ox; and the dead shall be his own.

Laws Regarding Restitution

22 If a man shall steal an ox, or a sheep, and kill it, or sell it; he shall restore five oxen for an ox, and four sheep for a sheep.
2 If a thief be found breaking up, and be smitten that he die, *there shall* no blood *be shed* for him.

21:14 come presumptuously ▸ *see Ex. 18:11.*
21:16 steal ▸ *see Deut. 24:7.*
21:33 pit ▸ *see Ps. 88:6.*

22:2 breaking up

(Heb. *machtereth*) (Jer. 2:34) H4290: This term is only used here and in Jeremiah 2:34, and applies

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3 If the sun be risen upon him, *there shall be* blood *shed* for him; *for* he should make full restitution; if he have nothing, then he shall be sold for his theft.
4 If the theft be certainly found in his hand alive, whether it be ox, or ass, or sheep; he shall restore double.
5 If a man shall cause a field or vineyard to be eaten, and shall put in his beast, and shall feed in another man's field; of the best of his own field, and of the best of his own vineyard, shall he make restitution.
6 If fire break out, and catch in thorns, so that the stacks of corn, or the standing corn, or the field, be consumed *therewith;* he that kindled the fire shall surely make restitution.
7 If a man shall deliver unto his neighbour money or stuff to keep, and it be stolen out of the man's house; if the thief be found, let him pay double.
8 If the thief be not found, then the master of the house shall be brought unto the judges, *to see* whether he have put his hand unto his neighbour's goods.
9 For all manner of trespass, *whether it be* for ox, for ass, for sheep, for raiment, *or* for any manner of lost thing, which *another* challengeth to be his, the cause of both parties shall come before the judges; *and* whom the judges shall condemn, he shall pay double unto his neighbour.
10 If a man deliver unto his neighbour an ass, or an ox, or a sheep, or any beast, to keep; and it die, or be hurt, or driven away, no man seeing *it:*
11 *Then* shall an oath of the LORD be between them both, that he hath not put his hand unto his neighbour's goods; and the owner of it shall accept *thereof,* and he shall not make *it* good.
12 And if it be stolen from him, he shall make restitution unto the owner thereof.
13 If it be torn in pieces, *then* let him bring it *for* witness, *and* he shall not make good that which was torn.
14 And if a man borrow *ought* of his neighbour, and it be hurt, or die, the owner thereof *being* not with it, he shall surely make *it* good.
15 *But* if the owner thereof *be* with it, he shall not make *it* good: if it *be* an hired *thing,* it came for his hire.
16 And if a man entice a maid that is not betrothed, and lie with her, he shall surely endow her to be his wife.
17 If her father utterly refuse to give her unto him, he shall pay money according to the dowry of virgins.

Other Laws

18 Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live.
19 Whosoever lieth with a beast shall surely be put to death.
20 He that sacrificeth unto *any* god, save unto the LORD only, he shall be utterly destroyed.
21 Thou shalt neither vex a stranger, nor oppress him: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.
22 Ye shall not afflict any widow, or fatherless child.
23 If thou afflict them in any wise, and they cry at all unto me, I will surely hear their cry;
24 And my wrath shall wax hot, and I will kill you with the sword; and your wives shall be widows, and your children fatherless.

Laws Regarding Usury

25 If thou lend money to *any of* my people *that is* poor by thee, thou shalt not be to him as an usurer, neither shalt thou lay upon him usury.
26 If thou at all take thy neighbour's raiment to pledge, thou shalt deliver it unto him by that the sun goeth down:
27 For that *is* his covering only, it *is* his raiment for his skin: wherein shall he sleep? and it shall come to pass, when he crieth unto me, that I will hear; for I *am* gracious.
28 Thou shalt not revile the gods, nor curse the ruler of thy people.
29 Thou shalt not delay *to offer* the first of thy ripe fruits, and of thy liquors: the firstborn of thy sons shalt thou give unto me.
30 Likewise shalt thou do with thine oxen,

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specifically to a thief breaking in. The root word (*chathar*) means to dig through a wall (Job 24:16; Ezek. 8:8). Just as a criminal bears responsibility for the damages he does to other people or property in his unlawful acts, so he bears responsibility for any harm that comes to himself in the committing of those acts.

22:15 hire ▸ *see Gen. 30:28.*
22:16 lie ▸ *see 1 Kin. 15:8.*
22:20 utterly destroyed ▸ *see 1 Sam. 15:9.*
22:24 widow ▸ *see 1 Kin. 17:9.*

and with thy sheep: seven days it shall be with his dam; on the eighth day thou shalt give it me.
31 And ye shall be holy men unto me: neither shall ye eat *any* flesh *that is* torn of beasts in the field; ye shall cast it to the dogs.

Laws Regarding Ethics

23 Thou shalt not raise a false report: put not thine hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness.
2 Thou shalt not follow a multitude to *do* evil; neither shalt thou speak in a cause to decline after many to wrest *judgment:*
3 Neither shalt thou countenance a poor man in his cause.
4 If thou meet thine enemy's ox or his ass going astray, thou shalt surely bring it back to him again.
5 If thou see the ass of him that hateth thee lying under his burden, and wouldest forbear to help him, thou shalt surely help with him.
6 Thou shalt not wrest the judgment of thy poor in his cause.
7 Keep thee far from a false matter; and the innocent and righteous slay thou not: for I will not justify the wicked.
8 And thou shalt take no gift: for the gift blindeth the wise, and perverteth the words of the righteous.
9 Also thou shalt not oppress a stranger: for ye know the heart of a stranger, seeing ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.
10 And six years thou shalt sow thy land, and shalt gather in the fruits thereof:
11 But the seventh *year* thou shalt let it rest and lie still; that the poor of thy people may eat: and what they leave the beasts of the field shall eat. In like manner thou shalt deal with thy vineyard, *and* with thy oliveyard.
12 Six days thou shalt do thy work, and on the seventh day thou shalt rest: that thine ox and thine ass may rest, and the son of thy handmaid, and the stranger, may be refreshed.
13 And in all *things* that I have said unto you be circumspect: and make no mention of the name of other gods, neither let it be heard out of thy mouth.

Observance of Three Feasts

14 Three times thou shalt keep a feast unto me in the year.
15 Thou shalt keep the feast of unleavened bread: (thou shalt eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded thee, in the time appointed of the month Abib; for in it thou camest out from Egypt: and none shall appear before me empty:)
16 And the feast of harvest, the firstfruits of thy labours, which thou hast sown in the field: and the feast of ingathering, *which is* in the end of the year, when thou hast gathered in thy labours out of the field.
17 Three times in the year all thy males shall appear before the Lord GOD.
18 Thou shalt not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leavened bread; neither shall the fat of my sacrifice remain until the morning.
19 The first of the firstfruits of thy land thou shalt bring into the house of the LORD thy God. Thou shalt not seethe a kid in his mother's milk.

An Angel of the Lord

20 Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared.
21 Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: for my name *is* in him.
22 But if thou shalt indeed obey his voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries.

23:6 judgment ▸ *see Ps. 9:16.*
23:7 righteous ▸ *see Gen. 38:26.*
23:8 pervert ▸ *see Prov. 13:6.*
23:10 sow ▸ *see Hos. 10:12.*
23:11 lie still ▸ *see Prov. 1:8.*
23:12 work ▸ *see Ps. 28:5.*

23:14 keep a feast

(Heb. *chagag*) (Ex. 12:14; Deut. 16:15) H2287: The feasts and formal festivals of the Lord were sacred and special occasions, with detailed instructions in the Law. The Israelites were commanded to keep the Passover as a "feast to the LORD" (Ex. 12:14), likewise the Feast of Tabernacles (Lev. 23:39, 41). More than just a duty, this was to be a time of celebration of God's provision (Deut. 16:15). Thus, the word can also be translated as "dancing" (1 Sam. 30:16) or even to someone staggering around "like a drunken man" (Ps. 107:27).

23:16 harvest ▸ *see Prov. 20:4.*

Conquest of the Land Assured

23 For mine Angel shall go before thee, and bring thee in unto the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites: and I will cut them off.
24 Thou shalt not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do after their works: but thou shalt utterly overthrow them, and quite break down their images.
25 And ye shall serve the LORD your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee.
26 There shall nothing cast their young, nor be barren, in thy land: the number of thy days I will fulfil.
27 I will send my fear before thee, and will destroy all the people to whom thou shalt come, and I will make all thine enemies turn their backs unto thee.
28 And I will send hornets before thee, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite, from before thee.
29 I will not drive them out from before thee in one year; lest the land become desolate, and the beast of the field multiply against thee.
30 By little and little I will drive them out from before thee, until thou be increased, and inherit the land.
31 And I will set thy bounds from the Red sea even unto the sea of the Philistines, and from the desert unto the river: for I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand; and thou shalt drive them out before thee.
32 Thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor with their gods.
33 They shall not dwell in thy land, lest they make thee sin against me: for if thou serve their gods, it will surely be a snare unto thee.

Moses Sacrifices to the Lord

24 And he said unto Moses, Come up unto the LORD, thou, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel; and worship ye afar off.
2 And Moses alone shall come near the LORD: but they shall not come nigh; neither shall the people go up with him.
3 And Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD, and all the judgments: and all the people answered with one voice, and said, All the words which the LORD hath said will we do.
4 And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar under the hill, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel.
5 And he sent young men of the children of Israel, which offered burnt offerings, and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen unto the LORD.
6 And Moses took half of the blood, and put *it* in basons; and half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar.
7 And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the LORD hath said will we do, and be obedient.
8 And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled *it* on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD hath made with you concerning all these words.

Moses Meets God on the Mount

9 Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel:
10 And they saw the God of Israel: and *there was* under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in *his* clearness.
11 And upon the nobles of the children of Israel he laid not his hand: also they saw God, and did eat and drink.
12 And the LORD said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and

23:26 barren ▸ *see Gen. 11:30.*
23:27 fear ▸ *see Job 13:21.*
23:33 snare ▸ *see Ex. 10:7.*

24:11 noble

(Heb. *'atsil*) (Is. 41:9) H0678: The only other place where this word is used, Isaiah 41:9, it is translated "chief men." The root word means "root, to be firmly joined to the ground" and "set apart." The nobles described here were from ancient stock, rooted in the Hebrew nation, and were set apart as members of the covenant. God did not lay His hand on them, meaning they were not consumed by His holiness. The meal the nobles of Israel share with God is a covenant meal, signifying their relationship with Him.

24:12 law ▸ *see Ps. 119:97.*

commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them.
13 And Moses rose up, and his minister Joshua: and Moses went up into the mount of God.
14 And he said unto the elders, Tarry ye here for us, until we come again unto you: and, behold, Aaron and Hur *are* with you: if any man have any matters to do, let him come unto them.
15 And Moses went up into the mount, and a cloud covered the mount.
16 And the glory of the LORD abode upon mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days: and the seventh day he called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud.
17 And the sight of the glory of the LORD *was* like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel.
18 And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and gat him up into the mount: and Moses was in the mount forty days and forty nights.

Offerings for a Tabernacle

25 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
2 Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering: of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering.
3 And this *is* the offering which ye shall take of them; gold, and silver, and brass,
4 And blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' *hair,*
5 And rams' skins dyed red, and badgers' skins, and shittim wood,
6 Oil for the light, spices for anointing oil, and for sweet incense,
7 Onyx stones, and stones to be set in the ephod, and in the breastplate.

Instructions for a Tabernacle

8 And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.
9 According to all that I shew thee, *after* the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make *it*.

The Ark of the Testimony

10 And they shall make an ark *of* shittim wood: two cubits and a half *shall be* the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof.
11 And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, within and without shalt thou overlay it, and shalt make upon it a crown of gold round about.
12 And thou shalt cast four rings of gold for it, and put *them* in the four corners thereof; and two rings *shall be* in the one side of it, and two rings in the other side of it.
13 And thou shalt make staves *of* shittim wood, and overlay them with gold.
14 And thou shalt put the staves into the rings by the sides of the ark, that the ark may be borne with them.
15 The staves shall be in the rings of the ark: they shall not be taken from it.
16 And thou shalt put into the ark the testimony which I shall give thee.

The Mercy Seat

17 And thou shalt make a mercy seat *of* pure gold: two cubits and a half *shall be* the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof.
18 And thou shalt make two cherubims *of* gold, *of* beaten work shalt thou make them, in the two ends of the mercy seat.

24:12 commandment ▸ *see Ps. 119:35.*
24:12 teach ▸ *see Ps. 32:8.*
24:16 glory ▸ *see Ezek. 43:2.*
24:16 abide ▸ *see Num. 10:12.*
24:17 sight ▸ *see Ezek. 40:3.*
24:17 devouring ▸ *see Ezek. 15:5.*
25:4 blue ▸ *see Ezek. 27:7.*
25:4 purple ▸ *see Ezek. 27:7.*
25:8 sanctuary ▸ *see Lev. 19:30.*
25:9 tabernacle ▸ *see Ex. 40:2.*
25:10 ark ▸ *see 2 Sam. 15:24.*
25:16 testimony ▸ *see Num. 17:7.*

25:18 cherub

(Heb. *kerub*) (Gen. 3:24; Ex. 26:1; Num. 7:89) H3742: The cherubim first appear as mighty guardians, protecting the entrance to Eden with a flaming sword. Presumably some kind of spiritual beings, they have wings and faces, but little else is given by way of description. The Lord promised to address Moses "from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark" (Ex. 25:22; Num. 7:89), and their images were woven into the curtains of the tabernacle (Ex. 26:1). Indeed, the Lord is described as riding upon a cherub (2 Sam. 22:11), and symbolically dwelling between them (Is. 37:16).

19 And make one cherub on the one end, and the other cherub on the other end: *even* of the mercy seat shall ye make the cherubims on the two ends thereof.
20 And the cherubims shall stretch forth *their* wings on high, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and their faces *shall look* one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubims be.
21 And thou shalt put the mercy seat above upon the ark; and in the ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee.
22 And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which *are* upon the ark of the testimony, of all *things* which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.

The Table

23 Thou shalt also make a table of shittim wood: two cubits *shall be* the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof.
24 And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, and make thereto a crown of gold round about.
25 And thou shalt make unto it a border of an hand breadth round about, and thou shalt make a golden crown to the border thereof round about.
26 And thou shalt make for it four rings of gold, and put the rings in the four corners that *are* on the four feet thereof.
27 Over against the border shall the rings be for places of the staves to bear the table.
28 And thou shalt make the staves of shittim wood, and overlay them with gold, that the table may be borne with them.
29 And thou shalt make the dishes thereof, and spoons thereof, and covers thereof, and bowls thereof, to cover withal: *of* pure gold shalt thou make them.
30 And thou shalt set upon the table shewbread before me alway.

The Golden Candlestick

31 And thou shalt make a candlestick *of* pure gold: *of* beaten work shall the candlestick be made: his shaft, and his branches, his bowls, his knops, and his flowers, shall be of the same.
32 And six branches shall come out of the sides of it; three branches of the candlestick out of the one side, and three branches of the candlestick out of the other side:
33 Three bowls made like unto almonds, *with* a knop and a flower in one branch; and three bowls made like almonds in the other branch, *with* a knop and a flower: so in the six branches that come out of the candlestick.
34 And in the candlestick *shall be* four bowls made like unto almonds, *with* their knops and their flowers.
35 And *there shall be* a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, according to the six branches that proceed out of the candlestick.
36 Their knops and their branches shall be of the same: all it *shall be* one beaten work *of* pure gold.
37 And thou shalt make the seven lamps thereof: and they shall light the lamps thereof, that they may give light over against it.
38 And the tongs thereof, and the snuffdishes thereof, *shall be of* pure gold.
39 *Of* a talent of pure gold shall he make it, with all these vessels.
40 And look that thou make *them* after their pattern, which was shewed thee in the mount.

The Curtains of the Tabernacle

26 Moreover thou shalt make the tabernacle *with* ten curtains *of* fine

25:20 wing ▸ *see Job 39:13.*
25:22 meet ▸ *see 2 Chr. 5:6.*
25:30 table ▸ *see 2 Sam. 9:7.*
26:1 tabernacle ▸ *see Ex. 40:2.*

26:1 curtain

(Heb. *yeri`ah*) (Num. 4:25; Is. 54:2; Jer. 4:20) H3407: The word for *curtain* or *veil* comes from the root word "to tremble," so named because of its motion. The curtain of the tabernacle protected people from intruding on God's presence in an unapproved way. It physically and symbolically separated people from God's holy and fearsome presence. But it also provided a means for them to approach God in an acceptable manner and enter into relationship with Him. When the curtain of the temple was torn from top to bottom at Christ's crucifixion, it symbolized the end of our separation from God and ushered in a new covenant era of unfettered access to God (Matt. 27:51; Heb. 9:1–15).

twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet: *with* cherubims of cunning work shalt thou make them.
2 The length of one curtain *shall be* eight and twenty cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits: and every one of the curtains shall have one measure.
3 The five curtains shall be coupled together one to another; and *other* five curtains *shall be* coupled one to another.
4 And thou shalt make loops of blue upon the edge of the one curtain from the selvedge in the coupling; and likewise shalt thou make in the uttermost edge of *another* curtain, in the coupling of the second.
5 Fifty loops shalt thou make in the one curtain, and fifty loops shalt thou make in the edge of the curtain that *is* in the coupling of the second; that the loops may take hold one of another.
6 And thou shalt make fifty taches of gold, and couple the curtains together with the taches: and it shall be one tabernacle.

Goats' Hair Curtains

7 And thou shalt make curtains of goats' *hair* to be a covering upon the tabernacle: eleven curtains shalt thou make.
8 The length of one curtain *shall be* thirty cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits: and the eleven curtains *shall be all* of one measure.
9 And thou shalt couple five curtains by themselves, and six curtains by themselves, and shalt double the sixth curtain in the forefront of the tabernacle.
10 And thou shalt make fifty loops on the edge of the one curtain *that is* outmost in the coupling, and fifty loops in the edge of the curtain which coupleth the second.
11 And thou shalt make fifty taches of brass, and put the taches into the loops, and couple the tent together, that it may be one.
12 And the remnant that remaineth of the curtains of the tent, the half curtain that remaineth, shall hang over the backside of the tabernacle.
13 And a cubit on the one side, and a cubit on the other side of that which remaineth in the length of the curtains of the tent, it shall hang over the sides of the tabernacle on this side and on that side, to cover it.

The Covering and the Boards

14 And thou shalt make a covering for the tent *of* rams' skins dyed red, and a covering above *of* badgers' skins.
15 And thou shalt make boards for the tabernacle *of* shittim wood standing up.
16 Ten cubits *shall be* the length of a board, and a cubit and a half *shall be* the breadth of one board.
17 Two tenons *shall there be* in one board, set in order one against another: thus shalt thou make for all the boards of the tabernacle.
18 And thou shalt make the boards for the tabernacle, twenty boards on the south side southward.
19 And thou shalt make forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards; two sockets under one board for his two tenons, and two sockets under another board for his two tenons.
20 And for the second side of the tabernacle on the north side *there shall be* twenty boards:
21 And their forty sockets *of* silver; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board.
22 And for the sides of the tabernacle westward thou shalt make six boards.
23 And two boards shalt thou make for the corners of the tabernacle in the two sides.
24 And they shall be coupled together beneath, and they shall be coupled together above the head of it unto one ring: thus shall it be for them both; they shall be for the two corners.
25 And they shall be eight boards, and their sockets *of* silver, sixteen sockets; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board.

The Bars

26 And thou shalt make bars *of* shittim wood; five for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle,
27 And five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the side of the tabernacle, for the two sides westward.
28 And the middle bar in the midst of the boards shall reach from end to end.

26:1 cherubim ▸ *see Ex. 25:18.*

29 And thou shalt overlay the boards with gold, and make their rings *of* gold *for* places for the bars: and thou shalt overlay the bars with gold.
30 And thou shalt rear up the tabernacle according to the fashion thereof which was shewed thee in the mount.

The Vail

31 And thou shalt make a vail *of* blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen of cunning work: with cherubims shall it be made:
32 And thou shalt hang it upon four pillars of shittim *wood* overlaid with gold: their hooks *shall be of* gold, upon the four sockets of silver.
33 And thou shalt hang up the vail under the taches, that thou mayest bring in thither within the vail the ark of the testimony: and the vail shall divide unto you between the holy *place* and the most holy.
34 And thou shalt put the mercy seat upon the ark of the testimony in the most holy *place*.
35 And thou shalt set the table without the vail, and the candlestick over against the table on the side of the tabernacle toward the south: and thou shalt put the table on the north side.

A Hanging for the Door

36 And thou shalt make an hanging for the door of the tent, *of* blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, wrought with needlework.
37 And thou shalt make for the hanging five pillars *of* shittim *wood,* and overlay them with gold, *and* their hooks *shall be of* gold: and thou shalt cast five sockets of brass for them.

The Tabernacle Altar

27 And thou shalt make an altar *of* shittim wood, five cubits long, and five cubits broad; the altar shall be four-square: and the height thereof *shall be* three cubits.
2 And thou shalt make the horns of it upon the four corners thereof: his horns shall be of the same: and thou shalt overlay it with brass.
3 And thou shalt make his pans to receive his ashes, and his shovels, and his basons, and his fleshhooks, and his firepans: all the vessels thereof thou shalt make *of* brass.
4 And thou shalt make for it a grate of network *of* brass; and upon the net shalt thou make four brasen rings in the four corners thereof.
5 And thou shalt put it under the compass of the altar beneath, that the net may be even to the midst of the altar.
6 And thou shalt make staves for the altar, staves *of* shittim wood, and overlay them with brass.
7 And the staves shall be put into the rings, and the staves shall be upon the two sides of the altar, to bear it.
8 Hollow with boards shalt thou make it: as it was shewed thee in the mount, so shall they make *it.*

The Court

9 And thou shalt make the court of the tabernacle: for the south side southward *there shall be* hangings for the court *of* fine twined linen of an hundred cubits long for one side:
10 And the twenty pillars thereof and their twenty sockets *shall be of* brass; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets *shall be of* silver.
11 And likewise for the north side in length *there shall be* hangings of an hundred *cubits* long, and his twenty pillars and their twenty sockets *of* brass; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets *of* silver.
12 And *for* the breadth of the court on the

27:1 altar

(Heb. *mizbeach*) (Ex. 30:1; Josh. 8:31) H4196: This word depicts a place of slaughtering and is derived from the verb meaning to slaughter for sacrifice (Ex. 20:24; Deut. 16:2). Altars were the site of sacrificial worship (Gen. 8:20) and were made of earth (Ex. 20:24), stones (Josh. 8:31; Judg. 13:19), or even bronze (Ex. 38:1–7). The ritual slaughtering of animals to the Lord was central to Hebrew worship at the temple (Lev. 1:5). But throughout Scripture, the Lord warned that righteousness, justice, and a humble heart submitted to Himself were more important than bringing sacrificial gifts to the altar (Ps. 51:17; Prov. 21:3; Matt. 5:23, 24). The sacrifices on the altar in the temple were a sign that God had forgiven the Israelites' sins. That sign pointed to the ultimate sacrifice: the sacrifice of His Son on the cross for the sins of humanity (Heb. 9:11–15; 13:10–13).

west side *shall be* hangings of fifty cubits: their pillars ten, and their sockets ten.
13 And the breadth of the court on the east side eastward *shall be* fifty cubits.
14 The hangings of one side *of the gate shall be* fifteen cubits: their pillars three, and their sockets three.
15 And on the other side *shall be* hangings fifteen *cubits:* their pillars three, and their sockets three.
16 And for the gate of the court *shall be* an hanging of twenty cubits, *of* blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, wrought with needlework: *and* their pillars *shall be* four, and their sockets four.
17 All the pillars round about the court *shall be* filleted with silver; their hooks *shall be of* silver, and their sockets *of* brass.

Dimensions of the Court

18 The length of the court *shall be* an hundred cubits, and the breadth fifty every where, and the height five cubits *of* fine twined linen, and their sockets *of* brass.
19 All the vessels of the tabernacle in all the service thereof, and all the pins thereof, and all the pins of the court, *shall be of* brass.

Olive Oil for the Lamp

20 And thou shalt command the children of Israel, that they bring thee pure oil olive beaten for the light, to cause the lamp to burn always.
21 In the tabernacle of the congregation without the vail, which *is* before the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall order it from evening to morning before the LORD: *it shall be* a statute for ever unto their generations on the behalf of the children of Israel.

Aaron and His Sons Set Apart

28 And take thou unto thee Aaron thy brother, and his sons with him, from among the children of Israel, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office, *even* Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, Aaron's sons.
2 And thou shalt make holy garments for Aaron thy brother for glory and for beauty.
3 And thou shalt speak unto all *that are* wise hearted, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they may make Aaron's garments to consecrate him, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office.

Aaron's Garments

4 And these *are* the garments which they shall make; a breastplate, and an ephod, and a robe, and a broidered coat, a mitre, and a girdle: and they shall make holy garments for Aaron thy brother, and his sons, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office.
5 And they shall take gold, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen.

The Ephod

6 And they shall make the ephod *of* gold, *of* blue, and *of* purple, *of* scarlet, and fine twined linen, with cunning work.
7 It shall have the two shoulderpieces thereof joined at the two edges thereof; and *so* it shall be joined together.

The Girdle of the Ephod

8 And the curious girdle of the ephod, which *is* upon it, shall be of the same, according to the work thereof; *even of* gold, *of* blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen.
9 And thou shalt take two onyx stones, and grave on them the names of the children of Israel:
10 Six of their names on one stone, and *the other* six names of the rest on the other stone, according to their birth.
11 With the work of an engraver in stone, *like* the engravings of a signet, shalt thou engrave the two stones with the names of the children of Israel: thou shalt make them to be set in ouches of gold.
12 And thou shalt put the two stones upon the shoulders of the ephod *for* stones of memorial unto the children of Israel: and Aaron shall bear their names before the LORD upon his two shoulders for a memorial.
13 And thou shalt make ouches *of* gold;
14 And two chains *of* pure gold at the ends; *of* wreathen work shalt thou make them, and fasten the wreathen chains to the ouches.

27:20 lamp ▸ *see 2 Chr. 21:7.*
27:21 evening ▸ *see Ps. 65:8.*
28:1 minister in the priest's office ▸ *see Deut. 10:6.*
28:2 beauty ▸ *see Ps. 96:6.*
28:6 ephod ▸ *see Ex. 35:27.*
28:14 chain ▸ *see 2 Chr. 3:16.*
28:14 wreathen ▸ *see Hos. 11:4.*

The Breastplate of Judgment

15 And thou shalt make the breastplate of judgment with cunning work; after the work of the ephod thou shalt make it; *of* gold, *of* blue, and *of* purple, and *of* scarlet, and *of* fine twined linen, shalt thou make it.
16 Foursquare it shall be *being* doubled; a span *shall be* the length thereof, and a span *shall be* the breadth thereof.
17 And thou shalt set in it settings of stones, *even* four rows of stones: *the first* row *shall be* a sardius, a topaz, and a carbuncle: *this shall be* the first row.
18 And the second row *shall be* an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond.
19 And the third row a ligure, an agate, and an amethyst.
20 And the fourth row a beryl, and an onyx, and a jasper: they shall be set in gold in their inclosings.
21 And the stones shall be with the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names, *like* the engravings of a signet; every one with his name shall they be according to the twelve tribes.
22 And thou shalt make upon the breastplate chains at the ends *of* wreathen work *of* pure gold.
23 And thou shalt make upon the breastplate two rings of gold, and shalt put the two rings on the two ends of the breastplate.
24 And thou shalt put the two wreathen *chains* of gold in the two rings *which are* on the ends of the breastplate.
25 And *the other* two ends of the two wreathen *chains* thou shalt fasten in the two ouches, and put *them* on the shoulderpieces of the ephod before it.
26 And thou shalt make two rings of gold, and thou shalt put them upon the two ends of the breastplate in the border thereof, which *is* in the side of the ephod inward.
27 And two *other* rings of gold thou shalt make, and shalt put them on the two sides of the ephod underneath, toward the forepart thereof, over against the *other* coupling thereof, above the curious girdle of the ephod.
28 And they shall bind the breastplate by the rings thereof unto the rings of the ephod with a lace of blue, that *it* may be above the curious girdle of the ephod, and that the breastplate be not loosed from the ephod.
29 And Aaron shall bear the names of the children of Israel in the breastplate of judgment upon his heart, when he goeth in unto the holy *place,* for a memorial before the LORD continually.

The Urim and the Thummim

30 And thou shalt put in the breastplate of judgment the Urim and the Thummim; and they shall be upon Aaron's heart, when he goeth in before the LORD: and Aaron shall bear the judgment of the children of Israel upon his heart before the LORD continually.

The Blue Robe of the Ephod

31 And thou shalt make the robe of the ephod all *of* blue.
32 And there shall be an hole in the top of it, in the midst thereof: it shall have a binding of woven work round about the hole of it, as it were the hole of an habergeon, that it be not rent.
33 And *beneath* upon the hem of it thou shalt make pomegranates *of* blue, and *of* purple, and *of* scarlet, round about the hem thereof; and bells of gold between them round about:
34 A golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, upon the hem of the robe round about.
35 And it shall be upon Aaron to minister: and his sound shall be heard when he goeth in unto the holy *place* before the LORD, and when he cometh out, that he die not.

The Mitre

36 And thou shalt make a plate *of* pure gold, and grave upon it, *like* the engravings of a signet, HOLINESS TO THE LORD.
37 And thou shalt put it on a blue lace, that it

28:30 continually

(Heb. *tamid*) (Lev. 24:2, 3; Deut. 11:12; Ps. 16:8) H8548: Here, as in Leviticus 24:2, 3, the idea is of something perpetual, stretched out over time, forever: "Cause the lamps to burn continually . . . before the LORD continually; it shall be a statute for ever in your generations." Used especially with regards to the offerings, *tamid* emphasizes that they should be offered on a regular basis, without interruption (Num. 28:3, 6, 10, 23, 24, 31). There is also a sense of permanence, as "the eyes of the LORD thy God are always upon [the land]" (Deut. 11:12), and regularity in worship, as "I have set the LORD always before me" (Ps. 16:8).

may be upon the mitre; upon the forefront of the mitre it shall be.
38 And it shall be upon Aaron's forehead, that Aaron may bear the iniquity of the holy things, which the children of Israel shall hallow in all their holy gifts; and it shall be always upon his forehead, that they may be accepted before the LORD.
39 And thou shalt embroider the coat of fine linen, and thou shalt make the mitre *of* fine linen, and thou shalt make the girdle *of* needlework.

Garments for Aaron's Sons

40 And for Aaron's sons thou shalt make coats, and thou shalt make for them girdles, and bonnets shalt thou make for them, for glory and for beauty.
41 And thou shalt put them upon Aaron thy brother, and his sons with him; and shalt anoint them, and consecrate them, and sanctify them, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office.
42 And thou shalt make them linen breeches to cover their nakedness; from the loins even unto the thighs they shall reach:
43 And they shall be upon Aaron, and upon his sons, when they come in unto the tabernacle of the congregation, or when they come near unto the altar to minister in the holy *place;* that they bear not iniquity, and die: *it shall be* a statute for ever unto him and his seed after him.

Anointing of Priests

29 And this *is* the thing that thou shalt do unto them to hallow them, to minister unto me in the priest's office: Take one young bullock, and two rams without blemish,
2 And unleavened bread, and cakes unleavened tempered with oil, and wafers unleavened anointed with oil: *of* wheaten flour shalt thou make them.
3 And thou shalt put them into one basket, and bring them in the basket, with the bullock and the two rams.
4 And Aaron and his sons thou shalt bring unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and shalt wash them with water.
5 And thou shalt take the garments, and put upon Aaron the coat, and the robe of the ephod, and the ephod, and the breastplate, and gird him with the curious girdle of the ephod:
6 And thou shalt put the mitre upon his head, and put the holy crown upon the mitre.
7 Then shalt thou take the anointing oil, and pour *it* upon his head, and anoint him.
8 And thou shalt bring his sons, and put coats upon them.
9 And thou shalt gird them with girdles, Aaron and his sons, and put the bonnets on them: and the priest's office shall be theirs for a perpetual statute: and thou shalt consecrate Aaron and his sons.

The Bullock

10 And thou shalt cause a bullock to be brought before the tabernacle of the congregation: and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the bullock.
11 And thou shalt kill the bullock before the LORD, *by* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.
12 And thou shalt take of the blood of the bullock, and put *it* upon the horns of the altar with thy finger, and pour all the blood beside the bottom of the altar.
13 And thou shalt take all the fat that covereth the inwards, and the caul *that is* above the liver, and the two kidneys, and the fat that *is* upon them, and burn *them* upon the altar.
14 But the flesh of the bullock, and his skin, and his dung, shalt thou burn with fire without the camp: it *is* a sin offering.

The First Ram

15 Thou shalt also take one ram; and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the ram.
16 And thou shalt slay the ram, and thou shalt take his blood, and sprinkle *it* round about upon the altar.
17 And thou shalt cut the ram in pieces, and wash the inwards of him, and his legs, and put *them* unto his pieces, and unto his head.
18 And thou shalt burn the whole ram upon the altar: it *is* a burnt offering unto the LORD:

28:38 forehead ▸ *see Ezek. 3:8.*
28:38 accepted ▸ *see Deut. 33:23.*
28:42 linen ▸ *see Ezek. 10:6.*
28:43 holy ▸ *see Ex. 36:6.*
29:13 fat ▸ *see Gen. 45:18.*
29:14 burn ▸ *see Judg. 12:1.*

it *is* a sweet savour, an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

The Second Ram

19 And thou shalt take the other ram; and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the ram.
20 Then shalt thou kill the ram, and take of his blood, and put *it* upon the tip of the right ear of Aaron, and upon the tip of the right ear of his sons, and upon the thumb of their right hand, and upon the great toe of their right foot, and sprinkle the blood upon the altar round about.
21 And thou shalt take of the blood that *is* upon the altar, and of the anointing oil, and sprinkle *it* upon Aaron, and upon his garments, and upon his sons, and upon the garments of his sons with him: and he shall be hallowed, and his garments, and his sons, and his sons' garments with him.

A Wave Offering

22 Also thou shalt take of the ram the fat and the rump, and the fat that covereth the inwards, and the caul *above* the liver, and the two kidneys, and the fat that *is* upon them, and the right shoulder; for it *is* a ram of consecration:
23 And one loaf of bread, and one cake of oiled bread, and one wafer out of the basket of the unleavened bread that *is* before the LORD:
24 And thou shalt put all in the hands of Aaron, and in the hands of his sons; and shalt wave them *for* a wave offering before the LORD.
25 And thou shalt receive them of their hands, and burn *them* upon the altar for a burnt offering, for a sweet savour before the LORD: it *is* an offering made by fire unto the LORD.
26 And thou shalt take the breast of the ram of Aaron's consecration, and wave it *for* a wave offering before the LORD: and it shall be thy part.
27 And thou shalt sanctify the breast of the wave offering, and the shoulder of the heave offering, which is waved, and which is heaved up, of the ram of the consecration, *even* of *that* which *is* for Aaron, and of *that* which is for his sons:
28 And it shall be Aaron's and his sons' by a statute for ever from the children of Israel: for it *is* an heave offering: and it shall be an heave offering from the children of Israel of the sacrifice of their peace offerings, *even* their heave offering unto the LORD.

The Holy Garments

29 And the holy garments of Aaron shall be his sons' after him, to be anointed therein, and to be consecrated in them.
30 *And* that son that is priest in his stead shall put them on seven days, when he cometh into the tabernacle of the congregation to minister in the holy *place.*

The Flesh of the Consecration

31 And thou shalt take the ram of the consecration, and seethe his flesh in the holy place.
32 And Aaron and his sons shall eat the flesh of the ram, and the bread that *is* in the basket, *by* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.
33 And they shall eat those things wherewith the atonement was made, to consecrate *and* to sanctify them: but a stranger shall not eat *thereof,* because they *are* holy.
34 And if ought of the flesh of the consecrations, or of the bread, remain unto the morning, then thou shalt burn the remainder with fire: it shall not be eaten, because it *is* holy.
35 And thus shalt thou do unto Aaron, and to his sons, according to all *things* which I have commanded thee: seven days shalt thou consecrate them.

Continual Sin Offering

36 And thou shalt offer every day a bullock *for* a sin offering for atonement: and thou shalt cleanse the altar, when thou hast made an atonement for it, and thou shalt anoint it, to sanctify it.

29:25 savour

(Heb. *reyach*) (Gen. 8:21; Num. 15:3; Ezek. 20:41) H7381: Although *reyach* can refer to any odor, it is most often used with regard to the aroma of sacrifice. The scent of burning sacrifices was said to rise to God, a sign of His pleasure at the worship of His people. God's satisfaction at the aroma of His people's sacrifices is in contrast to the false gods of the time, who required food to sustain them. According to Jewish law, the priests were allowed to consume sacrifices because the true God does not require food, He only desires the sacrifice of an obedient and contrite heart (1 Sam. 15:22; Mic. 6:8).

37 Seven days thou shalt make an atonement for the altar, and sanctify it; and it shall be an altar most holy: whatsoever toucheth the altar shall be holy.

Continual Burnt Offering

38 Now this *is that* which thou shalt offer upon the altar; two lambs of the first year day by day continually.
39 The one lamb thou shalt offer in the morning; and the other lamb thou shalt offer at even:
40 And with the one lamb a tenth deal of flour mingled with the fourth part of an hin of beaten oil; and the fourth part of an hin of wine *for* a drink offering.
41 And the other lamb thou shalt offer at even, and shalt do thereto according to the meat offering of the morning, and according to the drink offering thereof, for a sweet savour, an offering made by fire unto the LORD.
42 *This shall be* a continual burnt offering throughout your generations *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD: where I will meet you, to speak there unto thee.
43 And there I will meet with the children of Israel, and *the tabernacle* shall be sanctified by my glory.
44 And I will sanctify the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar: I will sanctify also both Aaron and his sons, to minister to me in the priest's office.

I Am the Lord Their God

45 And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will be their God.
46 And they shall know that I *am* the LORD their God, that brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, that I may dwell among them: I *am* the LORD their God.

The Incense Altar

30 And thou shalt make an altar to burn incense upon: *of* shittim wood shalt thou make it.
2 A cubit *shall be* the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof; foursquare shall it be: and two cubits *shall be* the height thereof: the horns thereof *shall be* of the same.
3 And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, the top thereof, and the sides thereof round about, and the horns thereof; and thou shalt make unto it a crown of gold round about.
4 And two golden rings shalt thou make to it under the crown of it, by the two corners thereof, upon the two sides of it shalt thou make *it;* and they shall be for places for the staves to bear it withal.
5 And thou shalt make the staves *of* shittim wood, and overlay them with gold.
6 And thou shalt put it before the vail that *is* by the ark of the testimony, before the mercy seat that *is* over the testimony, where I will meet with thee.
7 And Aaron shall burn thereon sweet incense every morning: when he dresseth the lamps, he shall burn incense upon it.
8 And when Aaron lighteth the lamps at even, he shall burn incense upon it, a perpetual incense before the LORD throughout your generations.
9 Ye shall offer no strange incense thereon, nor burnt sacrifice, nor meat offering; neither shall ye pour drink offering thereon.
10 And Aaron shall make an atonement upon the horns of it once in a year with the blood of the sin offering of atonements: once in the year shall he make atonement upon it throughout your generations: it *is* most holy unto the LORD.

The Atonement Offering

11 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
12 When thou takest the sum of the children of Israel after their number, then shall they give every man a ransom for his soul unto the LORD, when thou numberest them; that there be no plague among them, when *thou* numberest them.
13 This they shall give, every one that passeth among them that are numbered, half a shekel after the shekel of the sanctuary: (a shekel *is* twenty gerahs:) an half shekel *shall be* the offering of the LORD.
14 Every one that passeth among them that are numbered, from twenty years old and above, shall give an offering unto the LORD.
15 The rich shall not give more, and the poor shall not give less than half a shekel, when *they* give an offering unto the LORD, to make an atonement for your souls.

29:44 sanctify ▸ *see Ex. 19:10.*
30:1 altar ▸ *see Ex. 27:1.*

16 And thou shalt take the atonement money of the children of Israel, and shalt appoint it for the service of the tabernacle of the congregation; that it may be a memorial unto the children of Israel before the LORD, to make an atonement for your souls.

The Brass Laver

17 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
18 Thou shalt also make a laver *of* brass, and his foot *also of* brass, to wash *withal:* and thou shalt put it between the tabernacle of the congregation and the altar, and thou shalt put water therein.
19 For Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet thereat:
20 When they go into the tabernacle of the congregation, they shall wash with water, that they die not; or when they come near to the altar to minister, to burn offering made by fire unto the LORD:
21 So they shall wash their hands and their feet, that they die not: and it shall be a statute for ever to them, *even* to him and to his seed throughout their generations.

The Holy Anointing Oil

22 Moreover the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
23 Take thou also unto thee principal spices, of pure myrrh five hundred *shekels,* and of sweet cinnamon half so much, *even* two hundred and fifty *shekels,* and of sweet calamus two hundred and fifty *shekels,*
24 And of cassia five hundred *shekels,* after the shekel of the sanctuary, and of oil olive an hin:
25 And thou shalt make it an oil of holy ointment, an ointment compound after the art of the apothecary: it shall be an holy anointing oil.
26 And thou shalt anoint the tabernacle of the congregation therewith, and the ark of the testimony,
27 And the table and all his vessels, and the candlestick and his vessels, and the altar of incense,
28 And the altar of burnt offering with all his vessels, and the laver and his foot.
29 And thou shalt sanctify them, that they may be most holy: whatsoever toucheth them shall be holy.
30 And thou shalt anoint Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them, that *they* may minister unto me in the priest's office.
31 And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, This shall be an holy anointing oil unto me throughout your generations.
32 Upon man's flesh shall it not be poured, neither shall ye make *any other* like it, after the composition of it: it *is* holy, *and* it shall be holy unto you.
33 Whosoever compoundeth *any* like it, or whosoever putteth *any* of it upon a stranger, shall even be cut off from his people.

The Sweet Incense

34 And the LORD said unto Moses, Take unto thee sweet spices, stacte, and onycha, and galbanum; *these* sweet spices with pure frankincense: of each shall there be a like *weight:*
35 And thou shalt make it a perfume, a confection after the art of the apothecary, tempered together, pure *and* holy:
36 And thou shalt beat *some* of it very small, and put of it before the testimony in the tabernacle of the congregation, where I will meet with thee: it shall be unto you most holy.
37 And *as for* the perfume which thou shalt make, ye shall not make to yourselves according to the composition thereof: it shall be unto thee holy for the LORD.
38 Whosoever shall make like unto that, to smell thereto, shall even be cut off from his people.

30:18 wash

(Heb. *rachats*) (Ex. 2:5; Prov. 30:12) H7364: In the Bible, washing or bathing has important cultural and religious associations. The ancient custom of washing a guest's feet was an act of hospitality that lasted into the New Testament period (Gen. 18:4; John 13:5). Ritual washing was an important step in the purification of the priests for service in the tabernacle (Ex. 40:12). Washing with water symbolized spiritual cleansing, the preparation necessary for entering God's presence (Ps. 26:6; 73:13). The Old Testament prophets continued to use this imagery of washing and applied it symbolically to the act of repentance (Is. 1:16; Ezek. 16:4). In the New Testament, Paul describes redemption in Christ as "the washing of regeneration" (Titus 3:5).

30:23 myrrh ▸ *see Song 3:6.*
30:26 anoint ▸ *see Num. 7:1.*

Tabernacle Workmen Chosen

31 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
2 See, I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah:
3 And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship,
4 To devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass,
5 And in cutting of stones, to set *them,* and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanship.
6 And I, behold, I have given with him Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan: and in the hearts of all that are wise hearted I have put wisdom, that they may make all that I have commanded thee;
7 The tabernacle of the congregation, and the ark of the testimony, and the mercy seat that *is* thereupon, and all the furniture of the tabernacle,
8 And the table and his furniture, and the pure candlestick with all his furniture, and the altar of incense,
9 And the altar of burnt offering with all his furniture, and the laver and his foot,
10 And the cloths of service, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priest's office,
11 And the anointing oil, and sweet incense for the holy *place:* according to all that I have commanded thee shall they do.

Keep the Sabbath Holy

12 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
13 Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it *is* a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that *ye* may know that I *am* the LORD that doth sanctify you.
14 Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it *is* holy unto you: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever doeth *any* work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people.
15 Six days may work be done; but in the seventh *is* the sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD: whosoever doeth *any* work in the sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death.
16 Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, *for* a perpetual covenant.
17 It *is* a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for *in* six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.

Two Stone Tables

18 And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.

Israel's Golden Calf

32 And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for *as for* this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.
2 And Aaron said unto them, Break off the golden earrings, which *are* in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring *them* unto me.
3 And all the people brake off the golden earrings which *were* in their ears, and brought *them* unto Aaron.
4 And he received *them* at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These *be* thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

31:3 knowledge ▸ *see Mal. 2:7.*

31:3 workmanship

(Heb. *mela'kah*) (Gen. 2:2; Ex. 36:2; 2 Chr. 24:13) H4399: Each time this word is used, it refers to work, service, or livelihood. God, by His Spirit, empowered Bezalel with the skills and training to do the work that was prepared for him, the work that was needed to construct and beautify the tabernacle. Scripture thus gives nobility to all types of work and service, including artistic skill. Any job or type of service, when performed for God's glory, is an act of worship (Eph. 2:10; 1 Cor. 10:31).

31:6 wisdom ▸ *see Prov. 3:13.*
31:18 write ▸ *see Deut. 31:9.*
32:4 molten ▸ *see Is. 25:7.*

5 And when Aaron saw *it,* he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, To morrow *is* a feast to the LORD.
6 And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play.

God's Wrath Against Israel

7 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go, get thee down; for thy people, which thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted *themselves:*
8 They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worshipped it, and have sacrificed thereunto, and said, These *be* thy gods, O Israel, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.
9 And the LORD said unto Moses, I have seen this people, and, behold, it *is* a stiffnecked people:
10 Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them: and I will make of thee a great nation.

Moses Intercedes for the People

11 And Moses besought the LORD his God, and said, LORD, why doth thy wrath wax hot against thy people, which thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power, and with a mighty hand?
12 Wherefore should the Egyptians speak, and say, For mischief did he bring them out, to slay them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth? Turn from thy fierce wrath, and repent of this evil against thy people.
13 Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, to whom thou swarest by thine own self, and saidst unto them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto your seed, and they shall inherit *it* for ever.
14 And the LORD repented of the evil which he thought to do unto his people.

Stone Tables Broken by Moses

15 And Moses turned, and went down from the mount, and the two tables of the testimony *were* in his hand: the tables *were* written on both their sides; on the one side and on the other *were* they written.
16 And the tables *were* the work of God, and the writing *was* the writing of God, graven upon the tables.
17 And when Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said unto Moses, *There is* a noise of war in the camp.
18 And he said, *It is* not the voice of *them that* shout for mastery, neither *is it* the voice of *them that* cry for being overcome: *but* the noise of *them that* sing do I hear.
19 And it came to pass, as soon as he came nigh unto the camp, that he saw the calf, and the dancing: and Moses' anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands, and brake them beneath the mount.

The Golden Calf Destroyed

20 And he took the calf which they had made, and burnt *it* in the fire, and ground *it* to powder, and strawed *it* upon the water, and made the children of Israel drink *of it.*

Moses Confronts Aaron

21 And Moses said unto Aaron, What did this people unto thee, that thou hast brought so great a sin upon them?
22 And Aaron said, Let not the anger of my lord wax hot: thou knowest the people, that they *are set* on mischief.
23 For they said unto me, Make us gods, which shall go before us: for *as for* this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.
24 And I said unto them, Whosoever hath any gold, let them break *it* off. So they gave *it* me: then I cast it into the fire, and there came out this calf.

32:6 play ▸ *see Gen. 18:13.*
32:8 turn aside ▸ *see Num. 12:10.*
32:8 quickly ▸ *see Ps. 143:7.*
32:9 stiffnecked ▸ *see Ezek. 2:4.*

32:17 shout

(Heb. *rea'*) (Job 36:33; Mic. 4:9) H7452: Taken from the root meaning "noise or outcry," this term and its related words are used for shouts of alarm, triumph, or distress. As Joshua was waiting halfway up the mountain while Moses communed with God, he heard shouts in the camp. At first he ascribed the noise to sounds of war, but then it became clear that it was the sound of people worshiping Aaron's golden calf (Ex. 32:18).

Idolaters Slain by Sons of Levi

25 And when Moses saw that the people *were* naked; (for Aaron had made them naked unto *their* shame among their enemies:)
26 Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Who *is* on the LORD's side? *let him come* unto me. And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him.
27 And he said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Put every man his sword by his side, *and* go in and out from gate to gate throughout the camp, and slay every man his brother, and every man his companion, and every man his neighbour.
28 And the children of Levi did according to the word of Moses: and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men.
29 For Moses had said, Consecrate yourselves to day to the LORD, even every man upon his son, and upon his brother; that he may bestow upon you a blessing this day.

Moses Pleads for Israel

30 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses said unto the people, Ye have sinned a great sin: and now I will go up unto the LORD; peradventure I shall make an atonement for your sin.
31 And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold.
32 Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin—; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written.
33 And the LORD said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book.
34 Therefore now go, lead the people unto *the place* of which I have spoken unto thee: behold, mine Angel shall go before thee: nevertheless in the day when I visit I will visit their sin upon them.
35 And the LORD plagued the people, because they made the calf, which Aaron made.

Israel to Resume Their Journey

33 And the LORD said unto Moses, Depart, *and* go up hence, thou and the people which thou hast brought up out of the land of Egypt, unto the land which I sware unto Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, Unto thy seed will I give it:
2 And I will send an angel before thee; and I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite:
3 Unto a land flowing with milk and honey: for I will not go up in the midst of thee; for thou *art* a stiffnecked people: lest I consume thee in the way.
4 And when the people heard these evil tidings, they mourned: and no man did put on him his ornaments.
5 For the LORD had said unto Moses, Say unto the children of Israel, Ye *are* a stiffnecked people: I will come up into the midst of thee in a moment, and consume thee: therefore now put off thy ornaments from thee, that I may know what to do unto thee.
6 And the children of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments by the mount Horeb.

The Tabernacle Outside the Camp

7 And Moses took the tabernacle, and pitched it without the camp, afar off from the camp, and called it the Tabernacle of the congregation. And it came to pass, *that* every one which sought the LORD went out unto the tabernacle of the congregation, which *was* without the camp.
8 And it came to pass, when Moses went out unto the tabernacle, *that* all the people rose up, and stood every man *at* his tent door, and looked after Moses, until he was gone into the tabernacle.
9 And it came to pass, as Moses entered into the tabernacle, the cloudy pillar descended, and stood *at* the door of the tabernacle, and *the LORD* talked with Moses.
10 And all the people saw the cloudy pillar stand *at* the tabernacle door: and all the people rose up and worshipped, every man *in* his tent door.

Face to Face with the Lord

11 And the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp: but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle.

33:7 camp ▸ *see 1 Sam. 26:6.*
33:11 Joshua ▸ *see Josh. 4:14.*

Moses Prays for God's Presence

12 And Moses said unto the LORD, See, thou sayest unto me, Bring up this people: and thou hast not let me know whom thou wilt send with me. Yet thou hast said, I know thee by name, and thou hast also found grace in my sight.
13 Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation *is* thy people.
14 And he said, My presence shall go *with thee,* and I will give thee rest.
15 And he said unto him, If thy presence go not *with me,* carry us not up hence.
16 For wherein shall it be known here that I and thy people have found grace in thy sight? *is it* not in that thou goest with us? so shall we be separated, I and thy people, from all the people that *are* upon the face of the earth.
17 And the LORD said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in my sight, and I know thee by name.

The Glory of God

18 And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory.
19 And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy.
20 And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live.
21 And the LORD said, Behold, *there is* a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock:
22 And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a clift of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by:
23 And I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my back parts: but my face shall not be seen.

The Second Tables of Stone

34 And the LORD said unto Moses, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first: and I will write upon *these* tables the words that were in the first tables, which thou brakest.
2 And be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning unto mount Sinai, and present thyself there to me in the top of the mount.
3 And no man shall come up with thee, neither let any man be seen throughout all the mount; neither let the flocks nor herds feed before that mount.
4 And he hewed two tables of stone like unto the first; and Moses rose up early in the morning, and went up unto mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tables of stone.

The Lord Passes Before Moses

5 And the LORD descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD.
6 And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth,

33:14 give rest

(Heb. *nuach*) (Gen. 8:4; Ex. 17:11; Is. 11:2) H5117: The Hebrew word *nuach* has a slightly different connotation than *shabat* (H7673). The ark is described as resting on the mountains after the Flood, as the Spirit rests (or resides) on particular people at particular times, such as Elijah (2 Kin. 2:15) and Immanuel (Is. 11:2). Proverbs 29:17 promises that disciplining our children will bring us rest (peace, assurance), but we also read that when Moses "let down his hand" (rested), their enemies prevailed (Ex. 17:11). For Job, *nuach* meant to lie down quietly, as one might take a rest (Job 3:13), and Habakkuk considered rest to mean waiting on the Lord (Hab. 3:16).

33:16 be separated ▸ *see Ps. 139:14.*
33:19 goodness ▸ *see 2 Kin. 8:9.*
33:19 gracious ▸ *see Ps. 123:2.*
33:19 mercy ▸ *see Mic. 7:19.*
33:20 face ▸ *see Gen. 33:10.*
34:1 first ▸ *see Is. 46:9.*
34:4 rise up early ▸ *see Josh. 8:10.*

34:6 goodness

(Heb. *chesed*) (Ex. 15:13; 20:6; Ps. 13:5) H2617: When God revealed Himself to Moses on Mount Sinai, He described Himself as overflowing with goodness. This is one of the most significant words that describes God's character (Ps. 13:5). It is often translated as mercy (Ex. 20:6; Ps. 6:4) and

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7 Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear *the guilty;* visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth *generation.*
8 And Moses made haste, and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshipped.
9 And he said, If now I have found grace in thy sight, O Lord, let my Lord, I pray thee, go among us; for it *is* a stiffnecked people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for thine inheritance.

God Renews the Covenant

10 And he said, Behold, I make a covenant: before all thy people I will do marvels, such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation: and all the people among which thou *art* shall see the work of the LORD: for it *is* a terrible thing that I will do with thee.
11 Observe thou that which I command thee this day: behold, I drive out before thee the Amorite, and the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite.

No Covenant with the Inhabitants

12 Take heed to thyself, lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land whither thou goest, lest it be for a snare in the midst of thee:
13 But ye shall destroy their altars, break their images, and cut down their groves:
14 For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name *is* Jealous, *is* a jealous God:
15 Lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they go a whoring after their gods, and do sacrifice unto their gods, and *one* call thee, and thou eat of his sacrifice;
16 And thou take of their daughters unto thy sons, and their daughters go a whoring after their gods, and make thy sons go a whoring after their gods.
17 Thou shalt make thee no molten gods.

Keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread

18 The feast of unleavened bread shalt thou keep. Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, as I commanded thee, in the time of the month Abib: for in the month Abib thou camest out from Egypt.
19 All that openeth the matrix *is* mine; and every firstling among thy cattle, *whether* ox or sheep, *that is male.*
20 But the firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a lamb: and if thou redeem *him* not, then shalt thou break his neck. All the firstborn of thy sons thou shalt redeem. And none shall appear before me empty.
21 Six days thou shalt work, but on the seventh day thou shalt rest: in earing time and in harvest thou shalt rest.

Keep the Other Feast Days

22 And thou shalt observe the feast of weeks, of the firstfruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of ingathering at the year's end.
23 Thrice in the year shall all your menchildren appear before the Lord GOD, the God of Israel.
24 For I will cast out the nations before thee, and enlarge thy borders: neither shall any man desire thy land, when thou shalt go up to appear before the LORD thy God thrice in the year.
25 Thou shalt not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leaven; neither shall the sacrifice of the feast of the passover be left unto the morning.
26 The first of the firstfruits of thy land thou shalt bring unto the house of the LORD thy God. Thou shalt not seethe a kid in his mother's milk.

Recording the Covenant

27 And the LORD said unto Moses, Write

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sometimes as lovingkindness (Ps. 17:7). The basic meaning of the word is "loyal love" or "steadfast love." It refers to God's loyalty and faithfulness to His covenant. This love is very similar to marital love, a love that is obligatory because of the marriage contract, but still intimate and voluntary. Hosea's actions toward his unfaithful wife are a striking picture of God's faithful love for the people of Israel (Hos. 1:1–3; 2:19; 3:1–5). In the New Testament, this characteristic of God is described as His grace (Gr. *charis*; John 1:17).

34:7 clear ▸ *see Num. 14:18.*
34:21 rest ▸ *see Ex. 16:30.*
34:24 enlarge ▸ *see Deut. 19:8.*

thou these words: for after the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel.
28 And he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments.

Moses' Face Shines

29 And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him.
30 And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come nigh him.
31 And Moses called unto them; and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned unto him: and Moses talked with them.
32 And afterward all the children of Israel came nigh: and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him in mount Sinai.
33 And *till* Moses had done speaking with them, he put a vail on his face.
34 But when Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he took the vail off, until he came out. And he came out, and spake unto the children of Israel *that* which he was commanded.
35 And the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone: and Moses put the vail upon his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Sabbath Observance

35 And Moses gathered all the congregation of the children of Israel together, and said unto them, These *are* the words which the LORD hath commanded, that *ye* should do them.
2 Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day there shall be to you an holy day, a sabbath of rest to the LORD: whosoever doeth work therein shall be put to death.
3 Ye shall kindle no fire throughout your habitations upon the sabbath day.

God Asks for Willing Offerings

4 And Moses spake unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying, This *is* the thing which the LORD commanded, saying,
5 Take ye from among you an offering unto the LORD: whosoever *is* of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the LORD; gold, and silver, and brass,
6 And blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' *hair,*
7 And rams' skins dyed red, and badgers' skins, and shittim wood,
8 And oil for the light, and spices for anointing oil, and for the sweet incense,
9 And onyx stones, and stones to be set for the ephod, and for the breastplate.
10 And every wise hearted among you shall come, and make all that the LORD hath commanded;
11 The tabernacle, his tent, and his covering, his taches, and his boards, his bars, his pillars, and his sockets,
12 The ark, and the staves thereof, *with* the mercy seat, and the vail of the covering,
13 The table, and his staves, and all his vessels, and the shewbread,
14 The candlestick also for the light, and his furniture, and his lamps, with the oil for the light,
15 And the incense altar, and his staves, and the anointing oil, and the sweet incense, and the hanging for the door at the entering in of the tabernacle,
16 The altar of burnt offering, with his brasen grate, his staves, and all his vessels, the laver and his foot,

34:27 make

(Heb. *karath*) (Ex. 4:25; Ps. 34:16; Jer. 31:31) H3772: The Hebrew word literally means to cut. So, Zipporah "cut off the foreskin of her son" (Ex. 4:25); sacrifices to the Lord had to be perfect, without any cut on them (Lev. 22:24); the spies sent into the Promised Land "cut down . . . a branch" (Num. 13:23); and David "cut off a corner of Saul's robe" (1 Sam. 24:4). Thus, it also refers to "cutting off" or banishing people for certain offenses, such as eating leaven during Passover (Ex. 12:19) or committing evil (Ps. 34:16). It also refers, as here, to making (or "cutting") a covenant between two parties, such as the everlasting covenant promised to Isaiah (Is. 55:3) or the "new covenant" spoken of to Jeremiah (Jer. 31:31).

34:32 commandment ▸ *see Num. 5:2.*
34:35 face ▸ *see Gen. 33:10.*

17 The hangings of the court, his pillars, and their sockets, and the hanging for the door of the court,
18 The pins of the tabernacle, and the pins of the court, and their cords,
19 The cloths of service, to do service in the holy *place,* the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priest's office.

The People Bring Their Offerings

20 And all the congregation of the children of Israel departed from the presence of Moses.
21 And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing, *and* they brought the LORD's offering to the work of the tabernacle of the congregation, and for all his service, and for the holy garments.
22 And they came, both men and women, as many as were willing hearted, *and* brought bracelets, and earrings, and rings, and tablets, all jewels of gold: and every man that offered *offered* an offering of gold unto the LORD.
23 And every man, with whom was found blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' *hair,* and red skins of rams, and badgers' skins, brought *them.*
24 Every one that did offer an offering of silver and brass brought the LORD's offering: and every man, with whom was found shittim wood for any work of the service, brought *it.*
25 And all the women that were wise hearted did spin with their hands, and brought that which they had spun, *both* of blue, and of purple, *and* of scarlet, and of fine linen.
26 And all the women whose heart stirred them up in wisdom spun goats' *hair.*
27 And the rulers brought onyx stones, and stones to be set, for the ephod, and for the breastplate;
28 And spice, and oil for the light, and for the anointing oil, and for the sweet incense.
29 The children of Israel brought a willing offering unto the LORD, every man and woman, whose heart made them willing to bring for all manner of work, which the LORD had commanded to be made by the hand of Moses.

Tabernacle Workmen Chosen

30 And Moses said unto the children of Israel, See, the LORD hath called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah;
31 And he hath filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship;
32 And to devise curious works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass,
33 And in the cutting of stones, to set *them,* and in carving of wood, to make any manner of cunning work.
34 And he hath put in his heart that he may teach, *both* he, and Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan.
35 Them hath he filled with wisdom of heart, to work all manner of work, of the engraver, and of the cunning workman, and of the embroiderer, in blue, and in purple, in scarlet, and in fine linen, and of the weaver, *even* of them that do any work, and of those that devise cunning work.

Workmen Receive Offerings

36 Then wrought Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise hearted man, in whom the LORD put wisdom and understanding to know how to work all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, according to all that the LORD had commanded.
2 And Moses called Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise hearted man, in whose heart the LORD had put wisdom, *even* every one whose heart stirred him up to come unto the work to do it:
3 And they received of Moses all the offering, which the children of Israel had brought

35:27 ephod

(Heb. *'ephod*) (Ex. 28:6; Judg. 8:27; 2 Sam. 6:14) H0646: The *ephod* was a linen shirt worn by priests during their religious duties. Aaron's ephod was quite elaborate (Ex. 28:6, 12, 15, 25) and carried stones representing the twelve tribes of Israel. Gideon is described as creating an idol called an ephod, which "became a snare to Gideon" (Judg. 8:27). Likewise, Micah also made an ephod of his own which he used in worship, against God's Law (Judg. 17:5). Samuel is described as ministering to the Lord "girded with a linen ephod" (1 Sam. 2:18), as did David (2 Sam. 6:14).

36:1 work ▸ *see Num. 18:21.*
36:2 work ▸ *see Ex. 31:3.*

for the work of the service of the sanctuary, to make it *withal.* And they brought yet unto him free offerings every morning.
4 And all the wise men, that wrought all the work of the sanctuary, came every man from his work which they made;

An Abundance of Offerings

5 And they spake unto Moses, saying, The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work, which the LORD commanded to make.
6 And Moses gave commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, Let neither man nor woman make any more work for the offering of the sanctuary. So the people were restrained from bringing.
7 For the stuff they had was sufficient for all the work to make it, and too much.

The Curtains of Fine Linen

8 And every wise hearted man among them that wrought the work of the tabernacle made ten curtains *of* fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet: *with* cherubims of cunning work made he them.
9 The length of one curtain *was* twenty and eight cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits: the curtains *were* all of one size.
10 And he coupled the five curtains one unto another: and *the other* five curtains he coupled one unto another.
11 And he made loops of blue on the edge of one curtain from the selvedge in the coupling: likewise he made in the uttermost side of *another* curtain, in the coupling of the second.
12 Fifty loops made he in one curtain, and fifty loops made he in the edge of the curtain which *was* in the coupling of the second: the loops held one *curtain* to another.
13 And he made fifty taches of gold, and coupled the curtains one unto another with the taches: so it became one tabernacle.

The Curtains of Goats' Hair

14 And he made curtains *of* goats' *hair* for the tent over the tabernacle: eleven curtains he made them.
15 The length of one curtain *was* thirty cubits, and four cubits *was* the breadth of one curtain: the eleven curtains *were* of one size.
16 And he coupled five curtains by themselves, and six curtains by themselves.
17 And he made fifty loops upon the uttermost edge of the curtain in the coupling, and fifty loops made he upon the edge of the curtain which coupleth the second.
18 And he made fifty taches *of* brass to couple the tent together, that it might be one.

The Covering and the Boards

19 And he made a covering for the tent *of* rams' skins dyed red, and a covering *of* badgers' skins above *that.*
20 And he made boards for the tabernacle *of* shittim wood, standing up.
21 The length of a board *was* ten cubits, and the breadth of a board one cubit and a half.
22 One board had two tenons, equally distant one from another: thus did he make for all the boards of the tabernacle.
23 And he made boards for the tabernacle; twenty boards for the south side southward:
24 And forty sockets of silver he made under the twenty boards; two sockets under one board for his two tenons, and two sockets under another board for his two tenons.
25 And for the other side of the tabernacle, *which is* toward the north corner, he made twenty boards,
26 And their forty sockets of silver; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board.
27 And for the sides of the tabernacle westward he made six boards.
28 And two boards made he for the corners of the tabernacle in the two sides.
29 And they were coupled beneath, and coupled together at the head thereof, to one ring: thus he did to both of them in both the corners.
30 And there were eight boards; and their sockets *were* sixteen sockets of silver, under every board two sockets.

36:5 enough ▸ *see Mal. 3:10.*

36:6 sanctuary

(Heb. *qodesh*) (Ex. 3:5; 28:43; Ps. 11:4; 15:1) H6944: The word *qodesh* means "holy" or "set apart." Its root word means "to consecrate or dedicate." Here it is specifically used of a holy place, but elsewhere it is used to describe God Himself (Amos 4:2) or His people (Jer. 2:3). The people of Israel were so eager for the presence of God in their midst that they gave above and beyond what was needed for the sanctuary and had to be told to stop giving.

The Bars of Shittim Wood

31 And he made bars of shittim wood; five for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle,
32 And five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the tabernacle for the sides westward.
33 And he made the middle bar to shoot through the boards from the one end to the other.
34 And he overlaid the boards with gold, and made their rings *of* gold *to be* places for the bars, and overlaid the bars with gold.

The Vail of Fine Linen

35 And he made a vail *of* blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen: *with* cherubims made he it of cunning work.

The Pillars of Shittim Wood

36 And he made thereunto four pillars *of* shittim *wood,* and overlaid them with gold: their hooks *were of* gold; and he cast for them four sockets of silver.
37 And he made an hanging for the tabernacle door *of* blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, of needlework;
38 And the five pillars of it with their hooks: and he overlaid their chapiters and their fillets with gold: but their five sockets *were of* brass.

The Ark of Shittim Wood

37 And Bezaleel made the ark *of* shittim wood: two cubits and a half *was* the length of it, and a cubit and a half the breadth of it, and a cubit and a half the height of it:
2 And he overlaid it with pure gold within and without, and made a crown of gold to it round about.
3 And he cast for it four rings of gold, *to be set* by the four corners of it; even two rings upon the one side of it, and two rings upon the other side of it.
4 And he made staves *of* shittim wood, and overlaid them with gold.
5 And he put the staves into the rings by the sides of the ark, to bear the ark.

The Mercy Seat of Gold

6 And he made the mercy seat *of* pure gold: two cubits and a half *was* the length thereof, and one cubit and a half the breadth thereof.
7 And he made two cherubims *of* gold, beaten out of one piece made he them, on the two ends of the mercy seat;
8 One cherub on the end on this side, and another cherub on the *other* end on that side: out of the mercy seat made he the cherubims on the two ends thereof.
9 And the cherubims spread out *their* wings on high, *and* covered with their wings over the mercy seat, with their faces one to another; *even* to the mercy seatward were the faces of the cherubims.

The Table of Shittim Wood

10 And he made the table *of* shittim wood: two cubits *was* the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof:
11 And he overlaid it with pure gold, and made thereunto a crown of gold round about.
12 Also he made thereunto a border of an handbreadth round about; and made a crown of gold for the border thereof round about.
13 And he cast for it four rings of gold, and put the rings upon the four corners that *were* in the four feet thereof.
14 Over against the border were the rings, the places for the staves to bear the table.
15 And he made the staves *of* shittim wood, and overlaid them with gold, to bear the table.
16 And he made the vessels which *were* upon the table, his dishes, and his spoons, and his bowls, and his covers to cover withal, *of* pure gold.

The Candlestick of Gold

17 And he made the candlestick *of* pure gold: *of* beaten work made he the candlestick; his shaft, and his branch, his bowls, his knops, and his flowers, were of the same:

37:1 shittim ▸ *see Ex. 37:10.*
37:1 cubit ▸ *see Ezek. 41:8.*

37:10 shittim

(Heb. *shittah*) (Ex. 37:1; Is. 41:19) H7848: The acacia or *shittah* tree is one of the only trees available in the wilderness. It is a dense and strong wood, resistant to decay, and thus well suited to its use throughout the tabernacle. It was used for the ark of the covenant, carrying poles, the table, and other parts of the tabernacle.

18 And six branches going out of the sides thereof; three branches of the candlestick out of the one side thereof, and three branches of the candlestick out of the other side thereof:
19 Three bowls made after the fashion of almonds in one branch, a knop and a flower; and three bowls made like almonds in another branch, a knop and a flower: so throughout the six branches going out of the candlestick.
20 And in the candlestick *were* four bowls made like almonds, his knops, and his flowers:
21 And a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, according to the six branches going out of it.
22 Their knops and their branches were of the same: all of it *was* one beaten work *of* pure gold.
23 And he made his seven lamps, and his snuffers, and his snuffdishes, of pure gold.
24 *Of* a talent of pure gold made he it, and all the vessels thereof.

The Altar of Incense

25 And he made the incense altar *of* shittim wood: the length of it *was* a cubit, and the breadth of it a cubit; *it was* foursquare; and two cubits *was* the height of it; the horns thereof were of the same.
26 And he overlaid it with pure gold, *both* the top of it, and the sides thereof round about, and the horns of it: also he made unto it a crown of gold round about.
27 And he made two rings of gold for it under the crown thereof, by the two corners of it, upon the two sides thereof, to be places for the staves to bear it withal.
28 And he made the staves *of* shittim wood, and overlaid them with gold.
29 And he made the holy anointing oil, and the pure incense of sweet spices, according to the work of the apothecary.

The Altar of Burnt Offering

38 And he made the altar of burnt offering *of* shittim wood: five cubits *was* the length thereof, and five cubits the breadth thereof; *it was* foursquare; and three cubits the height thereof.
2 And he made the horns thereof on the four corners of it; the horns thereof were of the same: and he overlaid it with brass.
3 And he made all the vessels of the altar, the pots, and the shovels, and the basons, *and* the fleshhooks, and the firepans: all the vessels thereof made he *of* brass.
4 And he made for the altar a brasen grate of network under the compass thereof beneath unto the midst of it.
5 And he cast four rings for the four ends of the grate of brass, *to be* places for the staves.
6 And he made the staves *of* shittim wood, and overlaid them with brass.
7 And he put the staves into the rings on the sides of the altar, to bear it withal; he made the altar hollow with boards.

The Brass Laver

8 And he made the laver *of* brass, and the foot of it *of* brass, of the lookingglasses of *the women* assembling, which assembled *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

The Court

9 And he made the court: on the south side southward the hangings of the court *were of* fine twined linen, an hundred cubits:
10 Their pillars *were* twenty, and their brasen sockets twenty; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets *were of* silver.
11 And for the north side *the hangings were* an hundred cubits, their pillars *were* twenty, and their sockets of brass twenty; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets *of* silver.
12 And for the west side *were* hangings of fifty cubits, their pillars ten, and their sockets ten; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets *of* silver.
13 And for the east side eastward fifty cubits.
14 The hangings of the one side *of the gate were* fifteen cubits; their pillars three, and their sockets three.
15 And for the other side of the court gate, on this hand and that hand, *were* hangings of fifteen cubits; their pillars three, and their sockets three.
16 All the hangings of the court round about *were* of fine twined linen.
17 And the sockets for the pillars *were of* brass; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets

38:5 ends ▸ *see Is. 26:15.*

of silver; and the overlaying of their chapiters *of* silver; and all the pillars of the court *were* filleted with silver.
18 And the hanging for the gate of the court *was* needlework, *of* blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen: and twenty cubits *was* the length, and the height in the breadth *was* five cubits, answerable to the hangings of the court.
19 And their pillars *were* four, and their sockets *of* brass four; their hooks *of* silver, and the overlaying of their chapiters and their fillets *of* silver.
20 And all the pins of the tabernacle, and of the court round about, *were of* brass.

The Sum of Tabernacle Offerings

21 This is the sum of the tabernacle, *even* of the tabernacle of testimony, as it was counted, according to the commandment of Moses, *for* the service of the Levites, by the hand of Ithamar, son to Aaron the priest.
22 And Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made all that the LORD commanded Moses.
23 And with him *was* Aholiab, son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, an engraver, and a cunning workman, and an embroiderer in blue, and in purple, and in scarlet, and fine linen.
24 All the gold that was occupied for the work in all the work of the holy *place,* even the gold of the offering, was twenty and nine talents, and seven hundred and thirty shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary.
25 And the silver of them that were numbered of the congregation *was* an hundred talents, and a thousand seven hundred and threescore and fifteen shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary:
26 A bekah for every man, *that is,* half a shekel, after the shekel of the sanctuary, for every one that went to be numbered, from twenty years old and upward, for six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty *men.*
27 And of the hundred talents of silver were cast the sockets of the sanctuary, and the sockets of the vail; an hundred sockets of the hundred talents, a talent for a socket.
28 And of the thousand seven hundred seventy and five *shekels* he made hooks for the pillars, and overlaid their chapiters, and filleted them.
29 And the brass of the offering *was* seventy talents, and two thousand and four hundred shekels.
30 And therewith he made the sockets to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the brasen altar, and the brasen grate for it, and all the vessels of the altar,
31 And the sockets of the court round about, and the sockets of the court gate, and all the pins of the tabernacle, and all the pins of the court round about.

Garments for the Priests

39 And of the blue, and purple, and scarlet, they made cloths of service, to do service in the holy *place,* and made the holy garments for Aaron; as the LORD commanded Moses.

The Ephod

2 And he made the ephod *of* gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen.
3 And they did beat the gold into thin plates, and cut *it into* wires, to work *it* in the blue, and in the purple, and in the scarlet, and in the fine linen, *with* cunning work.
4 They made shoulderpieces for it, to couple *it* together: by the two edges was it coupled together.

The Girdle

5 And the curious girdle of his ephod, that *was* upon it, *was* of the same, according to the work thereof; *of* gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen; as the LORD commanded Moses.
6 And they wrought onyx stones inclosed in ouches of gold, graven, as signets are graven, with the names of the children of Israel.

38:22 tribe

(Heb. *matteh*) (Ex. 4:17; 14:16; Num. 1:21) H4294: *Matteh* occurs frequently in the Book of Numbers, as Moses records the details of all the tribes preparing to enter the land. Likewise, it appears heavily in the Book of Joshua, recording the allocation of land for each tribe. However, the word can also mean "rod," as used by Moses to perform the signs in Egypt (Ex. 4:17), culminating with the crossing of the Red Sea (Ex. 14:16). It was also the *matteh* that Moses used to strike the rock, the punishment for which was his inability to enter the Promised Land (Num. 20:11).

7 And he put them on the shoulders of the ephod, *that they should be* stones for a memorial to the children of Israel; as the LORD commanded Moses.

The Breastplate

8 And he made the breastplate *of* cunning work, like the work of the ephod; *of* gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen.
9 It was foursquare; they made the breastplate double: a span *was* the length thereof, and a span the breadth thereof, *being* doubled.
10 And they set in it four rows of stones: *the first* row *was* a sardius, a topaz, and a carbuncle: this *was* the first row.
11 And the second row, an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond.
12 And the third row, a ligure, an agate, and an amethyst.
13 And the fourth row, a beryl, an onyx, and a jasper: *they were* inclosed in ouches of gold in their inclosings.
14 And the stones *were* according to the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names, *like* the engravings of a signet, every one with his name, according to the twelve tribes.
15 And they made upon the breastplate chains at the ends, *of* wreathen work *of* pure gold.
16 And they made two ouches *of* gold, and two gold rings; and put the two rings in the two ends of the breastplate.
17 And they put the two wreathen chains of gold in the two rings on the ends of the breastplate.
18 And the two ends of the two wreathen chains they fastened in the two ouches, and put them on the shoulderpieces of the ephod, before it.
19 And they made two rings of gold, and put *them* on the two ends of the breastplate, upon the border of it, which *was* on the side of the ephod inward.
20 And they made two *other* golden rings, and put them on the two sides of the ephod underneath, toward the forepart of it, over against the *other* coupling thereof, above the curious girdle of the ephod.
21 And they did bind the breastplate by his rings unto the rings of the ephod with a lace of blue, that it might be above the curious girdle of the ephod, and that the breastplate might not be loosed from the ephod; as the LORD commanded Moses.

The Robe of the Ephod

22 And he made the robe of the ephod *of* woven work, all *of* blue.
23 And *there was* an hole in the midst of the robe, as the hole of an habergeon, *with* a band round about the hole, that it should not rend.
24 And they made upon the hems of the robe pomegranates *of* blue, and purple, and scarlet, *and* twined *linen.*
25 And they made bells *of* pure gold, and put the bells between the pomegranates upon the hem of the robe, round about between the pomegranates;
26 A bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate, round about the hem of the robe to minister *in;* as the LORD commanded Moses.

The Coats of Fine Linen and the Mitre

27 And they made coats *of* fine linen *of* woven work for Aaron, and for his sons,
28 And a mitre *of* fine linen, and goodly bonnets *of* fine linen, and linen breeches *of* fine twined linen,

The Girdle

29 And a girdle *of* fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, *of* needlework; as the LORD commanded Moses.

The Plate of the Holy Crown

30 And they made the plate of the holy crown

39:7 memorial

(Heb. *zikron*) (Ex. 12:14; Lev. 23:24) H2146: A *zikron* was a physical object or event that served as a reminder of something that God had done. So, the Passover feast was called a *zikron* (Ex. 12:14; 13:9), trumpets were played as a *zikron* of God's provision during certain feasts (Lev. 23:24; Num. 10:10), and gold was given freely by the people as a *zikron* and placed in the tabernacle (Num. 31:54). Building on this usage, the writer of Ecclesiastes also used the word to mean a "remembrance," or reminder of things that had happened in the past (Eccl. 1:11; 2:16).

39:15 chain ▸ *see 2 Chr. 3:16.*

of pure gold, and wrote upon it a writing, *like to* the engravings of a signet, HOLINESS TO THE LORD.
31 And they tied unto it a lace of blue, to fasten *it* on high upon the mitre; as the LORD commanded Moses.

The Tabernacle Work Completed

32 Thus was all the work of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation finished: and the children of Israel did according to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so did they.
33 And they brought the tabernacle unto Moses, the tent, and all his furniture, his taches, his boards, his bars, and his pillars, and his sockets,
34 And the covering of rams' skins dyed red, and the covering of badgers' skins, and the vail of the covering,
35 The ark of the testimony, and the staves thereof, and the mercy seat,
36 The table, *and* all the vessels thereof, and the shewbread,
37 The pure candlestick, *with* the lamps thereof, *even with* the lamps to be set in order, and all the vessels thereof, and the oil for light,
38 And the golden altar, and the anointing oil, and the sweet incense, and the hanging for the tabernacle door,
39 The brasen altar, and his grate of brass, his staves, and all his vessels, the laver and his foot,
40 The hangings of the court, his pillars, and his sockets, and the hanging for the court gate, his cords, and his pins, and all the vessels of the service of the tabernacle, for the tent of the congregation,
41 The cloths of service to do service in the holy *place,* and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and his sons' garments, to minister in the priest's office.
42 According to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so the children of Israel made all the work.
43 And Moses did look upon all the work, and, behold, they had done it as the LORD had commanded, even so had they done it: and Moses blessed them.

Instructions for the Tabernacle

40 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
2 On the first day of the first month shalt thou set up the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation.
3 And thou shalt put therein the ark of the testimony, and cover the ark with the vail.
4 And thou shalt bring in the table, and set in order the things that are to be set in order upon it; and thou shalt bring in the candlestick, and light the lamps thereof.
5 And thou shalt set the altar of gold for the incense before the ark of the testimony, and put the hanging of the door to the tabernacle.
6 And thou shalt set the altar of the burnt offering before the door of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation.
7 And thou shalt set the laver between the tent of the congregation and the altar, and shalt put water therein.
8 And thou shalt set up the court round about, and hang up the hanging at the court gate.

Anointing the Tabernacle

9 And thou shalt take the anointing oil, and anoint the tabernacle, and all that *is* therein, and shalt hallow it, and all the vessels thereof: and it shall be holy.
10 And thou shalt anoint the altar of the burnt offering, and all his vessels, and sanctify the altar: and it shall be an altar most holy.
11 And thou shalt anoint the laver and his foot, and sanctify it.

39:31 blue ▸ *see Ezek. 27:7.*
39:37 set in order ▸ *see 1 Sam. 4:16.*

40:2 tabernacle

(Heb. *mishkan*) (Ex. 25:9; 26:1) H4908: The word *tabernacle* signifies "a dwelling place" and is related to the verb meaning "to dwell," "to settle down," and "to live among" (Ex. 29:45; Gen. 14:13). In Exodus, the tabernacle is a temporary place to live—a tent (see also Song 1:8). God's tent, the tabernacle, functioned as an object lesson in God's holiness and a symbol of His divine presence among His people (Ex. 33:7–11). It was a sign that God wanted to live among His people and establish an intimate relationship with them (Ex. 5:8, 9). The ultimate outworking of that desire was that Jesus Christ, who was Himself God, became a man. As the Son of God, Jesus lived among us, walked with us, and revealed God the Father to us (John 1:14–18). This is why His name is Immanuel, meaning "God with us" (Matt. 1:23).

Aaron and Sons Anointed

12 And thou shalt bring Aaron and his sons unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and wash them with water.
13 And thou shalt put upon Aaron the holy garments, and anoint him, and sanctify him; that he may minister unto me in the priest's office.
14 And thou shalt bring his sons, and clothe them with coats:
15 And thou shalt anoint them, as thou didst anoint their father, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office: for their anointing shall surely be an everlasting priesthood throughout their generations.
16 Thus did Moses: according to all that the LORD commanded him, so did he.

Setting Up the Tabernacle

17 And it came to pass in the first month in the second year, on the first *day* of the month, *that* the tabernacle was reared up.
18 And Moses reared up the tabernacle, and fastened his sockets, and set up the boards thereof, and put in the bars thereof, and reared up his pillars.
19 And he spread abroad the tent over the tabernacle, and put the covering of the tent above upon it; as the LORD commanded Moses.
20 And he took and put the testimony into the ark, and set the staves on the ark, and put the mercy seat above upon the ark:
21 And he brought the ark into the tabernacle, and set up the vail of the covering, and covered the ark of the testimony; as the LORD commanded Moses.
22 And he put the table in the tent of the congregation, upon the side of the tabernacle northward, without the vail.
23 And he set the bread in order upon it before the LORD; as the LORD had commanded Moses.
24 And he put the candlestick in the tent of the congregation, over against the table, on the side of the tabernacle southward.
25 And he lighted the lamps before the LORD; as the LORD commanded Moses.
26 And he put the golden altar in the tent of the congregation before the vail:
27 And he burnt sweet incense thereon; as the LORD commanded Moses.
28 And he set up the hanging *at* the door of the tabernacle.
29 And he put the altar of burnt offering *by* the door of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation, and offered upon it the burnt offering and the meat offering; as the LORD commanded Moses.
30 And he set the laver between the tent of the congregation and the altar, and put water there, to wash *withal*.
31 And Moses and Aaron and his sons washed their hands and their feet thereat:
32 When they went into the tent of the congregation, and when they came near unto the altar, they washed; as the LORD commanded Moses.
33 And he reared up the court round about the tabernacle and the altar, and set up the hanging of the court gate. So Moses finished the work.

The Glory of the Lord

34 Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.
35 And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.
36 And when the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the children of Israel went onward in all their journeys:
37 But if the cloud were not taken up, then they journeyed not till the day that it was taken up.
38 For the cloud of the LORD *was* upon the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.

40:13 minister in priest's office ▸ *see Deut. 10:6.*
40:19 covering ▸ *see Num. 4:10.*
40:35 enter ▸ *see Num. 34:8.*
40:35 glory ▸ *see Ezek. 43:2.*
40:36 taken up ▸ *see Ex. 19:20.*
40:38 house ▸ *see 2 Sam. 7:11.*

THE THIRD BOOK OF MOSES, CALLED

LEVITICUS

LEVITICUS IS GOD'S GUIDEBOOK FOR His newly redeemed people, showing them how to worship, serve, and obey a holy God. Fellowship with God through sacrifice and obedience show the awesome holiness of the God of Israel. Indeed, "Ye shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy" (19:2).

Leviticus focuses on the worship and walk of the nation of God. In Exodus, Israel was redeemed and established as a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. Leviticus shows how God's people are to fulfill their priestly calling.

The Hebrew title is *Wayyiqra*, "And He Called." The Talmud refers to Leviticus as the "Law of the Priests," and the "Law of the Offerings." The Greek title appearing in the Septuagint is *Leuitikon*, "That Which Pertains to the Levites." From this word, the Latin Vulgate derived its name *Leviticus* which was adopted as the English title. This title is slightly off-topic because the book does not deal with the Levites as a whole but more with the priests, a segment of the Levites.

WATCH WORDS

- **offering** (that which one brings near to God)—1:2 (also 2:1)
- **guilty** (having done something bad or wrong)—4:13 (also 5:2)
- **make atonement** (cover or ransom, make payment for sin)—9:7 (also 1:4; 14:18)
- **separate** (set apart)—15:31 (also 22:2)
- **transgression** (a violation of God's law)—16:16 (also 16:21)

Burnt Offerings

1 And the LORD called unto Moses, and spake unto him out of the tabernacle of the congregation, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, If any man of you bring an offering unto the LORD, ye shall bring your offering of the cattle, *even* of the herd, and of the flock.

Offerings of the Herd

3 If his offering *be* a burnt sacrifice of the herd, let him offer a male without blemish: he shall offer it of his own voluntary will at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD.

4 And he shall put his hand upon the head of the burnt offering; and it shall be accepted for him to make atonement for him.

5 And he shall kill the bullock before the LORD: and the priests, Aaron's sons, shall bring the blood, and sprinkle the blood round about upon the altar that *is by* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

6 And he shall flay the burnt offering, and cut it into his pieces.

1:2 offering

(Heb. *qorban*) (Lev. 2:1; Ezek. 20:28) H7133: This Hebrew word is derived from the verb "to bring near," and it literally means "that which one brings near to God." The fact that the Israelites had such an opportunity to present their gifts to God reveals His mercy. Even though they were sinful and rebellious, God instituted a sacrificial system in which they could reconcile themselves to Him. Jesus' death on the Cross was the ultimate offering, the offering that ended the need for any others. For through the sacrifice of His sinless life, we have once for all been reconciled to God (Heb. 10:10–18). An appropriate response to Jesus' death for us is to offer our lives as living sacrifices to God (Rom. 12:1).

1:4 make atonement ▸ *see Lev. 9:7.*

7 And the sons of Aaron the priest shall put fire upon the altar, and lay the wood in order upon the fire:
8 And the priests, Aaron's sons, shall lay the parts, the head, and the fat, in order upon the wood that *is* on the fire which *is* upon the altar:
9 But his inwards and his legs shall he wash in water: and the priest shall burn all on the altar, *to be* a burnt sacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

Offerings of the Flock

10 And if his offering *be* of the flocks, *namely,* of the sheep, or of the goats, for a burnt sacrifice; he shall bring it a male without blemish.
11 And he shall kill it on the side of the altar northward before the LORD: and the priests, Aaron's sons, shall sprinkle his blood round about upon the altar.
12 And he shall cut it into his pieces, with his head and his fat: and the priest shall lay them in order on the wood that *is* on the fire which *is* upon the altar:
13 But he shall wash the inwards and the legs with water: and the priest shall bring *it* all, and burn *it* upon the altar: it *is* a burnt sacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

Offerings of Fowl

14 And if the burnt sacrifice for his offering to the LORD *be* of fowls, then he shall bring his offering of turtledoves, or of young pigeons.
15 And the priest shall bring it unto the altar, and wring off his head, and burn *it* on the altar; and the blood thereof shall be wrung out at the side of the altar:
16 And he shall pluck away his crop with his feathers, and cast it beside the altar on the east part, by the place of the ashes:
17 And he shall cleave it with the wings thereof, *but* shall not divide *it* asunder: and the priest shall burn it upon the altar, upon the wood that *is* upon the fire: it *is* a burnt sacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

Meat Offerings

2 And when any will offer a meat offering unto the LORD, his offering shall be *of* fine flour; and he shall pour oil upon it, and put frankincense thereon:
2 And he shall bring it to Aaron's sons the priests: and he shall take thereout his handful of the flour thereof, and of the oil thereof, with all the frankincense thereof; and the priest shall burn the memorial of it upon the altar, *to be* an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD:
3 And the remnant of the meat offering *shall be* Aaron's and his sons': *it is* a thing most holy of the offerings of the LORD made by fire.
4 And if thou bring an oblation of a meat offering baken in the oven, *it shall be* unleavened cakes of fine flour mingled with oil, or unleavened wafers anointed with oil.
5 And if thy oblation *be* a meat offering *baken* in a pan, it shall be *of* fine flour unleavened, mingled with oil.
6 Thou shalt part it in pieces, and pour oil thereon: it *is* a meat offering.
7 And if thy oblation *be* a meat offering *baken* in the fryingpan, it shall be made *of* fine flour with oil.
8 And thou shalt bring the meat offering that is made of these things unto the LORD: and when it is presented unto the priest, he shall bring it unto the altar.
9 And the priest shall take from the meat offering a memorial thereof, and shall burn *it* upon the altar: *it is* an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.
10 And that which is left of the meat offering *shall be* Aaron's and his sons': *it is* a thing most holy of the offerings of the LORD made by fire.

2:1 offering ▸ *see Lev. 1:2.*

2:2 memorial

(Heb. *'azkarah*) (Lev. 2:16; 6:15) H0234: This very rare technical term derives from a verb meaning "to remember" and refers to the memorial portion of the grain offering that was burned as God's share and produced smoke that would rise as an aroma pleasing to the Lord (Lev. 2:2, 9; 6:15). Whose memory it served—God's and/or man's—is a matter of debate. In the trial by ritual of an adulteress, the remembering seems to be done by the people (Num. 5:26). Once, this word refers to the memorial portion that was offered as a substitute sin offering by the very poor (Lev. 5:12), and once it refers to the frankincense that was added to the showbread as a memorial (Lev. 24:7).

11 No meat offering, which ye shall bring unto the LORD, shall be made with leaven: for ye shall burn no leaven, nor any honey, in any offering of the LORD made by fire.
12 As for the oblation of the firstfruits, ye shall offer them unto the LORD: but they shall not be burnt on the altar for a sweet savour.

Offerings Seasoned with Salt

13 And every oblation of thy meat offering shalt thou season with salt; neither shalt thou suffer the salt of the covenant of thy God to be lacking from thy meat offering: with all thine offerings thou shalt offer salt.
14 And if thou offer a meat offering of thy firstfruits unto the LORD, thou shalt offer for the meat offering of thy firstfruits green ears of corn dried by the fire, *even* corn beaten out of full ears.
15 And thou shalt put oil upon it, and lay frankincense thereon: it *is* a meat offering.
16 And the priest shall burn the memorial of it, *part* of the beaten corn thereof, and *part* of the oil thereof, with all the frankincense thereof: *it is* an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

Peace Offerings

3 And if his oblation *be* a sacrifice of peace offering, if he offer *it* of the herd; whether *it be* a male or female, he shall offer it without blemish before the LORD.
2 And he shall lay his hand upon the head of his offering, and kill it *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and Aaron's sons the priests shall sprinkle the blood upon the altar round about.
3 And he shall offer of the sacrifice of the peace offering an offering made by fire unto the LORD; the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that *is* upon the inwards,
4 And the two kidneys, and the fat that *is* on them, which *is* by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away.
5 And Aaron's sons shall burn it on the altar upon the burnt sacrifice, which *is* upon the wood that *is* on the fire: *it is* an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

Offerings of a Lamb

6 And if his offering for a sacrifice of peace offering unto the LORD *be* of the flock; male or female, he shall offer it without blemish.
7 If he offer a lamb for his offering, then shall he offer it before the LORD.
8 And he shall lay his hand upon the head of his offering, and kill it before the tabernacle of the congregation: and Aaron's sons shall sprinkle the blood thereof round about upon the altar.
9 And he shall offer of the sacrifice of the peace offering an offering made by fire unto the LORD; the fat thereof, *and* the whole rump, it shall he take off hard by the backbone; and the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that *is* upon the inwards,
10 And the two kidneys, and the fat that *is* upon them, which *is* by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away.
11 And the priest shall burn it upon the altar: *it is* the food of the offering made by fire unto the LORD.

Offerings of a Goat

12 And if his offering *be* a goat, then he shall offer it before the LORD.
13 And he shall lay his hand upon the head of it, and kill it before the tabernacle of the congregation: and the sons of Aaron shall sprinkle the blood thereof upon the altar round about.
14 And he shall offer thereof his offering, *even* an offering made by fire unto the LORD;

2:16 memorial ▸ *see Lev. 2:2.*

3:2 blood

(Heb. *dam*) (Ex. 12:13; Lev. 4:5; Is. 1:11) H1818: This word is related to the Hebrew word *'adom*, which means "red" (Gen. 25:30), and refers to the blood of animals (Ex. 23:18) or human beings (Gen. 4:10). In the Scriptures, blood may be a synonym for death (Judg. 9:24) or even murder (Jer. 19:4). The word *blood* may also represent a person's guilt, as in the phrase "his blood shall be upon him"—that is, he is responsible for his own guilt (Lev. 20:9). The Old Testament equates *life* with *blood* (Gen. 9:4; Deut. 12:23), which vividly illustrates the sanctity of human life (Gen. 9:6). According to the New Testament, "without shedding of blood is no remission" of sin (Heb. 9:22). Thus the emphasis on blood in the Old Testament sacrifices pointed to the blood Christ would shed on our behalf (Rom. 5:9; 1 Cor. 11:25, 26).

3:4 flank ▸ *see Ps. 78:7.*

the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that *is* upon the inwards,
15 And the two kidneys, and the fat that *is* upon them, which *is* by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away.
16 And the priest shall burn them upon the altar: *it is* the food of the offering made by fire for a sweet savour: all the fat *is* the LORD's.
17 *It shall be* a perpetual statute for your generations throughout all your dwellings, that ye eat neither fat nor blood.

Sin Offerings

4 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
2 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a soul shall sin through ignorance against any of the commandments of the LORD *concerning things* which ought not to be done, and shall do against any of them:

When a Priest Sins

3 If the priest that is anointed do sin according to the sin of the people; then let him bring for his sin, which he hath sinned, a young bullock without blemish unto the LORD for a sin offering.
4 And he shall bring the bullock unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD; and shall lay his hand upon the bullock's head, and kill the bullock before the LORD.
5 And the priest that is anointed shall take of the bullock's blood, and bring it to the tabernacle of the congregation:
6 And the priest shall dip his finger in the blood, and sprinkle of the blood seven times before the LORD, before the vail of the sanctuary.
7 And the priest shall put *some* of the blood upon the horns of the altar of sweet incense before the LORD, which *is* in the tabernacle of the congregation; and shall pour all the blood of the bullock at the bottom of the altar of the burnt offering, which *is at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.
8 And he shall take off from it all the fat of the bullock for the sin offering; the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that *is* upon the inwards,
9 And the two kidneys, and the fat that *is* upon them, which *is* by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away,
10 As it was taken off from the bullock of the sacrifice of peace offerings: and the priest shall burn them upon the altar of the burnt offering.
11 And the skin of the bullock, and all his flesh, with his head, and with his legs, and his inwards, and his dung,
12 Even the whole bullock shall he carry forth without the camp unto a clean place, where the ashes are poured out, and burn him on the wood with fire: where the ashes are poured out shall he be burnt.

When a Congregation Sins

13 And if the whole congregation of Israel sin through ignorance, and the thing be hid from the eyes of the assembly, and they have done *somewhat against* any of the commandments of the LORD *concerning things* which should not be done, and are guilty;
14 When the sin, which they have sinned against it, is known, then the congregation shall offer a young bullock for the sin, and bring him before the tabernacle of the congregation.
15 And the elders of the congregation shall lay their hands upon the head of the bullock before the LORD: and the bullock shall be killed before the LORD.
16 And the priest that is anointed shall bring of the bullock's blood to the tabernacle of the congregation:
17 And the priest shall dip his finger *in some*

4:3 anointed ▸ *see Dan. 9:25.*
4:5 blood ▸ *see Lev. 3:2.*

4:13 guilty

(Heb. *'asham*) (Lev. 5:2; Hos. 5:15) H0816: The word means to have done something bad or wrong, something that violates the law, whether intentionally or, as here, unintentionally. Such guilt might come from touching something unclean (Lev. 5:2), speaking a rash oath (Lev. 5:4), stealing (Lev. 6:4), or breaking any of God's laws or commandments. Our guilt sets us in opposition to a holy and perfect God, who is utterly without any sin, stain, or blemish. The prophet Hosea speaks of the entire people of Israel as guilty before God, deserving punishment (Hos. 5:15; 10:2; 13:1).

of the blood, and sprinkle *it* seven times before the LORD, *even* before the vail.
18 And he shall put *some* of the blood upon the horns of the altar which *is* before the LORD, that *is* in the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall pour out all the blood at the bottom of the altar of the burnt offering, which *is at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.
19 And he shall take all his fat from him, and burn *it* upon the altar.
20 And he shall do with the bullock as he did with the bullock for a sin offering, so shall he do with this: and the priest shall make an atonement for them, and it shall be forgiven them.
21 And he shall carry forth the bullock without the camp, and burn him as he burned the first bullock: it *is* a sin offering for the congregation.

When a Ruler Sins

22 When a ruler hath sinned, and done *somewhat* through ignorance *against* any of the commandments of the LORD his God *concerning things* which should not be done, and is guilty;
23 Or if his sin, wherein he hath sinned, come to his knowledge; he shall bring his offering, a kid of the goats, a male without blemish:
24 And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the goat, and kill it in the place where they kill the burnt offering before the LORD: it *is* a sin offering.
25 And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering with his finger, and put *it* upon the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and shall pour out his blood at the bottom of the altar of burnt offering.
26 And he shall burn all his fat upon the altar, as the fat of the sacrifice of peace offerings: and the priest shall make an atonement for him as concerning his sin, and it shall be forgiven him.

When an Individual Sins

27 And if any one of the common people sin through ignorance, while he doeth *somewhat against* any of the commandments of the LORD *concerning things* which ought not to be done, and be guilty;
28 Or if his sin, which he hath sinned, come to his knowledge: then he shall bring his offering, a kid of the goats, a female without blemish, for his sin which he hath sinned.
29 And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the sin offering, and slay the sin offering in the place of the burnt offering.
30 And the priest shall take of the blood thereof with his finger, and put *it* upon the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and shall pour out all the blood thereof at the bottom of the altar.
31 And he shall take away all the fat thereof, as the fat is taken away from off the sacrifice of peace offerings; and the priest shall burn *it* upon the altar for a sweet savour unto the LORD; and the priest shall make an atonement for him, and it shall be forgiven him.
32 And if he bring a lamb for a sin offering, he shall bring it a female without blemish.
33 And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the sin offering, and slay it for a sin offering in the place where they kill the burnt offering.
34 And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering with his finger, and put *it* upon the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and shall pour out all the blood thereof at the bottom of the altar:
35 And he shall take away all the fat thereof, as the fat of the lamb is taken away from the sacrifice of the peace offerings; and the priest shall burn them upon the altar, according to the offerings made by fire unto the LORD: and the priest shall make an atonement for his sin that he hath committed, and it shall be forgiven him.

Trespass Offerings

5 And if a soul sin, and hear the voice of swearing, and *is* a witness, whether he hath seen or known *of it;* if he do not utter *it,* then he shall bear his iniquity.
2 Or if a soul touch any unclean thing, whether *it be* a carcase of an unclean beast, or a carcase of unclean cattle, or the carcase of unclean creeping things, and *if* it be hidden from him; he also shall be unclean, and guilty.
3 Or if he touch the uncleanness of man, whatsoever uncleanness *it be* that a man shall be defiled withal, and it be hid from

4:27 sin ▸ *see 2 Kin. 18:14.*
5:2 unclean ▸ *see Lev. 10:10.*
5:2 guilty ▸ *see Lev. 4:13.*

him; when he knoweth *of it,* then he shall be guilty.
4 Or if a soul swear, pronouncing with *his* lips to do evil, or to do good, whatsoever *it be* that a man shall pronounce with an oath, and it be hid from him; when he knoweth *of it,* then he shall be guilty in one of these.
5 And it shall be, when he shall be guilty in one of these *things,* that he shall confess that he hath sinned in that *thing:*
6 And he shall bring his trespass offering unto the LORD for his sin which he hath sinned, a female from the flock, a lamb or a kid of the goats, for a sin offering; and the priest shall make an atonement for him concerning his sin.
7 And if he be not able to bring a lamb, then he shall bring for his trespass, which he hath committed, two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, unto the LORD; one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering.
8 And he shall bring them unto the priest, who shall offer *that* which *is* for the sin offering first, and wring off his head from his neck, but shall not divide *it* asunder:
9 And he shall sprinkle of the blood of the sin offering upon the side of the altar; and the rest of the blood shall be wrung out at the bottom of the altar: it *is* a sin offering.
10 And he shall offer the second *for* a burnt offering, according to the manner: and the priest shall make an atonement for him for his sin which he hath sinned, and it shall be forgiven him.
11 But if he be not able to bring two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, then he that sinned shall bring for his offering the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a sin offering; he shall put no oil upon it, neither shall he put *any* frankincense thereon: for it *is* a sin offering.
12 Then shall he bring it to the priest, and the priest shall take his handful of it, *even* a memorial thereof, and burn *it* on the altar, according to the offerings made by fire unto the LORD: it *is* a sin offering.
13 And the priest shall make an atonement for him as touching his sin that he hath sinned in one of these, and it shall be forgiven him: and *the remnant* shall be the priest's, as a meat offering.

Sins Against the Lord

14 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
15 If a soul commit a trespass, and sin through ignorance, in the holy things of the LORD; then he shall bring for his trespass unto the LORD a ram without blemish out of the flocks, with thy estimation by shekels of silver, after the shekel of the sanctuary, for a trespass offering:
16 And he shall make amends for the harm that he hath done in the holy thing, and shall add the fifth part thereto, and give it unto the priest: and the priest shall make an atonement for him with the ram of the trespass offering, and it shall be forgiven him.

Committing Sins Unknowingly

17 And if a soul sin, and commit any of these things which are forbidden to be done by the commandments of the LORD; though he wist *it* not, yet is he guilty, and shall bear his iniquity.
18 And he shall bring a ram without blemish out of the flock, with thy estimation, for a trespass offering, unto the priest: and the priest shall make an atonement for him concerning his ignorance wherein he erred and wist *it* not, and it shall be forgiven him.
19 It *is* a trespass offering: he hath certainly trespassed against the LORD.

Committing Sins Knowingly

6 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
2 If a soul sin, and commit a trespass against the LORD, and lie unto his neighbour in that which was delivered him to keep, or in fellowship, or in a thing taken away by violence, or hath deceived his neighbour;
3 Or have found that which was lost, and

5:18 ignorance

(Heb. *shegagah*) (Num. 35:11; Eccl. 10:5) H7684: This word is used to denote inadvertent sins or sins of ignorance as opposed to presumptuous sins (Lev. 5:17, 18; Num. 15:25, 30). Sins of this type range from the misjudgment of rulers (Eccl. 10:5), to unintentionally eating a holy offering to the priest (Lev. 22:14), to making a vow to God and not keeping it (Eccl. 5:6), to inadvertently killing someone—a sin for which cities of refuge were established (Josh. 20:3, 9). Although these are not sins of the will, they still required a trespass offering to make up for the objective wrong that was done (Lev. 4:27; 5:15; Num. 15:27).

6:2 commit ▸ *see 2 Chr. 12:2.*

lieth concerning it, and sweareth falsely; in any of all these that a man doeth, sinning therein:

Making Restitution

4 Then it shall be, because he hath sinned, and is guilty, that he shall restore that which he took violently away, or the thing which he hath deceitfully gotten, or that which was delivered him to keep, or the lost thing which he found,
5 Or all that about which he hath sworn falsely; he shall even restore it in the principal, and shall add the fifth part more thereto, *and* give it unto him to whom it appertaineth, in the day of his trespass offering.
6 And he shall bring his trespass offering unto the LORD, a ram without blemish out of the flock, with thy estimation, for a trespass offering, unto the priest:
7 And the priest shall make an atonement for him before the LORD: and it shall be forgiven him for any thing of all that he hath done in trespassing therein.

The Law of the Burnt Offering

8 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
9 Command Aaron and his sons, saying, This *is* the law of the burnt offering: It *is* the burnt offering, because of the burning upon the altar all night unto the morning, and the fire of the altar shall be burning in it.
10 And the priest shall put on his linen garment, and his linen breeches shall he put upon his flesh, and take up the ashes which the fire hath consumed with the burnt offering on the altar, and he shall put them beside the altar.
11 And he shall put off his garments, and put on other garments, and carry forth the ashes without the camp unto a clean place.
12 And the fire upon the altar shall be burning in it; it shall not be put out: and the priest shall burn wood on it every morning, and lay the burnt offering in order upon it; and he shall burn thereon the fat of the peace offerings.
13 The fire shall ever be burning upon the altar; it shall never go out.

The Law of the Meat Offering

14 And this *is* the law of the meat offering: the sons of Aaron shall offer it before the LORD, before the altar.
15 And he shall take of it his handful, of the flour of the meat offering, and of the oil thereof, and all the frankincense which *is* upon the meat offering, and shall burn *it* upon the altar *for* a sweet savour, *even* the memorial of it, unto the LORD.
16 And the remainder thereof shall Aaron and his sons eat: with unleavened bread shall it be eaten in the holy place; in the court of the tabernacle of the congregation they shall eat it.
17 It shall not be baken with leaven. I have given it *unto them for* their portion of my offerings made by fire; it *is* most holy, as *is* the sin offering, and as the trespass offering.
18 All the males among the children of Aaron shall eat of it. *It shall be* a statute for ever in your generations concerning the offerings of the LORD made by fire: every one that toucheth them shall be holy.

The Offering of Aaron and His Sons

19 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
20 This *is* the offering of Aaron and of his sons, which they shall offer unto the LORD in the day when he is anointed; the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a meat offering perpetual, half of it in the morning, and half thereof at night.
21 In a pan it shall be made with oil; *and when it is* baken, thou shalt bring it in: *and* the baken pieces of the meat offering shalt thou offer *for* a sweet savour unto the LORD.

6:6 priest

(Heb. *kohen*) (Lev. 27:21; 2 Chr. 35:2) H3548: Priesthood was not unique to the Israelites. From the Egyptians to the Philistines, all the ancient Middle Eastern nations had a class of priests. At Mount Sinai, God consecrated Aaron and his descendants as priests (Ex. 28:1). They were to be representatives of the people before God, offering sacrifices and prayers on their behalf. Furthermore, they instructed the people about their religious duties and the character of God (Deut. 33:8–10). The New Testament describes Jesus Christ as our High Priest (Heb. 5:10). Through His death on the Cross, the formal priesthood was abolished (Heb. 10:11, 12). In its stead, all believers become priests—not to offer sacrifices but to pray, worship God, and witness to others about Jesus (Heb. 13:15, 16; 1 Pet. 2:5, 9; Rev. 1:5, 6).

6:10 linen ▸ *see Ezek. 10:6.*
6:15 memorial ▸ *see Lev. 2:2.*

22 And the priest of his sons that is anointed in his stead shall offer it: *it is* a statute for ever unto the LORD; it shall be wholly burnt.
23 For every meat offering for the priest shall be wholly burnt: it shall not be eaten.

The Law of the Sin Offering

24 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
25 Speak unto Aaron and to his sons, saying, This *is* the law of the sin offering: In the place where the burnt offering is killed shall the sin offering be killed before the LORD: it *is* most holy.
26 The priest that offereth it for sin shall eat it: in the holy place shall it be eaten, in the court of the tabernacle of the congregation.
27 Whatsoever shall touch the flesh thereof shall be holy: and when there is sprinkled of the blood thereof upon any garment, thou shalt wash that whereon it was sprinkled in the holy place.
28 But the earthen vessel wherein it is sodden shall be broken: and if it be sodden in a brasen pot, it shall be both scoured, and rinsed in water.
29 All the males among the priests shall eat thereof: it *is* most holy.
30 And no sin offering, whereof *any* of the blood is brought into the tabernacle of the congregation to reconcile *withal* in the holy *place,* shall be eaten: it shall be burnt in the fire.

The Law of the Trespass Offering

7 Likewise this *is* the law of the trespass offering: it *is* most holy.
2 In the place where they kill the burnt offering shall they kill the trespass offering: and the blood thereof shall he sprinkle round about upon the altar.
3 And he shall offer of it all the fat thereof; the rump, and the fat that covereth the inwards,
4 And the two kidneys, and the fat that *is* on them, which *is* by the flanks, and the caul *that is* above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away:
5 And the priest shall burn them upon the altar *for* an offering made by fire unto the LORD: it *is* a trespass offering.
6 Every male among the priests shall eat thereof: it shall be eaten in the holy place: it *is* most holy.
7 As the sin offering *is,* so *is* the trespass offering: *there is* one law for them: the priest that maketh atonement therewith shall have *it.*
8 And the priest that offereth any man's burnt offering, *even* the priest shall have to himself the skin of the burnt offering which he hath offered.
9 And all the meat offering that is baken in the oven, and all that is dressed in the frying-pan, and in the pan, shall be the priest's that offereth it.
10 And every meat offering, mingled with oil, and dry, shall all the sons of Aaron have, one *as much* as another.

The Law of the Peace Offering

11 And this *is* the law of the sacrifice of peace offerings, which he shall offer unto the LORD.
12 If he offer it for a thanksgiving, then he shall offer with the sacrifice of thanksgiving unleavened cakes mingled with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil, and cakes mingled with oil, of fine flour, fried.
13 Besides the cakes, he shall offer *for* his offering leavened bread with the sacrifice of thanksgiving of his peace offerings.
14 And of it he shall offer one out of the whole oblation *for* an heave offering unto the LORD, *and* it shall be the priest's that sprinkleth the blood of the peace offerings.
15 And the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offerings for thanksgiving shall be eaten the same day that it is offered; he shall not leave any of it until the morning.
16 But if the sacrifice of his offering *be* a vow, or a voluntary offering, it shall be eaten the same day that he offereth his sacrifice: and

7:11 peace offering

(Heb. *shelem*) (2 Chr. 33:16; Ezek. 46:12) H8002: This term designates one of the major types of offerings in ancient Israel. Perhaps what is in view is peace with God, or peace with one another, or paying back God, or perhaps (always being the last mentioned when listed in a series) it just means the concluding sacrifice. While the first seems most likely, all are possible based upon the meaning of the root. A peace offering was a special, joyous occasion for a communal fellowship meal before the Lord (Deut. 27:7). There are three types of peace offerings: the thank offering, the vow offering, and the freewill offering (Lev. 7:11, 12; 22:21).

on the morrow also the remainder of it shall be eaten:
17 But the remainder of the flesh of the sacrifice on the third day shall be burnt with fire.

Unacceptable Offerings

18 And if *any* of the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offerings be eaten at all on the third day, it shall not be accepted, neither shall it be imputed unto him that offereth it: it shall be an abomination, and the soul that eateth of it shall bear his iniquity.
19 And the flesh that toucheth any unclean *thing* shall not be eaten; it shall be burnt with fire: and as for the flesh, all that be clean shall eat thereof.
20 But the soul that eateth *of* the flesh of the sacrifice of peace offerings, that *pertain* unto the LORD, having his uncleanness upon him, even that soul shall be cut off from his people.
21 Moreover the soul that shall touch any unclean *thing, as* the uncleanness of man, or *any* unclean beast, or any abominable unclean *thing,* and eat of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace offerings, which *pertain* unto the LORD, even that soul shall be cut off from his people.

Eating Fat or Blood Forbidden

22 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
23 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, Ye shall eat no manner of fat, of ox, or of sheep, or of goat.
24 And the fat of the beast that dieth of itself, and the fat of that which is torn with beasts, may be used in any other use: but ye shall in no wise eat of it.
25 For whosoever eateth the fat of the beast, of which men offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD, even the soul that eateth *it* shall be cut off from his people.
26 Moreover ye shall eat no manner of blood, *whether it be* of fowl or of beast, in any of your dwellings.
27 Whatsoever soul *it be* that eateth any manner of blood, even that soul shall be cut off from his people.

The Priests Given a Portion

28 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
29 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, He that offereth the sacrifice of his peace offerings unto the LORD shall bring his oblation unto the LORD of the sacrifice of his peace offerings.
30 His own hands shall bring the offerings of the LORD made by fire, the fat with the breast, it shall he bring, that the breast may be waved *for* a wave offering before the LORD.
31 And the priest shall burn the fat upon the altar: but the breast shall be Aaron's and his sons'.
32 And the right shoulder shall ye give unto the priest *for* an heave offering of the sacrifices of your peace offerings.
33 He among the sons of Aaron, that offereth the blood of the peace offerings, and the fat, shall have the right shoulder for *his* part.
34 For the wave breast and the heave shoulder have I taken of the children of Israel from off the sacrifices of their peace offerings, and have given them unto Aaron the priest and unto his sons by a statute for ever from among the children of Israel.
35 This *is the portion* of the anointing of Aaron, and of the anointing of his sons, out of the offerings of the LORD made by fire, in the day *when* he presented them to minister unto the LORD in the priest's office;
36 Which the LORD commanded to be given them of the children of Israel, in the day that he anointed them, *by* a statute for ever throughout their generations.
37 This *is* the law of the burnt offering, of the meat offering, and of the sin offering, and of the trespass offering, and of the consecrations, and of the sacrifice of the peace offerings;
38 Which the LORD commanded Moses in mount Sinai, in the day that he commanded the children of Israel to offer their oblations unto the LORD, in the wilderness of Sinai.

Aaron and His Sons Consecrated

8 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
2 Take Aaron and his sons with him, and the garments, and the anointing oil, and a bullock for the sin offering, and two rams, and a basket of unleavened bread;
3 And gather thou all the congregation together unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.
4 And Moses did as the LORD commanded

7:36 generation ▸ *see Esth. 9:28.*

him; and the assembly was gathered together unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

The Priests' Garments

5 And Moses said unto the congregation, This *is* the thing which the LORD commanded to be done.
6 And Moses brought Aaron and his sons, and washed them with water.
7 And he put upon him the coat, and girded him with the girdle, and clothed him with the robe, and put the ephod upon him, and he girded him with the curious girdle of the ephod, and bound *it* unto him therewith.
8 And he put the breastplate upon him: also he put in the breastplate the Urim and the Thummim.
9 And he put the mitre upon his head; also upon the mitre, *even* upon his forefront, did he put the golden plate, the holy crown; as the LORD commanded Moses.

Anointing the Tabernacle

10 And Moses took the anointing oil, and anointed the tabernacle and all that *was* therein, and sanctified them.
11 And he sprinkled thereof upon the altar seven times, and anointed the altar and all his vessels, both the laver and his foot, to sanctify them.
12 And he poured of the anointing oil upon Aaron's head, and anointed him, to sanctify him.
13 And Moses brought Aaron's sons, and put coats upon them, and girded them with girdles, and put bonnets upon them; as the LORD commanded Moses.

The Sin Offering

14 And he brought the bullock for the sin offering: and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the bullock for the sin offering.
15 And he slew *it;* and Moses took the blood, and put *it* upon the horns of the altar round about with his finger, and purified the altar, and poured the blood at the bottom of the altar, and sanctified it, to make reconciliation upon it.
16 And he took all the fat that *was* upon the inwards, and the caul *above* the liver, and the two kidneys, and their fat, and Moses burned *it* upon the altar.
17 But the bullock, and his hide, his flesh, and his dung, he burnt with fire without the camp; as the LORD commanded Moses.

The Burnt Offering

18 And he brought the ram for the burnt offering: and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the ram.
19 And he killed *it;* and Moses sprinkled the blood upon the altar round about.
20 And he cut the ram into pieces; and Moses burnt the head, and the pieces, and the fat.
21 And he washed the inwards and the legs in water; and Moses burnt the whole ram upon the altar: it *was* a burnt sacrifice for a sweet savour, *and* an offering made by fire unto the LORD; as the LORD commanded Moses.

The Ram of Consecration

22 And he brought the other ram, the ram of consecration: and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the ram.
23 And he slew *it;* and Moses took of the blood of it, and put *it* upon the tip of Aaron's right ear, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot.
24 And he brought Aaron's sons, and Moses put of the blood upon the tip of their right ear, and upon the thumbs of their right hands, and upon the great toes of their right feet: and Moses sprinkled the blood upon the altar round about.
25 And he took the fat, and the rump, and all the fat that *was* upon the inwards, and the

8:11 sprinkle

(Heb. *nazah*) (Lev. 14:7; Is. 52:15) H5137: The idea conveyed by this Hebrew verb is "to sprinkle or spatter." Apart from the references to some of Jezebel's blood spattering against a wall (2 Kin. 9:33) and the blood of God's enemies sprinkling His garments (Is. 63:3), this word is only used in ritual contexts. Sprinkling rituals are performed for consecration and for cleansing (Lev. 8:11; 14:7; 16:19). Ritual sprinkling is characteristically done seven times using either one's finger or a hyssop branch (Lev. 14:27, 51). Blood, oil, water, and combinations of blood with oil or water may be used to sprinkle persons as well as sacred objects (Lev. 8:11, 30; 14:51; 16:14; Num. 19:18, 19).

caul *above* the liver, and the two kidneys, and their fat, and the right shoulder:
26 And out of the basket of unleavened bread, that *was* before the LORD, he took one unleavened cake, and a cake of oiled bread, and one wafer, and put *them* on the fat, and upon the right shoulder:

The Wave Offerings

27 And he put all upon Aaron's hands, and upon his sons' hands, and waved them *for* a wave offering before the LORD.
28 And Moses took them from off their hands, and burnt *them* on the altar upon the burnt offering: they *were* consecrations for a sweet savour: it *is* an offering made by fire unto the LORD.
29 And Moses took the breast, and waved it *for* a wave offering before the LORD: *for* of the ram of consecration it was Moses' part; as the LORD commanded Moses.

Priests and Garments Anointed

30 And Moses took of the anointing oil, and of the blood which *was* upon the altar, and sprinkled *it* upon Aaron, *and* upon his garments, and upon his sons, and upon his sons' garments with him; and sanctified Aaron, *and* his garments, and his sons, and his sons' garments with him.
31 And Moses said unto Aaron and to his sons, Boil the flesh *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and there eat it with the bread that *is* in the basket of consecrations, as I commanded, saying, Aaron and his sons shall eat it.
32 And that which remaineth of the flesh and of the bread shall ye burn with fire.

Seven Days of Consecration

33 And ye shall not go out of the door of the tabernacle of the congregation *in* seven days, until the days of your consecration be at an end: for seven days shall he consecrate you.
34 As he hath done this day, *so* the LORD hath commanded to do, to make an atonement for you.
35 Therefore shall ye abide *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation day and night seven days, and keep the charge of the LORD, that ye die not: for so I am commanded.
36 So Aaron and his sons did all things which the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses.

Aaron's First Offerings

9 And it came to pass on the eighth day, *that* Moses called Aaron and his sons, and the elders of Israel;
2 And he said unto Aaron, Take thee a young calf for a sin offering, and a ram for a burnt offering, without blemish, and offer *them* before the LORD.
3 And unto the children of Israel thou shalt speak, saying, Take ye a kid of the goats for a sin offering; and a calf and a lamb, *both* of the first year, without blemish, for a burnt offering;
4 Also a bullock and a ram for peace offerings, to sacrifice before the LORD; and a meat offering mingled with oil: for to day the LORD will appear unto you.
5 And they brought *that* which Moses commanded before the tabernacle of the congregation: and all the congregation drew near and stood before the LORD.

A Sin Offering for Aaron

6 And Moses said, This *is* the thing which the LORD commanded that ye should do: and the glory of the LORD shall appear unto you.
7 And Moses said unto Aaron, Go unto the altar, and offer thy sin offering, and thy burnt offering, and make an atonement for thyself, and for the people: and offer the offering of the people, and make an atonement for them; as the LORD commanded.

9:2 sin offering

(Heb. *chatta'ath*) (Ps. 51:2; Jer. 31:34; Zech. 13:1) H2403: This Hebrew word can refer to sin itself, as in the story of Cain and Abel (Gen. 4:7) or in David's confession of sin (Ps. 51:2). The people prayed for atonement for this sin (Ps. 79:9), and the prophets condemned sin at both the personal and national level (Is. 59:2). The word can also refer to the offering made to cover sin, as here and throughout Leviticus and Numbers. The sin offerings pointed forward to a day when God would cleanse all sin (Is. 40:2; Jer. 31:34) with the sacrifice of Jesus (Zech. 13:1).

9:7 make atonement

(Heb. *kaphar*) (Lev. 1:4; 14:18; 2 Sam. 21:3) H3722: In its various uses, this word can mean "to cover," "to appease," or "to ransom." It can refer to monetary transaction, but in the Scriptures it more

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8 Aaron therefore went unto the altar, and slew the calf of the sin offering, which *was* for himself.
9 And the sons of Aaron brought the blood unto him: and he dipped his finger in the blood, and put *it* upon the horns of the altar, and poured out the blood at the bottom of the altar:
10 But the fat, and the kidneys, and the caul above the liver of the sin offering, he burnt upon the altar; as the LORD commanded Moses.
11 And the flesh and the hide he burnt with fire without the camp.
12 And he slew the burnt offering; and Aaron's sons presented unto him the blood, which he sprinkled round about upon the altar.
13 And they presented the burnt offering unto him, with the pieces thereof, and the head: and he burnt *them* upon the altar.
14 And he did wash the inwards and the legs, and burnt *them* upon the burnt offering on the altar.

Offerings for the People

15 And he brought the people's offering, and took the goat, which *was* the sin offering for the people, and slew it, and offered it for sin, as the first.
16 And he brought the burnt offering, and offered it according to the manner.
17 And he brought the meat offering, and took an handful thereof, and burnt *it* upon the altar, beside the burnt sacrifice of the morning.
18 He slew also the bullock and the ram *for* a sacrifice of peace offerings, which *was* for the people: and Aaron's sons presented unto him the blood, which he sprinkled upon the altar round about,
19 And the fat of the bullock and of the ram, the rump, and that which covereth *the inwards,* and the kidneys, and the caul *above* the liver:
20 And they put the fat upon the breasts, and he burnt the fat upon the altar:
21 And the breasts and the right shoulder Aaron waved *for* a wave offering before the LORD; as Moses commanded.
22 And Aaron lifted up his hand toward the people, and blessed them, and came down from offering of the sin offering, and the burnt offering, and peace offerings.
23 And Moses and Aaron went into the tabernacle of the congregation, and came out, and blessed the people: and the glory of the LORD appeared unto all the people.
24 And there came a fire out from before the LORD, and consumed upon the altar the burnt offering and the fat: *which* when all the people saw, they shouted, and fell on their faces.

Nadab and Abihu Killed

10 And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which he commanded them not.
2 And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD.

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commonly speaks of payment for sin. All of the various offerings in the Jewish sacrificial system are described as effecting *atonement*. The key idea is that these offerings gained the favor of God, and God removed the worshiper's guilt. The sacrifice was presented as a substitute for the life of the offender. The sacrifice of an animal atoned for the offender's sin and turned aside God's wrath. Like the lambs offered to atone for the sins of the Israelites, Jesus' life was offered as a substitute for ours. His death turned away God's wrath and atoned for our sin (Rom. 3:25).

10:2 fire

(Heb. *'esh*) (Ex. 3:2; 13:21; Lev. 16:13) H0784: In the Old Testament, fire and flame were closely associated with Israel's worship and religious life. The consumption of offerings by flame assured the priests that God had accepted the people's sacrifices (Judg. 6:21; 1 Kin. 18:38). Numerous references to fire in the Bible emphasize God's judgment on wickedness and unbelief. God is represented as a consuming or devouring fire (Ex. 24:17; Deut. 4:24; Amos 5:6; Heb. 12:29). As a source of heat and light, fire is often pictured in the Bible as God's agent to purify and illuminate. The coming Messenger of the Lord is portrayed as a "refiner's fire" (Mal. 3:2). The tongues "as of fire" that came with the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost underscored the purging and illuminating quality of God's truth (Acts 2:3).

10:2 devour ▸ *see Ezek. 15:5.*

God Will Be Glorified

3 Then Moses said unto Aaron, This *is it* that the LORD spake, saying, I will be sanctified in them that come nigh me, and before all the people I will be glorified. And Aaron held his peace.
4 And Moses called Mishael and Elzaphan, the sons of Uzziel the uncle of Aaron, and said unto them, Come near, carry your brethren from before the sanctuary out of the camp.
5 So they went near, and carried them in their coats out of the camp; as Moses had said.
6 And Moses said unto Aaron, and unto Eleazar and unto Ithamar, his sons, Uncover not your heads, neither rend your clothes; lest ye die, and lest wrath come upon all the people: but let your brethren, the whole house of Israel, bewail the burning which the LORD hath kindled.
7 And ye shall not go out from the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die: for the anointing oil of the LORD *is* upon you. And they did according to the word of Moses.

Priests Are Not to Drink Wine

8 And the LORD spake unto Aaron, saying,
9 Do not drink wine nor strong drink, thou, nor thy sons with thee, when ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die: *it shall be* a statute for ever throughout your generations:
10 And that ye may put difference between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean;
11 And that ye may teach the children of Israel all the statutes which the LORD hath spoken unto them by the hand of Moses.

Eating in the Holy Place

12 And Moses spake unto Aaron, and unto Eleazar and unto Ithamar, his sons that were left, Take the meat offering that remaineth of the offerings of the LORD made by fire, and eat it without leaven beside the altar: for it *is* most holy:
13 And ye shall eat it in the holy place, because it *is* thy due, and thy sons' due, of the sacrifices of the LORD made by fire: for so I am commanded.
14 And the wave breast and heave shoulder shall ye eat in a clean place; thou, and thy sons, and thy daughters with thee: for *they be* thy due, and thy sons' due, *which* are given out of the sacrifices of peace offerings of the children of Israel.
15 The heave shoulder and the wave breast shall they bring with the offerings made by fire of the fat, to wave *it for* a wave offering before the LORD; and it shall be thine, and thy sons' with thee, by a statute for ever; as the LORD hath commanded.

Moses Angry with Aaron's Sons

16 And Moses diligently sought the goat of the sin offering, and, behold, it was burnt: and he was angry with Eleazar and Ithamar, the sons of Aaron *which were* left *alive,* saying,
17 Wherefore have ye not eaten the sin offering in the holy place, seeing it *is* most holy, and *God* hath given it you to bear the iniquity of the congregation, to make atonement for them before the LORD?
18 Behold, the blood of it was not brought in within the holy *place:* ye should indeed have eaten it in the holy *place,* as I commanded.
19 And Aaron said unto Moses, Behold, this day have they offered their sin offering and their burnt offering before the LORD; and such things have befallen me: and *if* I had eaten the sin offering to day, should it have been accepted in the sight of the LORD?
20 And when Moses heard *that,* he was content.

10:3 hold peace ▸ *see Jer. 47:6.*
10:10 put difference ▸ *see Num. 16:9.*

10:10 unclean

(Heb. *tame'*) (Lev. 5:2; Is. 6:5) H2931: The opposite of *tahor* (H2889), clean, *tame'* means unclean, or defiled in some way. Thus, if someone touches something unclean, he or she becomes unclean (Lev. 5:2). The dietary laws were based around distinguishing between clean and unclean animals (Lev. 11:4). But unclean does not mean guilty, nor does it necessarily carry negative connotations. For example, women were considered "unclean" as a result of childbirth (Lev. 12:2), even though having children was considered a blessing from God. Among the prophets, Isaiah declared himself to be "a man of unclean lips" (Is. 6:5), and noted that "we are all as an unclean thing" (Is. 64:6).

Clean and Unclean Meats

11 And the LORD spake unto Moses and to Aaron, saying unto them,
2 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, These *are* the beasts which ye shall eat among all the beasts that *are* on the earth.
3 Whatsoever parteth the hoof, and is clovenfooted, *and* cheweth the cud, among the beasts, that shall ye eat.
4 Nevertheless these shall ye not eat of them that chew the cud, or of them that divide the hoof: *as* the camel, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he *is* unclean unto you.
5 And the coney, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he *is* unclean unto you.
6 And the hare, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he *is* unclean unto you.
7 And the swine, though he divide the hoof, and be clovenfooted, yet he cheweth not the cud; he *is* unclean to you.
8 Of their flesh shall ye not eat, and their carcase shall ye not touch; they *are* unclean to you.

Water Creatures

9 These shall ye eat of all that *are* in the waters: whatsoever hath fins and scales in the waters, in the seas, and in the rivers, them shall ye eat.
10 And all that have not fins and scales in the seas, and in the rivers, of all that move in the waters, and of any living thing which *is* in the waters, they *shall be* an abomination unto you:
11 They shall be even an abomination unto you; ye shall not eat of their flesh, but ye shall have their carcases in abomination.
12 Whatsoever hath no fins nor scales in the waters, that *shall be* an abomination unto you.

Unclean Fowl

13 And these *are they which* ye shall have in abomination among the fowls; they shall not be eaten, they *are* an abomination: the eagle, and the ossifrage, and the ospray,
14 And the vulture, and the kite after his kind;
15 Every raven after his kind;
16 And the owl, and the night hawk, and the cuckow, and the hawk after his kind,
17 And the little owl, and the cormorant, and the great owl,
18 And the swan, and the pelican, and the gier eagle,
19 And the stork, the heron after her kind, and the lapwing, and the bat.
20 All fowls that creep, going upon *all* four, *shall be* an abomination unto you.

Flying Creeping Things

21 Yet these may ye eat of every flying creeping thing that goeth upon *all* four, which have legs above their feet, to leap withal upon the earth;
22 *Even* these of them ye may eat; the locust after his kind, and the bald locust after his kind, and the beetle after his kind, and the grasshopper after his kind.
23 But all *other* flying creeping things, which have four feet, *shall be* an abomination unto you.

People Become Unclean

24 And for these ye shall be unclean: whosoever toucheth the carcase of them shall be unclean until the even.
25 And whosoever beareth *ought* of the carcase of them shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even.
26 *The carcases* of every beast which divideth the hoof, and *is* not clovenfooted, nor cheweth the cud, *are* unclean unto you: every one that toucheth them shall be unclean.
27 And whatsoever goeth upon his paws, among all manner of beasts that go on *all* four, those *are* unclean unto you: whoso toucheth their carcase shall be unclean until the even.

11:11 abomination

(Heb. *sheqets*) (Lev. 11:41; Is. 66:17) H8263: This term refers to ritually abhorrent animals which were not only impermissible to eat, but also impermissible to touch (Lev. 7:21). Eight of this word's eleven occurrences are here in Leviticus 11. Abominable animals include aquatic animals without fins and scales; birds of prey and scavenger birds, among others; certain flying insects; and animals that creep or crawl (Lev. 11:10–12, 13–19, 20–23, 41, 42). No typical land animals and no plants are *sheqets*. Amazingly, Jerusalem sank so low that depictions of abominable animals decorated some walls there in Ezekiel's day (Ezek. 8:9, 10). It should well be noted that this is just one of several similar words in the Old Testament.

28 And he that beareth the carcase of them shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even: they *are* unclean unto you.

Creeping Things

29 These also *shall be* unclean unto you among the creeping things that creep upon the earth; the weasel, and the mouse, and the tortoise after his kind,
30 And the ferret, and the chameleon, and the lizard, and the snail, and the mole.
31 These *are* unclean to you among all that creep: whosoever doth touch them, when they be dead, shall be unclean until the even.
32 And upon whatsoever *any* of them, when they are dead, doth fall, it shall be unclean; whether *it be* any vessel of wood, or raiment, or skin, or sack, whatsoever vessel *it be,* wherein *any* work is done, it must be put into water, and it shall be unclean until the even; so it shall be cleansed.
33 And every earthen vessel, whereinto *any* of them falleth, whatsoever *is* in it shall be unclean; and ye shall break it.
34 Of all meat which may be eaten, *that* on which *such* water cometh shall be unclean: and all drink that may be drunk in every *such* vessel shall be unclean.
35 And every *thing* whereupon *any part* of their carcase falleth shall be unclean; *whether it be* oven, or ranges for pots, they shall be broken down: *for* they *are* unclean, and shall be unclean unto you.
36 Nevertheless a fountain or pit, *wherein there is* plenty of water, shall be clean: but that which toucheth their carcase shall be unclean.
37 And if *any part* of their carcase fall upon any sowing seed which is to be sown, it *shall be* clean.
38 But if *any* water be put upon the seed, and *any part* of their carcase fall thereon, it *shall be* unclean unto you.
39 And if any beast, of which ye may eat, die; he that toucheth the carcase thereof shall be unclean until the even.
40 And he that eateth of the carcase of it shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even: he also that beareth the carcase of it shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even.
41 And every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth *shall be* an abomination; it shall not be eaten.
42 Whatsoever goeth upon the belly, and whatsoever goeth upon *all* four, or whatsoever hath more feet among all creeping things that creep upon the earth, them ye shall not eat; for they *are* an abomination.
43 Ye shall not make yourselves abominable with any creeping thing that creepeth, neither shall ye make yourselves unclean with them, that ye should be defiled thereby.

People to Sanctify Themselves

44 For I *am* the LORD your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I *am* holy: neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.
45 For I *am* the LORD that bringeth you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: ye shall therefore be holy, for I *am* holy.
46 This *is* the law of the beasts, and of the fowl, and of every living creature that moveth in the waters, and of every creature that creepeth upon the earth:
47 To make a difference between the unclean and the clean, and between the beast that may be eaten and the beast that may not be eaten.

Purification Time for Women

12 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
2 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a woman have conceived seed, and born a man child: then she shall be unclean seven days; according to the days of the separation for her infirmity shall she be unclean.

11:41 abomination ▸ *see Lev. 11:11.*
11:43 unclean ▸ *see Lev. 12:2.*

12:2 be unclean

(Heb. *tame'*) (Lev. 11:43; 18:28; 22:5) H2930: This verb means "to be or make unclean" in the sense of ritual purity. Unclean things and people are ceremonially unsuitable (Lev. 22:1–9). Many things made a person unclean for various periods of time—things such as the discharge of bodily fluids (Lev. 15:2–4), leprosy (Lev. 13:3), adultery (Hos. 5:3), idolatry (Ezek. 22:3, 4), and contact with anything unclean such as a corpse (Lev. 21:11). The dwelling place of God (Ezek. 43:7) and even the high places of false gods could be made unclean (2 Kin. 23:8) by human action.

3 And in the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised.
4 And she shall then continue in the blood of her purifying three and thirty days; she shall touch no hallowed thing, nor come into the sanctuary, until the days of her purifying be fulfilled.
5 But if she bear a maid child, then she shall be unclean two weeks, as in her separation: and she shall continue in the blood of her purifying threescore and six days.

Atonement Offerings for Women

6 And when the days of her purifying are fulfilled, for a son, or for a daughter, she shall bring a lamb of the first year for a burnt offering, and a young pigeon, or a turtledove, for a sin offering, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, unto the priest:
7 Who shall offer it before the LORD, and make an atonement for her; and she shall be cleansed from the issue of her blood. This *is* the law for her that hath born a male or a female.
8 And if she be not able to bring a lamb, then she shall bring two turtles, or two young pigeons; the one for the burnt offering, and the other for a sin offering: and the priest shall make an atonement for her, and she shall be clean.

Signs of Leprosy

13 And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, saying,
2 When a man shall have in the skin of his flesh a rising, a scab, or bright spot, and it be in the skin of his flesh *like* the plague of leprosy; then he shall be brought unto Aaron the priest, or unto one of his sons the priests:
3 And the priest shall look on the plague in the skin of the flesh: and *when* the hair in the plague is turned white, and the plague in sight *be* deeper than the skin of his flesh, it *is* a plague of leprosy: and the priest shall look on him, and pronounce him unclean.
4 If the bright spot *be* white in the skin of his flesh, and in sight *be* not deeper than the skin, and the hair thereof be not turned white; then the priest shall shut up *him that hath* the plague seven days:
5 And the priest shall look on him the seventh day: and, behold, *if* the plague in his sight be at a stay, *and* the plague spread not in the skin; then the priest shall shut him up seven days more:
6 And the priest shall look on him again the seventh day: and, behold, *if* the plague *be* somewhat dark, *and* the plague spread not in the skin, the priest shall pronounce him clean: it *is but* a scab: and he shall wash his clothes, and be clean.
7 But if the scab spread much abroad in the skin, after that he hath been seen of the priest for his cleansing, he shall be seen of the priest again:
8 And *if* the priest see that, behold, the scab spreadeth in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it *is* a leprosy.

The Plague of Leprosy

9 When the plague of leprosy is in a man, then he shall be brought unto the priest;
10 And the priest shall see *him:* and, behold, *if* the rising *be* white in the skin, and it have turned the hair white, and *there be* quick raw flesh in the rising;
11 It *is* an old leprosy in the skin of his flesh, and the priest shall pronounce him unclean, and shall not shut him up: for he *is* unclean.
12 And if a leprosy break out abroad in the skin, and the leprosy cover all the skin of *him that hath* the plague from his head even to his foot, wheresoever the priest looketh;
13 Then the priest shall consider: and, behold, *if* the leprosy have covered all his flesh, he shall pronounce *him* clean *that hath* the plague: it is all turned white: he *is* clean.
14 But when raw flesh appeareth in him, he shall be unclean.
15 And the priest shall see the raw flesh, and

12:3 circumcise ▸ *see Deut. 30:6.*
12:5 purifying ▸ *see Lev. 14:2.*
13:7 cleansing ▸ *see Lev. 14:2.*

13:8 leprosy

(Heb. *tsara`ath*) (Deut. 24:8; 2 Kin. 5:3) H6883: This term is believed to include the disease known as leprosy (Hansen's disease) and milder diseases such as leucodermia and vitiligo (Lev. 13:2–46) as well as molds and mildews in clothing, in leather, and in the walls of buildings (Lev. 13:47, 48; 14:44). The priestly regulations for testing the nature of this condition are given in Leviticus 13 and 14 where this word appears 29 out of its 35 times in the Bible. Elsewhere, the term is used concerning specific individuals with the disease: Naaman (2 Kin. 5:3–7), Gehazi (2 Kin. 5:27), and King Uzziah (2 Chr. 26:19).

pronounce him to be unclean: *for* the raw flesh *is* unclean: it *is* a leprosy.
16 Or if the raw flesh turn again, and be changed unto white, he shall come unto the priest;
17 And the priest shall see him: and, behold, *if* the plague be turned into white; then the priest shall pronounce *him* clean *that hath* the plague: he *is* clean.

A Boil

18 The flesh also, in which, *even* in the skin thereof, was a boil, and is healed,
19 And in the place of the boil there be a white rising, or a bright spot, white, and somewhat reddish, and it be shewed to the priest;
20 And if, when the priest seeth it, behold, it *be* in sight lower than the skin, and the hair thereof be turned white; the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it *is* a plague of leprosy broken out of the boil.
21 But if the priest look on it, and, behold, *there be* no white hairs therein, and *if* it *be* not lower than the skin, but *be* somewhat dark; then the priest shall shut him up seven days:
22 And if it spread much abroad in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it *is* a plague.
23 But if the bright spot stay in his place, *and* spread not, it *is* a burning boil; and the priest shall pronounce him clean.

A Hot Burning

24 Or if there be *any* flesh, in the skin whereof *there is* a hot burning, and the quick *flesh* that burneth have a white bright spot, somewhat reddish, or white;
25 Then the priest shall look upon it: and, behold, *if* the hair in the bright spot be turned white, and it *be in* sight deeper than the skin; it *is* a leprosy broken out of the burning: wherefore the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it *is* the plague of leprosy.
26 But if the priest look on it, and, behold, *there be* no white hair in the bright spot, and it *be* no lower than the *other* skin, but *be* somewhat dark; then the priest shall shut him up seven days:
27 And the priest shall look upon him the seventh day: *and* if it be spread much abroad in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it *is* the plague of leprosy.
28 And if the bright spot stay in his place, *and* spread not in the skin, but it *be* somewhat dark; it *is* a rising of the burning, and the priest shall pronounce him clean: for it *is* an inflammation of the burning.

A Plague on the Head or Beard

29 If a man or woman have a plague upon the head or the beard;
30 Then the priest shall see the plague: and, behold, if it *be* in sight deeper than the skin; *and there be* in it a yellow thin hair; then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it *is* a dry scall, *even* a leprosy upon the head or beard.
31 And if the priest look on the plague of the scall, and, behold, it *be* not in sight deeper than the skin, and *that there is* no black hair in it; then the priest shall shut up *him that hath* the plague of the scall seven days:
32 And in the seventh day the priest shall look on the plague: and, behold, *if* the scall spread not, and there be in it no yellow hair, and the scall *be* not in sight deeper than the skin;
33 He shall be shaven, but the scall shall he not shave; and the priest shall shut up *him that hath* the scall seven days more:
34 And in the seventh day the priest shall look on the scall: and, behold, *if* the scall be not spread in the skin, nor *be* in sight deeper than the skin; then the priest shall pronounce him clean: and he shall wash his clothes, and be clean.
35 But if the scall spread much in the skin after his cleansing;
36 Then the priest shall look on him: and, behold, if the scall be spread in the skin, the priest shall not seek for yellow hair; he *is* unclean.
37 But if the scall be in his sight at a stay, and *that* there is black hair grown up therein; the scall is healed, he *is* clean: and the priest shall pronounce him clean.

13:37 clean

(Heb. *tahor*) (Ps. 12:6; Ezek. 36:25; Hab. 1:13) H2889: This Hebrew word means "clean" and breaks down into three divisions: ceremonial, physical, and ethical. Ceremonial cleanness applies to persons (Num. 18:11), animals (Gen. 7:2), places (Num. 19:9), and things (Lev. 10:10). Some of these are always clean—such as certain

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A Bright Spot

38 If a man also or a woman have in the skin of their flesh bright spots, *even* white bright spots;
39 Then the priest shall look: and, behold, *if* the bright spots in the skin of their flesh *be* darkish white; it *is* a freckled spot *that* groweth in the skin; he *is* clean.
40 And the man whose hair is fallen off his head, he *is* bald; *yet is* he clean.
41 And he that hath his hair fallen off from the part of his head toward his face, he *is* forehead bald: *yet is* he clean.
42 And if there be in the bald head, or bald forehead, a white reddish sore; it *is* a leprosy sprung up in his bald head, or his bald forehead.
43 Then the priest shall look upon it: and, behold, *if* the rising of the sore *be* white reddish in his bald head, or in his bald forehead, as the leprosy appeareth in the skin of the flesh;
44 He is a leprous man, he *is* unclean: the priest shall pronounce him utterly unclean; his plague *is* in his head.
45 And the leper in whom the plague *is,* his clothes shall be rent, and his head bare, and he shall put a covering upon his upper lip, and shall cry, Unclean, unclean.
46 All the days wherein the plague *shall be* in him he shall be defiled; he *is* unclean: he shall dwell alone; without the camp *shall* his habitation *be.*

Treatment of Garments

47 The garment also that the plague of leprosy is in, *whether it be* a woollen garment, or a linen garment;
48 Whether *it be* in the warp, or woof; of linen, or of woollen; whether in a skin, or in any thing made of skin;
49 And if the plague be greenish or reddish in the garment, or in the skin, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in any thing of skin; it *is* a plague of leprosy, and shall be shewed unto the priest:
50 And the priest shall look upon the plague, and shut up *it that hath* the plague seven days:
51 And he shall look on the plague on the seventh day: if the plague be spread in the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in a skin, *or* in any work that is made of skin; the plague *is* a fretting leprosy; it *is* unclean.
52 He shall therefore burn that garment, whether warp or woof, in woollen or in linen, or any thing of skin, wherein the plague is: for it *is* a fretting leprosy; it shall be burnt in the fire.
53 And if the priest shall look, and, behold, the plague be not spread in the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in any thing of skin;
54 Then the priest shall command that they wash *the thing* wherein the plague *is,* and he shall shut it up seven days more:
55 And the priest shall look on the plague, after that it is washed: and, behold, *if* the plague have not changed his colour, and the plague be not spread; it *is* unclean; thou shalt burn it in the fire; it *is* fret inward, *whether* it *be* bare within or without.
56 And if the priest look, and, behold, the plague *be* somewhat dark after the washing of it; then he shall rend it out of the garment, or out of the skin, or out of the warp, or out of the woof:
57 And if it appear still in the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in any thing of skin; it *is* a spreading *plague:* thou shalt burn that wherein the plague *is* with fire.
58 And the garment, either warp, or woof, or whatsoever thing of skin *it be,* which thou shalt wash, if the plague be departed from them, then it shall be washed the second time, and shall be clean.
59 This *is* the law of the plague of leprosy in a garment of woollen or linen, either in the warp, or woof, or any thing of skins, to pronounce it clean, or to pronounce it unclean.

Laws for Cleansing Lepers

14 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

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animals (Lev. 11:47) while others may be restored to a condition of being clean through proper means (Lev. 14:7). Physically clean objects include a clean turban (Zech. 3:5), pure gold (1 Chr. 28:17), and perhaps pure incense (Ex. 37:29). The ethical dimension of cleanness appears in the Wisdom Books and can be related to a person's hands (Job 17:9), heart (Prov. 22:11), and words (Prov. 15:26).

2 This shall be the law of the leper in the day of his cleansing: He shall be brought unto the priest:

The First Day of Cleansing

3 And the priest shall go forth out of the camp; and the priest shall look, and, behold, *if* the plague of leprosy be healed in the leper;
4 Then shall the priest command to take for him that is to be cleansed two birds alive *and* clean, and cedar wood, and scarlet, and hyssop:
5 And the priest shall command that one of the birds be killed in an earthen vessel over running water:
6 As for the living bird, he shall take it, and the cedar wood, and the scarlet, and the hyssop, and shall dip them and the living bird in the blood of the bird *that was* killed over the running water:
7 And he shall sprinkle upon him that is to be cleansed from the leprosy seven times, and shall pronounce him clean, and shall let the living bird loose into the open field.
8 And he that is to be cleansed shall wash his clothes, and shave off all his hair, and wash himself in water, that he may be clean: and after that he shall come into the camp, and shall tarry abroad out of his tent seven days.

The Seventh Day of Cleansing

9 But it shall be on the seventh day, that he shall shave all his hair off his head and his beard and his eyebrows, even all his hair he shall shave off: and he shall wash his clothes, also he shall wash his flesh in water, and he shall be clean.

The Eighth Day of Cleansing

10 And on the eighth day he shall take two he lambs without blemish, and one ewe lamb of the first year without blemish, and three tenth deals of fine flour *for* a meat offering, mingled with oil, and one log of oil.
11 And the priest that maketh *him* clean shall present the man that is to be made clean, and those things, before the LORD, *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation:
12 And the priest shall take one he lamb, and offer him for a trespass offering, and the log of oil, and wave them *for* a wave offering before the LORD:
13 And he shall slay the lamb in the place where he shall kill the sin offering and the burnt offering, in the holy place: for as the sin offering *is* the priest's, *so is* the trespass offering: it *is* most holy:
14 And the priest shall take *some* of the blood of the trespass offering, and the priest shall put *it* upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot:
15 And the priest shall take *some* of the log of oil, and pour *it* into the palm of his own left hand:
16 And the priest shall dip his right finger in the oil that *is* in his left hand, and shall sprinkle of the oil with his finger seven times before the LORD:
17 And of the rest of the oil that *is* in his hand shall the priest put upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot, upon the blood of the trespass offering:
18 And the remnant of the oil that *is* in the priest's hand he shall pour upon the head of him that is to be cleansed: and the priest shall make an atonement for him before the LORD.
19 And the priest shall offer the sin offering, and make an atonement for him that is to be cleansed from his uncleanness; and afterward he shall kill the burnt offering:
20 And the priest shall offer the burnt offering and the meat offering upon the altar: and

14:2 cleansing

(Heb. *tohorah*) (Lev. 12:5; 13:7) H2893: This rare noun always signifies ritual cleansing. Cleansing is required for a woman who has given birth (with emphasis on the bloodshed, Lev. 12:5), a man who has had a discharge (Lev. 15:13), a person with leprosy (Lev. 14:32), and a Nazarite or priest who has come into close proximity with a corpse (Num. 6:9; Ezek. 44:26). All of these cleansings involve a purification (sin) offering and a burnt offering. People and sacred objects were required to be cleansed for the worship of the Lord; thus on one Passover when this had not been done for the people, Hezekiah prayed for God to forgive them (Neh. 12:45; 1 Chr. 23:28; 2 Chr. 30:19).

14:7 sprinkle ▸ *see Lev. 8:11.*
14:10 lamb ▸ *see 2 Sam. 12:6.*
14:18 make atonement ▸ *see Lev. 9:7.*

the priest shall make an atonement for him, and he shall be clean.

A Poor Man's Offerings

21 And if he *be* poor, and cannot get so much; then he shall take one lamb *for* a trespass offering to be waved, to make an atonement for him, and one tenth deal of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering, and a log of oil;
22 And two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, such as he is able to get; and the one shall be a sin offering, and the other a burnt offering.
23 And he shall bring them on the eighth day for his cleansing unto the priest, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, before the LORD.
24 And the priest shall take the lamb of the trespass offering, and the log of oil, and the priest shall wave them *for* a wave offering before the LORD:
25 And he shall kill the lamb of the trespass offering, and the priest shall take *some* of the blood of the trespass offering, and put *it* upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot:
26 And the priest shall pour of the oil into the palm of his own left hand:
27 And the priest shall sprinkle with his right finger *some* of the oil that *is* in his left hand seven times before the LORD:
28 And the priest shall put of the oil that *is* in his hand upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot, upon the place of the blood of the trespass offering:
29 And the rest of the oil that *is* in the priest's hand he shall put upon the head of him that is to be cleansed, to make an atonement for him before the LORD.
30 And he shall offer the one of the turtledoves, or of the young pigeons, such as he can get;
31 *Even* such as he is able to get, the one *for* a sin offering, and the other *for* a burnt offering, with the meat offering: and the priest shall make an atonement for him that is to be cleansed before the LORD.
32 This *is* the law *of him* in whom *is* the plague of leprosy, whose hand is not able to get *that which pertaineth* to his cleansing.

The Plague of Leprosy in a House

33 And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,
34 When ye be come into the land of Canaan, which I give to you for a possession, and I put the plague of leprosy in a house of the land of your possession;
35 And he that owneth the house shall come and tell the priest, saying, It seemeth to me *there is* as it were a plague in the house:
36 Then the priest shall command that they empty the house, before the priest go *into it* to see the plague, that all that *is* in the house be not made unclean: and afterward the priest shall go in to see the house:
37 And he shall look on the plague, and, behold, *if* the plague *be* in the walls of the house with hollow strakes, greenish or reddish, which in sight *are* lower than the wall;
38 Then the priest shall go out of the house to the door of the house, and shut up the house seven days:
39 And the priest shall come again the seventh day, and shall look: and, behold, *if* the plague be spread in the walls of the house;
40 Then the priest shall command that they take away the stones in which the plague *is,* and they shall cast them into an unclean place without the city:
41 And he shall cause the house to be scraped within round about, and they shall pour out the dust that they scrape off without the city into an unclean place:
42 And they shall take other stones, and put *them* in the place of those stones; and he shall take other morter, and shall plaister the house.

The Fate of an Unclean House

43 And if the plague come again, and break out in the house, after that he hath taken away the stones, and after he hath scraped the house, and after it is plaistered;
44 Then the priest shall come and look, and, behold, *if* the plague be spread in the house, it *is* a fretting leprosy in the house: it *is* unclean.
45 And he shall break down the house, the stones of it, and the timber thereof, and all the morter of the house; and he shall carry *them* forth out of the city into an unclean place.
46 Moreover he that goeth into the house all the while that it is shut up shall be unclean until the even.

47 And he that lieth in the house shall wash his clothes; and he that eateth in the house shall wash his clothes.

The Cleansing of a Clean House

48 And if the priest shall come in, and look *upon it,* and, behold, the plague hath not spread in the house, after the house was plaistered: then the priest shall pronounce the house clean, because the plague is healed.
49 And he shall take to cleanse the house two birds, and cedar wood, and scarlet, and hyssop:
50 And he shall kill the one of the birds in an earthen vessel over running water:
51 And he shall take the cedar wood, and the hyssop, and the scarlet, and the living bird, and dip them in the blood of the slain bird, and in the running water, and sprinkle the house seven times:
52 And he shall cleanse the house with the blood of the bird, and with the running water, and with the living bird, and with the cedar wood, and with the hyssop, and with the scarlet:
53 But he shall let go the living bird out of the city into the open fields, and make an atonement for the house: and it shall be clean.
54 This *is* the law for all manner of plague of leprosy, and scall,
55 And for the leprosy of a garment, and of a house,
56 And for a rising, and for a scab, and for a bright spot:
57 To teach when *it is* unclean, and when *it is* clean: this *is* the law of leprosy.

Personal Uncleanness

15 And the LORD spake unto Moses and to Aaron, saying,
2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When any man hath a running issue out of his flesh, *because of* his issue he *is* unclean.
3 And this shall be his uncleanness in his issue: whether his flesh run with his issue, or his flesh be stopped from his issue, it *is* his uncleanness.
4 Every bed, whereon he lieth that hath the issue, is unclean: and every thing, whereon he sitteth, shall be unclean.
5 And whosoever toucheth his bed shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even.
6 And he that sitteth on *any* thing whereon he sat that hath the issue shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even.
7 And he that toucheth the flesh of him that hath the issue shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even.
8 And if he that hath the issue spit upon him that is clean; then he shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even.
9 And what saddle soever he rideth upon that hath the issue shall be unclean.
10 And whosoever toucheth any thing that was under him shall be unclean until the even: and he that beareth *any of* those things shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even.
11 And whomsoever he toucheth that hath the issue, and hath not rinsed his hands in water, he shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even.
12 And the vessel of earth, that he toucheth which hath the issue, shall be broken: and every vessel of wood shall be rinsed in water.
13 And when he that hath an issue is cleansed of his issue; then he shall number to himself seven days for his cleansing, and wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in running water, and shall be clean.
14 And on the eighth day he shall take to him two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, and come before the LORD unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and give them unto the priest:
15 And the priest shall offer them, the one *for* a sin offering, and the other *for* a burnt offering; and the priest shall make an atonement for him before the LORD for his issue.
16 And if any man's seed of copulation go out from him, then he shall wash all his flesh in water, and be unclean until the even.
17 And every garment, and every skin, whereon is the seed of copulation, shall be washed with water, and be unclean until the even.
18 The woman also with whom man shall lie *with* seed of copulation, they shall *both* bathe *themselves* in water, and be unclean until the even.

14:48 clean ▸ *see 2 Chr. 29:16.*

19 And if a woman have an issue, *and* her issue in her flesh be blood, she shall be put apart seven days: and whosoever toucheth her shall be unclean until the even.
20 And every thing that she lieth upon in her separation shall be unclean: every thing also that she sitteth upon shall be unclean.
21 And whosoever toucheth her bed shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even.
22 And whosoever toucheth any thing that she sat upon shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even.
23 And if it *be* on *her* bed, or on any thing whereon she sitteth, when he toucheth it, he shall be unclean until the even.
24 And if any man lie with her at all, and her flowers be upon him, he shall be unclean seven days; and all the bed whereon he lieth shall be unclean.
25 And if a woman have an issue of her blood many days out of the time of her separation, or if it run beyond the time of her separation; all the days of the issue of her uncleanness shall be as the days of her separation: she *shall be* unclean.
26 Every bed whereon she lieth all the days of her issue shall be unto her as the bed of her separation: and whatsoever she sitteth upon shall be unclean, as the uncleanness of her separation.
27 And whosoever toucheth those things shall be unclean, and shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even.
28 But if she be cleansed of her issue, then she shall number to herself seven days, and after that she shall be clean.
29 And on the eighth day she shall take unto her two turtles, or two young pigeons, and bring them unto the priest, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.
30 And the priest shall offer the one *for* a sin offering, and the other *for* a burnt offering; and the priest shall make an atonement for her before the LORD for the issue of her uncleanness.

Separation from Uncleanness

31 Thus shall ye separate the children of Israel from their uncleanness; that they die not in their uncleanness, when they defile my tabernacle that *is* among them.
32 This *is* the law of him that hath an issue, and *of him* whose seed goeth from him, and is defiled therewith;
33 And of her that is sick of her flowers, and of him that hath an issue, of the man, and of the woman, and of him that lieth with her that is unclean.

Atonement for Israel

16 And the LORD spake unto Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they offered before the LORD, and died;
2 And the LORD said unto Moses, Speak unto Aaron thy brother, that he come not at all times into the holy *place* within the vail before the mercy seat, which *is* upon the ark; that he die not: for I will appear in the cloud upon the mercy seat.

Instructions for Aaron

3 Thus shall Aaron come into the holy *place:* with a young bullock for a sin offering, and a ram for a burnt offering.
4 He shall put on the holy linen coat, and he shall have the linen breeches upon his flesh, and shall be girded with a linen girdle, and with the linen mitre shall he be attired: these *are* holy garments; therefore shall he wash his flesh in water, and *so* put them on.
5 And he shall take of the congregation of the children of Israel two kids of the goats for a sin offering, and one ram for a burnt offering.
6 And Aaron shall offer his bullock of the sin offering, which *is* for himself, and make an atonement for himself, and for his house.

15:31 separate

(Heb. *nazar*) (Lev. 22:2; Num. 6:2) H5144: This Hebrew verb is used for ceremonial dedication and consecration involving the concepts of both separation *from* and separation *to*. This word features prominently (five of its ten occurrences) in the regulations for the Nazirite vow of separation unto the Lord (Num. 6:2–12). Instances of separation unto the Lord include participating in commemorative fasting (Zech. 7:3, 4), abstaining from partaking of the offerings of the Lord while unclean (Lev. 22:2, 3), and keeping away from the tabernacle when unclean due to bodily discharges (Lev. 15:30–33). Negatively, this word is used for Israel's shameful separation to Baal Peor (Hos. 9:10) and for separation from the Lord and engaging in idolatry (Ezek. 14:7).

7 And he shall take the two goats, and present them before the LORD *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.
8 And Aaron shall cast lots upon the two goats; one lot for the LORD, and the other lot for the scapegoat.
9 And Aaron shall bring the goat upon which the LORD's lot fell, and offer him *for* a sin offering.
10 But the goat, on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat, shall be presented alive before the LORD, to make an atonement with him, *and* to let him go for a scapegoat into the wilderness.

A Sin Offering for Aaron

11 And Aaron shall bring the bullock of the sin offering, which *is* for himself, and shall make an atonement for himself, and for his house, and shall kill the bullock of the sin offering which *is* for himself:
12 And he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from off the altar before the LORD, and his hands full of sweet incense beaten small, and bring *it* within the vail:
13 And he shall put the incense upon the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy seat that *is* upon the testimony, that he die not:
14 And he shall take of the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle *it* with his finger upon the mercy seat eastward; and before the mercy seat shall he sprinkle of the blood with his finger seven times.

A Sin Offering for Israel

15 Then shall he kill the goat of the sin offering, that *is* for the people, and bring his blood within the vail, and do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it upon the mercy seat, and before the mercy seat:

Sanctifying the Tabernacle

16 And he shall make an atonement for the holy *place,* because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions in all their sins: and so shall he do for the tabernacle of the congregation, that remaineth among them in the midst of their uncleanness.
17 And there shall be no man in the tabernacle of the congregation when he goeth in to make an atonement in the holy *place,* until he come out, and have made an atonement for himself, and for his household, and for all the congregation of Israel.
18 And he shall go out unto the altar that *is* before the LORD, and make an atonement for it; and shall take of the blood of the bullock, and of the blood of the goat, and put *it* upon the horns of the altar round about.
19 And he shall sprinkle of the blood upon it with his finger seven times, and cleanse it, and hallow it from the uncleanness of the children of Israel.

A Scapegoat for Israel's Sins

20 And when he hath made an end of reconciling the holy *place,* and the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar, he shall bring the live goat:
21 And Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat, and shall send *him* away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness:
22 And the goat shall bear upon him all their iniquities unto a land not inhabited: and he shall let go the goat in the wilderness.

The Burnt Offerings

23 And Aaron shall come into the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall put off the

16:13 fire ▸ *see Lev. 10:2.*
16:16 uncleanness ▸ *see 2 Sam. 11:4.*

16:16 transgression

(Heb. *pesha`*) (Lev. 16:21; Ps. 32:1) H6588: This Hebrew word is derived from the verb *pasha`*, which can mean "to revolt" (2 Kin. 8:20), "to offend" (Prov. 18:19), or "to transgress" in the sense of crossing a boundary (Jer. 3:13). It refers to violations of God's law as revealed to Moses—in other words, someone crossing the limits that God had established. Although rebelling against God was a grave mistake, the Lord made provision for Israel's "transgressions" in the Day of Atonement (Lev. 16:15–19). The priest could make atonement for Israel's sin, and the nation could be reconciled to God. Like ancient Israel, we are in rebellion against God. In fact, it was "our transgressions" that wounded Jesus (Is. 53:5, 8; 1 Pet. 2:24).

16:21 iniquity ▸ *see Ps. 130:3.*
16:21 transgression ▸ *see Lev. 16:16.*

linen garments, which he put on when he went into the holy *place,* and shall leave them there:
24 And he shall wash his flesh with water in the holy place, and put on his garments, and come forth, and offer his burnt offering, and the burnt offering of the people, and make an atonement for himself, and for the people.
25 And the fat of the sin offering shall he burn upon the altar.
26 And he that let go the goat for the scapegoat shall wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward come into the camp.
27 And the bullock *for* the sin offering, and the goat *for* the sin offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the holy *place,* shall *one* carry forth without the camp; and they shall burn in the fire their skins, and their flesh, and their dung.
28 And he that burneth them shall wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp.

Observing the Day of Atonement

29 And *this* shall be a statute for ever unto you: *that* in the seventh month, on the tenth *day* of the month, ye shall afflict your souls, and do no work at all, *whether it be* one of your own country, or a stranger that sojourneth among you:
30 For on that day shall *the priest* make an atonement for you, to cleanse you, *that* ye may be clean from all your sins before the LORD.
31 It *shall be* a sabbath of rest unto you, and ye shall afflict your souls, by a statute for ever.
32 And the priest, whom he shall anoint, and whom he shall consecrate to minister in the priest's office in his father's stead, shall make the atonement, and shall put on the linen clothes, *even* the holy garments:
33 And he shall make an atonement for the holy sanctuary, and he shall make an atonement for the tabernacle of the congregation, and for the altar, and he shall make an atonement for the priests, and for all the people of the congregation.
34 And this shall be an everlasting statute unto you, to make an atonement for the children of Israel for all their sins once a year. And he did as the LORD commanded Moses.

Bring Offerings to the Tabernacle

17 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
2 Speak unto Aaron, and unto his sons, and unto all the children of Israel, and say unto them; This *is* the thing which the LORD hath commanded, saying,
3 What man soever *there be* of the house of Israel, that killeth an ox, or lamb, or goat, in the camp, or that killeth *it* out of the camp,
4 And bringeth it not unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, to offer an offering unto the LORD before the tabernacle of the LORD; blood shall be imputed unto that man; he hath shed blood; and that man shall be cut off from among his people:
5 To the end that the children of Israel may bring their sacrifices, which they offer in the open field, even that they may bring them unto the LORD, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, unto the priest, and offer them *for* peace offerings unto the LORD.
6 And the priest shall sprinkle the blood upon the altar of the LORD *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and burn the fat for a sweet savour unto the LORD.
7 And they shall no more offer their sacrifices unto devils, after whom they have gone a whoring. This shall be a statute for ever unto them throughout their generations.
8 And thou shalt say unto them, Whatsoever man *there be* of the house of Israel, or of the strangers which sojourn among you, that offereth a burnt offering or sacrifice,
9 And bringeth it not unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, to offer it

16:31 statute ▸ *see Lev. 20:8.*
17:6 sprinkle ▸ *see Ex. 9:8.*

17:7 devil

(Heb. *sa`ir*) (2 Chr. 11:15; Ezek. 43:25) H8163: Now usually translated "demon," three related ideas are attached to this Hebrew expression. The main usage is to designate a he-goat, particularly one for the sin offering (Gen. 37:31; Lev. 16:21). This expression is also used for the goat-like hairiness of Esau (Gen. 27:11, 23). Our current passage is one of two clear instances in which the word signifies a satyr, a goat-like god. Worship of this satyr is condemned among God's people, who had recently left Egypt, but it was later reintroduced by Jeroboam after he returned from exile in Egypt (2 Chr. 10:2; 11:15).

unto the LORD; even that man shall be cut off from among his people.
10 And whatsoever man *there be* of the house of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, that eateth any manner of blood; I will even set my face against that soul that eateth blood, and will cut him off from among his people.
11 For the life of the flesh *is* in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it *is* the blood *that* maketh an atonement for the soul.

Israel Forbidden to Eat Blood

12 Therefore I said unto the children of Israel, No soul of you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger that sojourneth among you eat blood.
13 And whatsoever man *there be* of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, which hunteth and catcheth any beast or fowl that may be eaten; he shall even pour out the blood thereof, and cover it with dust.
14 For *it is* the life of all flesh; the blood of it *is* for the life thereof: therefore I said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall eat the blood of no manner of flesh: for the life of all flesh *is* the blood thereof: whosoever eateth it shall be cut off.
15 And every soul that eateth that which died *of itself,* or that which was torn *with beasts, whether it be* one of your own country, or a stranger, he shall both wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even: then shall he be clean.
16 But if he wash *them* not, nor bathe his flesh; then he shall bear his iniquity.

Israel to Keep God's Ordinances

18 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, I am the LORD your God.
3 After the doings of the land of Egypt, wherein ye dwelt, shall ye not do: and after the doings of the land of Canaan, whither I bring you, shall ye not do: neither shall ye walk in their ordinances.
4 Ye shall do my judgments, and keep mine ordinances, to walk therein: I *am* the LORD your God.
5 Ye shall therefore keep my statutes, and my judgments: which if a man do, he shall live in them: I *am* the LORD.

The Sin of Incest

6 None of you shall approach to any that is near of kin to him, to uncover *their* nakedness: I *am* the LORD.
7 The nakedness of thy father, or the nakedness of thy mother, shalt thou not uncover: she *is* thy mother; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness.
8 The nakedness of thy father's wife shalt thou not uncover: it *is* thy father's nakedness.
9 The nakedness of thy sister, the daughter of thy father, or daughter of thy mother, *whether she be* born at home, or born abroad, *even* their nakedness thou shalt not uncover.
10 The nakedness of thy son's daughter, or of thy daughter's daughter, *even* their nakedness thou shalt not uncover: for theirs *is* thine own nakedness.
11 The nakedness of thy father's wife's daughter, begotten of thy father, she *is* thy sister, thou shalt not uncover her nakedness.
12 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's sister: she *is* thy father's near kinswoman.
13 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy mother's sister: for she *is* thy mother's near kinswoman.
14 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's brother, thou shalt not approach to his wife: she *is* thine aunt.
15 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy daughter in law: she *is* thy son's wife; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness.
16 Thou shalt not uncover the naked-

18:5 statute ▸ *see Lev. 20:8.*

18:13 nakedness

(Heb. *`ervah*) (Gen. 9:22, 23; Deut. 23:14; Ezek. 16:8) H6172: The Hebrew word for nakedness carries with it the idea of shameful exposure, indecency, and dishonor. It is used to describe the impoverished land in Genesis 42:9, but usually refers to sexual perversion (as here) or in a metaphorical sense to describe national shame and vulnerability (Is. 47:3; Ezek. 23:18). It is important to note that the word used for nakedness in Genesis 2:25 is a different word and does not share the same root word; nakedness before the fall carried with it no shame or dishonor.

ness of thy brother's wife: it *is* thy brother's nakedness.
17 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of a woman and her daughter, neither shalt thou take her son's daughter, or her daughter's daughter, to uncover her nakedness; *for* they *are* her near kinswomen: it *is* wickedness.
18 Neither shalt thou take a wife to her sister, to vex *her,* to uncover her nakedness, beside the other in her life *time.*

Immoral Acts Forbidden

19 Also thou shalt not approach unto a woman to uncover her nakedness, as long as she is put apart for her uncleanness.
20 Moreover thou shalt not lie carnally with thy neighbour's wife, to defile thyself with her.
21 And thou shalt not let any of thy seed pass through *the fire* to Molech, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I *am* the LORD.
22 Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it *is* abomination.
23 Neither shalt thou lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith: neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto: it *is* confusion.

Israel Not to Be Defiled

24 Defile not ye yourselves in any of these things: for in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out before you:
25 And the land is defiled: therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the land itself vomiteth out her inhabitants.
26 Ye shall therefore keep my statutes and my judgments, and shall not commit *any* of these abominations; *neither* any of your own nation, nor any stranger that sojourneth among you:
27 (For all these abominations have the men of the land done, which *were* before you, and the land is defiled;)
28 That the land spue not you out also, when ye defile it, as it spued out the nations that *were* before you.
29 For whosoever shall commit any of these abominations, even the souls that commit *them* shall be cut off from among their people.
30 Therefore shall ye keep mine ordinance, that *ye* commit not *any one* of these abominable customs, which were committed before you, and that ye defile not yourselves therein: I *am* the LORD your God.

Laws Concerning Personal Conduct

19 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
2 Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy: for I the LORD your God *am* holy.
3 Ye shall fear every man his mother, and his father, and keep my sabbaths: I *am* the LORD your God.
4 Turn ye not unto idols, nor make to yourselves molten gods: I *am* the LORD your God.
5 And if ye offer a sacrifice of peace offerings unto the LORD, ye shall offer it at your own will.
6 It shall be eaten the same day ye offer it, and on the morrow: and if ought remain until the third day, it shall be burnt in the fire.
7 And if it be eaten at all on the third day, it *is* abominable; it shall not be accepted.
8 Therefore *every one* that eateth it shall bear his iniquity, because he hath profaned the hallowed thing of the LORD: and that soul shall be cut off from among his people.
9 And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corners of thy field, neither shalt thou gather the gleanings of thy harvest.
10 And thou shalt not glean thy vineyard, neither shalt thou gather *every* grape of thy vineyard; thou shalt leave them for the poor and stranger: I *am* the LORD your God.
11 Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another.

18:28 defile ▸ *see Lev. 12:2.*
18:30 ordinance ▸ *see Ezek. 48:11.*
19:2 congregation ▸ *see Josh. 22:17.*

19:2 holy

(Heb. *qadosh*) (1 Sam. 2:2; Ps. 65:4) H6918: The word *qadosh* most completely describes God, separated completely from sin. Indeed, "there is none holy as the LORD" (1 Sam. 2:2). The people were to be holy because God is holy. As the Lord had "severed" them from other nations, so, too, are all separate from Him (Lev. 20:26). The temple is described as holy (Ps. 65:4), as are God's people (translated "saints" in Ps. 16:3, 34:9). The Sabbath is described as holy (Is. 58:13) because God is holy, and the Sabbath is His day.

19:3 sabbath ▸ *see Num. 28:9.*
19:10 glean ▸ *see Ruth 2:2.*

12 And ye shall not swear by my name falsely, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I *am* the LORD.
13 Thou shalt not defraud thy neighbour, neither rob *him:* the wages of him that is hired shall not abide with thee all night until the morning.
14 Thou shalt not curse the deaf, nor put a stumblingblock before the blind, but shalt fear thy God: I *am* the LORD.

Be Righteous in Dealings

15 Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment: thou shalt not respect the person of the poor, nor honour the person of the mighty: *but* in righteousness shalt thou judge thy neighbour.
16 Thou shalt not go up and down *as* a talebearer among thy people: neither shalt thou stand against the blood of thy neighbour: I *am* the LORD.
17 Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbour, and not suffer sin upon him.
18 Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I *am* the LORD.

Keep Strains Pure

19 Ye shall keep my statutes. Thou shalt not let thy cattle gender with a diverse kind: thou shalt not sow thy field with mingled seed: neither shall a garment mingled of linen and woollen come upon thee.
20 And whosoever lieth carnally with a woman, that *is* a bondmaid, betrothed to an husband, and not at all redeemed, nor freedom given her; she shall be scourged; they shall not be put to death, because she was not free.
21 And he shall bring his trespass offering unto the LORD, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, *even* a ram for a trespass offering.
22 And the priest shall make an atonement for him with the ram of the trespass offering before the LORD for his sin which he hath done: and the sin which he hath done shall be forgiven him.

Various Laws

23 And when ye shall come into the land, and shall have planted all manner of trees for food, then ye shall count the fruit thereof as uncircumcised: three years shall it be as uncircumcised unto you: it shall not be eaten of.
24 But in the fourth year all the fruit thereof shall be holy to praise the LORD *withal.*
25 And in the fifth year shall ye eat of the fruit thereof, that it may yield unto you the increase thereof: I *am* the LORD your God.
26 Ye shall not eat *any thing* with the blood: neither shall ye use enchantment, nor observe times.
27 Ye shall not round the corners of your heads, neither shalt thou mar the corners of thy beard.
28 Ye shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor print any marks upon you: I *am* the LORD.
29 Do not prostitute thy daughter, to cause her to be a whore; lest the land fall to whoredom, and the land become full of wickedness.
30 Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I *am* the LORD.

19:12 profane ▸ *see Lev. 22:15.*
19:14 blind ▸ *see Is. 42:19.*

19:17 hate

(Heb. *sane'*) (Ps. 5:5; Prov. 6:16; Amos 5:15; Mal. 1:3) H8130: Various degrees and types of hatred are described in the Bible. The people of God are to hate what God Himself hates with an absolute hatred—sin (Deut. 12:31; Is. 61:8; Heb. 1:9). But God is also said to hate human beings, as when He declared, "Jacob have I loved; but Esau have I hated" (Mal. 1:2, 3; Rom. 9:13). This is a relative hatred. It is not the opposite of love but a diminished love. To hate our relatives for the sake of Christ (Luke 14:26) means to love them less than we love Christ (Matt. 10:37); it does not mean to hate them absolutely. Believers ought to love their enemies (Matt. 5:43, 44) but hate their enemies' sins (Eph. 5:3–14; Rev. 2:6).

19:17 brother ▸ *see Ps. 133:1.*
19:18 love ▸ *see Ps. 97:10.*
19:26 use enchantment ▸ *see Gen. 44:15.*
19:29 wickedness ▸ *see Ezek. 24:13.*

19:30 sanctuary

(Heb. *miqdash*) (Ex. 15:17; 25:8) H4720: This noun means "holy place," a place separated and dedicated to God. It was the place where God

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31 Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I *am* the LORD your God.
32 Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man, and fear thy God: I *am* the LORD.

Treat Strangers Kindly

33 And if a stranger sojourn with thee in your land, ye shall not vex him.
34 *But* the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt: I *am* the LORD your God.

Righteous Dealings

35 Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment, in meteyard, in weight, or in measure.
36 Just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin, shall ye have: I *am* the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt.
37 Therefore shall ye observe all my statutes, and all my judgments, and do them: I *am* the LORD.

Penalties for Sinning

20 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
2 Again, thou shalt say to the children of Israel, Whosoever *he be* of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn in Israel, that giveth *any* of his seed unto Molech; he shall surely be put to death: the people of the land shall stone him with stones.
3 And I will set my face against that man, and will cut him off from among his people; because he hath given of his seed unto Molech, to defile my sanctuary, and to profane my holy name.
4 And if the people of the land do any ways hide their eyes from the man, when he giveth of his seed unto Molech, and kill him not:
5 Then I will set my face against that man, and against his family, and will cut him off, and all that go a whoring after him, to commit whoredom with Molech, from among their people.
6 And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a whoring after them, I will even set my face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people.

Keep God's Statutes

7 Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I *am* the LORD your God.
8 And ye shall keep my statutes, and do them: I *am* the LORD which sanctify you.

More Penalties for Lawbreaking

9 For every one that curseth his father or his mother shall be surely put to death: he hath cursed his father or his mother; his blood *shall be* upon him.
10 And the man that committeth adultery with *another* man's wife, *even he* that committeth adultery with his neighbour's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.
11 And the man that lieth with his father's wife hath uncovered his father's nakedness:

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had chosen to meet the Israelites. There priests would atone for the people's sin; in turn, the people would offer their worship and praise. Because it was God's dwelling place, the priests were prohibited from defiling it by entering while they were ceremonially unclean (Lev. 21:12). But most important, the Israelites had to respect the sanctuary by approaching it with a contrite heart and a determination to praise their Creator. Just as Moses had to respect the ground where God made His presence known (Ex. 3:5), so now the Israelites had to respect the place where God had chosen to meet them.

19:31 familiar spirit ▸ *see 1 Chr. 10:13.*
19:33 sojourn ▸ *see Jer. 42:17.*
19:33 vex ▸ *see Ps. 74:8.*
19:36 balance ▸ *see Ps. 62:9.*
20:6 go a whoring ▸ *see 1 Kin. 3:16.*

20:8 statute

(Heb. *chuqqah*) (Lev. 16:31; 18:5; Deut. 6:2; Ps. 119:16) H2708: This word for *statute* refers to ordinances of nature (Job 38:33; Jer. 31:35; 33:25) or statutes of God (Gen. 26:5; Ex. 27:21). When referring to the practices of worship, it is usually paired with the word "everlasting," indicating a perpetually binding custom. The statutes prescribed in the Old Testament law served the purpose of sanctifying the people, making them a set-apart and holy nation. In this verse, we see the cooperation between God's sanctifying work and man's responsibility to cooperate in that work by performing certain disciplines.

both of them shall surely be put to death; their blood *shall be* upon them.
12 And if a man lie with his daughter in law, both of them shall surely be put to death: they have wrought confusion; their blood *shall be* upon them.
13 If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood *shall be* upon them.
14 And if a man take a wife and her mother, it *is* wickedness: they shall be burnt with fire, both he and they; that there be no wickedness among you.
15 And if a man lie with a beast, he shall surely be put to death: and ye shall slay the beast.
16 And if a woman approach unto any beast, and lie down thereto, thou shalt kill the woman, and the beast: they shall surely be put to death; their blood *shall be* upon them.
17 And if a man shall take his sister, his father's daughter, or his mother's daughter, and see her nakedness, and she see his nakedness; it *is* a wicked thing; and they shall be cut off in the sight of their people: he hath uncovered his sister's nakedness; he shall bear his iniquity.
18 And if a man shall lie with a woman having her sickness, and shall uncover her nakedness; he hath discovered her fountain, and she hath uncovered the fountain of her blood: and both of them shall be cut off from among their people.
19 And thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy mother's sister, nor of thy father's sister: for he uncovereth his near kin: they shall bear their iniquity.
20 And if a man shall lie with his uncle's wife, he hath uncovered his uncle's nakedness: they shall bear their sin; they shall die childless.
21 And if a man shall take his brother's wife, it *is* an unclean thing: he hath uncovered his brother's nakedness; they shall be childless.

Israel to Follow the Lord

22 Ye shall therefore keep all my statutes, and all my judgments, and do them: that the land, whither I bring you to dwell therein, spue you not out.
23 And ye shall not walk in the manners of the nation, which I cast out before you: for they committed all these things, and therefore I abhorred them.
24 But I have said unto you, Ye shall inherit their land, and I will give it unto you to possess it, a land that floweth with milk and honey: I *am* the LORD your God, which have separated you from *other* people.
25 Ye shall therefore put difference between clean beasts and unclean, and between unclean fowls and clean: and ye shall not make your souls abominable by beast, or by fowl, or by any manner of living thing that creepeth on the ground, which I have separated from you as unclean.
26 And ye shall be holy unto me: for I the LORD *am* holy, and have severed you from *other* people, that ye should be mine.
27 A man also or woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone them with stones: their blood *shall be* upon them.

Laws Regarding Priests

21 And the LORD said unto Moses, Speak unto the priests the sons of Aaron, and say unto them, There shall none be defiled for the dead among his people:
2 But for his kin, that is near unto him, *that is,* for his mother, and for his father, and for his son, and for his daughter, and for his brother,
3 And for his sister a virgin, that is nigh unto him, which hath had no husband; for her may he be defiled.
4 *But* he shall not defile himself, *being* a chief man among his people, to profane himself.
5 They shall not make baldness upon their head, neither shall they shave off the corner of their beard, nor make any cuttings in their flesh.

Holiness of Priests

6 They shall be holy unto their God, and not profane the name of their God: for the offerings of the LORD made by fire, *and* the bread of their God, they do offer: therefore they shall be holy.
7 They shall not take a wife *that is* a whore, or profane; neither shall they take a woman

20:24 land ▸ *see Jer. 35:15.*
21:3 virgin ▸ *see Ps. 45:14.*

put away from her husband: for he *is* holy unto his God.
8 Thou shalt sanctify him therefore; for he offereth the bread of thy God: he shall be holy unto thee: for I the LORD, which sanctify you, *am* holy.
9 And the daughter of any priest, if she profane herself by playing the whore, she profaneth her father: she shall be burnt with fire.
10 And *he that is* the high priest among his brethren, upon whose head the anointing oil was poured, and that is consecrated to put on the garments, shall not uncover his head, nor rend his clothes;
11 Neither shall he go in to any dead body, nor defile himself for his father, or for his mother;
12 Neither shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for the crown of the anointing oil of his God *is* upon him: I *am* the LORD.
13 And he shall take a wife in her virginity.
14 A widow, or a divorced woman, or profane, *or* an harlot, these shall he not take: but he shall take a virgin of his own people to wife.
15 Neither shall he profane his seed among his people: for I the LORD do sanctify him.
16 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

Priests to Be Without Blemish

17 Speak unto Aaron, saying, Whosoever *he be* of thy seed in their generations that hath *any* blemish, let him not approach to offer the bread of his God.
18 For whatsoever man *he be* that hath a blemish, he shall not approach: a blind man, or a lame, or he that hath a flat nose, or any thing superfluous,
19 Or a man that is brokenfooted, or brokenhanded,
20 Or crookbackt, or a dwarf, or that hath a blemish in his eye, or be scurvy, or scabbed, or hath his stones broken;
21 No man that hath a blemish of the seed of Aaron the priest shall come nigh to offer the offerings of the LORD made by fire: he hath a blemish; he shall not come nigh to offer the bread of his God.
22 He shall eat the bread of his God, *both* of the most holy, and of the holy.
23 Only he shall not go in unto the vail, nor come nigh unto the altar, because he hath a blemish; that he profane not my sanctuaries: for I the LORD do sanctify them.
24 And Moses told *it* unto Aaron, and to his sons, and unto all the children of Israel.

Priests to Be Pure

22 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
2 Speak unto Aaron and to his sons, that they separate themselves from the holy things of the children of Israel, and that they profane not my holy name *in those things* which they hallow unto me: I *am* the LORD.
3 Say unto them, Whosoever *he be* of all your seed among your generations, that goeth unto the holy things, which the children of Israel hallow unto the LORD, having his uncleanness upon him, that soul shall be cut off from my presence: I *am* the LORD.
4 What man soever of the seed of Aaron *is* a leper, or hath a running issue; he shall not eat of the holy things, until he be clean. And whoso toucheth any thing *that is* unclean *by* the dead, or a man whose seed goeth from him;
5 Or whosoever toucheth any creeping thing, whereby he may be made unclean, or a man of whom he may take uncleanness, whatsoever uncleanness he hath;
6 The soul which hath touched any such shall be unclean until even, and shall not eat of the holy things, unless he wash his flesh with water.
7 And when the sun is down, he shall be clean, and shall afterward eat of the holy things; because it *is* his food.
8 That which dieth of itself, or is torn *with*

21:17 blemish

(Heb. *m'um*) (Lev. 22:20; Deut. 32:5; Dan. 1:4) H3971: Also translated "spot" (Deut. 32:5; Job 11:15; Song 4:7), this word usually refers to physical defects but can also be used of moral deficiencies. The Old Testament law emphasized God's holiness, and so those with a physical defect could not offer sacrifices. A handicapped person could, however, participate in other priestly duties (Lev. 21:22). Under the New Covenant, there are no such regulations for service to God because Jesus was the final, sufficient sacrifice without blemish (Eph. 5:27; 1 Pet. 1:19).

22:2 separate ▸ *see Lev. 15:31.*
22:5 unclean ▸ *see Lev. 12:2.*

beasts, he shall not eat to defile himself therewith: I *am* the LORD.
9 They shall therefore keep mine ordinance, lest they bear sin for it, and die therefore, if they profane it: I the LORD do sanctify them.

Eating of Priests' Food

10 There shall no stranger eat *of* the holy thing: a sojourner of the priest, or an hired servant, shall not eat of the holy thing.
11 But if the priest buy *any* soul with his money, he shall eat of it, and he that is born in his house: they shall eat of his meat.
12 If the priest's daughter also be *married* unto a stranger, she may not eat of an offering of the holy things.
13 But if the priest's daughter be a widow, or divorced, and have no child, and is returned unto her father's house, as in her youth, she shall eat of her father's meat: but there shall no stranger eat thereof.
14 And if a man eat *of* the holy thing unwittingly, then he shall put the fifth *part* thereof unto it, and shall give *it* unto the priest with the holy thing.
15 And they shall not profane the holy things of the children of Israel, which they offer unto the LORD;
16 Or suffer them to bear the iniquity of trespass, when they eat their holy things: for I the LORD do sanctify them.

Offerings to Be Without Blemish

17 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
18 Speak unto Aaron, and to his sons, and unto all the children of Israel, and say unto them, Whatsoever *he be* of the house of Israel, or of the strangers in Israel, that will offer his oblation for all his vows, and for all his freewill offerings, which they will offer unto the LORD for a burnt offering;
19 *Ye shall offer* at your own will a male without blemish, of the beeves, of the sheep, or of the goats.
20 *But* whatsoever hath a blemish, *that* shall ye not offer: for it shall not be acceptable for you.
21 And whosoever offereth a sacrifice of peace offerings unto the LORD to accomplish *his* vow, or a freewill offering in beeves or sheep, it shall be perfect to be accepted; there shall be no blemish therein.
22 Blind, or broken, or maimed, or having a wen, or scurvy, or scabbed, ye shall not offer these unto the LORD, nor make an offering by fire of them upon the altar unto the LORD.
23 Either a bullock or a lamb that hath any thing superfluous or lacking in his parts, that mayest thou offer *for* a freewill offering; but for a vow it shall not be accepted.
24 Ye shall not offer unto the LORD that which is bruised, or crushed, or broken, or cut; neither shall ye make *any offering thereof* in your land.
25 Neither from a stranger's hand shall ye offer the bread of your God of any of these; because their corruption *is* in them, *and* blemishes *be* in them: they shall not be accepted for you.
26 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
27 When a bullock, or a sheep, or a goat, is brought forth, then it shall be seven days under the dam; and from the eighth day and thenceforth it shall be accepted for an offering made by fire unto the LORD.
28 And *whether it be* cow or ewe, ye shall not kill it and her young both in one day.

The Sacrifice of Thanksgiving

29 And when ye will offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving unto the LORD, offer *it* at your own will.
30 On the same day it shall be eaten up; ye shall leave none of it until the morrow: I *am* the LORD.
31 Therefore shall ye keep my commandments, and do them: I *am* the LORD.
32 Neither shall ye profane my holy name; but I will be hallowed among the children of Israel: I *am* the LORD which hallow you,

22:15 profane

(Heb. *chalal*) (Ex. 20:25; Lev. 19:12; Ezek. 36:23; Dan. 11:31) H2490: The word for *profane* comes from a root meaning "to pierce through, to perforate." It has the sense of laying something open or giving access to it. About half the time the word is translated as a form of "begin": "Then began men to call upon the name of the LORD" (Gen. 4:26). The priests were not to give outsiders (those who were not part of the community of faith) access to the holy things of God—to do so would dishonor His name.

22:20 blemish ▸ *see Lev. 21:17.*
22:21 accomplish ▸ *see Ps. 71:17.*

33 That brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I *am* the LORD.

Feasts of the Lord

23 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, *Concerning* the feasts of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim *to be* holy convocations, *even* these *are* my feasts.

The Sabbath

3 Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day *is* the sabbath of rest, an holy convocation; ye shall do no work *therein:* it *is* the sabbath of the LORD in all your dwellings.
4 These *are* the feasts of the LORD, *even* holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons.

Passover and Unleavened Bread

5 In the fourteenth *day* of the first month at even *is* the LORD's passover.
6 And on the fifteenth day of the same month *is* the feast of unleavened bread unto the LORD: seven days ye must eat unleavened bread.
7 In the first day ye shall have an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein.
8 But ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD seven days: in the seventh day *is* an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work *therein*.

Firstfruits

9 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
10 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest:
11 And he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it.
12 And ye shall offer that day when ye wave the sheaf an he lamb without blemish of the first year for a burnt offering unto the LORD.
13 And the meat offering thereof *shall be* two tenth deals of fine flour mingled with oil, an offering made by fire unto the LORD *for* a sweet savour: and the drink offering thereof *shall be* of wine, the fourth *part* of an hin.
14 And ye shall eat neither bread, nor parched corn, nor green ears, until the self-same day that ye have brought an offering unto your God: *it shall be* a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

Pentecost

15 And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete:
16 Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the LORD.
17 Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave loaves of two tenth deals: they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baken with leaven; *they are* the firstfruits unto the LORD.
18 And ye shall offer with the bread seven lambs without blemish of the first year, and one young bullock, and two rams: they shall be *for* a burnt offering unto the LORD, with their meat offering, and their drink offerings, *even* an offering made by fire, of sweet savour unto the LORD.
19 Then ye shall sacrifice one kid of the goats for a sin offering, and two lambs of the first year for a sacrifice of peace offerings.
20 And the priest shall wave them with the bread of the firstfruits *for* a wave offering before the LORD, with the two lambs: they shall be holy to the LORD for the priest.
21 And ye shall proclaim on the selfsame day, *that* it may be an holy convocation unto you: ye shall do no servile work *therein: it*

23:2, 3 convocation ▸ *see Ex. 12:16.*
23:3 sabbath ▸ *see Num. 28:9.*
23:3 dwelling ▸ *see Gen. 10:30.*

23:8 seventh

(Heb. *shebi`i*) (Gen. 2:2; Ex. 16:26; 20:10) H7637: The first use of the number seven in the Bible is in connection with God's rest after creation (Gen. 2:2). God blessed the seventh day, declared it holy, and made it a day of worship and obedience: "The seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work" (Ex. 20:10). Subsequently, the number seven was considered the perfect number, the symbol of completeness. The number figures prominently in Mosaic Law and Jewish celebrations.

shall be a statute for ever in all your dwellings throughout your generations.
22 And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not make clean riddance of the corners of thy field when thou reapest, neither shalt thou gather any gleaning of thy harvest: thou shalt leave them unto the poor, and to the stranger: I *am* the LORD your God.

Trumpet Blowing

23 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
24 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, in the first *day* of the month, shall ye have a sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, an holy convocation.
25 Ye shall do no servile work *therein:* but ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

The Day of Atonement

26 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
27 Also on the tenth *day* of this seventh month *there shall be* a day of atonement: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.
28 And ye shall do no work in that same day: for it *is* a day of atonement, to make an atonement for you before the LORD your God.
29 For whatsoever soul *it be* that shall not be afflicted in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people.
30 And whatsoever soul *it be* that doeth any work in that same day, the same soul will I destroy from among his people.
31 Ye shall do no manner of work: *it shall be* a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.
32 It *shall be* unto you a sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth *day* of the month at even, from even unto even, shall ye celebrate your sabbath.

The Feast of Tabernacles

33 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
34 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, The fifteenth day of this seventh month *shall be* the feast of tabernacles *for* seven days unto the LORD.
35 On the first day *shall be* an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work *therein*.
36 Seven days ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: on the eighth day shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: it *is* a solemn assembly; *and* ye shall do no servile work *therein*.
37 These *are* the feasts of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim *to be* holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD, a burnt offering, and a meat offering, a sacrifice, and drink offerings, every thing upon his day:
38 Beside the sabbaths of the LORD, and beside your gifts, and beside all your vows, and beside all your freewill offerings, which ye give unto the LORD.
39 Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days: on the first day *shall be* a sabbath, and on the eighth day *shall be* a sabbath.
40 And ye shall take you on the first day the boughs of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days.
41 And ye shall keep it a feast unto the LORD seven days in the year. *It shall be* a statute for ever in your generations: ye shall celebrate it in the seventh month.
42 Ye shall dwell in booths seven days; all that are Israelites born shall dwell in booths:
43 That your generations may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I *am* the LORD your God.
44 And Moses declared unto the children of Israel the feasts of the LORD.

Oil for Lamps

24 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
2 Command the children of Israel, that they bring unto thee pure oil olive beaten for the light, to cause the lamps to burn continually.
3 Without the vail of the testimony, in the tabernacle of the congregation, shall Aaron order it from the evening unto the morning before the LORD continually: *it shall be* a statute for ever in your generations.
4 He shall order the lamps upon the pure candlestick before the LORD continually.

23:22 glean ▸ *see Ruth 2:2.*
23:24 memorial ▸ *see Ex. 39:7.*
24:2, 3 continually ▸ *see Ex. 28:30.*

The Offering of Shewbread

5 And thou shalt take fine flour, and bake twelve cakes thereof: two tenth deals shall be in one cake.
6 And thou shalt set them in two rows, six on a row, upon the pure table before the LORD.
7 And thou shalt put pure frankincense upon *each* row, that it may be on the bread for a memorial, *even* an offering made by fire unto the LORD.
8 Every sabbath he shall set it in order before the LORD continually, *being taken* from the children of Israel by an everlasting covenant.
9 And it shall be Aaron's and his sons'; and they shall eat it in the holy place: for it *is* most holy unto him of the offerings of the LORD made by fire by a perpetual statute.

The Penalty for Blasphemy

10 And the son of an Israelitish woman, whose father *was* an Egyptian, went out among the children of Israel: and this son of the Israelitish *woman* and a man of Israel strove together in the camp;
11 And the Israelitish woman's son blasphemed the name *of the LORD,* and cursed. And they brought him unto Moses: (and his mother's name *was* Shelomith, the daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan:)
12 And they put him in ward, that the mind of the LORD might be shewed them.
13 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
14 Bring forth him that hath cursed without the camp; and let all that heard *him* lay their hands upon his head, and let all the congregation stone him.
15 And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, Whosoever curseth his God shall bear his sin.
16 And he that blasphemeth the name of the LORD, he shall surely be put to death, *and* all the congregation shall certainly stone him: as well the stranger, as he that is born in the land, when he blasphemeth the name *of the LORD,* shall be put to death.

Equal Administering of Law

17 And he that killeth any man shall surely be put to death.
18 And he that killeth a beast shall make it good; beast for beast.
19 And if a man cause a blemish in his neighbour; as he hath done, so shall it be done to him;
20 Breach for breach, eye for eye, tooth for tooth: as he hath caused a blemish in a man, so shall it be done to him *again.*
21 And he that killeth a beast, he shall restore it: and he that killeth a man, he shall be put to death.
22 Ye shall have one manner of law, as well for the stranger, as for one of your own country: for I *am* the LORD your God.
23 And Moses spake to the children of Israel, that they should bring forth him that had cursed out of the camp, and stone him with stones. And the children of Israel did as the LORD commanded Moses.

The Seventh Year Sabbath of Rest

25 And the LORD spake unto Moses in mount Sinai, saying,
2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye come into the land which I give you, then shall the land keep a sabbath unto the LORD.
3 Six years thou shalt sow thy field, and six years thou shalt prune thy vineyard, and gather in the fruit thereof;
4 But in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest unto the land, a sabbath for the LORD: thou shalt neither sow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard.
5 That which groweth of its own accord of thy harvest thou shalt not reap, neither gather the grapes of thy vine undressed: *for* it is a year of rest unto the land.
6 And the sabbath of the land shall be meat for you; for thee, and for thy servant, and for thy maid, and for thy hired servant, and for thy stranger that sojourneth with thee,

24:18 make good

(Heb. *shalam*) (Gen. 44:4; Ruth 2:12; Ps. 76:11) H7999: The word *shalam* has many translations, including "render" or "recompense" (Job 34:11; Prov. 11:31); "finished" (1 Kin. 9:25; Neh. 6:15); and "peace" (Job 22:21). It carries the connotation of wholeness or completeness. Mosaic Law prescribed fair and equal recompense for sin—an eye for an eye. Here the protection and safety of the law extends even to a person's possessions.

25:4 vineyard ▸ *see Deut. 22:9.*

7 And for thy cattle, and for the beast that *are* in thy land, shall all the increase thereof be meat.

The Fiftieth Year: Jubile

8 And thou shalt number seven sabbaths of years unto thee, seven times seven years; and the space of the seven sabbaths of years shall be unto thee forty and nine years.
9 Then shalt thou cause the trumpet of the jubile to sound on the tenth *day* of the seventh month, in the day of atonement shall ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land.
10 And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout *all* the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubile unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family.
11 A jubile shall that fiftieth year be unto you: ye shall not sow, neither reap that which groweth of itself in it, nor gather *the grapes* in it of thy vine undressed.
12 For it *is* the jubile; it shall be holy unto you: ye shall eat the increase thereof out of the field.
13 In the year of this jubile ye shall return every man unto his possession.
14 And if thou sell ought unto thy neighbour, or buyest *ought* of thy neighbour's hand, ye shall not oppress one another:
15 According to the number of years after the jubile thou shalt buy of thy neighbour, *and* according unto the number of years of the fruits he shall sell unto thee:
16 According to the multitude of years thou shalt increase the price thereof, and according to the fewness of years thou shalt diminish the price of it: for *according* to the number *of the years* of the fruits doth he sell unto thee.
17 Ye shall not therefore oppress one another; but thou shalt fear thy God: for I *am* the LORD your God.

The Land Shall Yield Her Fruit

18 Wherefore ye shall do my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them; and ye shall dwell in the land in safety.
19 And the land shall yield her fruit, and ye shall eat your fill, and dwell therein in safety.
20 And if ye shall say, What shall we eat the seventh year? behold, we shall not sow, nor gather in our increase:
21 Then I will command my blessing upon you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth fruit for three years.
22 And ye shall sow the eighth year, and eat *yet* of old fruit until the ninth year; until her fruits come in ye shall eat *of* the old *store*.

The Redemption of the Land

23 The land shall not be sold for ever: for the land *is* mine; for ye *are* strangers and sojourners with me.
24 And in all the land of your possession ye shall grant a redemption for the land.
25 If thy brother be waxen poor, and hath sold away *some* of his possession, and if any of his kin come to redeem it, then shall he redeem that which his brother sold.
26 And if the man have none to redeem it, and himself be able to redeem it;
27 Then let him count the years of the sale thereof, and restore the overplus unto the man to whom he sold it; that he may return unto his possession.
28 But if he be not able to restore *it* to him, then that which is sold shall remain in the hand of him that hath bought it until the year of jubile: and in the jubile it shall go out, and he shall return unto his possession.
29 And if a man sell a dwelling house in a walled city, then he may redeem it within a whole year after it is sold; *within* a full year may he redeem it.
30 And if it be not redeemed within the space of a full year, then the house that *is* in the walled city shall be established for ever to him that bought it throughout his generations: it shall not go out in the jubile.

25:10 liberty

(Heb. *deror*) (Is. 61:1) H1865: The Year of Jubilee was a time of liberty for both people and the land itself. Slaves were set free, people were released from debt, and land was allowed to lie fallow. It was therefore both a form of Sabbath rest and a time of celebration. The prophet Isaiah looked forward to a time when the Messiah would "proclaim liberty to the captives" (Is. 61:1), a verse quoted by Jesus (Luke 4:18) to emphasize both His identity as Messiah and His mission (setting people free and releasing their debts).

25:10 jubile ▸ *see Lev. 27:17.*
25:17 fear ▸ *see Neh. 4:14.*
25:18 safety ▸ *see Deut. 33:12.*
25:27 count ▸ *see Gen. 15:6.*

31 But the houses of the villages which have no wall round about them shall be counted as the fields of the country: they may be redeemed, and they shall go out in the jubile.
32 Notwithstanding the cities of the Levites, *and* the houses of the cities of their possession, may the Levites redeem at any time.
33 And if a man purchase of the Levites, then the house that was sold, and the city of his possession, shall go out in *the year of* jubile: for the houses of the cities of the Levites *are* their possession among the children of Israel.
34 But the field of the suburbs of their cities may not be sold; for it *is* their perpetual possession.

Redemption of the Poor

35 And if thy brother be waxen poor, and fallen in decay with thee; then thou shalt relieve him: *yea, though he be* a stranger, or a sojourner; that he may live with thee.
36 Take thou no usury of him, or increase: but fear thy God; that thy brother may live with thee.
37 Thou shalt not give him thy money upon usury, nor lend him thy victuals for increase.
38 I *am* the LORD your God, which brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, to give you the land of Canaan, *and* to be your God.

Hired Servants, Not Bondservants

39 And if thy brother *that dwelleth* by thee be waxen poor, and be sold unto thee; thou shalt not compel him to serve as a bondservant:
40 *But* as an hired servant, *and* as a sojourner, he shall be with thee, *and* shall serve thee unto the year of jubile:
41 And *then* shall he depart from thee, *both* he and his children with him, and shall return unto his own family, and unto the possession of his fathers shall he return.
42 For they *are* my servants, which I brought forth out of the land of Egypt: they shall not be sold as bondmen.
43 Thou shalt not rule over him with rigour; but shalt fear thy God.

Heathen May Be Bondservants

44 Both thy bondmen, and thy bondmaids, which thou shalt have, *shall be* of the heathen that are round about you; of them shall ye buy bondmen and bondmaids.
45 Moreover of the children of the strangers that do sojourn among you, of them shall ye buy, and of their families that *are* with you, which they begat in your land: and they shall be your possession.
46 And ye shall take them as an inheritance for your children after you, to inherit *them for* a possession; they shall be your bondmen for ever: but over your brethren the children of Israel, ye shall not rule one over another with rigour.

Israelite Servants' Redemption

47 And if a sojourner or stranger wax rich by thee, and thy brother *that dwelleth* by him wax poor, and sell himself unto the stranger *or* sojourner by thee, or to the stock of the stranger's family:
48 After that he is sold he may be redeemed again; one of his brethren may redeem him:
49 Either his uncle, or his uncle's son, may redeem him, or *any* that is nigh of kin unto him of his family may redeem him; or if he be able, he may redeem himself.
50 And he shall reckon with him that bought him from the year that he was sold to him unto the year of jubile: and the price of his sale shall be according unto the number of years, according to the time of an hired servant shall it be with him.
51 If *there be* yet many years *behind,* according unto them he shall give again the price of his redemption out of the money that he was bought for.
52 And if there remain but few years unto the year of jubile, then he shall count with him, *and* according unto his years shall he give him again the price of his redemption.
53 *And* as a yearly hired servant shall he be with him: *and the other* shall not rule with rigour over him in thy sight.
54 And if he be not redeemed in these *years,* then he shall go out in the year of jubile, *both* he, and his children with him.
55 For unto me the children of Israel *are* servants; they *are* my servants whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt: I *am* the LORD your God.

25:37 increase ▸ *see 2 Chr. 30:18.*
25:47 sojourner ▸ *see Gen. 23:4.*

Reward for Obeying Commandments

26 Ye shall make you no idols nor graven image, neither rear you up a standing image, neither shall ye set up *any* image of stone in your land, to bow down unto it: for I *am* the LORD your God.
2 Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I *am* the LORD.
3 If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them;
4 Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit.
5 And your threshing shall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto the sowing time: and ye shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely.
6 And I will give peace in the land, and ye shall lie down, and none shall make *you* afraid: and I will rid evil beasts out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land.
7 And ye shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword.
8 And five of you shall chase an hundred, and an hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight: and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword.
9 For I will have respect unto you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, and establish my covenant with you.
10 And ye shall eat old store, and bring forth the old because of the new.
11 And I will set my tabernacle among you: and my soul shall not abhor you.
12 And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people.
13 I *am* the LORD your God, which brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, that ye should not be their bondmen; and I have broken the bands of your yoke, and made you go upright.

Punishment for Disobedience

14 But if ye will not hearken unto me, and will not do all these commandments;
15 And if ye shall despise my statutes, or if your soul abhor my judgments, so that ye will not do all my commandments, *but* that ye break my covenant:
16 I also will do this unto you; I will even appoint over you terror, consumption, and the burning ague, that shall consume the eyes, and cause sorrow of heart: and ye shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it.
17 And I will set my face against you, and ye shall be slain before your enemies: they that hate you shall reign over you; and ye shall flee when none pursueth you.

The Land Shall Not Yield

18 And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins.
19 And I will break the pride of your power; and I will make your heaven as iron, and your earth as brass:
20 And your strength shall be spent in vain: for your land shall not yield her increase, neither shall the trees of the land yield their fruits.
21 And if ye walk contrary unto me, and will not hearken unto me; I will bring seven times more plagues upon you according to your sins.
22 I will also send wild beasts among you, which shall rob you of your children, and destroy your cattle, and make you few in number; and your *high* ways shall be desolate.
23 And if ye will not be reformed by me by these things, but will walk contrary unto me;
24 Then will I also walk contrary unto you, and will punish you yet seven times for your sins.
25 And I will bring a sword upon you, that shall avenge the quarrel of *my* covenant: and when ye are gathered together within your

26:1 image ▸ *see Hab. 2:18.*
26:1 image of stone ▸ *see Ps. 73:7.*
26:1 bow down ▸ *see Deut. 26:10.*

26:4 rain

(Heb. *geshem*) (Gen. 7:12; 1 Kin. 18:45; Ps. 68:9; Zech. 10:1) H1653: This word for rain denotes a heavy, violent shower rather than a gentle rain. The root word is "rain down," used for raining down judgment. The reward for obedience is the seasonal rain that the agrarian culture of Israel depended upon for food and water. As long as they trusted God, He would provide predictable rains.

26:6–8 sword ▸ *see Josh. 19:47.*
26:7 chase ▸ *see Ex. 14:9.*
26:19 pride ▸ *see Ezek. 32:12.*

cities, I will send the pestilence among you; and ye shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy.
26 *And* when I have broken the staff of your bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall deliver *you* your bread again by weight: and ye shall eat, and not be satisfied.

Abandonment for Disobedience

27 And if ye will not for all this hearken unto me, but walk contrary unto me;
28 Then I will walk contrary unto you also in fury; and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins.
29 And ye shall eat the flesh of your sons, and the flesh of your daughters shall ye eat.
30 And I will destroy your high places, and cut down your images, and cast your carcases upon the carcases of your idols, and my soul shall abhor you.
31 And I will make your cities waste, and bring your sanctuaries unto desolation, and I will not smell the savour of your sweet odours.
32 And I will bring the land into desolation: and your enemies which dwell therein shall be astonished at it.
33 And I will scatter you among the heathen, and will draw out a sword after you: and your land shall be desolate, and your cities waste.
34 Then shall the land enjoy her sabbaths, as long as it lieth desolate, and ye *be* in your enemies' land; *even* then shall the land rest, and enjoy her sabbaths.
35 As long as it lieth desolate it shall rest; because it did not rest in your sabbaths, when ye dwelt upon it.
36 And upon them that are left *alive* of you I will send a faintness into their hearts in the lands of their enemies; and the sound of a shaken leaf shall chase them; and they shall flee, as fleeing from a sword; and they shall fall when none pursueth.
37 And they shall fall one upon another, as it were before a sword, when none pursueth: and ye shall have no power to stand before your enemies.
38 And ye shall perish among the heathen, and the land of your enemies shall eat you up.
39 And they that are left of you shall pine away in their iniquity in your enemies' lands; and also in the iniquities of their fathers shall they pine away with them.

God Will Remember His Covenant

40 If they shall confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, with their trespass which they trespassed against me, and that also they have walked contrary unto me;
41 And *that* I also have walked contrary unto them, and have brought them into the land of their enemies; if then their uncircumcised hearts be humbled, and they then accept of the punishment of their iniquity:
42 Then will I remember my covenant with Jacob, and also my covenant with Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will remember the land.
43 The land also shall be left of them, and shall enjoy her sabbaths, while she lieth desolate without them: and they shall accept of the punishment of their iniquity: because, even because they despised my judgments, and because their soul abhorred my statutes.
44 And yet for all that, when they be in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away, neither will I abhor them, to destroy them utterly, and to break my covenant with them: for I *am* the LORD their God.
45 But I will for their sakes remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the heathen, that I might be their God: I *am* the LORD.
46 These *are* the statutes and judgments and laws, which the LORD made between him and the children of Israel in mount Sinai by the hand of Moses.

Laws Regarding Vows

27 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When a man shall make a singular vow, the persons *shall be* for the LORD by thy estimation.
3 And thy estimation shall be of the male from twenty years old even unto sixty years old, even thy estimation shall be fifty shekels of silver, after the shekel of the sanctuary.
4 And if it *be* a female, then thy estimation shall be thirty shekels.

26:30 soul ▸ *see Ps. 103:1.*
26:32 astonish ▸ *see Jer. 19:8.*
26:43 despise ▸ *see Jer. 33:26.*
26:45 ancestor ▸ *see Is. 46:9.*

5 And if *it be* from five years old even unto twenty years old, then thy estimation shall be of the male twenty shekels, and for the female ten shekels.
6 And if *it be* from a month old even unto five years old, then thy estimation shall be of the male five shekels of silver, and for the female thy estimation *shall be* three shekels of silver.
7 And if *it be* from sixty years old and above; if *it be* a male, then thy estimation shall be fifteen shekels, and for the female ten shekels.
8 But if he be poorer than thy estimation, then he shall present himself before the priest, and the priest shall value him; according to his ability that vowed shall the priest value him.
9 And if *it be* a beast, whereof men bring an offering unto the LORD, all that *any man* giveth of such unto the LORD shall be holy.
10 He shall not alter it, nor change it, a good for a bad, or a bad for a good: and if he shall at all change beast for beast, then it and the exchange thereof shall be holy.
11 And if *it be* any unclean beast, of which they do not offer a sacrifice unto the LORD, then he shall present the beast before the priest:
12 And the priest shall value it, whether it be good or bad: as thou valuest it, *who art* the priest, so shall it be.
13 But if he will at all redeem it, then he shall add a fifth *part* thereof unto thy estimation.
14 And when a man shall sanctify his house *to be* holy unto the LORD, then the priest shall estimate it, whether it be good or bad: as the priest shall estimate it, so shall it stand.
15 And if he that sanctified it will redeem his house, then he shall add the fifth *part* of the money of thy estimation unto it, and it shall be his.
16 And if a man shall sanctify unto the LORD *some part* of a field of his possession, then thy estimation shall be according to the seed thereof: an homer of barley seed *shall be valued* at fifty shekels of silver.
17 If he sanctify his field from the year of jubile, according to thy estimation it shall stand.
18 But if he sanctify his field after the jubile, then the priest shall reckon unto him the money according to the years that remain, even unto the year of the jubile, and it shall be abated from thy estimation.
19 And if he that sanctified the field will in any wise redeem it, then he shall add the fifth *part* of the money of thy estimation unto it, and it shall be assured to him.
20 And if he will not redeem the field, or if he have sold the field to another man, it shall not be redeemed any more.
21 But the field, when it goeth out in the jubile, shall be holy unto the LORD, as a field devoted; the possession thereof shall be the priest's.
22 And if *a man* sanctify unto the LORD a field which he hath bought, which *is* not of the fields of his possession;
23 Then the priest shall reckon unto him the worth of thy estimation, *even* unto the year of the jubile: and he shall give thine estimation in that day, *as* a holy thing unto the LORD.
24 In the year of the jubile the field shall return unto him of whom it was bought, *even* to him to whom the possession of the land *did belong.*
25 And all thy estimations shall be according to the shekel of the sanctuary: twenty gerahs shall be the shekel.

Things Devoted to the Lord

26 Only the firstling of the beasts, which should be the LORD's firstling, no man shall sanctify it; whether *it be* ox, or sheep: it *is* the LORD's.
27 And if *it be* of an unclean beast, then he shall redeem *it* according to thine estimation, and shall add a fifth *part* of it thereto:

27:17 jubile

(Heb. *yobel*) (Ex. 19:13; Lev. 25:10) H3104: This word literally means "ram" or "ram's horn" (Josh. 6:5), and in one instance is rendered "trumpet" (Ex. 19:13). The term is associated with the Year of Jubilee in Leviticus (Lev. 25:10) and Numbers (Num. 36:4). The fiftieth year was a "jubilee" year for the Hebrews, marked by the blowing of a trumpet (Lev. 25:9). During this year, the Israelites experienced freedom and liberty: Slaves were freed; debts were canceled; the land was left fallow; family property was redeemed (Lev. 25:10–17). The fact that Jesus quoted Isaiah 48:8, 9 seems to indicate that Jesus equated His earthly ministry with the principles of the Year of Jubilee (Luke 4:18, 19).

27:21 priest ▸ *see Lev. 6:6.*

or if it be not redeemed, then it shall be sold according to thy estimation.
28 Notwithstanding no devoted thing, that a man shall devote unto the LORD of all that he hath, *both* of man and beast, and of the field of his possession, shall be sold or redeemed: every devoted thing *is* most holy unto the LORD.
29 None devoted, which shall be devoted of men, shall be redeemed; *but* shall surely be put to death.

Vows Regarding Tithes

30 And all the tithe of the land, *whether* of the seed of the land, *or* of the fruit of the tree, *is* the LORD's: *it is* holy unto the LORD.
31 And if a man will at all redeem *ought* of his tithes, he shall add thereto the fifth *part* thereof.
32 And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, *even* of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the LORD.
33 He shall not search whether it be good or bad, neither shall he change it: and if he change it at all, then both it and the change thereof shall be holy; it shall not be redeemed.
34 These *are* the commandments, which the LORD commanded Moses for the children of Israel in mount Sinai.

27:32 rod ▸ *see Num. 24:17.*

THE FOURTH BOOK OF MOSES, CALLED

NUMBERS

NUMBERS IS THE BOOK OF wanderings. It takes its name from the two numberings of the Israelites—the first at Mount Sinai and the second on the plains of Moab. Most of the book, however, describes Israel's experiences as they wander in the wilderness. The lesson of Numbers is clear. While it may be necessary to pass through wilderness experiences, one does not have to live there. For Israel, an eleven-day journey became a forty-year agony.

The title of Numbers comes from the first word in the Hebrew text, *Wayyedabber*, "And He Said." Jewish writings, however, usually refer to it by the fifth Hebrew word in 1:1, *Bemidbar*, "In the Wilderness," which more nearly indicates the content of the book. The Greek title in the Septuagint is *Arithmoi*, "Numbers." The Latin Vulgate followed this title and translated it *Liber Numeri*, Book of Numbers. These titles are based on the two numberings: the generation of Exodus (Num. 1) and the generation that grew up in the wilderness and conquered Canaan (Num. 26). Numbers has also been called the "Book of the Journeyings," the Book of the Murmurings," and the "Fourth Book of Moses."

WATCH WORDS

- **dedication** (setting aside for God's service)—7:88 (also 7:10)
- **stranger** (a sojourner or temporary resident in the land)—15:14
- **rock** (place of safety)—20:10
- **plague** (a terrible occurrence as a divine judgment against sin)—25:9 (also 14:37)
- **avenge** (get revenge or justice)—31:2

Moses to Number Israel

1 And the LORD spake unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the tabernacle of the congregation, on the first *day* of the second month, in the second year after they were come out of the land of Egypt, saying,

2 Take ye the sum of all the congregation of the children of Israel, after their families, by the house of their fathers, with the number of *their* names, every male by their polls;

3 From twenty years old and upward, all that are able to go forth to war in Israel: thou and Aaron shall number them by their armies.

Heads of Tribes of Israel

4 And with you there shall be a man of every tribe; every one head of the house of his fathers.

5 And these *are* the names of the men that shall stand with you: of *the tribe of* Reuben; Elizur the son of Shedeur.

6 Of Simeon; Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

7 Of Judah; Nahshon the son of Amminadab.

8 Of Issachar; Nethaneel the son of Zuar.

9 Of Zebulun; Eliab the son of Helon.

10 Of the children of Joseph: of Ephraim; Elishama the son of Ammihud: of Manasseh; Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

1:2 family ▸ *see Gen. 12:3.*

1:2 male

(Heb. *zakar*) (Gen. 1:27; 17:10; Is. 66:7) H2145: Translated "male," *zakar* comes from the root word meaning "remember." In contrast to other words for *man*, this one emphasizes the male as the one through whom the family name is continued and thus remembered or memorialized. This word literally means "sharp, pointed," in reference to the male sex organ.

11 Of Benjamin; Abidan the son of Gideoni.
12 Of Dan; Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.
13 Of Asher; Pagiel the son of Ocran.
14 Of Gad; Eliasaph the son of Deuel.
15 Of Naphtali; Ahira the son of Enan.
16 These *were* the renowned of the congregation, princes of the tribes of their fathers, heads of thousands in Israel.

The Taking of the Census

17 And Moses and Aaron took these men which are expressed by *their* names:
18 And they assembled all the congregation together on the first *day* of the second month, and they declared their pedigrees after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, by their polls.
19 As the LORD commanded Moses, so he numbered them in the wilderness of Sinai.

The Tribe of Reuben

20 And the children of Reuben, Israel's eldest son, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, by their polls, every male from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;
21 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Reuben, *were* forty and six thousand and five hundred.

The Tribe of Simeon

22 Of the children of Simeon, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, those that were numbered of them, according to the number of the names, by their polls, every male from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;
23 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Simeon, *were* fifty and nine thousand and three hundred.

The Tribe of Gad

24 Of the children of Gad, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;
25 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Gad, *were* forty and five thousand six hundred and fifty.

The Tribe of Judah

26 Of the children of Judah, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;
27 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Judah, *were* threescore and fourteen thousand and six hundred.

The Tribe of Issachar

28 Of the children of Issachar, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;
29 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Issachar, *were* fifty and four thousand and four hundred.

The Tribe of Zebulun

30 Of the children of Zebulun, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;
31 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Zebulun, *were* fifty and seven thousand and four hundred.

The Tribes of Joseph: Ephraim

32 Of the children of Joseph, *namely,* of the children of Ephraim, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;
33 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Ephraim, *were* forty thousand and five hundred.

The Tribes of Joseph: Manasseh

34 Of the children of Manasseh, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;
35 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Manasseh, *were* thirty and two thousand and two hundred.

1:18 pedigree ▸ *see Gen. 6:10.*
1:21 tribe ▸ *see Ex. 38:22.*

The Tribe of Benjamin

36 Of the children of Benjamin, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;
37 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Benjamin, *were* thirty and five thousand and four hundred.

The Tribe of Dan

38 Of the children of Dan, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;
39 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Dan, *were* threescore and two thousand and seven hundred.

The Tribe of Asher

40 Of the children of Asher, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;
41 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Asher, *were* forty and one thousand and five hundred.

The Tribe of Naphtali

42 Of the children of Naphtali, throughout their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;
43 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Naphtali, *were* fifty and three thousand and four hundred.

The Census Completed

44 These *are* those that were numbered, which Moses and Aaron numbered, and the princes of Israel, *being* twelve men: each one was for the house of his fathers.
45 So were all those that were numbered of the children of Israel, by the house of their fathers, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war in Israel;
46 Even all they that were numbered were six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty.

Levites Are Not Numbered

47 But the Levites after the tribe of their fathers were not numbered among them.
48 For the LORD had spoken unto Moses, saying,
49 Only thou shalt not number the tribe of Levi, neither take the sum of them among the children of Israel:

Levites' Assignment

50 But thou shalt appoint the Levites over the tabernacle of testimony, and over all the vessels thereof, and over all things that *belong* to it: they shall bear the tabernacle, and all the vessels thereof; and they shall minister unto it, and shall encamp round about the tabernacle.
51 And when the tabernacle setteth forward, the Levites shall take it down: and when the tabernacle is to be pitched, the Levites shall set it up: and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.
52 And the children of Israel shall pitch their tents, every man by his own camp, and every man by his own standard, throughout their hosts.
53 But the Levites shall pitch round about the tabernacle of testimony, that there be no wrath upon the congregation of the children of Israel: and the Levites shall keep the charge of the tabernacle of testimony.
54 And the children of Israel did according to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so did they.

Captains of Tribes Named

2 And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,
2 Every man of the children of Israel shall pitch by his own standard, with the ensign of

1:50 encamp ▸ *see Num. 33:5.*
1:52 standard ▸ *see Num. 2:2.*

2:2 standard

(Heb. *degel*) (Num. 1:52; 2:17; Song 2:4) H1714: The military standard or banner was carried on a high pole and designated communities or tribes within a nation. From a practical standpoint the standards served to identify and organize the tribes of Israel, but they were also rallying points to unify the nation around their covenant purposes.

their father's house: far off about the tabernacle of the congregation shall they pitch.

Tribes on the East Side of Camp

3 And on the east side toward the rising of the sun shall they of the standard of the camp of Judah pitch throughout their armies: and Nahshon the son of Amminadab *shall be* captain of the children of Judah.
4 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, *were* threescore and fourteen thousand and six hundred.
5 And those that do pitch next unto him *shall be* the tribe of Issachar: and Nethaneel the son of Zuar *shall be* captain of the children of Issachar.
6 And his host, and those that were numbered thereof, *were* fifty and four thousand and four hundred.
7 *Then* the tribe of Zebulun: and Eliab the son of Helon *shall be* captain of the children of Zebulun.
8 And his host, and those that were numbered thereof, *were* fifty and seven thousand and four hundred.
9 All that were numbered in the camp of Judah *were* an hundred thousand and fourscore thousand and six thousand and four hundred, throughout their armies. These shall first set forth.

Tribes on the South Side of Camp

10 On the south side *shall be* the standard of the camp of Reuben according to their armies: and the captain of the children of Reuben *shall be* Elizur the son of Shedeur.
11 And his host, and those that were numbered thereof, *were* forty and six thousand and five hundred.
12 And those which pitch by him *shall be* the tribe of Simeon: and the captain of the children of Simeon *shall be* Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.
13 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, *were* fifty and nine thousand and three hundred.
14 Then the tribe of Gad: and the captain of the sons of Gad *shall be* Eliasaph the son of Reuel.
15 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, *were* forty and five thousand and six hundred and fifty.
16 All that were numbered in the camp of Reuben *were* an hundred thousand and fifty and one thousand and four hundred and fifty, throughout their armies. And they shall set forth in the second rank.

The Tribe in the Center of Camp

17 Then the tabernacle of the congregation shall set forward with the camp of the Levites in the midst of the camp: as they encamp, so shall they set forward, every man in his place by their standards.

Tribes on the West Side of Camp

18 On the west side *shall be* the standard of the camp of Ephraim according to their armies: and the captain of the sons of Ephraim *shall be* Elishama the son of Ammihud.
19 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, *were* forty thousand and five hundred.
20 And by him *shall be* the tribe of Manasseh: and the captain of the children of Manasseh *shall be* Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.
21 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, *were* thirty and two thousand and two hundred.
22 Then the tribe of Benjamin: and the captain of the sons of Benjamin *shall be* Abidan the son of Gideoni.
23 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, *were* thirty and five thousand and four hundred.
24 All that were numbered of the camp of Ephraim *were* an hundred thousand and eight thousand and an hundred, throughout their armies. And they shall go forward in the third rank.

Tribes on the North Side of Camp

25 The standard of the camp of Dan *shall be* on the north side by their armies: and the captain of the children of Dan *shall be* Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.
26 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, *were* threescore and two thousand and seven hundred.
27 And those that encamp by him *shall be* the tribe of Asher: and the captain of the children of Asher *shall be* Pagiel the son of Ocran.

2:17 encamp ▸ *see Num. 33:5.*
2:17 standard ▸ *see Num. 2:2.*

28 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, *were* forty and one thousand and five hundred.
29 Then the tribe of Naphtali: and the captain of the children of Naphtali *shall be* Ahira the son of Enan.
30 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, *were* fifty and three thousand and four hundred.
31 All they that were numbered in the camp of Dan *were* an hundred thousand and fifty and seven thousand and six hundred. They shall go hindmost with their standards.
32 These *are* those which were numbered of the children of Israel by the house of their fathers: all those that were numbered of the camps throughout their hosts *were* six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty.
33 But the Levites were not numbered among the children of Israel; as the LORD commanded Moses.
34 And the children of Israel did according to all that the LORD commanded Moses: so they pitched by their standards, and so they set forward, every one after their families, according to the house of their fathers.

The Sons of Aaron

3 These also *are* the generations of Aaron and Moses in the day *that* the LORD spake with Moses in mount Sinai.
2 And these *are* the names of the sons of Aaron; Nadab the firstborn, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.
3 These *are* the names of the sons of Aaron, the priests which were anointed, whom he consecrated to minister in the priest's office.
4 And Nadab and Abihu died before the LORD, when they offered strange fire before the LORD, in the wilderness of Sinai, and they had no children: and Eleazar and Ithamar ministered in the priest's office in the sight of Aaron their father.

The Levites to Serve in the Tabernacle

5 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
6 Bring the tribe of Levi near, and present them before Aaron the priest, that they may minister unto him.
7 And they shall keep his charge, and the charge of the whole congregation before the tabernacle of the congregation, to do the service of the tabernacle.
8 And they shall keep all the instruments of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the charge of the children of Israel, to do the service of the tabernacle.
9 And thou shalt give the Levites unto Aaron and to his sons: they *are* wholly given unto him out of the children of Israel.
10 And thou shalt appoint Aaron and his sons, and they shall wait on their priest's office: and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.

The Levites Set Apart by God

11 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
12 And I, behold, I have taken the Levites from among the children of Israel instead of all the firstborn that openeth the matrix among the children of Israel: therefore the Levites shall be mine;
13 Because all the firstborn *are* mine; *for* on the day that I smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt I hallowed unto me all the firstborn in Israel, both man and beast: mine shall they be: I *am* the LORD.

Moses Numbers the Levites

14 And the LORD spake unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, saying,
15 Number the children of Levi after the house of their fathers, by their families: every male from a month old and upward shalt thou number them.
16 And Moses numbered them according to the word of the LORD, as he was commanded.

3:9 Levite ▸ *see 1 Chr. 23:26.*

3:12 matrix

(Heb. *rechem*) (1 Sam. 1:5; Ps. 22:10; Jer. 1:5) H7358: The "matrix" or womb, the sacred place in which babies are knit together inside their mother, is seen throughout Scripture as being under God's providential rule. He opens and closes wombs according to His will (Gen. 20:18; 29:31). According to Mosaic Law, the firstborn from a mother's womb was to be dedicated to God (Ex. 13:2), but here God substitutes the Levites in their place. This was a dispensation of God's grace—no longer would the beloved firstborn of each family have to enter God's service, but instead the whole tribe of Levi.

Descendants of Levi

17 And these were the sons of Levi by their names; Gershon, and Kohath, and Merari.
18 And these *are* the names of the sons of Gershon by their families; Libni, and Shimei.
19 And the sons of Kohath by their families; Amram, and Izehar, Hebron, and Uzziel.
20 And the sons of Merari by their families; Mahli, and Mushi. These *are* the families of the Levites according to the house of their fathers.

The Duties of Gershon's Family

21 Of Gershon *was* the family of the Libnites, and the family of the Shimites: these *are* the families of the Gershonites.
22 Those that were numbered of them, according to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, *even* those that were numbered of them *were* seven thousand and five hundred.
23 The families of the Gershonites shall pitch behind the tabernacle westward.
24 And the chief of the house of the father of the Gershonites *shall be* Eliasaph the son of Lael.
25 And the charge of the sons of Gershon in the tabernacle of the congregation *shall be* the tabernacle, and the tent, the covering thereof, and the hanging for the door of the tabernacle of the congregation,
26 And the hangings of the court, and the curtain for the door of the court, which *is* by the tabernacle, and by the altar round about, and the cords of it for all the service thereof.

The Duties of Kohath's Family

27 And of Kohath *was* the family of the Amramites, and the family of the Izeharites, and the family of the Hebronites, and the family of the Uzzielites: these *are* the families of the Kohathites.
28 In the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, *were* eight thousand and six hundred, keeping the charge of the sanctuary.
29 The families of the sons of Kohath shall pitch on the side of the tabernacle southward.
30 And the chief of the house of the father of the families of the Kohathites *shall be* Elizaphan the son of Uzziel.
31 And their charge *shall be* the ark, and the table, and the candlestick, and the altars, and the vessels of the sanctuary wherewith they minister, and the hanging, and all the service thereof.
32 And Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest *shall be* chief over the chief of the Levites, *and have* the oversight of them that keep the charge of the sanctuary.

The Duties of Merari's Family

33 Of Merari *was* the family of the Mahlites, and the family of the Mushites: these *are* the families of Merari.
34 And those that were numbered of them, according to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, *were* six thousand and two hundred.
35 And the chief of the house of the father of the families of Merari *was* Zuriel the son of Abihail: *these* shall pitch on the side of the tabernacle northward.
36 And *under* the custody and charge of the sons of Merari *shall be* the boards of the tabernacle, and the bars thereof, and the pillars thereof, and the sockets thereof, and all the vessels thereof, and all that serveth thereto,
37 And the pillars of the court round about, and their sockets, and their pins, and their cords.

Moses and Aaron's Encampment

38 But those that encamp before the tabernacle toward the east, *even* before the tabernacle of the congregation eastward, *shall be* Moses, and Aaron and his sons, keeping the charge of the sanctuary for the charge of the children of Israel; and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.

The Number of Male Levites

39 All that were numbered of the Levites, which Moses and Aaron numbered at the commandment of the LORD, throughout their families, all the males from a month old and upward, *were* twenty and two thousand.

The Number of Male Firstborn

40 And the LORD said unto Moses, Number all the firstborn of the males of the children of Israel from a month old and upward, and take the number of their names.

3:31 minister ▸ *see 1 Chr. 16:4.*
3:32 chief ▸ *see Ezek. 46:8.*

41 And thou shalt take the Levites for me (I *am* the LORD) instead of all the firstborn among the children of Israel; and the cattle of the Levites instead of all the firstlings among the cattle of the children of Israel.
42 And Moses numbered, as the LORD commanded him, all the firstborn among the children of Israel.
43 And all the firstborn males by the number of names, from a month old and upward, of those that were numbered of them, were twenty and two thousand two hundred and threescore and thirteen.

Redemption of the Firstborn

44 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
45 Take the Levites instead of all the firstborn among the children of Israel, and the cattle of the Levites instead of their cattle; and the Levites shall be mine: I *am* the LORD.
46 And for those that are to be redeemed of the two hundred and threescore and thirteen of the firstborn of the children of Israel, which are more than the Levites;
47 Thou shalt even take five shekels apiece by the poll, after the shekel of the sanctuary shalt thou take *them:* (the shekel *is* twenty gerahs:)
48 And thou shalt give the money, wherewith the odd number of them is to be redeemed, unto Aaron and to his sons.
49 And Moses took the redemption money of them that were over and above them that were redeemed by the Levites:
50 Of the firstborn of the children of Israel took he the money; a thousand three hundred and threescore and five *shekels,* after the shekel of the sanctuary:
51 And Moses gave the money of them that were redeemed unto Aaron and to his sons, according to the word of the LORD, as the LORD commanded Moses.

The Sons of Kohath

4 And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,
2 Take the sum of the sons of Kohath from among the sons of Levi, after their families, by the house of their fathers,
3 From thirty years old and upward even until fifty years old, all that enter into the host, to do the work in the tabernacle of the congregation.
4 This *shall be* the service of the sons of Kohath in the tabernacle of the congregation, *about* the most holy things:

Duties of Aaron and His Sons

5 And when the camp setteth forward, Aaron shall come, and his sons, and they shall take down the covering vail, and cover the ark of testimony with it:
6 And shall put thereon the covering of badgers' skins, and shall spread over *it* a cloth wholly of blue, and shall put in the staves thereof.
7 And upon the table of shewbread they shall spread a cloth of blue, and put thereon the dishes, and the spoons, and the bowls, and covers to cover withal: and the continual bread shall be thereon:
8 And they shall spread upon them a cloth of scarlet, and cover the same with a covering of badgers' skins, and shall put in the staves thereof.
9 And they shall take a cloth of blue, and cover the candlestick of the light, and his lamps, and his tongs, and his snuffdishes, and all the oil vessels thereof, wherewith they minister unto it:
10 And they shall put it and all the vessels thereof within a covering of badgers' skins, and shall put *it* upon a bar.
11 And upon the golden altar they shall spread a cloth of blue, and cover it with a covering of badgers' skins, and shall put to the staves thereof:
12 And they shall take all the instruments of ministry, wherewith they minister in the

4:5 covering ▸ *see Is. 22:8.*

4:10 covering

(Heb. *mikseh*) (Gen. 8:13; Ex. 40:19) H4372: The covering of the table of showbread as well as the ark of the covenant was made of badger skin and served the purpose of protecting the holy utensils of worship from the natural elements of rain, wind, and dirt. They also protected people from touching the utensils in an unworthy manner and thus bringing judgment upon themselves. The coverings were red and blue, perhaps symbolic of sacrificial blood and of the sky that is like a curtain between us and God (Job 26:9). The Israelites could only see the coverings, not the elements of worship themselves (Heb. 10:1), just as their eyes were shielded from the truth that has been illuminated through Christ.

sanctuary, and put *them* in a cloth of blue, and cover them with a covering of badgers' skins, and shall put *them* on a bar:
13 And they shall take away the ashes from the altar, and spread a purple cloth thereon:
14 And they shall put upon it all the vessels thereof, wherewith they minister about it, *even* the censers, the fleshhooks, and the shovels, and the basons, all the vessels of the altar; and they shall spread upon it a covering of badgers' skins, and put to the staves of it.

Duties of the Sons of Kohath

15 And when Aaron and his sons have made an end of covering the sanctuary, and all the vessels of the sanctuary, as the camp is to set forward; after that, the sons of Kohath shall come to bear *it:* but they shall not touch *any* holy thing, lest they die. These *things are* the burden of the sons of Kohath in the tabernacle of the congregation.

Eleazar's Duties

16 And to the office of Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest *pertaineth* the oil for the light, and the sweet incense, and the daily meat offering, and the anointing oil, *and* the oversight of all the tabernacle, and of all that therein *is,* in the sanctuary, and in the vessels thereof.

Kohathites Set Apart for Service

17 And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,
18 Cut ye not off the tribe of the families of the Kohathites from among the Levites:
19 But thus do unto them, that they may live, and not die, when they approach unto the most holy things: Aaron and his sons shall go in, and appoint them every one to his service and to his burden:
20 But they shall not go in to see when the holy things are covered, lest they die.

Moses to Number the Sons of Gershon

21 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
22 Take also the sum of the sons of Gershon, throughout the houses of their fathers, by their families;
23 From thirty years old and upward until fifty years old shalt thou number them; all that enter in to perform the service, to do the work in the tabernacle of the congregation.

Duties of the Sons of Gershon

24 This *is* the service of the families of the Gershonites, to serve, and for burdens:
25 And they shall bear the curtains of the tabernacle, and the tabernacle of the congregation, his covering, and the covering of the badgers' skins that *is* above upon it, and the hanging for the door of the tabernacle of the congregation,
26 And the hangings of the court, and the hanging for the door of the gate of the court, which *is* by the tabernacle and by the altar round about, and their cords, and all the instruments of their service, and all that is made for them: so shall they serve.
27 At the appointment of Aaron and his sons shall be all the service of the sons of the Gershonites, in all their burdens, and in all their service: and ye shall appoint unto them in charge all their burdens.
28 This *is* the service of the families of the sons of Gershon in the tabernacle of the congregation: and their charge *shall be* under the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

Moses to Number the Sons of Merari

29 As for the sons of Merari, thou shalt number them after their families, by the house of their fathers;
30 From thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old shalt thou number them, every one that entereth into the service, to do the work of the tabernacle of the congregation.

Duties of the Sons of Merari

31 And this *is* the charge of their burden, according to all their service in the tabernacle of the congregation; the boards of the tabernacle, and the bars thereof, and the pillars thereof, and sockets thereof,
32 And the pillars of the court round about, and their sockets, and their pins, and their cords, with all their instruments, and with all their service: and by name ye shall reckon the instruments of the charge of their burden.
33 This *is* the service of the families of the sons of Merari, according to all their service, in the tabernacle of the congregation, under

4:25 curtain ▸ *see Ex. 26:1.*

the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

Numbering of the Sons of Kohath

34 And Moses and Aaron and the chief of the congregation numbered the sons of the Kohathites after their families, and after the house of their fathers,
35 From thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that entereth into the service, for the work in the tabernacle of the congregation:
36 And those that were numbered of them by their families were two thousand seven hundred and fifty.
37 These *were* they that were numbered of the families of the Kohathites, all that might do service in the tabernacle of the congregation, which Moses and Aaron did number according to the commandment of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

Numbering of the Sons of Gershon

38 And those that were numbered of the sons of Gershon, throughout their families, and by the house of their fathers,
39 From thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that entereth into the service, for the work in the tabernacle of the congregation,
40 Even those that were numbered of them, throughout their families, by the house of their fathers, were two thousand and six hundred and thirty.
41 These *are* they that were numbered of the families of the sons of Gershon, of all that might do service in the tabernacle of the congregation, whom Moses and Aaron did number according to the commandment of the LORD.

Numbering of the Sons of Merari

42 And those that were numbered of the families of the sons of Merari, throughout their families, by the house of their fathers,
43 From thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that entereth into the service, for the work in the tabernacle of the congregation,
44 Even those that were numbered of them after their families, were three thousand and two hundred.
45 These *be* those that were numbered of the families of the sons of Merari, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

The Total Number of Levites

46 All those that were numbered of the Levites, whom Moses and Aaron and the chief of Israel numbered, after their families, and after the house of their fathers,
47 From thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that came to do the service of the ministry, and the service of the burden in the tabernacle of the congregation,
48 Even those that were numbered of them, were eight thousand and five hundred and fourscore.
49 According to the commandment of the LORD they were numbered by the hand of Moses, every one according to his service, and according to his burden: thus were they numbered of him, as the LORD commanded Moses.

The Command to Cleanse the Camps

5 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
2 Command the children of Israel, that they put out of the camp every leper, and every one that hath an issue, and whosoever is defiled by the dead:
3 Both male and female shall ye put out, without the camp shall ye put them; that they defile not their camps, in the midst whereof I dwell.
4 And the children of Israel did so, and put them out without the camp: as the LORD spake unto Moses, so did the children of Israel.

Laws Regarding Restitution

5 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
6 Speak unto the children of Israel, When

5:2 command

(Heb. *tsavah*) (Gen. 2:16; Ex. 34:32; Ps. 71:3; 105:8) H6680: This verb form meaning "to command, to charge," comes from the root word meaning "direct." It is closely related to mitzvah, which is the word for "commandment." This command, like all the other commands God utters, was given to help the Israelites understand God's holiness, to protect the camp, and to point people to their need of God's saving power to heal us.

a man or woman shall commit any sin that men commit, to do a trespass against the LORD, and that person be guilty;
7 Then they shall confess their sin which they have done: and he shall recompense his trespass with the principal thereof, and add unto it the fifth *part* thereof, and give *it* unto *him* against whom he hath trespassed.
8 But if the man have no kinsman to recompense the trespass unto, let the trespass be recompensed unto the LORD, *even* to the priest; beside the ram of the atonement, whereby an atonement shall be made for him.
9 And every offering of all the holy things of the children of Israel, which they bring unto the priest, shall be his.
10 And every man's hallowed things shall be his: whatsoever any man giveth the priest, it shall be his.

Law Regarding Jealousy

11 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
12 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, If any man's wife go aside, and commit a trespass against him,
13 And a man lie with her carnally, and it be hid from the eyes of her husband, and be kept close, and she be defiled, and *there be* no witness against her, neither she be taken *with the manner;*
14 And the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be defiled: or if the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be not defiled:
15 Then shall the man bring his wife unto the priest, and he shall bring her offering for her, the tenth *part* of an ephah of barley meal; he shall pour no oil upon it, nor put frankincense thereon; for it *is* an offering of jealousy, an offering of memorial, bringing iniquity to remembrance.

The Test of Bitter Water

16 And the priest shall bring her near, and set her before the LORD:
17 And the priest shall take holy water in an earthen vessel; and of the dust that is in the floor of the tabernacle the priest shall take, and put *it* into the water:
18 And the priest shall set the woman before the LORD, and uncover the woman's head, and put the offering of memorial in her hands, which *is* the jealousy offering: and the priest shall have in his hand the bitter water that causeth the curse:
19 And the priest shall charge her by an oath, and say unto the woman, If no man have lain with thee, and if thou hast not gone aside to uncleanness *with another* instead of thy husband, be thou free from this bitter water that causeth the curse:
20 But if thou hast gone aside *to another* instead of thy husband, and if thou be defiled, and some man have lain with thee beside thine husband:
21 Then the priest shall charge the woman with an oath of cursing, and the priest shall say unto the woman, The LORD make thee a curse and an oath among thy people, when the LORD doth make thy thigh to rot, and thy belly to swell;
22 And this water that causeth the curse shall go into thy bowels, to make *thy* belly to swell, and *thy* thigh to rot: And the woman shall say, Amen, amen.
23 And the priest shall write these curses in a book, and he shall blot *them* out with the bitter water:
24 And he shall cause the woman to drink the bitter water that causeth the curse: and the water that causeth the curse shall enter into her, *and become* bitter.
25 Then the priest shall take the jealousy offering out of the woman's hand, and shall wave the offering before the LORD, and offer it upon the altar:
26 And the priest shall take an handful of the offering, *even* the memorial thereof, and burn *it* upon the altar, and afterward shall cause the woman to drink the water.
27 And when he hath made her to drink the water, then it shall come to pass, *that,* if she be defiled, and have done trespass against her husband, that the water that causeth the curse shall enter into her, *and become* bitter, and her belly shall swell, and her thigh shall rot: and the woman shall be a curse among her people.
28 And if the woman be not defiled, but be clean; then she shall be free, and shall conceive seed.
29 This *is* the law of jealousies, when a wife goeth aside to *another* instead of her husband, and is defiled;
30 Or when the spirit of jealousy cometh upon him, and he be jealous over his wife,

and shall set the woman before the LORD, and the priest shall execute upon her all this law.
31 Then shall the man be guiltless from iniquity, and this woman shall bear her iniquity.

Laws Regarding a Nazarite

6 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When either man or woman shall separate *themselves* to vow a vow of a Nazarite, to separate *themselves* unto the LORD:
3 He shall separate *himself* from wine and strong drink, and shall drink no vinegar of wine, or vinegar of strong drink, neither shall he drink any liquor of grapes, nor eat moist grapes, or dried.
4 All the days of his separation shall he eat nothing that is made of the vine tree, from the kernels even to the husk.
5 All the days of the vow of his separation there shall no razor come upon his head: until the days be fulfilled, in the which he separateth *himself* unto the LORD, he shall be holy, *and* shall let the locks of the hair of his head grow.
6 All the days that he separateth *himself* unto the LORD he shall come at no dead body.
7 He shall not make himself unclean for his father, or for his mother, for his brother, or for his sister, when they die: because the consecration of his God is upon his head.
8 All the days of his separation he *is* holy unto the LORD.
9 And if any man die very suddenly by him, and he hath defiled the head of his consecration; then he shall shave his head in the day of his cleansing, on the seventh day shall he shave it.
10 And on the eighth day he shall bring two turtles, or two young pigeons, to the priest, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation:
11 And the priest shall offer the one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering, and make an atonement for him, for that he sinned by the dead, and shall hallow his head that same day.
12 And he shall consecrate unto the LORD the days of his separation, and shall bring a lamb of the first year for a trespass offering: but the days that were before shall be lost, because his separation was defiled.

Days of Separation Fulfilled

13 And this *is* the law of the Nazarite, when the days of his separation are fulfilled: he shall be brought unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation:
14 And he shall offer his offering unto the LORD, one he lamb of the first year without blemish for a burnt offering, and one ewe lamb of the first year without blemish for a sin offering, and one ram without blemish for peace offerings,
15 And a basket of unleavened bread, cakes of fine flour mingled with oil, and wafers of unleavened bread anointed with oil, and their meat offering, and their drink offerings.
16 And the priest shall bring *them* before the LORD, and shall offer his sin offering, and his burnt offering:
17 And he shall offer the ram *for* a sacrifice of peace offerings unto the LORD, with the basket of unleavened bread: the priest shall offer also his meat offering, and his drink offering.
18 And the Nazarite shall shave the head of his separation *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall take the hair of the head of his separation, and put *it* in the fire which *is* under the sacrifice of the peace offerings.
19 And the priest shall take the sodden shoulder of the ram, and one unleavened cake out of the basket, and one unleavened wafer, and shall put *them* upon the hands of the Nazarite, after *the hair of* his separation is shaven:

6:2 separate ▸ *see Lev. 15:31.*

6:9 shave

(Heb. *galach*) (Num. 6:18; Deut. 21:12; Judg. 16:17) H1548: The word *galach* means "smooth" or "naked," so it refers quite literally to a bald head. The Nazarite vow of devotion required that a person not cut his hair, but if he unwittingly was defiled by a dead body, he had to start the process of consecration over again (shave his head) and make special sacrifices.

6:14 lamb ▸ *see 2 Sam. 12:6.*
6:18 shave ▸ *see Num. 6:9.*

20 And the priest shall wave them *for* a wave offering before the LORD: this *is* holy for the priest, with the wave breast and heave shoulder: and after that the Nazarite may drink wine.
21 This *is* the law of the Nazarite who hath vowed, *and of* his offering unto the LORD for his separation, beside *that* that his hand shall get: according to the vow which he vowed, so he must do after the law of his separation.

Blessings on the Children of Israel

22 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
23 Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying, On this wise ye shall bless the children of Israel, saying unto them,
24 The LORD bless thee, and keep thee:
25 The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:
26 The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.
27 And they shall put my name upon the children of Israel; and I will bless them.

Offerings by the Tribal Princes

7 And it came to pass on the day that Moses had fully set up the tabernacle, and had anointed it, and sanctified it, and all the instruments thereof, both the altar and all the vessels thereof, and had anointed them, and sanctified them;
2 That the princes of Israel, heads of the house of their fathers, who *were* the princes of the tribes, and were over them that were numbered, offered:
3 And they brought their offering before the LORD, six covered wagons, and twelve oxen; a wagon for two of the princes, and for each one an ox: and they brought them before the tabernacle.

Offerings Given to Levites

4 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
5 Take *it* of them, that they may be to do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation; and thou shalt give them unto the Levites, to every man according to his service.
6 And Moses took the wagons and the oxen, and gave them unto the Levites.
7 Two wagons and four oxen he gave unto the sons of Gershon, according to their service:
8 And four wagons and eight oxen he gave unto the sons of Merari, according unto their service, under the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.
9 But unto the sons of Kohath he gave none: because the service of the sanctuary belonging unto them *was that* they should bear upon their shoulders.

Twelve Days of Offerings

10 And the princes offered for dedicating of the altar in the day that it was anointed, even the princes offered their offering before the altar.
11 And the LORD said unto Moses, They shall offer their offering, each prince on his day, for the dedicating of the altar.

First Day: The Prince of Judah

12 And he that offered his offering the first day was Nahshon the son of Amminadab, of the tribe of Judah:
13 And his offering *was* one silver charger, the weight thereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels,* one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them *were* full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:
14 One spoon of ten *shekels* of gold, full of incense:
15 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering:
16 One kid of the goats for a sin offering:

6:26 peace ▸ *see 1 Chr. 12:18.*

7:1 anoint

(Heb. *mashach*) (Ex. 30:26; 2 Sam. 5:3) H4886: This verb means to wet or daub a person with olive oil. This ritual designated a person or object as set apart for God's special purposes. Kings, priests, and prophets were anointed at the beginning of their service (Lev. 8:12; 16:32; 2 Sam. 2:4; 5:3; 1 Kin. 19:15, 16). During the Exodus, many holy things were anointed—including the tabernacle itself. In Numbers 7:1, the olive oil is an exquisite and expensive blend of oil and spices. This special oil symbolized the significance of the consecration of the tabernacle and its furnishings to God. In the New Testament, all who are Christ's disciples are said to be anointed; they are God's very own, set apart and commissioned for service (2 Cor. 1:21).

7:10 dedicate ▸ *see Num. 7:88.*

17 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this *was* the offering of Nahshon the son of Amminadab.

Second Day: The Prince of Issachar

18 On the second day Nethaneel the son of Zuar, prince of Issachar, did offer:
19 He offered *for* his offering one silver charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels,* one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:
20 One spoon of gold of ten *shekels,* full of incense:
21 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering:
22 One kid of the goats for a sin offering:
23 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this *was* the offering of Nethaneel the son of Zuar.

Third Day: The Prince of Zebulun

24 On the third day Eliab the son of Helon, prince of the children of Zebulun, *did offer:*
25 His offering *was* one silver charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels,* one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:
26 One golden spoon of ten *shekels,* full of incense:
27 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering:
28 One kid of the goats for a sin offering:
29 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this *was* the offering of Eliab the son of Helon.

Fourth Day: The Prince of Reuben

30 On the fourth day Elizur the son of Shedeur, prince of the children of Reuben, *did offer:*
31 His offering *was* one silver charger of the weight of an hundred and thirty *shekels,* one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:
32 One golden spoon of ten *shekels,* full of incense:
33 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering:
34 One kid of the goats for a sin offering:
35 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this *was* the offering of Elizur the son of Shedeur.

Fifth Day: The Prince of Simeon

36 On the fifth day Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai, prince of the children of Simeon, *did offer:*
37 His offering *was* one silver charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels,* one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:
38 One golden spoon of ten *shekels,* full of incense:
39 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering:
40 One kid of the goats for a sin offering:
41 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this *was* the offering of Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

Sixth Day: The Prince of Gad

42 On the sixth day Eliasaph the son of Deuel, prince of the children of Gad, *offered:*

7:17 sacrifice

(Heb. *zebach*) (Ex. 10:25; Zeph. 1:7) H2077: The Hebrew word comes from a verb meaning "to slaughter for an offering." In accordance with the Law of Moses, a priest would offer sacrifices on behalf of a worshiper by burning them on the altar (Ex. 20:24). Sacrifices could either be grain offerings (the firstfruits of the harvest) or animal sacrifices. Which animals could be sacrificed at the tabernacle (and later the temple) was clearly stipulated by the Law; they had to be the best one had—with "no blemish" (Lev. 22:21). Animal sacrifices under the Law served one primary function, to cover or atone for sin (Heb. 9:22). The sin of an individual was symbolically transferred to the animal to be sacrificed, thereby providing a substitutionary atonement. The sacrifices had to be repeated each year because they only partially dealt with sin (Heb. 10:4). Ultimately, all sacrifices in the Old Testament point forward to and are types of the final, all-sufficient sacrifice made by Christ (Is. 53; 1 Cor. 5:7; Heb. 9:10).

43 His offering *was* one silver charger of the weight of an hundred and thirty *shekels,* a silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:
44 One golden spoon of ten *shekels,* full of incense:
45 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering:
46 One kid of the goats for a sin offering:
47 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this *was* the offering of Eliasaph the son of Deuel.

Seventh Day: The Prince of Ephraim

48 On the seventh day Elishama the son of Ammihud, prince of the children of Ephraim, *offered:*
49 His offering *was* one silver charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels,* one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:
50 One golden spoon of ten *shekels,* full of incense:
51 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering:
52 One kid of the goats for a sin offering:
53 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this *was* the offering of Elishama the son of Ammihud.

Eighth Day: The Prince of Manasseh

54 On the eighth day *offered* Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur, prince of the children of Manasseh:
55 His offering *was* one silver charger of the weight of an hundred and thirty *shekels,* one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:
56 One golden spoon of ten *shekels,* full of incense:
57 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering:
58 One kid of the goats for a sin offering:
59 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this *was* the offering of Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

Ninth Day: The Prince of Benjamin

60 On the ninth day Abidan the son of Gideoni, prince of the children of Benjamin, *offered:*
61 His offering *was* one silver charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels,* one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:
62 One golden spoon of ten *shekels,* full of incense:
63 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering:
64 One kid of the goats for a sin offering:
65 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this *was* the offering of Abidan the son of Gideoni.

Tenth Day: The Prince of Dan

66 On the tenth day Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai, prince of the children of Dan, *offered:*
67 His offering *was* one silver charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels,* one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:
68 One golden spoon of ten *shekels,* full of incense:
69 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering:
70 One kid of the goats for a sin offering:
71 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this *was* the offering of Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

Eleventh Day: The Prince of Asher

72 On the eleventh day Pagiel the son of Ocran, prince of the children of Asher, *offered:*
73 His offering *was* one silver charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels,* one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:
74 One golden spoon of ten *shekels,* full of incense:
75 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering:

76 One kid of the goats for a sin offering:
77 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this *was* the offering of Pagiel the son of Ocran.

Twelfth Day: The Prince of Naphtali

78 On the twelfth day Ahira the son of Enan, prince of the children of Naphtali, *offered:*
79 His offering *was* one silver charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels,* one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:
80 One golden spoon of ten *shekels,* full of incense:
81 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering:
82 One kid of the goats for a sin offering:
83 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this *was* the offering of Ahira the son of Enan.

Altar Offerings Given by the Princes

84 This *was* the dedication of the altar, in the day when it was anointed, by the princes of Israel: twelve chargers of silver, twelve silver bowls, twelve spoons of gold:
85 Each charger of silver *weighing* an hundred and thirty *shekels,* each bowl seventy: all the silver vessels *weighed* two thousand and four hundred *shekels,* after the shekel of the sanctuary:
86 The golden spoons *were* twelve, full of incense, *weighing* ten *shekels* apiece, after the shekel of the sanctuary: all the gold of the spoons *was* an hundred and twenty *shekels.*

Burnt Offerings by the Princes

87 All the oxen for the burnt offering *were* twelve bullocks, the rams twelve, the lambs of the first year twelve, with their meat offering: and the kids of the goats for sin offering twelve.

Peace Offerings by the Princes

88 And all the oxen for the sacrifice of the peace offerings *were* twenty and four bullocks, the rams sixty, the he goats sixty, the lambs of the first year sixty. This *was* the dedication of the altar, after that it was anointed.

God Speaks to Moses

89 And when Moses was gone into the tabernacle of the congregation to speak with him, then he heard the voice of one speaking unto him from off the mercy seat that *was* upon the ark of testimony, from between the two cherubims: and he spake unto him.

Aaron to Light the Lamps

8 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
2 Speak unto Aaron, and say unto him, When thou lightest the lamps, the seven lamps shall give light over against the candlestick.
3 And Aaron did so; he lighted the lamps thereof over against the candlestick, as the LORD commanded Moses.
4 And this work of the candlestick *was of* beaten gold, unto the shaft thereof, unto the flowers thereof, *was* beaten work: according unto the pattern which the LORD had shewed Moses, so he made the candlestick.

Cleansing Rituals for Levites

5 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
6 Take the Levites from among the children of Israel, and cleanse them.
7 And thus shalt thou do unto them, to cleanse them: Sprinkle water of purifying upon them, and let them shave all their flesh, and let them wash their clothes, and *so* make themselves clean.
8 Then let them take a young bullock with

7:88 dedication

(Heb. *chanukkah*) (Num. 7:10; Neh. 12:27) H2598: Dedication is a religious ceremony in which a person or a thing is set aside or consecrated to God's service. In Bible times, many different things were included in such services: the temple (2 Chr. 2:4), a field (Lev. 27:16), a house (Lev. 27:14), articles of precious metal (2 Sam. 8:10), even spoils won in battle (1 Chr. 26:27). In one of the most beautiful passages in the Bible, Hannah presented her young son Samuel to God in an act of child dedication (1 Sam. 1:19–28). Hannah's prayer of thanksgiving to God (1 Sam. 2:1–10) is a model of praise and dedication for all who seek to honor God through their lives.

7:89 cherubims ▸ *see Ex. 25:18.*

his meat offering, *even* fine flour mingled with oil, and another young bullock shalt thou take for a sin offering.
9 And thou shalt bring the Levites before the tabernacle of the congregation: and thou shalt gather the whole assembly of the children of Israel together:
10 And thou shalt bring the Levites before the LORD: and the children of Israel shall put their hands upon the Levites:
11 And Aaron shall offer the Levites before the LORD *for* an offering of the children of Israel, that they may execute the service of the LORD.
12 And the Levites shall lay their hands upon the heads of the bullocks: and thou shalt offer the one *for* a sin offering, and the other *for* a burnt offering, unto the LORD, to make an atonement for the Levites.
13 And thou shalt set the Levites before Aaron, and before his sons, and offer them *for* an offering unto the LORD.

The Levites Represent Israel's Firstborn

14 Thus shalt thou separate the Levites from among the children of Israel: and the Levites shall be mine.
15 And after that shall the Levites go in to do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation: and thou shalt cleanse them, and offer them *for* an offering.
16 For they *are* wholly given unto me from among the children of Israel; instead of such as open every womb, *even instead of* the firstborn of all the children of Israel, have I taken them unto me.
17 For all the firstborn of the children of Israel *are* mine, *both* man and beast: on the day that I smote every firstborn in the land of Egypt I sanctified them for myself.
18 And I have taken the Levites for all the firstborn of the children of Israel.
19 And I have given the Levites *as* a gift to Aaron and to his sons from among the children of Israel, to do the service of the children of Israel in the tabernacle of the congregation, and to make an atonement for the children of Israel: that there be no plague among the children of Israel, when the children of Israel come nigh unto the sanctuary.

The Levites Purified

20 And Moses, and Aaron, and all the congregation of the children of Israel, did to the Levites according unto all that the LORD commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so did the children of Israel unto them.
21 And the Levites were purified, and they washed their clothes; and Aaron offered them *as* an offering before the LORD; and Aaron made an atonement for them to cleanse them.
22 And after that went the Levites in to do their service in the tabernacle of the congregation before Aaron, and before his sons: as the LORD had commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so did they unto them.

Age Limits for Service

23 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
24 This *is it* that *belongeth* unto the Levites: from twenty and five years old and upward they shall go in to wait upon the service of the tabernacle of the congregation:
25 And from the age of fifty years they shall cease waiting upon the service *thereof,* and shall serve no more:
26 But shall minister with their brethren in the tabernacle of the congregation, to keep the charge, and shall do no service. Thus shalt thou do unto the Levites touching their charge.

The Season for Observing Passover

9 And the LORD spake unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the first month of the second year after they were come out of the land of Egypt, saying,

8:17 firstborn

(Heb. *bekor*) (Gen. 49:3; Ex. 4:22; 13:15; 2 Chr. 21:3) H1060: The firstborn male held a special place of honor in the Old Testament, being the heir who carried on the family name and inherited most of his father's estate and the first blessing. The word also refers to anything that is chief or the first of its kind (Job 18:13; Is. 14:30). The term has strong messianic connotations (Rom. 8:29; Col. 1:15, 18). God claimed the firstborn as His own (Ex. 13:2) in recognition of the fact that He spared the Hebrews' firstborn sons when He took the Egyptians' firstborn sons (Ex. 12:23–27). But in His mercy God later took for His service the Levites rather than the firstborn of each family; this tribe was granted the privilege of serving in the tabernacle.

2 Let the children of Israel also keep the passover at his appointed season.
3 In the fourteenth day of this month, at even, ye shall keep it in his appointed season: according to all the rites of it, and according to all the ceremonies thereof, shall ye keep it.

Passover Observed

4 And Moses spake unto the children of Israel, that they should keep the passover.
5 And they kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the first month at even in the wilderness of Sinai: according to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so did the children of Israel.

The Defiled Can Observe Passover Later

6 And there were certain men, who were defiled by the dead body of a man, that they could not keep the passover on that day: and they came before Moses and before Aaron on that day:
7 And those men said unto him, We *are* defiled by the dead body of a man: wherefore are we kept back, that we may not offer an offering of the LORD in his appointed season among the children of Israel?
8 And Moses said unto them, Stand still, and I will hear what the LORD will command concerning you.
9 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
10 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If any man of you or of your posterity shall be unclean by reason of a dead body, or *be* in a journey afar off, yet he shall keep the passover unto the LORD.
11 The fourteenth day of the second month at even they shall keep it, *and* eat it with unleavened bread and bitter *herbs*.
12 They shall leave none of it unto the morning, nor break any bone of it: according to all the ordinances of the passover they shall keep it.
13 But the man that *is* clean, and is not in a journey, and forbeareth to keep the passover, even the same soul shall be cut off from among his people: because he brought not the offering of the LORD in his appointed season, that man shall bear his sin.
14 And if a stranger shall sojourn among you, and will keep the passover unto the LORD; according to the ordinance of the passover, and according to the manner thereof, so shall he do: ye shall have one ordinance, both for the stranger, and for him that was born in the land.

The Cloud by Day; Fire by Night

15 And on the day that the tabernacle was reared up the cloud covered the tabernacle, *namely,* the tent of the testimony: and at even there was upon the tabernacle as it were the appearance of fire, until the morning.
16 So it was alway: the cloud covered it *by day,* and the appearance of fire by night.

The Cloud Leads Israel on Their Journey

17 And when the cloud was taken up from the tabernacle, then after that the children of Israel journeyed: and in the place where the cloud abode, there the children of Israel pitched their tents.
18 At the commandment of the LORD the children of Israel journeyed, and at the commandment of the LORD they pitched: as long as the cloud abode upon the tabernacle they rested in their tents.
19 And when the cloud tarried long upon the tabernacle many days, then the children of Israel kept the charge of the LORD, and journeyed not.
20 And *so* it was, when the cloud was a few days upon the tabernacle; according to the commandment of the LORD they abode in their tents, and according to the commandment of the LORD they journeyed.
21 And *so* it was, when the cloud abode from even unto the morning, and *that* the cloud was taken up in the morning, then they journeyed: whether *it was* by day or by night that the cloud was taken up, they journeyed.

9:2 appointed season

(Heb. *mo`ed*) (Gen. 1:14; Josh. 18:1) H4150: When God created the world, He set stars in the sky to serve as "signs and seasons" (Gen. 1:14). They were literally appointed to a particular place to mark time. Thus, the Lord talks about returning to Abraham at a specific time (Gen. 18:14), or the importance of celebrating certain feasts and festivals at "the appointed season" (as here). The word can also be used to speak of the tabernacle of the congregation (Josh. 18:1).

9:15 appearance ▸ *see Ezek. 40:3.*
9:19 tarried long ▸ *see Job 6:11.*

22 Or *whether it were* two days, or a month, or a year, that the cloud tarried upon the tabernacle, remaining thereon, the children of Israel abode in their tents, and journeyed not: but when it was taken up, they journeyed.
23 At the commandment of the LORD they rested in the tents, and at the commandment of the LORD they journeyed: they kept the charge of the LORD, at the commandment of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

The Two Silver Trumpets

10 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
2 Make thee two trumpets of silver; of a whole piece shalt thou make them: that thou mayest use them for the calling of the assembly, and for the journeying of the camps.

Various Trumpet Calls

3 And when they shall blow with them, all the assembly shall assemble themselves to thee at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.
4 And if they blow *but* with one *trumpet,* then the princes, *which are* heads of the thousands of Israel, shall gather themselves unto thee.
5 When ye blow an alarm, then the camps that lie on the east parts shall go forward.
6 When ye blow an alarm the second time, then the camps that lie on the south side shall take their journey: they shall blow an alarm for their journeys.
7 But when the congregation is to be gathered together, ye shall blow, but ye shall not sound an alarm.
8 And the sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow with the trumpets; and they shall be to you for an ordinance for ever throughout your generations.
9 And if ye go to war in your land against the enemy that oppresseth you, then ye shall blow an alarm with the trumpets; and ye shall be remembered before the LORD your God, and ye shall be saved from your enemies.

Trumpets Blown for All Feast Days

10 Also in the day of your gladness, and in your solemn days, and in the beginnings of your months, ye shall blow with the trumpets over your burnt offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; that they may be to you for a memorial before your God: I *am* the LORD your God.

The Journey from Sinai to Paran

11 And it came to pass on the twentieth *day* of the second month, in the second year, that the cloud was taken up from off the tabernacle of the testimony.
12 And the children of Israel took their journeys out of the wilderness of Sinai; and the cloud rested in the wilderness of Paran.
13 And they first took their journey according to the commandment of the LORD by the hand of Moses.
14 In the first *place* went the standard of the camp of the children of Judah according to their armies: and over his host *was* Nahshon the son of Amminadab.
15 And over the host of the tribe of the

10:9 enemy

(Heb. *tsar*) (Gen. 14:20; Ezra 4:1; Ps. 44:5) H6862: Before Israel could serve as the channel of God's grace to the world, its existence as a nation had to be securely established. The enemies of the Hebrew people were thus regarded as God's enemies, and the reverse was also true (Ps. 139:20–22). In the New Testament, by contrast, the enemies to be overcome are primarily spiritual in nature. While the Old Testament refers to charity toward one's enemy (Ex. 23:4, 5; Prov. 24:17), the New Testament goes further by commanding love for one's enemy (Matt. 5:44; Rom. 12:20). The New Testament looks toward a day when all enemies of good and righteousness will be overcome because of the redemptive work of Christ (1 Cor. 15:25).

10:9 blow alarm ▸ *see Job 38:7.*
10:9 save ▸ *see Jer. 17:14.*

10:12 rest

(Heb. *shachan*) (Ex. 24:16; Zech. 2:10) H7931: Describing God's presence among His people, the word *shachan* can imply transience, as when "the glory of the LORD abode on Mount Sinai" (Ex. 24:16), or when the cloud settled down in certain places to guide the people through the desert (as here). It can also indicate a more permanent placement, as the promise to David that God will "appoint a place for [His] people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more" (2 Sam. 7:10). Finally, the prophets look ahead to a day when God will dwell with His people forever (Zech. 2:10).

children of Issachar *was* Nethaneel the son of Zuar.
16 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Zebulun *was* Eliab the son of Helon.
17 And the tabernacle was taken down; and the sons of Gershon and the sons of Merari set forward, bearing the tabernacle.
18 And the standard of the camp of Reuben set forward according to their armies: and over his host *was* Elizur the son of Shedeur.
19 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Simeon *was* Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.
20 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Gad *was* Eliasaph the son of Deuel.
21 And the Kohathites set forward, bearing the sanctuary: and *the other* did set up the tabernacle against they came.
22 And the standard of the camp of the children of Ephraim set forward according to their armies: and over his host *was* Elishama the son of Ammihud.
23 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Manasseh *was* Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.
24 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Benjamin *was* Abidan the son of Gideoni.
25 And the standard of the camp of the children of Dan set forward, *which was* the rereward of all the camps throughout their hosts: and over his host *was* Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.
26 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Asher *was* Pagiel the son of Ocran.
27 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Naphtali *was* Ahira the son of Enan.
28 Thus *were* the journeyings of the children of Israel according to their armies, when they set forward.

Moses' Father in Law

29 And Moses said unto Hobab, the son of Raguel the Midianite, Moses' father in law, We are journeying unto the place of which the LORD said, I will give it you: come thou with us, and we will do thee good: for the LORD hath spoken good concerning Israel.
30 And he said unto him, I will not go; but I will depart to mine own land, and to my kindred.
31 And he said, Leave us not, I pray thee; forasmuch as thou knowest how we are to encamp in the wilderness, and thou mayest be to us instead of eyes.
32 And it shall be, if thou go with us, yea, it shall be, that what goodness the LORD shall do unto us, the same will we do unto thee.

Moses' Prayer to God

33 And they departed from the mount of the LORD three days' journey: and the ark of the covenant of the LORD went before them in the three days' journey, to search out a resting place for them.
34 And the cloud of the LORD *was* upon them by day, when they went out of the camp.
35 And it came to pass, when the ark set forward, that Moses said, Rise up, LORD, and let thine enemies be scattered; and let them that hate thee flee before thee.
36 And when it rested, he said, Return, O LORD, unto the many thousands of Israel.

The People Complain

11 And *when* the people complained, it displeased the LORD: and the LORD heard *it;* and his anger was kindled; and the fire of the LORD burnt among them, and consumed *them that were* in the uttermost parts of the camp.
2 And the people cried unto Moses; and when Moses prayed unto the LORD, the fire was quenched.
3 And he called the name of the place Taberah: because the fire of the LORD burnt among them.
4 And the mixt multitude that *was* among them fell a lusting: and the children of Israel also wept again, and said, Who shall give us flesh to eat?
5 We remember the fish, which we did eat in Egypt freely; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlick:
6 But now our soul *is* dried away: *there is* nothing at all, beside this manna, *before* our eyes.

11:6 dry

(Heb. *yabesh*) (Job 13:25; Ezek. 17:24; 37:4) H3002: The word *yabesh* means "dry," as in dry vegetation or lifeless bones. The manna God provided was, quite literally, bread from heaven. It required no work on their part and was provided each day in exactly the right amount. Yet to the bitter

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7 And the manna *was* as coriander seed, and the colour thereof as the colour of bdellium.
8 *And* the people went about, and gathered *it,* and ground *it* in mills, or beat *it* in a mortar, and baked *it* in pans, and made cakes of it: and the taste of it was as the taste of fresh oil.
9 And when the dew fell upon the camp in the night, the manna fell upon it.

Moses Complains to God

10 Then Moses heard the people weep throughout their families, every man in the door of his tent: and the anger of the LORD was kindled greatly; Moses also was displeased.
11 And Moses said unto the LORD, Wherefore hast thou afflicted thy servant? and wherefore have I not found favour in thy sight, that thou layest the burden of all this people upon me?
12 Have I conceived all this people? have I begotten them, that thou shouldest say unto me, Carry them in thy bosom, as a nursing father beareth the sucking child, unto the land which thou swarest unto their fathers?
13 Whence should I have flesh to give unto all this people? for they weep unto me, saying, Give us flesh, that we may eat.
14 I am not able to bear all this people alone, because *it is* too heavy for me.
15 And if thou deal thus with me, kill me, I pray thee, out of hand, if I have found favour in thy sight; and let me not see my wretchedness.

Elders Appointed to Help Moses

16 And the LORD said unto Moses, Gather unto me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom thou knowest to be the elders of the people, and officers over them; and bring them unto the tabernacle of the congregation, that they may stand there with thee.
17 And I will come down and talk with thee there: and I will take of the spirit which *is* upon thee, and will put *it* upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear *it* not thyself alone.
18 And say thou unto the people, Sanctify yourselves against to morrow, and ye shall eat flesh: for ye have wept in the ears of the LORD, saying, Who shall give us flesh to eat? for *it was* well with us in Egypt: therefore the LORD will give you flesh, and ye shall eat.
19 Ye shall not eat one day, nor two days, nor five days, neither ten days, nor twenty days;
20 *But* even a whole month, until it come out at your nostrils, and it be loathsome unto you: because that ye have despised the LORD which *is* among you, and have wept before him, saying, Why came we forth out of Egypt?

Moses Questions God

21 And Moses said, The people, among whom I *am, are* six hundred thousand footmen; and thou hast said, I will give them flesh, that they may eat a whole month.
22 Shall the flocks and the herds be slain for them, to suffice them? or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, to suffice them?
23 And the LORD said unto Moses, Is the LORD's hand waxed short? thou shalt see now whether my word shall come to pass unto thee or not.

God's Spirit Rests on Elders

24 And Moses went out, and told the people the words of the LORD, and gathered the seventy men of the elders of the people, and set them round about the tabernacle.
25 And the LORD came down in a cloud, and spake unto him, and took of the spirit that *was* upon him, and gave *it* unto the seventy elders: and it came to pass, *that,* when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied, and did not cease.
26 But there remained two *of the* men in the camp, the name of the one *was* Eldad, and the name of the other Medad: and the spirit rested upon them; and they *were* of them that were written, but went not out unto the tabernacle: and they prophesied in the camp.
27 And there ran a young man, and told Moses, and said, Eldad and Medad do prophesy in the camp.

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Israelites, consumed by their intense cravings, it seemed dry. How quickly they forgot to be grateful for God's provision.

11:12 bosom ▸ *see Ruth 4:16.*
11:12 sucking child ▸ *see 1 Sam. 22:19.*
11:25 prophesy ▸ *see 1 Sam. 19:20.*

28 And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of Moses, *one* of his young men, answered and said, My lord Moses, forbid them.
29 And Moses said unto him, Enviest thou for my sake? would God that all the LORD's people were prophets, *and* that the LORD would put his spirit upon them!
30 And Moses gat him into the camp, he and the elders of Israel.

God Sends Quails

31 And there went forth a wind from the LORD, and brought quails from the sea, and let *them* fall by the camp, as it were a day's journey on this side, and as it were a day's journey on the other side, round about the camp, and as it were two cubits *high* upon the face of the earth.
32 And the people stood up all that day, and all *that* night, and all the next day, and they gathered the quails: he that gathered least gathered ten homers: and they spread *them* all abroad for themselves round about the camp.

God Sends a Plague on Israel

33 And while the flesh *was* yet between their teeth, ere it was chewed, the wrath of the LORD was kindled against the people, and the LORD smote the people with a very great plague.
34 And he called the name of that place Kibroth-hattaavah: because there they buried the people that lusted.
35 *And* the people journeyed from Kibroth-hattaavah unto Hazeroth; and abode at Hazeroth.

God's Anger Toward Miriam and Aaron

12 And Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married: for he had married an Ethiopian woman.
2 And they said, Hath the LORD indeed spoken only by Moses? hath he not spoken also by us? And the LORD heard *it*.
3 (Now the man Moses *was* very meek, above all the men which *were* upon the face of the earth.)
4 And the LORD spake suddenly unto Moses, and unto Aaron, and unto Miriam, Come out ye three unto the tabernacle of the congregation. And they three came out.
5 And the LORD came down in the pillar of the cloud, and stood *in* the door of the tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam: and they both came forth.
6 And he said, Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, *I* the LORD will make myself known unto him in a vision, *and* will speak unto him in a dream.
7 My servant Moses *is* not so, who *is* faithful in all mine house.
8 With him will I speak mouth to mouth, even apparently, and not in dark speeches; and the similitude of the LORD shall he behold: wherefore then were ye not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?
9 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against them; and he departed.
10 And the cloud departed from off the tabernacle; and, behold, Miriam *became* leprous, *white* as snow: and Aaron looked upon Miriam, and, behold, *she was* leprous.
11 And Aaron said unto Moses, Alas, my lord, I beseech thee, lay not the sin upon us, wherein we have done foolishly, and wherein we have sinned.
12 Let her not be as one dead, of whom the flesh is half consumed when he cometh out of his mother's womb.

Moses Pleads for Miriam's Healing

13 And Moses cried unto the LORD, saying, Heal her now, O God, I beseech thee.
14 And the LORD said unto Moses, If her father had but spit in her face, should she not be ashamed seven days? let her be shut out from the camp seven days, and after that let her be received in *again*.
15 And Miriam was shut out from the camp seven days: and the people journeyed not till Miriam was brought in *again*.

11:28 lord ▸ *see Mic. 4:13.*

12:10 depart

(Heb. *cur*) (Ex. 32:8; 1 Sam. 16:14; Jer. 17:13) H5493: This word means "to turn aside, to depart, to go away." It can mean to depart from the worship of God (1 Sam. 12:20; Ezek. 6:9), to desert a person and leave him destitute (1 Sam. 28:15, 16), to depart from the law (Deut. 17:20), or to escape calamity (Job 15:30). When God's presence departs from a person, or in this case from a community, fearsome things begin to happen. Nevertheless, God hears Moses' prayer and Miriam is later restored to health and to the community.

16 And afterward the people removed from Hazeroth, and pitched in the wilderness of Paran.

Twelve Men Chosen as Spies

13 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
2 Send thou men, that they may search the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel: of every tribe of their fathers shall ye send a man, every one a ruler among them.
3 And Moses by the commandment of the LORD sent them from the wilderness of Paran: all those men *were* heads of the children of Israel.

One Spy from Each Tribe

4 And these *were* their names: of the tribe of Reuben, Shammua the son of Zaccur.
5 Of the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat the son of Hori.
6 Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh.
7 Of the tribe of Issachar, Igal the son of Joseph.
8 Of the tribe of Ephraim, Oshea the son of Nun.
9 Of the tribe of Benjamin, Palti the son of Raphu.
10 Of the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel the son of Sodi.
11 Of the tribe of Joseph, *namely,* of the tribe of Manasseh, Gaddi the son of Susi.
12 Of the tribe of Dan, Ammiel the son of Gemalli.
13 Of the tribe of Asher, Sethur the son of Michael.
14 Of the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi the son of Vophsi.
15 Of the tribe of Gad, Geuel the son of Machi.
16 These *are* the names of the men which Moses sent to spy out the land. And Moses called Oshea the son of Nun Jehoshua.

Men Ordered to Spy Out the Land

17 And Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said unto them, Get you up this *way* southward, and go up into the mountain:
18 And see the land, what it *is;* and the people that dwelleth therein, whether they *be* strong or weak, few or many;
19 And what the land *is* that they dwell in, whether it *be* good or bad; and what cities *they be* that they dwell in, whether in tents, or in strong holds;
20 And what the land *is,* whether it *be* fat or lean, whether there be wood therein, or not. And be ye of good courage, and bring of the fruit of the land. Now the time *was* the time of the firstripe grapes.

Forty Days of Searching

21 So they went up, and searched the land from the wilderness of Zin unto Rehob, as men come to Hamath.
22 And they ascended by the south, and came unto Hebron; where Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai, the children of Anak, *were.* (Now Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.)
23 And they came unto the brook of Eshcol, and cut down from thence a branch with one cluster of grapes, and they bare it between two upon a staff; and *they brought* of the pomegranates, and of the figs.
24 The place was called the brook Eshcol, because of the cluster of grapes which the children of Israel cut down from thence.
25 And they returned from searching of the land after forty days.

The Spies Report to Israel

26 And they went and came to Moses, and to Aaron, and to all the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the wilderness of Paran, to Kadesh; and brought back word unto them, and unto all the congregation, and shewed them the fruit of the land.
27 And they told him, and said, We came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and surely it floweth with milk and honey; and this *is* the fruit of it.
28 Nevertheless the people *be* strong that dwell in the land, and the cities *are* walled, *and* very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak there.
29 The Amalekites dwell in the land of the south: and the Hittites, and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, dwell in the mountains: and the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and by the coast of Jordan.

13:19 strong hold ▸ *see 2 Kin. 3:19.*
13:22 Hebron ▸ *see 1 Chr. 3:1.*

30 And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.

A Negative Report

31 But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they *are* stronger than we.
32 And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, *is* a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it *are* men of a great stature.
33 And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, *which come* of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

Israel Refuses to Enter Canaan

14 And all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried; and the people wept that night.
2 And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness!
3 And wherefore hath the LORD brought us unto this land, to fall by the sword, that our wives and our children should be a prey? were it not better for us to return into Egypt?
4 And they said one to another, Let us make a captain, and let us return into Egypt.
5 Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel.

Joshua and Caleb Urge Conquest

6 And Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, *which were* of them that searched the land, rent their clothes:
7 And they spake unto all the company of the children of Israel, saying, The land, which we passed through to search it, *is* an exceeding good land.
8 If the LORD delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which floweth with milk and honey.
9 Only rebel not ye against the LORD, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they *are* bread for us: their defence is departed from them, and the LORD *is* with us: fear them not.
10 But all the congregation bade stone them with stones. And the glory of the LORD appeared in the tabernacle of the congregation before all the children of Israel.
11 And the LORD said unto Moses, How long will this people provoke me? and how long will it be ere they believe me, for all the signs which I have shewed among them?
12 I will smite them with the pestilence, and disinherit them, and will make of thee a greater nation and mightier than they.

Moses Intercedes for Israel

13 And Moses said unto the LORD, Then the Egyptians shall hear *it,* (for thou broughtest up this people in thy might from among them;)
14 And they will tell *it* to the inhabitants of this land: *for* they have heard that thou LORD *art* among this people, that thou LORD art

13:30 able

(Heb. *yakol*) (Gen. 32:28; Job 42:2; Ps. 40:12) H3201: The word *yakol* refers to the ability of something to happen or not happen. So, throughout the Bible, God is described as being uniquely able to do everything (Job 42:2). In contrast, enemies of Israel are described as being unable to "prevail" because the Lord is with His people. In human terms, David felt overwhelmed by his sin and "not able to look up" (Ps. 40:12), and Jacob was renamed Israel because he had "power with God and with men, and [had] prevailed" (Gen. 32:28).

14:9 rebel

(Heb. *marad*) (Josh. 22:18; Dan. 9:5) H4775: The word translated *rebel* means to "revolt" or "flagrantly disobey a recognized authority." God regards rebellion as a serious matter. He does not take it lightly when His people, whom He loves, reject His words. The Old Testament compares rebellion with the terrible sins of witchcraft and sorcery (1 Sam. 15:23). Israel, who had seen the Lord deliver them from bondage in Egypt, often rebelled despite God's frequent warnings against doing so (Deut. 1:26, 43; 9:23, 24). The one who rebels against God departs from His precepts and refuses to heed His warnings (Dan. 9:5, 6). Scripture gives many examples of rebellion that illustrate its consequences—divine chastisement (Is. 1:20). These should serve as warnings to the believer (1 Cor. 10:1–12).

seen face to face, and *that* thy cloud standeth over them, and *that* thou goest before them, by day time in a pillar of a cloud, and in a pillar of fire by night.
15 Now *if* thou shalt kill *all* this people as one man, then the nations which have heard the fame of thee will speak, saying,
16 Because the LORD was not able to bring this people into the land which he sware unto them, therefore he hath slain them in the wilderness.
17 And now, I beseech thee, let the power of my Lord be great, according as thou hast spoken, saying,
18 The LORD *is* longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing *the guilty,* visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation.*
19 Pardon, I beseech thee, the iniquity of this people according unto the greatness of thy mercy, and as thou hast forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now.
20 And the LORD said, I have pardoned according to thy word:
21 But *as* truly *as* I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD.
22 Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted me now these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice;
23 Surely they shall not see the land which I sware unto their fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked me see it:
24 But my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it.
25 (Now the Amalekites and the Canaanites dwelt in the valley.) To morrow turn you, and get you into the wilderness by the way of the Red sea.

God's Punishment on Israel

26 And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,
27 How long *shall I bear with* this evil congregation, which murmur against me? I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel, which they murmur against me.
28 Say unto them, *As truly as* I live, saith the LORD, as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you:
29 Your carcases shall fall in this wilderness; and all that were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward, which have murmured against me.
30 Doubtless ye shall not come into the land, *concerning* which I sware to make you dwell therein, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun.
31 But your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, them will I bring in, and they shall know the land which ye have despised.
32 But *as for* you, your carcases, they shall fall in this wilderness.
33 And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcases be wasted in the wilderness.
34 After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, *even* forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, *even* forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise.
35 I the LORD have said, I will surely do it unto all this evil congregation, that are gathered together against me: in this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall die.
36 And the men, which Moses sent to search the land, who returned, and made all the congregation to murmur against him, by bringing up a slander upon the land,
37 Even those men that did bring up the evil report upon the land, died by the plague before the LORD.

14:18 great ▸ *see Ps. 31:19.*

14:18 clear

(Heb. *naqah*) (Ex. 20:7; 34:7; Ps. 19:12) H5352: Closely associated with the concept of punishment, *naqah* means to be set free from something, or be made clean and without guilt. So, anyone who takes the Lord's name in vain will not be held "guiltless" (Ex. 20:7). However, as the Lord notes here, He alone has the power to "clear" the guilty (see also Ex. 34:7). David severely rebuked Abishai for suggesting he attack Saul, "for who can stretch forth his hand against the LORD's anointed, and be guiltless?" (1 Sam. 26:9). Likewise, David prayed that God might "cleanse" (or clear) him "from secret faults" (Ps. 19:12).

14:22 tempt ▸ *see Ps. 78:41.*
14:35 gather ▸ *see 2 Chr. 5:6.*
14:37 plague ▸ *see Num. 25:9.*

Joshua and Caleb Spared

38 But Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, *which were* of the men that went to search the land, lived *still.*

Israel Tries to Enter the Land

39 And Moses told these sayings unto all the children of Israel: and the people mourned greatly.
40 And they rose up early in the morning, and gat them up into the top of the mountain, saying, Lo, we *be here,* and will go up unto the place which the LORD hath promised: for we have sinned.
41 And Moses said, Wherefore now do ye transgress the commandment of the LORD? but it shall not prosper.
42 Go not up, for the LORD *is* not among you; that ye be not smitten before your enemies.
43 For the Amalekites and the Canaanites *are* there before you, and ye shall fall by the sword: because ye are turned away from the LORD, therefore the LORD will not be with you.
44 But they presumed to go up unto the hill top: nevertheless the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and Moses, departed not out of the camp.
45 Then the Amalekites came down, and the Canaanites which dwelt in that hill, and smote them, and discomfited them, *even* unto Hormah.

Offerings in the Land of Canaan

15 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land of your habitations, which I give unto you,
3 And will make an offering by fire unto the LORD, a burnt offering, or a sacrifice in performing a vow, or in a freewill offering, or in your solemn feasts, to make a sweet savour unto the LORD, of the herd, or of the flock:
4 Then shall he that offereth his offering unto the LORD bring a meat offering of a tenth deal of flour mingled with the fourth *part* of an hin of oil.
5 And the fourth *part* of an hin of wine for a drink offering shalt thou prepare with the burnt offering or sacrifice, for one lamb.
6 Or for a ram, thou shalt prepare *for* a meat offering two tenth deals of flour mingled with the third *part* of an hin of oil.
7 And for a drink offering thou shalt offer the third *part* of an hin of wine, *for* a sweet savour unto the LORD.
8 And when thou preparest a bullock *for* a burnt offering, or *for* a sacrifice in performing a vow, or peace offerings unto the LORD:
9 Then shall he bring with a bullock a meat offering of three tenth deals of flour mingled with half an hin of oil.
10 And thou shalt bring for a drink offering half an hin of wine, *for* an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.
11 Thus shall it be done for one bullock, or for one ram, or for a lamb, or a kid.
12 According to the number that ye shall prepare, so shall ye do to every one according to their number.

Uniform Law for All

13 All that are born of the country shall do these things after this manner, in offering an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.
14 And if a stranger sojourn with you, or whosoever *be* among you in your generations, and will offer an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD; as ye do, so he shall do.
15 One ordinance *shall be both* for you of the congregation, and also for the stranger that sojourneth *with you,* an ordinance for ever in your generations: as ye *are,* so shall the stranger be before the LORD.
16 One law and one manner shall be for you, and for the stranger that sojourneth with you.
17 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

14:43 Canaanite ▸ *see Neh. 9:8.*
15:3 savour ▸ *see Ex. 29:25.*

15:14 stranger

(Heb. *ger*) (Deut. 24:17; 1 Chr. 29:15) H1616: A *ger* was a sojourner or temporary resident in the land. Although strangers did not have the same rights as Israelites, the Law allowed some concessions. For example, they could celebrate Passover (Ex. 12:48) and offer sacrifices (Lev. 17:8). Oppressing them was not allowed (Ex. 23:9; Lev. 19:33; Deut. 24:17). Abram was told that his own offspring would be *ger* in a foreign land (Egypt), but would eventually return to their own land (Gen. 15:13). And David recognized that, ultimately, we are all "strangers before [God]" (1 Chr. 29:15).

18 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye come into the land whither I bring you,
19 Then it shall be, that, when ye eat of the bread of the land, ye shall offer up an heave offering unto the LORD.
20 Ye shall offer up a cake of the first of your dough *for* an heave offering: as *ye do* the heave offering of the threshingfloor, so shall ye heave it.
21 Of the first of your dough ye shall give unto the LORD an heave offering in your generations.

Sins Committed Unknowingly

22 And if ye have erred, and not observed all these commandments, which the LORD hath spoken unto Moses,
23 *Even* all that the LORD hath commanded you by the hand of Moses, from the day that the LORD commanded *Moses,* and henceforward among your generations;
24 Then it shall be, if *ought* be committed by ignorance without the knowledge of the congregation, that all the congregation shall offer one young bullock for a burnt offering, for a sweet savour unto the LORD, with his meat offering, and his drink offering, according to the manner, and one kid of the goats for a sin offering.
25 And the priest shall make an atonement for all the congregation of the children of Israel, and it shall be forgiven them; for it *is* ignorance: and they shall bring their offering, a sacrifice made by fire unto the LORD, and their sin offering before the LORD, for their ignorance:
26 And it shall be forgiven all the congregation of the children of Israel, and the stranger that sojourneth among them; seeing all the people *were* in ignorance.
27 And if any soul sin through ignorance, then he shall bring a she goat of the first year for a sin offering.
28 And the priest shall make an atonement for the soul that sinneth ignorantly, when he sinneth by ignorance before the LORD, to make an atonement for him; and it shall be forgiven him.
29 Ye shall have one law for him that sinneth through ignorance, *both for* him that is born among the children of Israel, and for the stranger that sojourneth among them.

The Individual That Sins Knowingly

30 But the soul that doeth *ought* presumptuously, *whether he be* born in the land, or a stranger, the same reproacheth the LORD; and that soul shall be cut off from among his people.
31 Because he hath despised the word of the LORD, and hath broken his commandment, that soul shall utterly be cut off; his iniquity *shall be* upon him.

A Penalty for the Sabbath Offender

32 And while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man that gathered sticks upon the sabbath day.
33 And they that found him gathering sticks brought him unto Moses and Aaron, and unto all the congregation.
34 And they put him in ward, because it was not declared what should be done to him.
35 And the LORD said unto Moses, The man shall be surely put to death: all the congregation shall stone him with stones without the camp.
36 And all the congregation brought him without the camp, and stoned him with stones, and he died; as the LORD commanded Moses.

Fringe on Garments as a Reminder

37 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
38 Speak unto the children of Israel, and bid them that they make them fringes in the borders of their garments throughout their generations, and that they put upon the fringe of the borders a ribband of blue:
39 And it shall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of the LORD, and do them; and that ye seek not after your own heart and your own eyes, after which ye use to go a whoring:
40 That ye may remember, and do all my commandments, and be holy unto your God.
41 I *am* the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I *am* the LORD your God.

Korah, Dathan and Abiram's Rebellion

16 Now Korah, the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, and Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On, the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took *men:*

Moses Accused of Self-Importance

2 And they rose up before Moses, with certain of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty princes of the assembly, famous in the congregation, men of renown:
3 And they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said unto them, *Ye take* too much upon you, seeing all the congregation *are* holy, every one of them, and the LORD *is* among them: wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of the LORD?

God to Show His Chosen One

4 And when Moses heard *it,* he fell upon his face:
5 And he spake unto Korah and unto all his company, saying, Even to morrow the LORD will shew who *are* his, and *who is* holy; and will cause *him* to come near unto him: even *him* whom he hath chosen will he cause to come near unto him.
6 This do; Take you censers, Korah, and all his company;
7 And put fire therein, and put incense in them before the LORD to morrow: and it shall be *that* the man whom the LORD doth choose, he *shall be* holy: *ye take* too much upon you, ye sons of Levi.
8 And Moses said unto Korah, Hear, I pray you, ye sons of Levi:
9 *Seemeth it but* a small thing unto you, that the God of Israel hath separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to himself to do the service of the tabernacle of the LORD, and to stand before the congregation to minister unto them?
10 And he hath brought thee near *to him,* and all thy brethren the sons of Levi with thee: and seek ye the priesthood also?
11 For which cause *both* thou and all thy company *are* gathered together against the LORD: and what *is* Aaron, that ye murmur against him?
12 And Moses sent to call Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab: which said, We will not come up:
13 *Is it* a small thing that thou hast brought us up out of a land that floweth with milk and honey, to kill us in the wilderness, except thou make thyself altogether a prince over us?
14 Moreover thou hast not brought us into a land that floweth with milk and honey, or given us inheritance of fields and vineyards: wilt thou put out the eyes of these men? we will not come up.

God's Judgment Against the Rebels

15 And Moses was very wroth, and said unto the LORD, Respect not thou their offering: I have not taken one ass from them, neither have I hurt one of them.
16 And Moses said unto Korah, Be thou and all thy company before the LORD, thou, and they, and Aaron, to morrow:
17 And take every man his censer, and put incense in them, and bring ye before the LORD every man his censer, two hundred and fifty censers; thou also, and Aaron, each *of you* his censer.
18 And they took every man his censer, and put fire in them, and laid incense thereon, and stood in the door of the tabernacle of the congregation with Moses and Aaron.
19 And Korah gathered all the congregation against them unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and the glory of the LORD appeared unto all the congregation.

God Threatens to Destroy All Israel

20 And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,
21 Separate yourselves from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment.
22 And they fell upon their faces, and said, O God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, shall one man sin, and wilt thou be wroth with all the congregation?
23 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
24 Speak unto the congregation, saying, Get you up from about the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.

16:9 separate

(Heb. *badal*) (Gen. 1:4; Lev. 10:10; Is. 59:2) H0914: As the Lord separated the Levites from the other tribes of Israel, so, too, did He separate "the light from the darkness" in creation (Gen. 1:4) and insisted that a veil should "divide . . . between the holy place and the most holy" (Ex. 26:33). The Book of Leviticus focuses extensively on the separation between "holy and unholy . . . unclean and clean" (Lev. 10:10). God speaks of separating Israel from all other people (Lev. 20:24). Isaiah condemned the people, because their iniquities had separated them from God (Is. 59:2).

25 And Moses rose up and went unto Dathan and Abiram; and the elders of Israel followed him.
26 And he spake unto the congregation, saying, Depart, I pray you, from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing of theirs, lest ye be consumed in all their sins.
27 So they gat up from the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, on every side: and Dathan and Abiram came out, and stood in the door of their tents, and their wives, and their sons, and their little children.

How God Will Affirm Moses

28 And Moses said, Hereby ye shall know that the LORD hath sent me to do all these works; for *I have* not *done them* of mine own mind.
29 If these men die the common death of all men, or if they be visited after the visitation of all men; *then* the LORD hath not sent me.
30 But if the LORD make a new thing, and the earth open her mouth, and swallow them up, with all that *appertain* unto them, and they go down quick into the pit; then ye shall understand that these men have provoked the LORD.

God's Punishment

31 And it came to pass, as he had made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground clave asunder that *was* under them:
32 And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that *appertained* unto Korah, and all *their* goods.
33 They, and all that *appertained* to them, went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them: and they perished from among the congregation.
34 And all Israel that *were* round about them fled at the cry of them: for they said, Lest the earth swallow us up *also*.
35 And there came out a fire from the LORD, and consumed the two hundred and fifty men that offered incense.
36 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
37 Speak unto Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, that he take up the censers out of the burning, and scatter thou the fire yonder; for they are hallowed.
38 The censers of these sinners against their own souls, let them make them broad plates *for* a covering of the altar: for they offered them before the LORD, therefore they are hallowed: and they shall be a sign unto the children of Israel.
39 And Eleazar the priest took the brasen censers, wherewith they that were burnt had offered; and they were made broad *plates for* a covering of the altar:

Only Seed of Aaron Can Offer Incense

40 *To be* a memorial unto the children of Israel, that no stranger, which *is* not of the seed of Aaron, come near to offer incense before the LORD; that he be not as Korah, and as his company: as the LORD said to him by the hand of Moses.
41 But on the morrow all the congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron, saying, Ye have killed the people of the LORD.
42 And it came to pass, when the congregation was gathered against Moses and against Aaron, that they looked toward the tabernacle of the congregation: and, behold, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the LORD appeared.
43 And Moses and Aaron came before the tabernacle of the congregation.

God Sends a Plague on Israel

44 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
45 Get you up from among this congregation, that I may consume them as in a moment. And they fell upon their faces.
46 And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a censer, and put fire therein from off the altar, and put on incense, and go quickly unto the congregation, and make an atonement for them: for there is wrath gone out from the LORD; the plague is begun.
47 And Aaron took as Moses commanded, and ran into the midst of the congregation; and, behold, the plague was begun among the people: and he put on incense, and made an atonement for the people.
48 And he stood between the dead and the living; and the plague was stayed.
49 Now they that died in the plague were fourteen thousand and seven hundred, beside them that died about the matter of Korah.

16:32 goods ▸ *see Ezra 10:8.*
16:40 offer incense ▸ *see 1 Kin. 22:43.*

50 And Aaron returned unto Moses unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and the plague was stayed.

The Budding Rod to Be a Symbol

17 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and take of every one of them a rod according to the house of *their* fathers, of all their princes according to the house of their fathers twelve rods: write thou every man's name upon his rod.
3 And thou shalt write Aaron's name upon the rod of Levi: for one rod *shall be* for the head of the house of their fathers.
4 And thou shalt lay them up in the tabernacle of the congregation before the testimony, where I will meet with you.
5 And it shall come to pass, *that* the man's rod, whom I shall choose, shall blossom: and I will make to cease from me the murmurings of the children of Israel, whereby they murmur against you.
6 And Moses spake unto the children of Israel, and every one of their princes gave him a rod apiece, for each prince one, according to their fathers' houses, *even* twelve rods: and the rod of Aaron *was* among their rods.
7 And Moses laid up the rods before the LORD in the tabernacle of witness.
8 And it came to pass, that on the morrow Moses went into the tabernacle of witness; and, behold, the rod of Aaron for the house of Levi was budded, and brought forth buds, and bloomed blossoms, and yielded almonds.
9 And Moses brought out all the rods from before the LORD unto all the children of Israel: and they looked, and took every man his rod.

Aaron's Rod Kept as a Token

10 And the LORD said unto Moses, Bring Aaron's rod again before the testimony, to be kept for a token against the rebels; and thou shalt quite take away their murmurings from me, that they die not.
11 And Moses did *so:* as the LORD commanded him, so did he.
12 And the children of Israel spake unto Moses, saying, Behold, we die, we perish, we all perish.
13 Whosoever cometh any thing near unto the tabernacle of the LORD shall die: shall we be consumed with dying?

Aaron's Charge: The Tabernacle

18 And the LORD said unto Aaron, Thou and thy sons and thy father's house with thee shall bear the iniquity of the sanctuary: and thou and thy sons with thee shall bear the iniquity of your priesthood.
2 And thy brethren also of the tribe of Levi, the tribe of thy father, bring thou with thee, that they may be joined unto thee, and minister unto thee: but thou and thy sons with thee *shall minister* before the tabernacle of witness.
3 And they shall keep thy charge, and the charge of all the tabernacle: only they shall not come nigh the vessels of the sanctuary and the altar, that neither they, nor ye also, die.
4 And they shall be joined unto thee, and keep the charge of the tabernacle of the congregation, for all the service of the tabernacle: and a stranger shall not come nigh unto you.
5 And ye shall keep the charge of the sanctuary, and the charge of the altar: that there be no wrath any more upon the children of Israel.

The Levites to Serve in the Tabernacle

6 And I, behold, I have taken your brethren the Levites from among the children of Israel: to you *they are* given *as* a gift for the LORD, to do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation.
7 Therefore thou and thy sons with thee shall keep your priest's office for every thing of the altar, and within the vail; and ye shall serve: I have given your priest's office *unto you as* a service of gift: and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.

17:7 witness

(Heb. *`eduth*) (Ex. 25:16) H5715: The word *`eduth* is sometimes also translated "Testimony." It refers specifically, and most frequently, to the ark, which contained the tablets of the Law (Ex. 25:16, 21). God met with Moses above the ark of the Testimony (Ex. 25:22). The people were to keep God's *`eduth*, but instead rejected the testimonies (2 Kin. 23:3) leading to Exile (Jer. 44:23). Finally, David considered God's *`eduth* to be "sure, making wise the simple" (Ps. 19:7).

8 And the LORD spake unto Aaron, Behold, I also have given thee the charge of mine heave offerings of all the hallowed things of the children of Israel; unto thee have I given them by reason of the anointing, and to thy sons, by an ordinance for ever.

Offerings Reserved for Priests

9 This shall be thine of the most holy things, *reserved* from the fire: every oblation of theirs, every meat offering of theirs, and every sin offering of theirs, and every trespass offering of theirs, which they shall render unto me, *shall be* most holy for thee and for thy sons.
10 In the most holy *place* shalt thou eat it; every male shall eat it: it shall be holy unto thee.
11 And this *is* thine; the heave offering of their gift, with all the wave offerings of the children of Israel: I have given them unto thee, and to thy sons and to thy daughters with thee, by a statute for ever: every one that is clean in thy house shall eat of it.
12 All the best of the oil, and all the best of the wine, and of the wheat, the firstfruits of them which they shall offer unto the LORD, them have I given thee.
13 *And* whatsoever is first ripe in the land, which they shall bring unto the LORD, shall be thine; every one that is clean in thine house shall eat *of* it.
14 Every thing devoted in Israel shall be thine.
15 Every thing that openeth the matrix in all flesh, which they bring unto the LORD, *whether it be* of men or beasts, shall be thine: nevertheless the firstborn of man shalt thou surely redeem, and the firstling of unclean beasts shalt thou redeem.
16 And those that are to be redeemed from a month old shalt thou redeem, according to thine estimation, for the money of five shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, which *is* twenty gerahs.
17 But the firstling of a cow, or the firstling of a sheep, or the firstling of a goat, thou shalt not redeem; they *are* holy: thou shalt sprinkle their blood upon the altar, and shalt burn their fat *for* an offering made by fire, for a sweet savour unto the LORD.
18 And the flesh of them shall be thine, as the wave breast and as the right shoulder are thine.
19 All the heave offerings of the holy things, which the children of Israel offer unto the LORD, have I given thee, and thy sons and thy daughters with thee, by a statute for ever: it *is* a covenant of salt for ever before the LORD unto thee and to thy seed with thee.

No Inheritance for Aaron

20 And the LORD spake unto Aaron, Thou shalt have no inheritance in their land, neither shalt thou have any part among them: I *am* thy part and thine inheritance among the children of Israel.
21 And, behold, I have given the children of Levi all the tenth in Israel for an inheritance, for their service which they serve, *even* the service of the tabernacle of the congregation.
22 Neither must the children of Israel henceforth come nigh the tabernacle of the congregation, lest they bear sin, and die.
23 But the Levites shall do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation, and they shall bear their iniquity: *it shall be* a statute for ever throughout your generations, that among the children of Israel they have no inheritance.

The Levites' Inheritance

24 But the tithes of the children of Israel, which they offer *as* an heave offering unto the LORD, I have given to the Levites to inherit: therefore I have said unto them, Among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance.
25 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
26 Thus speak unto the Levites, and say unto them, When ye take of the children of Israel the tithes which I have given you from them

18:17 sprinkle ▸ *see Ex. 9:8.*

18:21 service

(Heb. *`abodah*) (Ex. 1:14; 36:1) H5656: The word *`abodah* is often used to describe the kind of religious "service" that was expected of God's people by way of sacrifices and offerings (Josh. 22:27). While the Levites worked for the Lord in the tabernacle, the word *`abodah* can also refer to the kind of "bondage" and "service" the Israelites experienced as slaves in Egypt (Ex. 1:14; 2:23; 5:9). Bezalel and Aholiab provided "service" by helping construct the sanctuary (Ex. 36:1), but if an Israelite fell into poverty, he could not be compelled to "serve" (work) as a slave (Lev. 25:39).

for your inheritance, then ye shall offer up an heave offering of it for the LORD, *even* a tenth *part* of the tithe.
27 And *this* your heave offering shall be reckoned unto you, as though *it were* the corn of the threshingfloor, and as the fulness of the winepress.
28 Thus ye also shall offer an heave offering unto the LORD of all your tithes, which ye receive of the children of Israel; and ye shall give thereof the LORD's heave offering to Aaron the priest.
29 Out of all your gifts ye shall offer every heave offering of the LORD, of all the best thereof, *even* the hallowed part thereof out of it.
30 Therefore thou shalt say unto them, When ye have heaved the best thereof from it, then it shall be counted unto the Levites as the increase of the threshingfloor, and as the increase of the winepress.
31 And ye shall eat it in every place, ye and your households: for it *is* your reward for your service in the tabernacle of the congregation.
32 And ye shall bear no sin by reason of it, when ye have heaved from it the best of it: neither shall ye pollute the holy things of the children of Israel, lest ye die.

Laws of Purification for Sin

19 And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,
2 This *is* the ordinance of the law which the LORD hath commanded, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring thee a red heifer without spot, wherein *is* no blemish, *and* upon which never came yoke:
3 And ye shall give her unto Eleazar the priest, that he may bring her forth without the camp, and *one* shall slay her before his face:
4 And Eleazar the priest shall take of her blood with his finger, and sprinkle of her blood directly before the tabernacle of the congregation seven times:
5 And *one* shall burn the heifer in his sight; her skin, and her flesh, and her blood, with her dung, shall he burn:
6 And the priest shall take cedar wood, and hyssop, and scarlet, and cast *it* into the midst of the burning of the heifer.
7 Then the priest shall wash his clothes, and he shall bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp, and the priest shall be unclean until the even.
8 And he that burneth her shall wash his clothes in water, and bathe his flesh in water, and shall be unclean until the even.
9 And a man *that is* clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer, and lay *them* up without the camp in a clean place, and it shall be kept for the congregation of the children of Israel for a water of separation: it *is* a purification for sin.
10 And he that gathereth the ashes of the heifer shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even: and it shall be unto the children of Israel, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among them, for a statute for ever.

Laws Regarding Usage of Ashes

11 He that toucheth the dead body of any man shall be unclean seven days.
12 He shall purify himself with it on the third day, and on the seventh day he shall be clean: but if he purify not himself the third day, then the seventh day he shall not be clean.
13 Whosoever toucheth the dead body of any man that is dead, and purifieth not himself, defileth the tabernacle of the LORD; and that soul shall be cut off from Israel: because the water of separation was not sprinkled upon him, he shall be unclean; his uncleanness *is* yet upon him.
14 This *is* the law, when a man dieth in a tent: all that come into the tent, and all that *is* in the tent, shall be unclean seven days.
15 And every open vessel, which hath no covering bound upon it, *is* unclean.
16 And whosoever toucheth one that is slain

19:2 red ▸ *see Zech. 1:8.*

19:9 separation

(Heb. *niddah*) (2 Chr. 29:5; Zech. 13:1) H5079: Although here used to talk of water used for purification, the word more commonly refers to impurity. For example, after childbirth a woman was considered to be impure (Lev. 12:2), as during menstruation (Lev. 15:25), in both cases because blood brought impurity. The word can also be translated "rubbish" or "refuse" to refer to anything that brought impurity on the temple or on the people (2 Chr. 29:5; Ezek. 7:19). Zechariah, however, looks forward to a day when "there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David . . . for sin and for uncleanness" (Zech. 13:1).

with a sword in the open fields, or a dead body, or a bone of a man, or a grave, shall be unclean seven days.
17 And for an unclean *person* they shall take of the ashes of the burnt heifer of purification for sin, and running water shall be put thereto in a vessel:
18 And a clean person shall take hyssop, and dip *it* in the water, and sprinkle *it* upon the tent, and upon all the vessels, and upon the persons that were there, and upon him that touched a bone, or one slain, or one dead, or a grave:
19 And the clean *person* shall sprinkle upon the unclean on the third day, and on the seventh day: and on the seventh day he shall purify himself, and wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and shall be clean at even.

Unclean Men Defile the Sanctuary

20 But the man that shall be unclean, and shall not purify himself, that soul shall be cut off from among the congregation, because he hath defiled the sanctuary of the LORD: the water of separation hath not been sprinkled upon him; he *is* unclean.
21 And it shall be a perpetual statute unto them, that he that sprinkleth the water of separation shall wash his clothes; and he that toucheth the water of separation shall be unclean until even.
22 And whatsoever the unclean *person* toucheth shall be unclean; and the soul that toucheth *it* shall be unclean until even.

The Death of Miriam at Kadesh

20 Then came the children of Israel, *even* the whole congregation, into the desert of Zin in the first month: and the people abode in Kadesh; and Miriam died there, and was buried there.

Water from a Rock

2 And there was no water for the congregation: and they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron.
3 And the people chode with Moses, and spake, saying, Would God that we had died when our brethren died before the LORD!
4 And why have ye brought up the congregation of the LORD into this wilderness, that we and our cattle should die there?
5 And wherefore have ye made us to come up out of Egypt, to bring us in unto this evil place? it *is* no place of seed, or of figs, or of vines, or of pomegranates; neither *is* there any water to drink.
6 And Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and they fell upon their faces: and the glory of the LORD appeared unto them.
7 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
8 Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink.
9 And Moses took the rod from before the LORD, as he commanded him.
10 And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock?
11 And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts *also.*
12 And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.
13 This *is* the water of Meribah; because the children of Israel strove with the LORD, and he was sanctified in them.

Refusal for Passage Through Edom

14 And Moses sent messengers from Kadesh

20:10 rock

(Heb. *sela'*) (Deut. 32:13; 2 Sam. 22:2; Neh. 9:15; Ps. 71:3) H5553: Used either literally or metaphorically, rocks were places of safety in the desert landscape. They were also unlikely sources of water at several points along the Israelites' journey through the wilderness (Ex. 17:7; Num. 20:11). In the first occurrence of water from the rock, God stood on the rock and Moses struck the rock, signifying God bearing the punishment of the people's sin. In this second instance, Moses was not instructed to strike the rock, and his doing so dishonored the holiness of God.

20:11 smite ▸ *see Gen. 19:11.*

unto the king of Edom, Thus saith thy brother Israel, Thou knowest all the travail that hath befallen us:
15 How our fathers went down into Egypt, and we have dwelt in Egypt a long time; and the Egyptians vexed us, and our fathers:
16 And when we cried unto the LORD, he heard our voice, and sent an angel, and hath brought us forth out of Egypt: and, behold, we *are* in Kadesh, a city in the uttermost of thy border:
17 Let us pass, I pray thee, through thy country: we will not pass through the fields, or through the vineyards, neither will we drink *of* the water of the wells: we will go by the king's *high* way, we will not turn to the right hand nor to the left, until we have passed thy borders.
18 And Edom said unto him, Thou shalt not pass by me, lest I come out against thee with the sword.
19 And the children of Israel said unto him, We will go by the high way: and if I and my cattle drink of thy water, then I will pay for it: I will only, without *doing* any thing *else,* go through on my feet.
20 And he said, Thou shalt not go through. And Edom came out against him with much people, and with a strong hand.
21 Thus Edom refused to give Israel passage through his border: wherefore Israel turned away from him.
22 And the children of Israel, *even* the whole congregation, journeyed from Kadesh, and came unto mount Hor.

Eleazar Becomes High Priest

23 And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in mount Hor, by the coast of the land of Edom, saying,
24 Aaron shall be gathered unto his people: for he shall not enter into the land which I have given unto the children of Israel, because ye rebelled against my word at the water of Meribah.
25 Take Aaron and Eleazar his son, and bring them up unto mount Hor:
26 And strip Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his son: and Aaron shall be gathered *unto his people,* and shall die there.
27 And Moses did as the LORD commanded: and they went up into mount Hor in the sight of all the congregation.

The Death of Aaron

28 And Moses stripped Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his son; and Aaron died there in the top of the mount: and Moses and Eleazar came down from the mount.
29 And when all the congregation saw that Aaron was dead, they mourned for Aaron thirty days, *even* all the house of Israel.

Israel's Destruction of the Canaanites

21 And *when* king Arad the Canaanite, which dwelt in the south, heard tell that Israel came by the way of the spies; then he fought against Israel, and took *some* of them prisoners.
2 And Israel vowed a vow unto the LORD, and said, If thou wilt indeed deliver this people into my hand, then I will utterly destroy their cities.
3 And the LORD hearkened to the voice of Israel, and delivered up the Canaanites; and they utterly destroyed them and their cities: and he called the name of the place Hormah.
4 And they journeyed from mount Hor by the way of the Red sea, to compass the land of Edom: and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way.
5 And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for *there is* no bread, neither *is there any* water; and our soul loatheth this light bread.
6 And the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died.
7 Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD, and against thee; pray unto the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people.

The Brass Serpent

8 And the LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live.

20:17 water ▸ *see Is. 43:2.*
20:21 Edom ▸ *see 1 Kin. 9:26.*
21:2 deliver ▸ *see Josh. 10:19.*
21:6 bite ▸ *see Deut. 23:19.*
21:7 pray ▸ *see 2 Chr. 7:14.*

9 And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.

The Journey to Moab

10 And the children of Israel set forward, and pitched in Oboth.
11 And they journeyed from Oboth, and pitched at Ije-abarim, in the wilderness which *is* before Moab, toward the sunrising.
12 From thence they removed, and pitched in the valley of Zared.
13 From thence they removed, and pitched on the other side of Arnon, which *is* in the wilderness that cometh out of the coasts of the Amorites: for Arnon *is* the border of Moab, between Moab and the Amorites.
14 Wherefore it is said in the book of the wars of the LORD, What he did in the Red sea, and in the brooks of Arnon,
15 And at the stream of the brooks that goeth down to the dwelling of Ar, and lieth upon the border of Moab.
16 And from thence *they went* to Beer: that *is* the well whereof the LORD spake unto Moses, Gather the people together, and I will give them water.
17 Then Israel sang this song, Spring up, O well; sing ye unto it:
18 The princes digged the well, the nobles of the people digged it, by *the direction of* the lawgiver, with their staves. And from the wilderness *they went* to Mattanah:
19 And from Mattanah to Nahaliel: and from Nahaliel to Bamoth:
20 And from Bamoth *in* the valley, that *is* in the country of Moab, to the top of Pisgah, which looketh toward Jeshimon.

Israel Requests Passage from Sihon

21 And Israel sent messengers unto Sihon king of the Amorites, saying,
22 Let me pass through thy land: we will not turn into the fields, or into the vineyards; we will not drink *of* the waters of the well: *but* we will go along by the king's *high* way, until we be past thy borders.
23 And Sihon would not suffer Israel to pass through his border: but Sihon gathered all his people together, and went out against Israel into the wilderness: and he came to Jahaz, and fought against Israel.

Israel Captures the Land of the Amorites

24 And Israel smote him with the edge of the sword, and possessed his land from Arnon unto Jabbok, even unto the children of Ammon: for the border of the children of Ammon *was* strong.
25 And Israel took all these cities: and Israel dwelt in all the cities of the Amorites, in Heshbon, and in all the villages thereof.
26 For Heshbon *was* the city of Sihon the king of the Amorites, who had fought against the former king of Moab, and taken all his land out of his hand, even unto Arnon.
27 Wherefore they that speak in proverbs say, Come into Heshbon, let the city of Sihon be built and prepared:
28 For there is a fire gone out of Heshbon, a flame from the city of Sihon: it hath consumed Ar of Moab, *and* the lords of the high places of Arnon.
29 Woe to thee, Moab! thou art undone, O people of Chemosh: he hath given his sons

21:9 brass ▸ *see 2 Chr. 2:7.*

21:22 drink

(Heb. *shathah*) (Gen. 24:14; Ex. 17:6; Ps. 75:8) H8354: Usually used literally for "to drink," this word is also used figuratively, as in Isaiah 51:17: "Awake, awake, stand up, O Jerusalem, which hast drunk at the hand of the LORD the cup of his fury; thou hast drunken the dregs of the cup of trembling, and wrung them out." When the Amorites refused to let the Israelites pass through their land even though the Israelites promised not to take any of their precious commodity—water—they were violating the ancient value of hospitality, as well as offending God Himself. And they paid dearly for it. Jesus later praised those who offer a drink to someone who is thirsty (Mark 9:41).

21:24 Ammon

(Heb. *`ammon*) (Gen. 19:38; Deut. 2:19; Ezek. 25:3; Zeph. 2:9) H5983: The Ammonites were descendants of Lot, through his son Ben-Ammi. They dwelt in the Transjordan between the Jabbok and Arnon rivers. The name Ammon literally means "son of my relative," so-called because Ben-Ammi was born to Lot by his younger daughter (Gen. 19:30–38). These people worshiped pagan gods and refused to allow the Israelites to pass through their land, thus establishing a rivalry that continued for generations.

that escaped, and his daughters, into captivity unto Sihon king of the Amorites.
30 We have shot at them; Heshbon is perished even unto Dibon, and we have laid them waste even unto Nophah, which *reacheth* unto Medeba.
31 Thus Israel dwelt in the land of the Amorites.
32 And Moses sent to spy out Jaazer, and they took the villages thereof, and drove out the Amorites that *were* there.

Israel's Victory over Bashan

33 And they turned and went up by the way of Bashan: and Og the king of Bashan went out against them, he, and all his people, to the battle at Edrei.
34 And the LORD said unto Moses, Fear him not: for I have delivered him into thy hand, and all his people, and his land; and thou shalt do to him as thou didst unto Sihon king of the Amorites, which dwelt at Heshbon.
35 So they smote him, and his sons, and all his people, until there was none left him alive: and they possessed his land.

Balak Summons Balaam

22 And the children of Israel set forward, and pitched in the plains of Moab on this side Jordan *by* Jericho.
2 And Balak the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites.
3 And Moab was sore afraid of the people, because they *were* many: and Moab was distressed because of the children of Israel.
4 And Moab said unto the elders of Midian, Now shall this company lick up all *that are* round about us, as the ox licketh up the grass of the field. And Balak the son of Zippor *was* king of the Moabites at that time.
5 He sent messengers therefore unto Balaam the son of Beor to Pethor, which *is* by the river of the land of the children of his people, to call him, saying, Behold, there is a people come out from Egypt: behold, they cover the face of the earth, and they abide over against me:
6 Come now therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people; for they *are* too mighty for me: peradventure I shall prevail, *that* we may smite them, and *that* I may drive them out of the land: for I wot that he whom thou blessest *is* blessed, and he whom thou cursest is cursed.

Balaam Seeks God's Direction

7 And the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian departed with the rewards of divination in their hand; and they came unto Balaam, and spake unto him the words of Balak.
8 And he said unto them, Lodge here this night, and I will bring you word again, as the LORD shall speak unto me: and the princes of Moab abode with Balaam.
9 And God came unto Balaam, and said, What men *are* these with thee?
10 And Balaam said unto God, Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, hath sent unto me, *saying,*
11 Behold, *there is* a people come out of Egypt, which covereth the face of the earth: come now, curse me them; peradventure I shall be able to overcome them, and drive them out.
12 And God said unto Balaam, Thou shalt not go with them; thou shalt not curse the people: for they *are* blessed.

Balaam's Answer to Visitors

13 And Balaam rose up in the morning, and said unto the princes of Balak, Get you into your land: for the LORD refuseth to give me leave to go with you.
14 And the princes of Moab rose up, and they went unto Balak, and said, Balaam refuseth to come with us.
15 And Balak sent yet again princes, more, and more honourable than they.
16 And they came to Balaam, and said to him, Thus saith Balak the son of Zippor, Let nothing, I pray thee, hinder thee from coming unto me:
17 For I will promote thee unto very great

22:1 plain ▸ *see Num. 36:13.*
22:8 lodge ▸ *see Judg. 19:7.*

22:11 face

(Heb. *`ayin*) (Ex. 10:5; Ps. 119:18; Amos 9:4; Zech. 8:6) H5869: The usual translation of this word is "eye," meaning both the physical part of the body (Ezek. 12:12) and the figurative mental and spiritual faculties involved in seeing (Ex. 4:30; Prov. 3:7). Here it is used to represent the entire face, just as you might say someone is "standing before my eyes." The literal meaning of this word is "flowing, as a fountain."

honour, and I will do whatsoever thou sayest unto me: come therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people.
18 And Balaam answered and said unto the servants of Balak, If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the word of the LORD my God, to do less or more.
19 Now therefore, I pray you, tarry ye also here this night, that I may know what the LORD will say unto me more.

God's Answer

20 And God came unto Balaam at night, and said unto him, If the men come to call thee, rise up, *and* go with them; but yet the word which I shall say unto thee, that shalt thou do.
21 And Balaam rose up in the morning, and saddled his ass, and went with the princes of Moab.

The Angel of the Lord

22 And God's anger was kindled because he went: and the angel of the LORD stood in the way for an adversary against him. Now he was riding upon his ass, and his two servants *were* with him.
23 And the ass saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and the ass turned aside out of the way, and went into the field: and Balaam smote the ass, to turn her into the way.
24 But the angel of the LORD stood in a path of the vineyards, a wall *being* on this side, and a wall on that side.
25 And when the ass saw the angel of the LORD, she thrust herself unto the wall, and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall: and he smote her again.
26 And the angel of the LORD went further, and stood in a narrow place, where *was* no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left.
27 And when the ass saw the angel of the LORD, she fell down under Balaam: and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he smote the ass with a staff.

The Ass Speaks to Balaam

28 And the LORD opened the mouth of the ass, and she said unto Balaam, What have I done unto thee, that thou hast smitten me these three times?
29 And Balaam said unto the ass, Because thou hast mocked me: I would there were a sword in mine hand, for now would I kill thee.
30 And the ass said unto Balaam, *Am* not I thine ass, upon which thou hast ridden ever since *I was* thine unto this day? was I ever wont to do so unto thee? And he said, Nay.
31 Then the LORD opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and he bowed down his head, and fell flat on his face.
32 And the angel of the LORD said unto him, Wherefore hast thou smitten thine ass these three times? behold, I went out to withstand thee, because *thy* way is perverse before me:
33 And the ass saw me, and turned from me these three times: unless she had turned from me, surely now also I had slain thee, and saved her alive.
34 And Balaam said unto the angel of the LORD, I have sinned; for I knew not that thou stoodest in the way against me: now therefore, if it displease thee, I will get me back again.
35 And the angel of the LORD said unto Balaam, Go with the men: but only the word that I shall speak unto thee, that thou shalt speak. So Balaam went with the princes of Balak.

Balak Greets Balaam

36 And when Balak heard that Balaam was come, he went out to meet him unto a city of Moab, which *is* in the border of Arnon, which *is* in the utmost coast.
37 And Balak said unto Balaam, Did I not earnestly send unto thee to call thee? wherefore comest thou not unto me? am I not able indeed to promote thee to honour?
38 And Balaam said unto Balak, Lo, I am come unto thee: have I now any power at all to say any thing? the word that God putteth in my mouth, that shall I speak.
39 And Balaam went with Balak, and they came unto Kirjath-huzoth.
40 And Balak offered oxen and sheep, and sent to Balaam, and to the princes that *were* with him.
41 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Balak took Balaam, and brought him up into the high places of Baal, that thence he might see the utmost *part* of the people.

Balak and Balaam's Sacrifice

23 And Balaam said unto Balak, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven oxen and seven rams.
2 And Balak did as Balaam had spoken; and Balak and Balaam offered on *every* altar a bullock and a ram.
3 And Balaam said unto Balak, Stand by thy burnt offering, and I will go: peradventure the LORD will come to meet me: and whatsoever he sheweth me I will tell thee. And he went to an high place.
4 And God met Balaam: and he said unto him, I have prepared seven altars, and I have offered upon *every* altar a bullock and a ram.
5 And the LORD put a word in Balaam's mouth, and said, Return unto Balak, and thus thou shalt speak.
6 And he returned unto him, and, lo, he stood by his burnt sacrifice, he, and all the princes of Moab.
7 And he took up his parable, and said, Balak the king of Moab hath brought me from Aram, out of the mountains of the east, *saying,* Come, curse me Jacob, and come, defy Israel.
8 How shall I curse, whom God hath not cursed? or how shall I defy, *whom* the LORD hath not defied?
9 For from the top of the rocks I see him, and from the hills I behold him: lo, the people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations.
10 Who can count the dust of Jacob, and the number of the fourth *part* of Israel? Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his!

Balak Wants Israel Cursed

11 And Balak said unto Balaam, What hast thou done unto me? I took thee to curse mine enemies, and, behold, thou hast blessed *them* altogether.
12 And he answered and said, Must I not take heed to speak that which the LORD hath put in my mouth?
13 And Balak said unto him, Come, I pray thee, with me unto another place, from whence thou mayest see them: thou shalt see but the utmost part of them, and shalt not see them all: and curse me them from thence.
14 And he brought him into the field of Zophim, to the top of Pisgah, and built seven altars, and offered a bullock and a ram on *every* altar.
15 And he said unto Balak, Stand here by thy burnt offering, while I meet *the* LORD yonder.

Balaam's Parable: Second Prophecy

16 And the LORD met Balaam, and put a word in his mouth, and said, Go again unto Balak, and say thus.
17 And when he came to him, behold, he stood by his burnt offering, and the princes of Moab with him. And Balak said unto him, What hath the LORD spoken?
18 And he took up his parable, and said, Rise up, Balak, and hear; hearken unto me, thou son of Zippor:
19 God *is* not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do *it?* or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?
20 Behold, I have received *commandment* to bless: and he hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it.
21 He hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob, neither hath he seen perverseness in Israel: the LORD his God *is* with him, and the shout of a king *is* among them.
22 God brought them out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn.
23 Surely *there is* no enchantment against Jacob, neither *is there* any divination against Israel: according to this time it shall be said of Jacob and of Israel, What hath God wrought!
24 Behold, the people shall rise up as a great lion, and lift up himself as a young lion: he shall not lie down until he eat *of* the prey, and drink the blood of the slain.

23:10 dust

(Heb. *`aphar*) (Gen. 2:7; 13:16; Ps. 22:29; Zeph. 1:17) H6083: The word for dust literally means "dry earth, rubbish." It is used both literally (Gen. 26:15) and metaphorically (Ps. 44:25; Lam. 3:29). Putting dust on one's head was a sign of mourning or repentance (Job 2:12). Going down to the dust is a metaphor for death (Job 20:11). The most notable use of the word "dust" is to represent the multitude of offspring Abraham would one day have (Gen. 13:16).

23:19 man ▸ *see Is. 32:2.*

25 And Balak said unto Balaam, Neither curse them at all, nor bless them at all.
26 But Balaam answered and said unto Balak, Told not I thee, saying, All that the LORD speaketh, that I must do?
27 And Balak said unto Balaam, Come, I pray thee, I will bring thee unto another place; peradventure it will please God that thou mayest curse me them from thence.
28 And Balak brought Balaam unto the top of Peor, that looketh toward Jeshimon.
29 And Balaam said unto Balak, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven bullocks and seven rams.
30 And Balak did as Balaam had said, and offered a bullock and a ram on *every* altar.

Israel Favoured and Blessed by God

24 And when Balaam saw that it pleased the LORD to bless Israel, he went not, as at other times, to seek for enchantments, but he set his face toward the wilderness.
2 And Balaam lifted up his eyes, and he saw Israel abiding *in his tents* according to their tribes; and the spirit of God came upon him.

Balaam's Parable: Third Prophecy

3 And he took up his parable, and said, Balaam the son of Beor hath said, and the man whose eyes are open hath said:
4 He hath said, which heard the words of God, which saw the vision of the Almighty, falling *into a trance,* but having his eyes open:
5 How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob, *and* thy tabernacles, O Israel!
6 As the valleys are they spread forth, as gardens by the river's side, as the trees of lign aloes which the LORD hath planted, *and* as cedar trees beside the waters.
7 He shall pour the water out of his buckets, and his seed *shall be* in many waters, and his king shall be higher than Agag, and his kingdom shall be exalted.
8 God brought him forth out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn: he shall eat up the nations his enemies, and shall break their bones, and pierce *them* through with his arrows.
9 He couched, he lay down as a lion, and as a great lion: who shall stir him up? Blessed *is* he that blesseth thee, and cursed *is* he that curseth thee.

Balak's Anger

10 And Balak's anger was kindled against Balaam, and he smote his hands together: and Balak said unto Balaam, I called thee to curse mine enemies, and, behold, thou hast altogether blessed *them* these three times.
11 Therefore now flee thou to thy place: I thought to promote thee unto great honour; but, lo, the LORD hath kept thee back from honour.
12 And Balaam said unto Balak, Spake I not also to thy messengers which thou sentest unto me, saying,
13 If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the commandment of the LORD, to do *either* good or bad of mine own mind; *but* what the LORD saith, that will I speak?
14 And now, behold, I go unto my people: come *therefore, and* I will advertise thee what this people shall do to thy people in the latter days.
15 And he took up his parable, and said, Balaam the son of Beor hath said, and the man whose eyes are open hath said:
16 He hath said, which heard the words of God, and knew the knowledge of the most High, *which* saw the vision of the Almighty, falling *into a trance,* but having his eyes open:
17 I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel,

24:3 man ▸ *see Jer. 31:22.*
24:8 arrow ▸ *see Ps. 58:7.*
24:17 come ▸ *see Deut. 11:25.*

24:17 sceptre

(Heb. *shebet*) (Gen. 49:28; Lev. 27:32) H7626: The word can vary in meaning depending upon its context. Potential meanings include "tribe" (Gen. 49:28), "staff" (1 Chr. 11:23), and "rod" (Ps. 23:4). Because a king would often hold a scepter, it became a symbol of a king, especially the kingship of the Messiah: He would rule God's people (Gen. 49:10; Num. 24:17; 1 Cor. 15:24–28). Yet when this Hebrew word is translated *staff*, it symbolizes the concern and care of a shepherd for his sheep, the kind of care the Lord has for His people (Mic. 7:14). When the word is translated *rod*, it symbolizes judgment (Ps 2:9).

24:17 rise ▸ *see Ps. 113:7.*

and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth.
18 And Edom shall be a possession, Seir also shall be a possession for his enemies; and Israel shall do valiantly.
19 Out of Jacob shall come he that shall have dominion, and shall destroy him that remaineth of the city.
20 And when he looked on Amalek, he took up his parable, and said, Amalek *was* the first of the nations; but his latter end *shall be* that he perish for ever.
21 And he looked on the Kenites, and took up his parable, and said, Strong is thy dwellingplace, and thou puttest thy nest in a rock.
22 Nevertheless the Kenite shall be wasted, until Asshur shall carry thee away captive.
23 And he took up his parable, and said, Alas, who shall live when God doeth this!
24 And ships *shall come* from the coast of Chittim, and shall afflict Asshur, and shall afflict Eber, and he also shall perish for ever.
25 And Balaam rose up, and went and returned to his place: and Balak also went his way.

Israel Worships Baal-peor

25 And Israel abode in Shittim, and the people began to commit whoredom with the daughters of Moab.
2 And they called the people unto the sacrifices of their gods: and the people did eat, and bowed down to their gods.
3 And Israel joined himself unto Baal-peor: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel.

God's Wrath and Plague

4 And the LORD said unto Moses, Take all the heads of the people, and hang them up before the LORD against the sun, that the fierce anger of the LORD may be turned away from Israel.
5 And Moses said unto the judges of Israel, Slay ye every one his men that were joined unto Baal-peor.
6 And, behold, one of the children of Israel came and brought unto his brethren a Midianitish woman in the sight of Moses, and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel, who *were* weeping *before* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.
7 And when Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw *it,* he rose up from among the congregation, and took a javelin in his hand;
8 And he went after the man of Israel into the tent, and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her belly. So the plague was stayed from the children of Israel.
9 And those that died in the plague were twenty and four thousand.

God's Approval of Phinehas

10 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
11 Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, hath turned my wrath away from the children of Israel, while he was zealous for my sake among them, that I consumed not the children of Israel in my jealousy.
12 Wherefore say, Behold, I give unto him my covenant of peace:
13 And he shall have it, and his seed after him, *even* the covenant of an everlasting priesthood; because he was zealous for his God, and made an atonement for the children of Israel.
14 Now the name of the Israelite that was slain, *even* that was slain with the Midianitish woman, *was* Zimri, the son of Salu, a prince of a chief house among the Simeonites.
15 And the name of the Midianitish woman that was slain *was* Cozbi, the daughter of Zur; he *was* head over a people, *and* of a chief house in Midian.

Israel to Smite Midianites

16 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

24:17 Moab ▸ *see Judg. 11:18.*
24:21 dwellingplace ▸ *see Gen. 10:30.*

25:9 plague

(Heb. *maggephah*) (Ex. 9:14; Num. 14:37; 2 Sam. 24:25; Zech. 14:12) H4046: Although this word is usually translated as "plague," it more literally means "blow (fatal stroke)" or "slaughter (of battle)." This points to the biblical perspective that plagues are divine judgment against sin, often with the purpose of encouraging repentance. In this case, God's wrath was turned back by Phinehas's decisive action against Israel's sin of intermarriage.

25:11 wrath ▸ *see Ezek. 7:8.*
25:11 zealous ▸ *see Zech. 8:2.*
25:15 people ▸ *see Ps. 117:1.*

17 Vex the Midianites, and smite them:
18 For they vex you with their wiles, wherewith they have beguiled you in the matter of Peor, and in the matter of Cozbi, the daughter of a prince of Midian, their sister, which was slain in the day of the plague for Peor's sake.

Moses to Take a Second Census

26 And it came to pass after the plague, that the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, saying,
2 Take the sum of all the congregation of the children of Israel, from twenty years old and upward, throughout their fathers' house, all that are able to go to war in Israel.
3 And Moses and Eleazar the priest spake with them in the plains of Moab by Jordan *near* Jericho, saying,
4 *Take the sum of the people,* from twenty years old and upward; as the LORD commanded Moses and the children of Israel, which went forth out of the land of Egypt.

The Tribe of Reuben Numbered

5 Reuben, the eldest son of Israel: the children of Reuben; Hanoch, *of whom cometh* the family of the Hanochites: of Pallu, the family of the Palluites:
6 Of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites: of Carmi, the family of the Carmites.
7 These *are* the families of the Reubenites: and they that were numbered of them were forty and three thousand and seven hundred and thirty.
8 And the sons of Pallu; Eliab.
9 And the sons of Eliab; Nemuel, and Dathan, and Abiram. This *is that* Dathan and Abiram, *which were* famous in the congregation, who strove against Moses and against Aaron in the company of Korah, when they strove against the LORD:
10 And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up together with Korah, when that company died, what time the fire devoured two hundred and fifty men: and they became a sign.
11 Notwithstanding the children of Korah died not.

The Tribe of Simeon Numbered

12 The sons of Simeon after their families: of Nemuel, the family of the Nemuelites: of Jamin, the family of the Jaminites: of Jachin, the family of the Jachinites:
13 Of Zerah, the family of the Zarhites: of Shaul, the family of the Shaulites.
14 These *are* the families of the Simeonites, twenty and two thousand and two hundred.

The Tribe of Gad Numbered

15 The children of Gad after their families: of Zephon, the family of the Zephonites: of Haggi, the family of the Haggites: of Shuni, the family of the Shunites:
16 Of Ozni, the family of the Oznites: of Eri, the family of the Erites:
17 Of Arod, the family of the Arodites: of Areli, the family of the Arelites.
18 These *are* the families of the children of Gad according to those that were numbered of them, forty thousand and five hundred.

The Tribe of Judah Numbered

19 The sons of Judah *were* Er and Onan: and Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan.
20 And the sons of Judah after their families were; of Shelah, the family of the Shelanites: of Pharez, the family of the Pharzites: of Zerah, the family of the Zarhites.
21 And the sons of Pharez were; of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites: of Hamul, the family of the Hamulites.
22 These *are* the families of Judah according to those that were numbered of them, threescore and sixteen thousand and five hundred.

The Tribe of Issachar Numbered

23 *Of* the sons of Issachar after their families: *of* Tola, the family of the Tolaites: of Pua, the family of the Punites:

26:9 strive

(Heb. *natsah*) (Ex. 2:13; Jer. 4:7) H5327: The word *natsah* means "to struggle" or "to strip off." It is also translated "laid waste" (Jer. 4:7) and "ruinous heaps" (2 Kin. 19:25; Is. 37:26). The root word means "to fly." Dathan and Abiram strove to place themselves above God's chosen authorities—Moses and Aaron—and God made an example of them (Num. 16:1–27). This fragile tribe on the verge of settling the Promised Land could not afford to have rebellion and contention among them. In this case, the one they were really contending against was God Himself, as evidenced by the fact that He was the one who punished them.

24 Of Jashub, the family of the Jashubites: of Shimron, the family of the Shimronites.
25 These *are* the families of Issachar according to those that were numbered of them, threescore and four thousand and three hundred.

The Tribe of Zebulun Numbered

26 *Of* the sons of Zebulun after their families: of Sered, the family of the Sardites: of Elon, the family of the Elonites: of Jahleel, the family of the Jahleelites.
27 These *are* the families of the Zebulunites according to those that were numbered of them, threescore thousand and five hundred.

The Tribe of Manasseh Numbered

28 The sons of Joseph after their families *were* Manasseh and Ephraim.
29 Of the sons of Manasseh: of Machir, the family of the Machirites: and Machir begat Gilead: of Gilead *come* the family of the Gileadites.
30 These *are* the sons of Gilead: *of* Jeezer, the family of the Jeezerites: of Helek, the family of the Helekites:
31 And *of* Asriel, the family of the Asrielites: and *of* Shechem, the family of the Shechemites:
32 And *of* Shemida, the family of the Shemidaites: and *of* Hepher, the family of the Hepherites.
33 And Zelophehad the son of Hepher had no sons, but daughters: and the names of the daughters of Zelophehad *were* Mahlah, and Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.
34 These *are* the families of Manasseh, and those that were numbered of them, fifty and two thousand and seven hundred.

The Tribe of Ephraim Numbered

35 These *are* the sons of Ephraim after their families: of Shuthelah, the family of the Shuthalhites: of Becher, the family of the Bachrites: of Tahan, the family of the Tahanites.
36 And these *are* the sons of Shuthelah: of Eran, the family of the Eranites.
37 These *are* the families of the sons of Ephraim according to those that were numbered of them, thirty and two thousand and five hundred. These *are* the sons of Joseph after their families.

The Tribe of Benjamin Numbered

38 The sons of Benjamin after their families: of Bela, the family of the Belaites: of Ashbel, the family of the Ashbelites: of Ahiram, the family of the Ahiramites:
39 Of Shupham, the family of the Shuphamites: of Hupham, the family of the Huphamites.
40 And the sons of Bela were Ard and Naaman: *of Ard,* the family of the Ardites: *and* of Naaman, the family of the Naamites.
41 These *are* the sons of Benjamin after their families: and they that were numbered of them *were* forty and five thousand and six hundred.

The Tribe of Dan Numbered

42 These *are* the sons of Dan after their families: of Shuham, the family of the Shuhamites. These *are* the families of Dan after their families.
43 All the families of the Shuhamites, according to those that were numbered of them, *were* threescore and four thousand and four hundred.

The Tribe of Asher Numbered

44 *Of* the children of Asher after their families: of Jimna, the family of the Jimnites: of Jesui, the family of the Jesuites: of Beriah, the family of the Beriites.
45 Of the sons of Beriah: of Heber, the family of the Heberites: of Malchiel, the family of the Malchielites.
46 And the name of the daughter of Asher *was* Sarah.
47 These *are* the families of the sons of Asher according to those that were numbered of them; *who were* fifty and three thousand and four hundred.

The Tribe of Naphtali Numbered

48 *Of* the sons of Naphtali after their families: of Jahzeel, the family of the Jahzeelites: of Guni, the family of the Gunites:
49 Of Jezer, the family of the Jezerites: of Shillem, the family of the Shillemites.
50 These *are* the families of Naphtali according to their families: and they that were numbered of them *were* forty and five thousand and four hundred.

The Total Number of Israelites

51 These *were* the numbered of the children

of Israel, six hundred thousand and a thousand seven hundred and thirty.

The Land Divided by Size of Tribe

52 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
53 Unto these the land shall be divided for an inheritance according to the number of names.
54 To many thou shalt give the more inheritance, and to few thou shalt give the less inheritance: to every one shall his inheritance be given according to those that were numbered of him.
55 Notwithstanding the land shall be divided by lot: according to the names of the tribes of their fathers they shall inherit.
56 According to the lot shall the possession thereof be divided between many and few.

The Tribe of Levi Numbered

57 And these *are* they that were numbered of the Levites after their families: of Gershon, the family of the Gershonites: of Kohath, the family of the Kohathites: of Merari, the family of the Merarites.
58 These *are* the families of the Levites: the family of the Libnites, the family of the Hebronites, the family of the Mahlites, the family of the Mushites, the family of the Korathites. And Kohath begat Amram.
59 And the name of Amram's wife *was* Jochebed, the daughter of Levi, whom *her mother* bare to Levi in Egypt: and she bare unto Amram Aaron and Moses, and Miriam their sister.
60 And unto Aaron was born Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.
61 And Nadab and Abihu died, when they offered strange fire before the LORD.

The Total Number of Levites

62 And those that were numbered of them were twenty and three thousand, all males from a month old and upward: for they were not numbered among the children of Israel, because there was no inheritance given them among the children of Israel.

A New Generation

63 These *are* they that were numbered by Moses and Eleazar the priest, who numbered the children of Israel in the plains of Moab by Jordan *near* Jericho.
64 But among these there was not a man of them whom Moses and Aaron the priest numbered, when they numbered the children of Israel in the wilderness of Sinai.
65 For the LORD had said of them, They shall surely die in the wilderness. And there was not left a man of them, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun.

The Request of Zelophehad's Daughters

27 Then came the daughters of Zelophehad, the son of Hepher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the families of Manasseh the son of Joseph: and these *are* the names of his daughters; Mahlah, Noah, and Hoglah, and Milcah, and Tirzah.
2 And they stood before Moses, and before Eleazar the priest, and before the princes and all the congregation, *by* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, saying,
3 Our father died in the wilderness, and he was not in the company of them that gathered themselves together against the LORD in the company of Korah; but died in his own sin, and had no sons.
4 Why should the name of our father be done away from among his family, because he hath no son? Give unto us *therefore* a possession among the brethren of our father.
5 And Moses brought their cause before the LORD.

God's Laws on Inheritances

6 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
7 The daughters of Zelophehad speak right: thou shalt surely give them a possession of an inheritance among their father's brethren; and thou shalt cause the inheritance of their father to pass unto them.
8 And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a man die, and have no son, then ye shall cause his inheritance to pass unto his daughter.
9 And if he have no daughter, then ye shall give his inheritance unto his brethren.
10 And if he have no brethren, then ye shall give his inheritance unto his father's brethren.
11 And if his father have no brethren, then ye shall give his inheritance unto his kinsman

27:7 daughter ▸ *see Neh. 10:30.*

that is next to him of his family, and he shall possess it: and it shall be unto the children of Israel a statute of judgment, as the LORD commanded Moses.

Moses Sees the Promised Land

12 And the LORD said unto Moses, Get thee up into this mount Abarim, and see the land which I have given unto the children of Israel.
13 And when thou hast seen it, thou also shalt be gathered unto thy people, as Aaron thy brother was gathered.
14 For ye rebelled against my commandment in the desert of Zin, in the strife of the congregation, to sanctify me at the water before their eyes: that *is* the water of Meribah in Kadesh in the wilderness of Zin.
15 And Moses spake unto the LORD, saying,
16 Let the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the congregation,
17 Which may go out before them, and which may go in before them, and which may lead them out, and which may bring them in; that the congregation of the LORD be not as sheep which have no shepherd.

Joshua Chosen by God

18 And the LORD said unto Moses, Take thee Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom *is* the spirit, and lay thine hand upon him;
19 And set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation; and give him a charge in their sight.
20 And thou shalt put *some* of thine honour upon him, that all the congregation of the children of Israel may be obedient.
21 And he shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall ask *counsel* for him after the judgment of Urim before the LORD: at his word shall they go out, and at his word they shall come in, *both* he, and all the children of Israel with him, even all the congregation.
22 And Moses did as the LORD commanded him: and he took Joshua, and set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation:
23 And he laid his hands upon him, and gave him a charge, as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses.

Observance of Daily Offerings

28 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
2 Command the children of Israel, and say unto them, My offering, *and* my bread for my sacrifices made by fire, *for* a sweet savour unto me, shall ye observe to offer unto me in their due season.
3 And thou shalt say unto them, This *is* the offering made by fire which ye shall offer unto the LORD; two lambs of the first year without spot day by day, *for* a continual burnt offering.
4 The one lamb shalt thou offer in the morning, and the other lamb shalt thou offer at even;
5 And a tenth *part* of an ephah of flour for a meat offering, mingled with the fourth *part* of an hin of beaten oil.
6 *It is* a continual burnt offering, which was ordained in mount Sinai for a sweet savour, a sacrifice made by fire unto the LORD.
7 And the drink offering thereof *shall be* the fourth *part* of an hin for the one lamb: in the holy *place* shalt thou cause the strong wine to be poured unto the LORD *for* a drink offering.
8 And the other lamb shalt thou offer at even: as the meat offering of the morning, and as the drink offering thereof, thou shalt offer *it,* a sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

Sabbath Offerings

9 And on the sabbath day two lambs of the first year without spot, and two tenth deals

27:14 commandment

(Heb. *peh*) (Gen. 45:21; Ex. 17:1; Prov. 8:29; Eccl. 8:2) H6310: The Hebrew root conveys the sense of blowing or breathing, as from the mouth, and accordingly in the overwhelming majority of Old Testament instances the word is rendered "mouth" (Prov. 26:28; Is. 40:5; Ezek. 35:13). The meaning is generally not the mouth as the means of eating or tasting but as the source of breath or speech; thus, on rarer occasions, the same word is translated "command," as from the mouth of a king. A combination of these ideas can be found in Jeremiah 44:17, "Whatsoever thing goeth forth out of our own mouth."

28:9 sabbath

(Heb. *shabbath*) (Ex. 20:8; Lev. 19:3; 23:3; Deut. 5:12; Jer. 17:22) H7676: The word derives from the verb meaning "to cease" or "to rest" (Gen.

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of flour *for* a meat offering, mingled with oil, and the drink offering thereof:
10 *This is* the burnt offering of every sabbath, beside the continual burnt offering, and his drink offering.

Observance of Monthly Offerings

11 And in the beginnings of your months ye shall offer a burnt offering unto the LORD; two young bullocks, and one ram, seven lambs of the first year without spot;
12 And three tenth deals of flour *for* a meat offering, mingled with oil, for one bullock; and two tenth deals of flour *for* a meat offering, mingled with oil, for one ram;
13 And a several tenth deal of flour mingled with oil *for* a meat offering unto one lamb; *for* a burnt offering of a sweet savour, a sacrifice made by fire unto the LORD.
14 And their drink offerings shall be half an hin of wine unto a bullock, and the third *part* of an hin unto a ram, and a fourth *part* of an hin unto a lamb: this *is* the burnt offering of every month throughout the months of the year.
15 And one kid of the goats for a sin offering unto the LORD shall be offered, beside the continual burnt offering, and his drink offering.

The Passover Feast

16 And in the fourteenth day of the first month *is* the passover of the LORD.
17 And in the fifteenth day of this month *is* the feast: seven days shall unleavened bread be eaten.
18 In the first day *shall be* an holy convocation; ye shall do no manner of servile work *therein:*
19 But ye shall offer a sacrifice made by fire *for* a burnt offering unto the LORD; two young bullocks, and one ram, and seven lambs of the first year: they shall be unto you without blemish:
20 And their meat offering *shall be of* flour mingled with oil: three tenth deals shall ye offer for a bullock, and two tenth deals for a ram;
21 A several tenth deal shalt thou offer for every lamb, throughout the seven lambs:
22 And one goat *for* a sin offering, to make an atonement for you.
23 Ye shall offer these beside the burnt offering in the morning, which *is* for a continual burnt offering.
24 After this manner ye shall offer daily, throughout the seven days, the meat of the sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD: it shall be offered beside the continual burnt offering, and his drink offering.
25 And on the seventh day ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work.

The Feast of Firstfruits

26 Also in the day of the firstfruits, when ye bring a new meat offering unto the LORD, after your weeks *be out,* ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work:
27 But ye shall offer the burnt offering for a sweet savour unto the LORD; two young bullocks, one ram, seven lambs of the first year;
28 And their meat offering of flour mingled with oil, three tenth deals unto one bullock, two tenth deals unto one ram,
29 A several tenth deal unto one lamb, throughout the seven lambs;
30 *And* one kid of the goats, to make an atonement for you.
31 Ye shall offer *them* beside the continual burnt offering, and his meat offering, (they shall be unto you without blemish) and their drink offerings.

The Feast of Trumpets

29 And in the seventh month, on the first *day* of the month, ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile

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2:3; Ex. 31:17). The Sabbath is the seventh day in the Hebrew calendar, or Saturday (Ex. 16:26; 20:10). God established this day as a time to rest because He had created all things in six days and had rested on the seventh day (Ex. 20:11). The Sabbath not only mirrored His own actions at creation, but it also was designed as a day to remember God, specifically His covenant with Israel (Ex. 31:12–18). In addition to this special day, the principle of a sabbath rest was also applied to the land every seventh year (Lev. 25:1–7). Sabbath rest holds promise of the ultimate salvation that God will accomplish for His people. As certainly as He delivered them from Egypt through Moses, so will He deliver His people from sin at the end of the age through the Great Redeemer (Gen. 3:15; Heb. 4).

work: it is a day of blowing the trumpets unto you.
2 And ye shall offer a burnt offering for a sweet savour unto the LORD; one young bullock, one ram, *and* seven lambs of the first year without blemish:
3 And their meat offering *shall be of* flour mingled with oil, three tenth deals for a bullock, *and* two tenth deals for a ram,
4 And one tenth deal for one lamb, throughout the seven lambs:
5 And one kid of the goats *for* a sin offering, to make an atonement for you:
6 Beside the burnt offering of the month, and his meat offering, and the daily burnt offering, and his meat offering, and their drink offerings, according unto their manner, for a sweet savour, a sacrifice made by fire unto the LORD.

The Day of Atonement

7 And ye shall have on the tenth *day* of this seventh month an holy convocation; and ye shall afflict your souls: ye shall not do any work *therein:*
8 But ye shall offer a burnt offering unto the LORD *for* a sweet savour; one young bullock, one ram, *and* seven lambs of the first year; they shall be unto you without blemish:
9 And their meat offering *shall be of* flour mingled with oil, three tenth deals to a bullock, *and* two tenth deals to one ram,
10 A several tenth deal for one lamb, throughout the seven lambs:
11 One kid of the goats *for* a sin offering; beside the sin offering of atonement, and the continual burnt offering, and the meat offering of it, and their drink offerings.

The Feast of Tabernacles

12 And on the fifteenth day of the seventh month ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work, and ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days:
13 And ye shall offer a burnt offering, a sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD; thirteen young bullocks, two rams, *and* fourteen lambs of the first year; they shall be without blemish:
14 And their meat offering *shall be of* flour mingled with oil, three tenth deals unto every bullock of the thirteen bullocks, two tenth deals to each ram of the two rams,
15 And a several tenth deal to each lamb of the fourteen lambs:
16 And one kid of the goats *for* a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, his meat offering, and his drink offering.
17 And on the second day *ye shall offer* twelve young bullocks, two rams, fourteen lambs of the first year without spot:
18 And their meat offering and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, *shall be* according to their number, after the manner:
19 And one kid of the goats *for* a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, and the meat offering thereof, and their drink offerings.
20 And on the third day eleven bullocks, two rams, fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish;
21 And their meat offering and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, *shall be* according to their number, after the manner:
22 And one goat *for* a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, and his meat offering, and his drink offering.
23 And on the fourth day ten bullocks, two rams, *and* fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish:
24 Their meat offering and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, *shall be* according to their number, after the manner:
25 And one kid of the goats *for* a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, his meat offering, and his drink offering.
26 And on the fifth day nine bullocks, two

29:6 meat offering

(Heb. *minchah*) (Gen. 4:4; Ps. 141:2) H4503: The KJV "meat" is rendered "grain" in modern English. This word means an offering or gift of some sort, not just of grain, but of anything. Abel's offering was "of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat therof" (Gen. 4:4). Jacob insisted his sons return to Egypt with a "present" (offering) of "a little balm and a little honey, spices, and myrrh, nuts and almonds" (Gen. 43:11). In Leviticus and Numbers, the word is used as a technical term for a specific offering (grain). However, when David defeated the Moabites, they were described as bringing him "gifts" (an offering) of some sort (2 Sam. 8:2). Indeed, David referred to his prayers and worship as a "sacrifice" (offering) to God (Ps. 141:2).

rams, *and* fourteen lambs of the first year without spot:
27 And their meat offering and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, *shall be* according to their number, after the manner:
28 And one goat *for* a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, and his meat offering, and his drink offering.
29 And on the sixth day eight bullocks, two rams, *and* fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish:
30 And their meat offering and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, *shall be* according to their number, after the manner:
31 And one goat *for* a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, his meat offering, and his drink offering.
32 And on the seventh day seven bullocks, two rams, *and* fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish:
33 And their meat offering and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, *shall be* according to their number, after the manner:
34 And one goat *for* a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, his meat offering, and his drink offering.
35 On the eighth day ye shall have a solemn assembly: ye shall do no servile work *therein:*
36 But ye shall offer a burnt offering, a sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD: one bullock, one ram, seven lambs of the first year without blemish:
37 Their meat offering and their drink offerings for the bullock, for the ram, and for the lambs, *shall be* according to their number, after the manner:
38 And one goat *for* a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, and his meat offering, and his drink offering.
39 These *things* ye shall do unto the LORD in your set feasts, beside your vows, and your freewill offerings, for your burnt offerings, and for your meat offerings, and for your drink offerings, and for your peace offerings.
40 And Moses told the children of Israel according to all that the LORD commanded Moses.

Laws Regarding Vows

30 And Moses spake unto the heads of the tribes concerning the children of Israel, saying, This *is* the thing which the LORD hath commanded.
2 If a man vow a vow unto the LORD, or swear an oath to bind his soul with a bond; he shall not break his word, he shall do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth.
3 If a woman also vow a vow unto the LORD, and bind *herself* by a bond, *being* in her father's house in her youth;
4 And her father hear her vow, and her bond wherewith she hath bound her soul, and her father shall hold his peace at her: then all her vows shall stand, and every bond wherewith she hath bound her soul shall stand.
5 But if her father disallow her in the day that he heareth; not any of her vows, or of her bonds wherewith she hath bound her soul, shall stand: and the LORD shall forgive her, because her father disallowed her.

Vow of a Married Woman

6 And if she had at all an husband, when she vowed, or uttered ought out of her lips, wherewith she bound her soul;
7 And her husband heard *it,* and held his peace at her in the day that he heard *it:* then her vows shall stand, and her bonds wherewith she bound her soul shall stand.
8 But if her husband disallowed her on the day that he heard *it;* then he shall make her vow which she vowed, and that which she uttered with her lips, wherewith she bound her soul, of none effect: and the LORD shall forgive her.

The Vow of a Widow

9 But every vow of a widow, and of her that

30:2 proceed ▸ *see Num. 32:24.*

30:6 bind

(Heb. *'asar*) (Judg. 16:7; 2 Kin. 17:4; Jer. 39:7) H0631: Like its English equivalent, the term can mean a physical binding, as with cords or chains (Ps. 118:27), or a figurative binding, as to an oath or vow (Num. 30:3). Related to the physical sense is the translation "prison" (Eccl. 4:14). In Luke 4:18, Jesus famously quoted the prophet Isaiah's use of the term: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised."

is divorced, wherewith they have bound their souls, shall stand against her.
10 And if she vowed in her husband's house, or bound her soul by a bond with an oath;
11 And her husband heard *it,* and held his peace at her, *and* disallowed her not: then all her vows shall stand, and every bond wherewith she bound her soul shall stand.
12 But if her husband hath utterly made them void on the day he heard *them; then* whatsoever proceeded out of her lips concerning her vows, or concerning the bond of her soul, shall not stand: her husband hath made them void; and the LORD shall forgive her.
13 Every vow, and every binding oath to afflict the soul, her husband may establish it, or her husband may make it void.
14 But if her husband altogether hold his peace at her from day to day; then he establisheth all her vows, or all her bonds, which *are* upon her: he confirmeth them, because he held his peace at her in the day that he heard *them.*
15 But if he shall any ways make them void after that he hath heard *them;* then he shall bear her iniquity.
16 These *are* the statutes, which the LORD commanded Moses, between a man and his wife, between the father and his daughter, *being yet* in her youth in her father's house.

Israel Wars with the Midianites

31 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
2 Avenge the children of Israel of the Midianites: afterward shalt thou be gathered unto thy people.
3 And Moses spake unto the people, saying, Arm some of yourselves unto the war, and let them go against the Midianites, and avenge the LORD of Midian.
4 Of every tribe a thousand, throughout all the tribes of Israel, shall ye send to the war.
5 So there were delivered out of the thousands of Israel, a thousand of *every* tribe, twelve thousand armed for war.
6 And Moses sent them to the war, a thousand of *every* tribe, them and Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, to the war, with the holy instruments, and the trumpets to blow in his hand.
7 And they warred against the Midianites, as the LORD commanded Moses; and they slew all the males.
8 And they slew the kings of Midian, beside the rest of them that were slain; *namely,* Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, five kings of Midian: Balaam also the son of Beor they slew with the sword.

Captives Brought to Moses

9 And the children of Israel took *all* the women of Midian captives, and their little ones, and took the spoil of all their cattle, and all their flocks, and all their goods.
10 And they burnt all their cities wherein they dwelt, and all their goodly castles, with fire.
11 And they took all the spoil, and all the prey, *both* of men and of beasts.
12 And they brought the captives, and the prey, and the spoil, unto Moses, and Eleazar the priest, and unto the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the camp at the plains of Moab, which *are* by Jordan *near* Jericho.
13 And Moses, and Eleazar the priest, and all the princes of the congregation, went forth to meet them without the camp.
14 And Moses was wroth with the officers of the host, *with* the captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, which came from the battle.
15 And Moses said unto them, Have ye saved all the women alive?
16 Behold, these caused the children of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, to commit trespass against the LORD in the matter of Peor, and there was a plague among the congregation of the LORD.
17 Now therefore kill every male among the little ones, and kill every woman that hath known man by lying with him.

30:12 proceed ▸ *see Hos. 6:3.*

31:2 avenge

(Heb. *naqam*) (1 Sam. 24:12; Is. 1:24) H5358: The Hebrew verb translated "avenge" can have a negative or a positive connotation. On the one hand, the Israelites were forbidden to take revenge because such actions were ultimately self-serving (Lev. 19:18). On the other hand, the Scriptures speak of a righteous vengeance that involves the pursuit of justice, virtue, and the defense of God's majesty. God declared that only He can seek this type of vengeance: "To me belongeth vengeance" (Deut. 32:35). But He often uses people, as in Numbers 31:2, to carry out His revenge.

18 But all the women children, that have not known a man by lying with him, keep alive for yourselves.

Soldiers and Plunder Purified

19 And do ye abide without the camp seven days: whosoever hath killed any person, and whosoever hath touched any slain, purify *both* yourselves and your captives on the third day, and on the seventh day.
20 And purify all *your* raiment, and all that is made of skins, and all work of goats' *hair,* and all things made of wood.
21 And Eleazar the priest said unto the men of war which went to the battle, This *is* the ordinance of the law which the LORD commanded Moses;
22 Only the gold, and the silver, the brass, the iron, the tin, and the lead,
23 Every thing that may abide the fire, ye shall make *it* go through the fire, and it shall be clean: nevertheless it shall be purified with the water of separation: and all that abideth not the fire ye shall make go through the water.
24 And ye shall wash your clothes on the seventh day, and ye shall be clean, and afterward ye shall come into the camp.

Moses to Divide Spoil Two Ways

25 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
26 Take the sum of the prey that was taken, *both* of man and of beast, thou, and Eleazar the priest, and the chief fathers of the congregation:
27 And divide the prey into two parts; between them that took the war upon them, who went out to battle, and between all the congregation:
28 And levy a tribute unto the LORD of the men of war which went out to battle: one soul of five hundred, *both* of the persons, and of the beeves, and of the asses, and of the sheep:
29 Take *it* of their half, and give *it* unto Eleazar the priest, *for* an heave offering of the LORD.
30 And of the children of Israel's half, thou shalt take one portion of fifty, of the persons, of the beeves, of the asses, and of the flocks, of all manner of beasts, and give them unto the Levites, which keep the charge of the tabernacle of the LORD.
31 And Moses and Eleazar the priest did as the LORD commanded Moses.

An Accounting of Plunder

32 And the booty, *being* the rest of the prey which the men of war had caught, was six hundred thousand and seventy thousand and five thousand sheep,
33 And threescore and twelve thousand beeves,
34 And threescore and one thousand asses,
35 And thirty and two thousand persons in all, of women that had not known man by lying with him.
36 And the half, *which was* the portion of them that went out to war, was in number three hundred thousand and seven and thirty thousand and five hundred sheep:
37 And the LORD's tribute of the sheep was six hundred and threescore and fifteen.
38 And the beeves *were* thirty and six thousand; of which the LORD's tribute *was* threescore and twelve.
39 And the asses *were* thirty thousand and five hundred; of which the LORD's tribute *was* threescore and one.
40 And the persons *were* sixteen thousand; of which the LORD's tribute *was* thirty and two persons.
41 And Moses gave the tribute, *which was* the LORD's heave offering, unto Eleazar the priest, as the LORD commanded Moses.
42 And of the children of Israel's half, which Moses divided from the men that warred,
43 (Now the half *that pertained unto* the congregation was three hundred thousand and thirty thousand *and* seven thousand and five hundred sheep,
44 And thirty and six thousand beeves,
45 And thirty thousand asses and five hundred,
46 And sixteen thousand persons;)
47 Even of the children of Israel's half, Moses took one portion of fifty, *both* of man and of beast, and gave them unto the Levites, which kept the charge of the tabernacle of the LORD; as the LORD commanded Moses.

An Oblation for the Lord

48 And the officers which *were* over thousands of the host, the captains of thousands, and captains of hundreds, came near unto Moses:
49 And they said unto Moses, Thy servants

31:32 prey ▸ *see Ezek. 36:5.*

have taken the sum of the men of war which *are* under our charge, and there lacketh not one man of us.
50 We have therefore brought an oblation for the LORD, what every man hath gotten, of jewels of gold, chains, and bracelets, rings, earrings, and tablets, to make an atonement for our souls before the LORD.
51 And Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold of them, *even* all wrought jewels.
52 And all the gold of the offering that they offered up to the LORD, of the captains of thousands, and of the captains of hundreds, was sixteen thousand seven hundred and fifty shekels.
53 (*For* the men of war had taken spoil, every man for himself.)
54 And Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold of the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and brought it into the tabernacle of the congregation, *for* a memorial for the children of Israel before the LORD.

Reuben and Gad's Inheritance

32 Now the children of Reuben and the children of Gad had a very great multitude of cattle: and when they saw the land of Jazer, and the land of Gilead, that, behold, the place *was* a place for cattle;
2 The children of Gad and the children of Reuben came and spake unto Moses, and to Eleazar the priest, and unto the princes of the congregation, saying,
3 Ataroth, and Dibon, and Jazer, and Nimrah, and Heshbon, and Elealeh, and Shebam, and Nebo, and Beon,
4 *Even* the country which the LORD smote before the congregation of Israel, *is* a land for cattle, and thy servants have cattle:
5 Wherefore, said they, if we have found grace in thy sight, let this land be given unto thy servants for a possession, *and* bring us not over Jordan.

Do Not Bring God's Wrath

6 And Moses said unto the children of Gad and to the children of Reuben, Shall your brethren go to war, and shall ye sit here?
7 And wherefore discourage ye the heart of the children of Israel from going over into the land which the LORD hath given them?
8 Thus did your fathers, when I sent them from Kadesh-barnea to see the land.
9 For when they went up unto the valley of Eshcol, and saw the land, they discouraged the heart of the children of Israel, that they should not go into the land which the LORD had given them.
10 And the LORD's anger was kindled the same time, and he sware, saying,
11 Surely none of the men that came up out of Egypt, from twenty years old and upward, shall see the land which I sware unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob; because they have not wholly followed me:
12 Save Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite, and Joshua the son of Nun: for they have wholly followed the LORD.
13 And the LORD's anger was kindled against Israel, and he made them wander in the wilderness forty years, until all the generation, that had done evil in the sight of the LORD, was consumed.
14 And, behold, ye are risen up in your fathers' stead, an increase of sinful men, to augment yet the fierce anger of the LORD toward Israel.
15 For if ye turn away from after him, he will yet again leave them in the wilderness; and ye shall destroy all this people.

Fight Until the Land Is Conquered

16 And they came near unto him, and said, We will build sheepfolds here for our cattle, and cities for our little ones:
17 But we ourselves will go ready armed before the children of Israel, until we have brought them unto their place: and our little ones shall dwell in the fenced cities because of the inhabitants of the land.
18 We will not return unto our houses, until the children of Israel have inherited every man his inheritance.
19 For we will not inherit with them on yonder side Jordan, or forward; because our inheritance is fallen to us on this side Jordan eastward.

Moses Lists Conditions

20 And Moses said unto them, If ye will do this thing, if ye will go armed before the LORD to war,
21 And will go all of you armed over Jordan before the LORD, until he hath driven out his enemies from before him,

32:12 Joshua ▸ *see Josh. 4:14.*

22 And the land be subdued before the LORD: then afterward ye shall return, and be guiltless before the LORD, and before Israel; and this land shall be your possession before the LORD.
23 But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the LORD: and be sure your sin will find you out.
24 Build you cities for your little ones, and folds for your sheep; and do that which hath proceeded out of your mouth.

Conditions Are Accepted

25 And the children of Gad and the children of Reuben spake unto Moses, saying, Thy servants will do as my lord commandeth.
26 Our little ones, our wives, our flocks, and all our cattle, shall be there in the cities of Gilead:
27 But thy servants will pass over, every man armed for war, before the LORD to battle, as my lord saith.

Israel Informed of the Agreement

28 So concerning them Moses commanded Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the chief fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel:
29 And Moses said unto them, If the children of Gad and the children of Reuben will pass with you over Jordan, every man armed to battle, before the LORD, and the land shall be subdued before you; then ye shall give them the land of Gilead for a possession:
30 But if they will not pass over with you armed, they shall have possessions among you in the land of Canaan.
31 And the children of Gad and the children of Reuben answered, saying, As the LORD hath said unto thy servants, so will we do.
32 We will pass over armed before the LORD into the land of Canaan, that the possession of our inheritance on this side Jordan *may be* ours.

Two and a Half Tribes Inherit Land

33 And Moses gave unto them, *even* to the children of Gad, and to the children of Reuben, and unto half the tribe of Manasseh the son of Joseph, the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, and the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, the land, with the cities thereof in the coasts, *even* the cities of the country round about.
34 And the children of Gad built Dibon, and Ataroth, and Aroer,
35 And Atroth, Shophan, and Jaazer, and Jogbehah,
36 And Beth-nimrah, and Beth-haran, fenced cities: and folds for sheep.
37 And the children of Reuben built Heshbon, and Elealeh, and Kirjathaim,
38 And Nebo, and Baal-meon, (their names being changed,) and Shibmah: and gave other names unto the cities which they builded.
39 And the children of Machir the son of Manasseh went to Gilead, and took it, and dispossessed the Amorite which *was* in it.
40 And Moses gave Gilead unto Machir the son of Manasseh; and he dwelt therein.
41 And Jair the son of Manasseh went and took the small towns thereof, and called them Havoth-jair.
42 And Nobah went and took Kenath, and the villages thereof, and called it Nobah, after his own name.

Record of Wilderness Journeys

33 These *are* the journeys of the children of Israel, which went forth out of the land of Egypt with their armies under the hand of Moses and Aaron.
2 And Moses wrote their goings out according to their journeys by the commandment of the LORD: and these *are* their journeys according to their goings out.
3 And they departed from Rameses in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month; on the morrow after the passover the children of Israel went out with an high hand in the sight of all the Egyptians.

32:22 guiltless ▸ *see Job 17:8.*

32:24 proceed

(Heb. *yatsa'*) (Num. 30:2; Josh. 6:10; 1 Sam. 24:13; Hab. 1:7) H3318: The verb translated "proceed" here is much more commonly rendered "out," as in "go out" (Joel 2:16) or "went out" (2 Chr. 26:6) or "forth," as in "brought forth" (Gen. 1:12). When "proceed" is used, it most often refers to an utterance proceeding from the mouth of a speaker, as in Numbers 30:2 ("He shall do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth").

32:41 town ▸ *see 1 Chr. 2:23.*

4 For the Egyptians buried all *their* firstborn, which the LORD had smitten among them: upon their gods also the LORD executed judgments.
5 And the children of Israel removed from Rameses, and pitched in Succoth.
6 And they departed from Succoth, and pitched in Etham, which *is* in the edge of the wilderness.
7 And they removed from Etham, and turned again unto Pi-hahiroth, which *is* before Baal-zephon: and they pitched before Migdol.
8 And they departed from before Pi-hahiroth, and passed through the midst of the sea into the wilderness, and went three days' journey in the wilderness of Etham, and pitched in Marah.
9 And they removed from Marah, and came unto Elim: and in Elim *were* twelve fountains of water, and threescore and ten palm trees; and they pitched there.
10 And they removed from Elim, and encamped by the Red sea.
11 And they removed from the Red sea, and encamped in the wilderness of Sin.
12 And they took their journey out of the wilderness of Sin, and encamped in Dophkah.
13 And they departed from Dophkah, and encamped in Alush.
14 And they removed from Alush, and encamped at Rephidim, where was no water for the people to drink.
15 And they departed from Rephidim, and pitched in the wilderness of Sinai.
16 And they removed from the desert of Sinai, and pitched at Kibroth-hattaavah.
17 And they departed from Kibroth-hattaavah, and encamped at Hazeroth.
18 And they departed from Hazeroth, and pitched in Rithmah.
19 And they departed from Rithmah, and pitched at Rimmon-parez.
20 And they departed from Rimmon-parez, and pitched in Libnah.
21 And they removed from Libnah, and pitched at Rissah.
22 And they journeyed from Rissah, and pitched in Kehelathah.
23 And they went from Kehelathah, and pitched in mount Shapher.
24 And they removed from mount Shapher, and encamped in Haradah.
25 And they removed from Haradah, and pitched in Makheloth.
26 And they removed from Makheloth, and encamped at Tahath.
27 And they departed from Tahath, and pitched at Tarah.
28 And they removed from Tarah, and pitched in Mithcah.
29 And they went from Mithcah, and pitched in Hashmonah.
30 And they departed from Hashmonah, and encamped at Moseroth.
31 And they departed from Moseroth, and pitched in Bene-jaakan.
32 And they removed from Bene-jaakan, and encamped at Hor-hagidgad.
33 And they went from Hor-hagidgad, and pitched in Jotbathah.
34 And they removed from Jotbathah, and encamped at Ebronah.
35 And they departed from Ebronah, and encamped at Ezion-gaber.
36 And they removed from Ezion-gaber, and pitched in the wilderness of Zin, which *is* Kadesh.
37 And they removed from Kadesh, and pitched in mount Hor, in the edge of the land of Edom.
38 And Aaron the priest went up into mount Hor at the commandment of the LORD, and died there, in the fortieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the first *day* of the fifth month.
39 And Aaron *was* an hundred and twenty and three years old when he died in mount Hor.
40 And king Arad the Canaanite, which dwelt in the south in the land of Canaan, heard of the coming of the children of Israel.
41 And they departed from mount Hor, and pitched in Zalmonah.

33:4 judgment ▸ *see Ezek. 11:9.*

33:5 pitch

(Heb. *chanah*) (Ex. 13:20; Num. 1:50; 2:17; Zech. 9:8) H2583: The Hebrew word literally means to bow down but is commonly used as a verb meaning "to set oneself down" or "camp." The rendering here is "pitch," as a tent (also Gen. 26:17). The same word can be translated "encamp," as an army would do when going to war (Ps. 27:3), or to describe the divine protection of God (Ps. 34:7).

42 And they departed from Zalmonah, and pitched in Punon.
43 And they departed from Punon, and pitched in Oboth.
44 And they departed from Oboth, and pitched in Ije-abarim, in the border of Moab.
45 And they departed from Iim, and pitched in Dibon-gad.
46 And they removed from Dibon-gad, and encamped in Almon-diblathaim.
47 And they removed from Almon-diblathaim, and pitched in the mountains of Abarim, before Nebo.
48 And they departed from the mountains of Abarim, and pitched in the plains of Moab by Jordan *near* Jericho.
49 And they pitched by Jordan, from Beth-jesimoth *even* unto Abel-shittim in the plains of Moab.

Order to Drive Out the Canaanites

50 And the LORD spake unto Moses in the plains of Moab by Jordan *near* Jericho, saying,
51 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye are passed over Jordan into the land of Canaan;
52 Then ye shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, and destroy all their pictures, and destroy all their molten images, and quite pluck down all their high places:
53 And ye shall dispossess *the inhabitants of* the land, and dwell therein: for I have given you the land to possess it.
54 And ye shall divide the land by lot for an inheritance among your families: *and* to the more ye shall give the more inheritance, and to the fewer ye shall give the less inheritance: every man's *inheritance* shall be in the place where his lot falleth; according to the tribes of your fathers ye shall inherit.
55 But if ye will not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you; then it shall come to pass, that those which ye let remain of them *shall be* pricks in your eyes, and thorns in your sides, and shall vex you in the land wherein ye dwell.
56 Moreover it shall come to pass, *that* I shall do unto you, as I thought to do unto them.

Canaan's Boundaries

34 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
2 Command the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye come into the land of Canaan; (this *is* the land that shall fall unto you for an inheritance, *even* the land of Canaan with the coasts thereof:)
3 Then your south quarter shall be from the wilderness of Zin along by the coast of Edom, and your south border shall be the outmost coast of the salt sea eastward:
4 And your border shall turn from the south to the ascent of Akrabbim, and pass on to Zin: and the going forth thereof shall be from the south to Kadesh-barnea, and shall go on to Hazar-addar, and pass on to Azmon:
5 And the border shall fetch a compass from Azmon unto the river of Egypt, and the goings out of it shall be at the sea.
6 And *as for* the western border, ye shall even have the great sea for a border: this shall be your west border.
7 And this shall be your north border: from the great sea ye shall point out for you mount Hor:
8 From mount Hor ye shall point out *your border* unto the entrance of Hamath; and the goings forth of the border shall be to Zedad:
9 And the border shall go on to Ziphron, and the goings out of it shall be at Hazar-enan: this shall be your north border.
10 And ye shall point out your east border from Hazar-enan to Shepham:
11 And the coast shall go down from Shepham to Riblah, on the east side of Ain; and the border shall descend, and shall reach unto the side of the sea of Chinnereth eastward:
12 And the border shall go down to Jordan, and the goings out of it shall be at the salt sea: this shall be your land with the coasts thereof round about.

33:49 plain ▸ *see Num. 36:13.*
34:7 north ▸ *see Jer. 46:6.*

34:8 entrance

(Heb. *bo'*) (Gen. 7:13; Ex. 40:35; 2 Chr. 7:2) H0935: The noun "entrance" is a fairly unusual rending of this otherwise very common Hebrew word, which is much more often set as a verb and translated "come" (Gen. 49:6; Ex. 12:25; Is. 60:1), "bring" (Gen. 27:7; Ezek. 20:37), "enter" (Ezek. 37:5), or "go" (Ps. 66:13). Genesis 15:15 uses the word to describe death ("And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace").

Nine and a Half Tribes' Land

13 And Moses commanded the children of Israel, saying, This *is* the land which ye shall inherit by lot, which the LORD commanded to give unto the nine tribes, and to the half tribe:
14 For the tribe of the children of Reuben according to the house of their fathers, and the tribe of the children of Gad according to the house of their fathers, have received *their inheritance;* and half the tribe of Manasseh have received their inheritance:
15 The two tribes and the half tribe have received their inheritance on this side Jordan *near* Jericho eastward, toward the sunrising.

Inheritance Dividers Chosen

16 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
17 These *are* the names of the men which shall divide the land unto you: Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun.
18 And ye shall take one prince of every tribe, to divide the land by inheritance.
19 And the names of the men *are* these: Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh.
20 And of the tribe of the children of Simeon, Shemuel the son of Ammihud.
21 Of the tribe of Benjamin, Elidad the son of Chislon.
22 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Dan, Bukki the son of Jogli.
23 The prince of the children of Joseph, for the tribe of the children of Manasseh, Hanniel the son of Ephod.
24 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Ephraim, Kemuel the son of Shiphtan.
25 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Zebulun, Elizaphan the son of Parnach.
26 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Issachar, Paltiel the son of Azzan.
27 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Asher, Ahihud the son of Shelomi.
28 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Naphtali, Pedahel the son of Ammihud.
29 These *are they* whom the LORD commanded to divide the inheritance unto the children of Israel in the land of Canaan.

Cities for the Levites

35 And the LORD spake unto Moses in the plains of Moab by Jordan *near* Jericho, saying,
2 Command the children of Israel, that they give unto the Levites of the inheritance of their possession cities to dwell in; and ye shall give *also* unto the Levites suburbs for the cities round about them.
3 And the cities shall they have to dwell in; and the suburbs of them shall be for their cattle, and for their goods, and for all their beasts.
4 And the suburbs of the cities, which ye shall give unto the Levites, *shall reach* from the wall of the city and outward a thousand cubits round about.
5 And ye shall measure from without the city on the east side two thousand cubits, and on the south side two thousand cubits, and on the west side two thousand cubits, and on the north side two thousand cubits; and the city *shall be* in the midst: this shall be to them the suburbs of the cities.

Cities for Refuge

6 And among the cities which ye shall give unto the Levites *there shall be* six cities for refuge, which ye shall appoint for the manslayer, that he may flee thither: and to them ye shall add forty and two cities.
7 *So* all the cities which ye shall give to the Levites *shall be* forty and eight cities: them *shall ye give* with their suburbs.
8 And the cities which ye shall give *shall be* of the possession of the children of Israel: from *them that have* many ye shall give many; but from *them that have* few ye shall give few: every one shall give of his cities unto the Levites according to his inheritance which he inheriteth.

Laws Regarding Murder

9 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

35:2–7 suburb ▸ *see Josh. 21:2.*
35:6 refuge ▸ *see Josh. 20:2.*

35:6 flee

(Heb. *nus*) (Gen. 39:12; Ps. 104:7; Is. 35:10; Jer. 48:6; Zech. 14:5) H5127: The Hebrew word means to vanish, escape, or put to flight. In general, the term conveys a sense of speed or urgency, as Moses fleeing from the serpent his rod had become (Ex. 4:3), or an army fleeing before an attacking force (Judg. 7:22). The verb can be applied to inanimate objects as well, as the sea (Ps. 114:3) or shadows (Song 4:6).

10 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come over Jordan into the land of Canaan;
11 Then ye shall appoint you cities to be cities of refuge for you; that the slayer may flee thither, which killeth any person at unawares.
12 And they shall be unto you cities for refuge from the avenger; that the manslayer die not, until he stand before the congregation in judgment.
13 And of these cities which ye shall give six cities shall ye have for refuge.
14 Ye shall give three cities on this side Jordan, and three cities shall ye give in the land of Canaan, *which* shall be cities of refuge.
15 These six cities shall be a refuge, *both* for the children of Israel, and for the stranger, and for the sojourner among them: that every one that killeth any person unawares may flee thither.
16 And if he smite him with an instrument of iron, so that he die, he *is* a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death.
17 And if he smite him with throwing a stone, wherewith he may die, and he die, he *is* a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death.
18 Or *if* he smite him with an hand weapon of wood, wherewith he may die, and he die, he *is* a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death.
19 The revenger of blood himself shall slay the murderer: when he meeteth him, he shall slay him.
20 But if he thrust him of hatred, or hurl at him by laying of wait, that he die;
21 Or in enmity smite him with his hand, that he die: he that smote *him* shall surely be put to death; *for* he *is* a murderer: the revenger of blood shall slay the murderer, when he meeteth him.

Laws Regarding Accidental Killing

22 But if he thrust him suddenly without enmity, or have cast upon him any thing without laying of wait,
23 Or with any stone, wherewith a man may die, seeing *him* not, and cast *it* upon him, that he die, and *was* not his enemy, neither sought his harm:
24 Then the congregation shall judge between the slayer and the revenger of blood according to these judgments:
25 And the congregation shall deliver the slayer out of the hand of the revenger of blood, and the congregation shall restore him to the city of his refuge, whither he was fled: and he shall abide in it unto the death of the high priest, which was anointed with the holy oil.
26 But if the slayer shall at any time come without the border of the city of his refuge, whither he was fled;
27 And the revenger of blood find him without the borders of the city of his refuge, and the revenger of blood kill the slayer; he shall not be guilty of blood:
28 Because he should have remained in the city of his refuge until the death of the high priest: but after the death of the high priest the slayer shall return into the land of his possession.

Blood Defiles the Land

29 So these *things* shall be for a statute of judgment unto you throughout your generations in all your dwellings.
30 Whoso killeth any person, the murderer shall be put to death by the mouth of witnesses: but one witness shall not testify against any person *to cause him* to die.
31 Moreover ye shall take no satisfaction for the life of a murderer, which *is* guilty of death: but he shall be surely put to death.
32 And ye shall take no satisfaction for him that is fled to the city of his refuge, that he should come again to dwell in the land, until the death of the priest.
33 So ye shall not pollute the land wherein ye *are:* for blood it defileth the land: and the land cannot be cleansed of the blood that is shed therein, but by the blood of him that shed it.
34 Defile not therefore the land which ye shall inhabit, wherein I dwell: for I the LORD dwell among the children of Israel.

Laws of Female Inheritance

36 And the chief fathers of the families of the children of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the families

35:11 unawares ▸ *see Lev. 5:18.*
35:22 enmity ▸ *see Ezek. 35:5.*

of the sons of Joseph, came near, and spake before Moses, and before the princes, the chief fathers of the children of Israel:
2 And they said, The LORD commanded my lord to give the land for an inheritance by lot to the children of Israel: and my lord was commanded by the LORD to give the inheritance of Zelophehad our brother unto his daughters.
3 And if they be married to any of the sons of the *other* tribes of the children of Israel, then shall their inheritance be taken from the inheritance of our fathers, and shall be put to the inheritance of the tribe whereunto they are received: so shall it be taken from the lot of our inheritance.
4 And when the jubile of the children of Israel shall be, then shall their inheritance be put unto the inheritance of the tribe whereunto they are received: so shall their inheritance be taken away from the inheritance of the tribe of our fathers.

Female Heirs to Marry Within the Tribe

5 And Moses commanded the children of Israel according to the word of the LORD, saying, The tribe of the sons of Joseph hath said well.
6 This *is* the thing which the LORD doth command concerning the daughters of Zelophehad, saying, Let them marry to whom they think best; only to the family of the tribe of their father shall they marry.
7 So shall not the inheritance of the children of Israel remove from tribe to tribe: for every one of the children of Israel shall keep himself to the inheritance of the tribe of his fathers.
8 And every daughter, that possesseth an inheritance in any tribe of the children of Israel, shall be wife unto one of the family of the tribe of her father, that the children of Israel may enjoy every man the inheritance of his fathers.
9 Neither shall the inheritance remove from *one* tribe to another tribe; but every one of the tribes of the children of Israel shall keep himself to his own inheritance.
10 Even as the LORD commanded Moses, so did the daughters of Zelophehad:
11 For Mahlah, Tirzah, and Hoglah, and Milcah, and Noah, the daughters of Zelophehad, were married unto their father's brothers' sons:
12 *And* they were married into the families of the sons of Manasseh the son of Joseph, and their inheritance remained in the tribe of the family of their father.
13 These *are* the commandments and the judgments, which the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses unto the children of Israel in the plains of Moab by Jordan *near* Jericho.

36:13 plain

(Heb. *`arabah*) (Num. 22:1; 33:49; Josh. 5:10; 2 Sam. 15:28) H6160: Arabah is both the name applied to the depression of the Jordan Valley (Josh. 18:18, describing the border of the tribe of Benjamin) and a term used generically to describe any arid, sterile region. The word can be accurately translated "wilderness" (Job 39:6) or "desert" (Is. 40:3). In Psalm 68:4, the word is translated "heavens," but this is primarily due to textual differences between the Targum and the Masoretic Text, which reads "deserts."

THE FIFTH BOOK OF MOSES, CALLED

DEUTERONOMY

DEUTERONOMY, MOSES' "UPPER DESERT DISCOURSE," consists of a series of farewell messages by Israel's 120-year-old leader. It is addressed to the new generation destined to possess the Land of Promise—those who survived the forty years of wilderness wandering.

Like Leviticus, Deuteronomy contains a vast amount of legal detail, but its emphasis is on the laymen rather than the priests. Moses reminds the new generation of the importance of obedience if they are to learn from the sad example of their parents.

The Hebrew title of Deuteronomy is *Haddebarim*, "The Words," taken from the opening phrase in 1:1, "These be the words." The parting words of Moses to the new generation are given in oral and written form so that they will endure to all generations. Deuteronomy has been called "five-fifths of the Law" since it completes the five books of Moses. The Jewish people have also called it *Mishneh Hattorah*, "Repetition of the Law," which is translated in the Septuagint as *To Deuteronomion Touto*, "This Second Law." Deuteronomy, however, is not a second law but an adaptation and expansion of much of the original law given on Mount Sinai. The English title comes from the Greek title *Deuteronomion,* "Second Law." Deuteronomy has also been appropriately called the "Book of Remembrance."

WATCH WORDS

- **statute** (a command, civil enactment, legal prescription, or ritual law decreed by someone in authority)—5:1 (also 6:1)
- **do** (observe or keep, as instructions or commandments)—7:11 (also 4:6; 6:3)
- **go well** (produce a good outcome)—12:25 (also 4:40)
- **choose** (carefully select or accept)—14:2 (also 7:6)
- **worship** (bowing before someone to express submission)—26:10

Moses Recalls God's Command

1 These *be* the words which Moses spake unto all Israel on this side Jordan in the wilderness, in the plain over against the Red *sea,* between Paran, and Tophel, and Laban, and Hazeroth, and Dizahab.
2 *(There are* eleven days' *journey* from Horeb by the way of mount Seir unto Kadesh-barnea.)
3 And it came to pass in the fortieth year, in the eleventh month, on the first *day* of the month, *that* Moses spake unto the children of Israel, according unto all that the LORD had given him in commandment unto them;
4 After he had slain Sihon the king of the Amorites, which dwelt in Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, which dwelt at Astaroth in Edrei:
5 On this side Jordan, in the land of Moab, began Moses to declare this law, saying,
6 The LORD our God spake unto us in Horeb, saying, Ye have dwelt long enough in this mount:
7 Turn you, and take your journey, and go to the mount of the Amorites, and unto all *the places* nigh thereunto, in the plain, in the hills, and in the vale, and in the south, and by the sea side, to the land of the Canaanites, and unto Lebanon, unto the great river, the river Euphrates.
8 Behold, I have set the land before you: go in and possess the land which the LORD

sware unto your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give unto them and to their seed after them.

Leaders Appointed to Help Moses

9 And I spake unto you at that time, saying, I am not able to bear you myself alone:
10 The LORD your God hath multiplied you, and, behold, ye *are* this day as the stars of heaven for multitude.
11 (The LORD God of your fathers make you a thousand times so many more as ye *are,* and bless you, as he hath promised you!)
12 How can I myself alone bear your cumbrance, and your burden, and your strife?
13 Take you wise men, and understanding, and known among your tribes, and I will make them rulers over you.
14 And ye answered me, and said, The thing which thou hast spoken *is* good *for us* to do.
15 So I took the chief of your tribes, wise men, and known, and made them heads over you, captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, and captains over fifties, and captains over tens, and officers among your tribes.
16 And I charged your judges at that time, saying, Hear *the causes* between your brethren, and judge righteously between *every* man and his brother, and the stranger *that is* with him.
17 Ye shall not respect persons in judgment; *but* ye shall hear the small as well as the great; ye shall not be afraid of the face of man; for the judgment *is* God's: and the cause that is too hard for you, bring *it* unto me, and I will hear it.
18 And I commanded you at that time all the things which ye should do.

The Mountain of the Amorites

19 And when we departed from Horeb, we went through all that great and terrible wilderness, which ye saw by the way of the mountain of the Amorites, as the LORD our God commanded us; and we came to Kadesh-barnea.
20 And I said unto you, Ye are come unto the mountain of the Amorites, which the LORD our God doth give unto us.
21 Behold, the LORD thy God hath set the land before thee: go up *and* possess *it,* as the LORD God of thy fathers hath said unto thee; fear not, neither be discouraged.
22 And ye came near unto me every one of you, and said, We will send men before us, and they shall search us out the land, and bring us word again by what way we must go up, and into what cities we shall come.
23 And the saying pleased me well: and I took twelve men of you, one of a tribe:
24 And they turned and went up into the mountain, and came unto the valley of Eshcol, and searched it out.
25 And they took of the fruit of the land in their hands, and brought *it* down unto us, and brought us word again, and said, *It is* a good land which the LORD our God doth give us.

Israel Refuses to Enter the Land

26 Notwithstanding ye would not go up, but rebelled against the commandment of the LORD your God:
27 And ye murmured in your tents, and said, Because the LORD hated us, he hath brought us forth out of the land of Egypt, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us.
28 Whither shall we go up? our brethren have discouraged our heart, saying, The people *is* greater and taller than we; the cities *are* great and walled up to heaven; and moreover we have seen the sons of the Anakims there.
29 Then I said unto you, Dread not, neither be afraid of them.
30 The LORD your God which goeth before

1:8 swear

(Heb. *shaba*ʿ) (Gen. 24:7; Ex. 13:5; 1 Sam. 20:3; Ps. 95:11) H7650: In Hebrew, the verb translated *swear* is related to the word used for the number seven. In effect, the verb means "to bind oneself fully"—that is, "seven times." In ancient times, oaths were considered sacred. People who made oaths to God or to others were accepting the greatest accountability. They were promising to be faithful to their word no matter what the personal cost. The Old Testament describes God as taking an oath (Gen. 24:7; Ex. 13:5). He was not forced to do this; He did not have to swear in order to ensure His own compliance with His word. Instead, He made an oath so that His people would be assured that His promises were completely trustworthy.

1:8 Jacob ▸ *see Amos 7:2.*
1:11 so many more ▸ *see 2 Chr. 9:6.*
1:21 discouraged ▸ *see Jer. 30:10.*

you, he shall fight for you, according to all that he did for you in Egypt before your eyes;
31 And in the wilderness, where thou hast seen how that the LORD thy God bare thee, as a man doth bear his son, in all the way that ye went, until ye came into this place.
32 Yet in this thing ye did not believe the LORD your God,
33 Who went in the way before you, to search you out a place to pitch your tents *in,* in fire by night, to shew you by what way ye should go, and in a cloud by day.

The Present Generation Will Not Enter

34 And the LORD heard the voice of your words, and was wroth, and sware, saying,
35 Surely there shall not one of these men of this evil generation see that good land, which I sware to give unto your fathers,
36 Save Caleb the son of Jephunneh; he shall see it, and to him will I give the land that he hath trodden upon, and to his children, because he hath wholly followed the LORD.
37 Also the LORD was angry with me for your sakes, saying, Thou also shalt not go in thither.
38 *But* Joshua the son of Nun, which standeth before thee, he shall go in thither: encourage him: for he shall cause Israel to inherit it.
39 Moreover your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, and your children, which in that day had no knowledge between good and evil, they shall go in thither, and unto them will I give it, and they shall possess it.
40 But *as for* you, turn you, and take your journey into the wilderness by the way of the Red sea.

Israel Decides to Enter the Land

41 Then ye answered and said unto me, We have sinned against the LORD, we will go up and fight, according to all that the LORD our God commanded us. And when ye had girded on every man his weapons of war, ye were ready to go up into the hill.
42 And the LORD said unto me, Say unto them, Go not up, neither fight; for I *am* not among you; lest ye be smitten before your enemies.
43 So I spake unto you; and ye would not hear, but rebelled against the commandment of the LORD, and went presumptuously up into the hill.
44 And the Amorites, which dwelt in that mountain, came out against you, and chased you, as bees do, and destroyed you in Seir, *even* unto Hormah.
45 And ye returned and wept before the LORD; but the LORD would not hearken to your voice, nor give ear unto you.
46 So ye abode in Kadesh many days, according unto the days that ye abode *there.*

The Wilderness Years

2 Then we turned, and took our journey into the wilderness by the way of the Red sea, as the LORD spake unto me: and we compassed mount Seir many days.
2 And the LORD spake unto me, saying,
3 Ye have compassed this mountain long enough: turn you northward.
4 And command thou the people, saying, Ye *are* to pass through the coast of your brethren the children of Esau, which dwell in Seir; and they shall be afraid of you: take ye good heed unto yourselves therefore:
5 Meddle not with them; for I will not give you of their land, no, not so much as a foot breadth; because I have given mount Seir unto Esau *for* a possession.
6 Ye shall buy meat of them for money, that ye may eat; and ye shall also buy water of them for money, that ye may drink.
7 For the LORD thy God hath blessed thee in all the works of thy hand: he knoweth thy walking through this great wilderness: these forty years the LORD thy God *hath been* with thee; thou hast lacked nothing.
8 And when we passed by from our brethren the children of Esau, which dwelt in Seir, through the way of the plain from Elath, and from Ezion-gaber, we turned and passed by the way of the wilderness of Moab.

Do Not War with Moabites

9 And the LORD said unto me, Distress not the Moabites, neither contend with them in battle: for I will not give thee of their land *for* a possession; because I have given Ar unto the children of Lot *for* a possession.

1:30 fight ▸ *see Judg. 11:9.*
1:39 prey ▸ *see Ezek. 36:5.*
1:43 presumptuous ▸ *see Ex. 18:11.*
1:45 give ear ▸ *see Joel 1:2.*
2:3 northward ▸ *see Jer. 46:6.*

10 The Emims dwelt therein in times past, a people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakims;
11 Which also were accounted giants, as the Anakims; but the Moabites call them Emims.
12 The Horims also dwelt in Seir beforetime; but the children of Esau succeeded them, when they had destroyed them from before them, and dwelt in their stead; as Israel did unto the land of his possession, which the LORD gave unto them.
13 Now rise up, *said I,* and get you over the brook Zered. And we went over the brook Zered.
14 And the space in which we came from Kadesh-barnea, until we were come over the brook Zered, *was* thirty and eight years; until all the generation of the men of war were wasted out from among the host, as the LORD sware unto them.
15 For indeed the hand of the LORD was against them, to destroy them from among the host, until they were consumed.
16 So it came to pass, when all the men of war were consumed and dead from among the people,
17 That the LORD spake unto me, saying,
18 Thou art to pass over through Ar, the coast of Moab, this day:
19 And *when* thou comest nigh over against the children of Ammon, distress them not, nor meddle with them: for I will not give thee of the land of the children of Ammon *any* possession; because I have given it unto the children of Lot *for* a possession.
20 (That also was accounted a land of giants: giants dwelt therein in old time; and the Ammonites call them Zamzummims;
21 A people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakims; but the LORD destroyed them before them; and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead:
22 As he did to the children of Esau, which dwelt in Seir, when he destroyed the Horims from before them; and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead even unto this day:
23 And the Avims which dwelt in Hazerim, *even* unto Azzah, the Caphtorims, which came forth out of Caphtor, destroyed them, and dwelt in their stead.)

The Conquest Begins

24 Rise ye up, take your journey, and pass over the river Arnon: behold, I have given into thine hand Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land: begin to possess *it,* and contend with him in battle.
25 This day will I begin to put the dread of thee and the fear of thee upon the nations *that are* under the whole heaven, who shall hear report of thee, and shall tremble, and be in anguish because of thee.

Israel Requests Safe Passage

26 And I sent messengers out of the wilderness of Kedemoth unto Sihon king of Heshbon with words of peace, saying,
27 Let me pass through thy land: I will go along by the high way, I will neither turn unto the right hand nor to the left.
28 Thou shalt sell me meat for money, that I may eat; and give me water for money, that I may drink: only I will pass through on my feet;
29 (As the children of Esau which dwell in Seir, and the Moabites which dwell in Ar, did unto me;) until I shall pass over Jordan into the land which the LORD our God giveth us.
30 But Sihon king of Heshbon would not let us pass by him: for the LORD thy God hardened his spirit, and made his heart obstinate, that he might deliver him into thy hand, as *appeareth* this day.
31 And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have begun to give Sihon and his land before thee: begin to possess, that thou mayest inherit his land.

Israel Defeats Sihon

32 Then Sihon came out against us, he and all his people, to fight at Jahaz.

2:16 consume

(Heb. *tamam*) (Ps. 9:6; Lam. 3:22) H8552: The word is commonly translated as various iterations of the verb "be consumed" (Num. 14:35; Josh. 5:6; Ps. 73:19), but it can also mean to be complete or finished (Deut. 31:24) or to come to an end (Ps. 102:27). Lamentations 4:22 renders the word "accomplished." Genesis 47:18 uses the same word twice in slightly different variations, resulting in the translations "ended" and "spent." Job 22:3 and Isaiah 18:5 add a flavor of ultimate fulfillment with the rendering "perfect."

2:19 Ammon ▸ *see Num. 21:24.*
2:20 giant ▸ *see Josh. 12:4.*

33 And the LORD our God delivered him before us; and we smote him, and his sons, and all his people.
34 And we took all his cities at that time, and utterly destroyed the men, and the women, and the little ones, of every city, we left none to remain:
35 Only the cattle we took for a prey unto ourselves, and the spoil of the cities which we took.
36 From Aroer, which *is* by the brink of the river of Arnon, and *from* the city that *is* by the river, even unto Gilead, there was not one city too strong for us: the LORD our God delivered all unto us:
37 Only unto the land of the children of Ammon thou camest not, *nor* unto any place of the river Jabbok, nor unto the cities in the mountains, nor unto whatsoever the LORD our God forbad us.

Bashan Conquered

3 Then we turned, and went up the way to Bashan: and Og the king of Bashan came out against us, he and all his people, to battle at Edrei.
2 And the LORD said unto me, Fear him not: for I will deliver him, and all his people, and his land, into thy hand; and thou shalt do unto him as thou didst unto Sihon king of the Amorites, which dwelt at Heshbon.
3 So the LORD our God delivered into our hands Og also, the king of Bashan, and all his people: and we smote him until none was left to him remaining.
4 And we took all his cities at that time, there was not a city which we took not from them, threescore cities, all the region of Argob, the kingdom of Og in Bashan.
5 All these cities *were* fenced with high walls, gates, and bars; beside unwalled towns a great many.
6 And we utterly destroyed them, as we did unto Sihon king of Heshbon, utterly destroying the men, women, and children, of every city.
7 But all the cattle, and the spoil of the cities, we took for a prey to ourselves.

Land on the East Side of Jordan

8 And we took at that time out of the hand of the two kings of the Amorites the land that *was* on this side Jordan, from the river of Arnon unto mount Hermon;
9 (*Which* Hermon the Sidonians call Sirion; and the Amorites call it Shenir;)
10 All the cities of the plain, and all Gilead, and all Bashan, unto Salchah and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan.
11 For only Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of giants; behold, his bedstead *was* a bedstead of iron; *is* it not in Rabbath of the children of Ammon? nine cubits *was* the length thereof, and four cubits the breadth of it, after the cubit of a man.
12 And this land, *which* we possessed at that time, from Aroer, which *is* by the river Arnon, and half mount Gilead, and the cities thereof, gave I unto the Reubenites and to the Gadites.
13 And the rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, *being* the kingdom of Og, gave I unto the half tribe of Manasseh; all the region of Argob, with all Bashan, which was called the land of giants.
14 Jair the son of Manasseh took all the country of Argob unto the coasts of Geshuri and Maachathi; and called them after his own name, Bashan-havoth-jair, unto this day.
15 And I gave Gilead unto Machir.
16 And unto the Reubenites and unto the Gadites I gave from Gilead even unto the river Arnon half the valley, and the border even unto the river Jabbok, *which is* the border of the children of Ammon;
17 The plain also, and Jordan, and the coast *thereof,* from Chinnereth even unto the sea of the plain, *even* the salt sea, under Ashdoth-pisgah eastward.

3:5 bar ▸ *see Is. 15:5.*

3:10 plain

(Heb. *mishor*) (Josh. 13:21; 2 Chr. 26:10; Jer. 21:13) H4334: The literal meaning of the word is simply "a level country," but in Psalm 26, David uses it to imply integrity (Ps. 26:11, 12). Elsewhere in the Book of Psalms, the sense of moral uprightness is expanded even further: "a right sceptre" (Ps. 45:6); "judge the people righteously" (Ps. 67:4). The prophet Isaiah famously used the same word to mean a physical straightening of crooked paths while at the same time foretelling the future ministry of John the Baptist and of Jesus: "Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: and the glory of the LORD shall be revealed" (Is. 40:4, 5).

Men to Help Conquer Canaan

18 And I commanded you at that time, saying, The LORD your God hath given you this land to possess it: ye shall pass over armed before your brethren the children of Israel, all *that are* meet for the war.
19 But your wives, and your little ones, and your cattle, *(for* I know that ye have much cattle,) shall abide in your cities which I have given you;
20 Until the LORD have given rest unto your brethren, as well as unto you, and *until* they also possess the land which the LORD your God hath given them beyond Jordan: and *then* shall ye return every man unto his possession, which I have given you.

Joshua Assured of God's Presence

21 And I commanded Joshua at that time, saying, Thine eyes have seen all that the LORD your God hath done unto these two kings: so shall the LORD do unto all the kingdoms whither thou passest.
22 Ye shall not fear them: for the LORD your God he shall fight for you.
23 And I besought the LORD at that time, saying,
24 O Lord GOD, thou hast begun to shew thy servant thy greatness, and thy mighty hand: for what God *is there* in heaven or in earth, that can do according to thy works, and according to thy might?
25 I pray thee, let me go over, and see the good land that *is* beyond Jordan, that goodly mountain, and Lebanon.
26 But the LORD was wroth with me for your sakes, and would not hear me: and the LORD said unto me, Let it suffice thee; speak no more unto me of this matter.
27 Get thee up into the top of Pisgah, and lift up thine eyes westward, and northward, and southward, and eastward, and behold *it* with thine eyes: for thou shalt not go over this Jordan.

Joshua Will Lead People into the Land

28 But charge Joshua, and encourage him, and strengthen him: for he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which thou shalt see.
29 So we abode in the valley over against Beth-peor.

Israel Exhorted to Obey God

4 Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do *them,* that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers giveth you.
2 Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish *ought* from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.
3 Your eyes have seen what the LORD did because of Baal-peor: for all the men that followed Baal-peor, the LORD thy God hath destroyed them from among you.
4 But ye that did cleave unto the LORD your God *are* alive every one of you this day.
5 Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the LORD my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it.
6 Keep therefore and do *them;* for this *is* your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation *is* a wise and understanding people.
7 For what nation *is there so* great, who *hath* God *so* nigh unto them, as the LORD our God *is* in all *things that* we call upon him *for?*
8 And what nation *is there so* great, that hath statutes and judgments *so* righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?
9 Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons;
10 *Specially* the day that thou stoodest before the LORD thy God in Horeb, when the LORD said unto me, Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and *that* they may teach their children.
11 And ye came near and stood under the mountain; and the mountain burned with fire unto the midst of heaven, with darkness, clouds, and thick darkness.
12 And the LORD spake unto you out of the

3:27 behold ▸ *see Job 19:27.*
4:6 do ▸ *see Deut. 7:11.*
4:6 understanding ▸ *see Neh. 8:8.*

midst of the fire: ye heard the voice of the words, but saw no similitude; only *ye heard* a voice.
13 And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, *even* ten commandments; and he wrote them upon two tables of stone.

Idolatry Forbidden

14 And the LORD commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go over to possess it.
15 Take ye therefore good heed unto yourselves; for ye saw no manner of similitude on the day *that* the LORD spake unto you in Horeb out of the midst of the fire:
16 Lest ye corrupt *yourselves,* and make you a graven image, the similitude of any figure, the likeness of male or female,
17 The likeness of any beast that *is* on the earth, the likeness of any winged fowl that flieth in the air,
18 The likeness of any thing that creepeth on the ground, the likeness of any fish that *is* in the waters beneath the earth:
19 And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and the stars, *even* all the host of heaven, shouldest be driven to worship them, and serve them, which the LORD thy God hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven.
20 But the LORD hath taken you, and brought you forth out of the iron furnace, *even* out of Egypt, to be unto him a people of inheritance, as *ye are* this day.

Moses Will Not Enter Canaan

21 Furthermore the LORD was angry with me for your sakes, and sware that I should not go over Jordan, and that I should not go in unto that good land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance:
22 But I must die in this land, I must not go over Jordan: but ye shall go over, and possess that good land.
23 Take heed unto yourselves, lest ye forget the covenant of the LORD your God, which he made with you, and make you a graven image, *or* the likeness of any *thing,* which the LORD thy God hath forbidden thee.
24 For the LORD thy God *is* a consuming fire, *even* a jealous God.
25 When thou shalt beget children, and children's children, and ye shall have remained long in the land, and shall corrupt *yourselves,* and make a graven image, *or* the likeness of any *thing,* and shall do evil in the sight of the LORD thy God, to provoke him to anger:
26 I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that ye shall soon utterly perish from off the land whereunto ye go over Jordan to possess it; ye shall not prolong *your* days upon it, but shall utterly be destroyed.
27 And the LORD shall scatter you among the nations, and ye shall be left few in number among the heathen, whither the LORD shall lead you.
28 And there ye shall serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell.

God Will Hear If Israel Repents

29 But if from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find *him,* if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul.
30 When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, *even* in the latter days, if thou turn to the LORD thy God, and shalt be obedient unto his voice;
31 (For the LORD thy God *is* a merciful God;) he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee,

4:19 moon ▸ *see Ps. 121:6.*
4:20 inheritance ▸ *see Josh. 13:7.*

4:25 evil

(Heb. *ra`*) (Gen. 2:9; Job 1:1; Ps. 141:4; Jer. 3:5) H7451: Evil is primarily a force that opposes God and His work of righteousness in the world (Rom. 7:8–19). The word is also used for any disturbance to the harmonious order of the universe, such as disease (Ps. 41:8). But the Bible makes it plain that even these so-called "physical evils" are the result of a far more serious moral and spiritual evil that began with the fall of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden (Gen. 3). Evil comes from the hearts of people (Mark 7:20–23), but the ultimate source of evil in the world is Satan (Matt. 13:19; Luke 8:12). The Christian believer can rest assured that Jesus will triumph at the end of time, when Satan will be cast into a lake of fire and brimstone and evil will be overcome (Rev. 20:10).

4:26 soon ▸ *see Ps. 143:7.*
4:29 seek ▸ *see Hos. 5:15.*
4:31 destroy ▸ *see 1 Chr. 20:1.*

nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he sware unto them.

God Has Chosen Israel as His People

32 For ask now of the days that are past, which were before thee, since the day that God created man upon the earth, and *ask* from the one side of heaven unto the other, whether there hath been *any such thing* as this great thing *is,* or hath been heard like it?
33 Did *ever* people hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as thou hast heard, and live?
34 Or hath God assayed to go *and* take him a nation from the midst of *another* nation, by temptations, by signs, and by wonders, and by war, and by a mighty hand, and by a stretched out arm, and by great terrors, according to all that the LORD your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes?
35 Unto thee it was shewed, that thou mightest know that the LORD he *is* God; *there is* none else beside him.
36 Out of heaven he made thee to hear his voice, that he might instruct thee: and upon earth he shewed thee his great fire; and thou heardest his words out of the midst of the fire.
37 And because he loved thy fathers, therefore he chose their seed after them, and brought thee out in his sight with his mighty power out of Egypt;
38 To drive out nations from before thee greater and mightier than thou *art,* to bring thee in, to give thee their land *for* an inheritance, as *it is* this day.
39 Know therefore this day, and consider *it* in thine heart, that the LORD he *is* God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: *there is* none else.
40 Thou shalt keep therefore his statutes, and his commandments, which I command thee this day, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, and that thou mayest prolong *thy* days upon the earth, which the LORD thy God giveth thee, for ever.

Cities of Refuge

41 Then Moses severed three cities on this side Jordan toward the sunrising;
42 That the slayer might flee thither, which should kill his neighbour unawares, and hated him not in times past; and that fleeing unto one of these cities he might live:
43 *Namely,* Bezer in the wilderness, in the plain country, of the Reubenites; and Ramoth in Gilead, of the Gadites; and Golan in Bashan, of the Manassites.
44 And this *is* the law which Moses set before the children of Israel:
45 These *are* the testimonies, and the statutes, and the judgments, which Moses spake unto the children of Israel, after they came forth out of Egypt,
46 On this side Jordan, in the valley over against Beth-peor, in the land of Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon, whom Moses and the children of Israel smote, after they were come forth out of Egypt:
47 And they possessed his land, and the land of Og king of Bashan, two kings of the Amorites, which *were* on this side Jordan toward the sunrising;
48 From Aroer, which *is* by the bank of the river Arnon, even unto mount Sion, which *is* Hermon,
49 And all the plain on this side Jordan eastward, even unto the sea of the plain, under the springs of Pisgah.

Moses Recalls God's Covenant

5 And Moses called all Israel, and said unto them, Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your ears this day, that ye may learn them, and keep, and do them.

4:40 go well ▸ *see Deut. 12:25.*
4:40 prolong ▸ *see Job 6:11.*

5:1 statute

(Heb. *choq*) (Ex. 18:16; Deut. 6:1) H2706: The word conveys a variety of meanings in the Old Testament, including: a "portion" or "ration" of food (Gen. 47:22); the "boundary" or "limit" of the sea (Prov. 8:29); and an "allotment" of the sacrifices for the priests (Lev. 10:13). This term is derived from a verb that means "to decree," or "to inscribe" (Prov. 8:15; Is. 10:1; 49:16). The term often refers to commands, civil enactments, legal prescriptions, and ritual laws decreed by someone in authority—whether by humans (Mic. 6:16) or by God Himself (Deut. 6:1). The Law of Moses includes commandments (*mitsvah*), judgments (*mishpat*), and statutes (*choq*) (Deut. 4:1, 2). Israel was charged to obey God's statutes, and they had pledged to do so (Deut. 26:16, 17). Accordingly,

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2 The LORD our God made a covenant with us in Horeb.
3 The LORD made not this covenant with our fathers, but with us, *even* us, who *are* all of us here alive this day.
4 The LORD talked with you face to face in the mount out of the midst of the fire,
5 (I stood between the LORD and you at that time, to shew you the word of the LORD: for ye were afraid by reason of the fire, and went not up into the mount;) saying,

Israel Reminded of Commandments

6 I *am* the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.
7 Thou shalt have none other gods before me.
8 Thou shalt not make thee *any* graven image, *or* any likeness *of any thing* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the waters beneath the earth:
9 Thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me,
10 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.
11 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain: for the LORD will not hold *him* guiltless that taketh his name in vain.
12 Keep the sabbath day to sanctify it, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee.
13 Six days thou shalt labour, and do all thy work:
14 But the seventh day *is* the sabbath of the LORD thy God: *in it* thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thine ox, nor thine ass, nor any of thy cattle, nor thy stranger that *is* within thy gates; that thy manservant and thy maidservant may rest as well as thou.
15 And remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and *that* the LORD thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm: therefore the LORD thy God commanded thee to keep the sabbath day.
16 Honour thy father and thy mother, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.
17 Thou shalt not kill.
18 Neither shalt thou commit adultery.
19 Neither shalt thou steal.
20 Neither shalt thou bear false witness against thy neighbour.
21 Neither shalt thou desire thy neighbour's wife, neither shalt thou covet thy neighbour's house, his field, or his manservant, or his maidservant, his ox, or his ass, or any *thing* that *is* thy neighbour's.

Israel Fears God's Glory

22 These words the LORD spake unto all your assembly in the mount out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, with a great voice: and he added no more. And he wrote them in two tables of stone, and delivered them unto me.
23 And it came to pass, when ye heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness, (for the mountain did burn with fire,) that ye came near unto me, *even* all the heads of your tribes, and your elders;
24 And ye said, Behold, the LORD our God hath shewed us his glory and his greatness, and we have heard his voice out of the midst of the fire: we have seen this day that God doth talk with man, and he liveth.
25 Now therefore why should we die? for this great fire will consume us: if we hear the voice of the LORD our God any more, then we shall die.
26 For who *is there of* all flesh, that hath heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as we *have,* and lived?
27 Go thou near, and hear all that the LORD our God shall say: and speak thou unto us all that the LORD our God shall speak unto thee; and we will hear *it,* and do *it.*

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God's judgment was meted out against the Israelites when they disobeyed them (Amos 2:4; Ezek. 11:12; Mal. 3:7).

5:1 learn ▸ *see Is. 48:17.*
5:8 graven image ▸ *see Hab. 2:18.*
5:12 sabbath ▸ *see Num. 28:9.*
5:20 witness ▸ *see Mic. 1:2.*

God Will Use Moses to Teach Israel

28 And the LORD heard the voice of your words, when ye spake unto me; and the LORD said unto me, I have heard the voice of the words of this people, which they have spoken unto thee: they have well said all that they have spoken.
29 O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!
30 Go say to them, Get you into your tents again.
31 But as for thee, stand thou here by me, and I will speak unto thee all the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which thou shalt teach them, that they may do *them* in the land which I give them to possess it.
32 Ye shall observe to do therefore as the LORD your God hath commanded you: ye shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.
33 Ye shall walk in all the ways which the LORD your God hath commanded you, that ye may live, and *that it may be* well with you, and *that* ye may prolong *your* days in the land which ye shall possess.

Israel to Keep God's Commandments

6 Now these are the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which the LORD your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do *them* in the land whither ye go to possess it:
2 That thou mightest fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged.
3 Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do *it;* that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in the land that floweth with milk and honey.
4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God *is* one LORD:
5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.
6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:
7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.
8 And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.
9 And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

Israel to Serve the Lord

10 And it shall be, when the LORD thy God shall have brought thee into the land which he sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give thee great and goodly cities, which thou buildedst not,
11 And houses full of all good *things,* which thou filledst not, and wells digged, which thou diggedst not, vineyards and olive trees, which thou plantedst not; when thou shalt have eaten and be full;
12 *Then* beware lest thou forget the LORD, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.
13 Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God, and serve him, and shalt swear by his name.
14 Ye shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the people which *are* round about you;
15 (For the LORD thy God *is* a jealous God

5:33 possess ▸ *see Is. 54:3.*
6:1 statute ▸ *see Deut. 5:1.*
6:2 statute ▸ *see Lev. 20:8.*
6:3 observe ▸ *see Deut. 7:11.*
6:3 flow ▸ *see Lam. 4:9.*

6:4 one

(Heb. *'echad*) (Gen. 2:21; Dan. 9:1; Zeph. 3:9) H0259: The Lord is both a singular entity and also utterly unique. He is the embodiment of completeness, and there is no one else like Him. He is the first, the one and only God. Moses explains that when a man is joined to his wife, they "become one flesh" (Gen. 2:24). The prophet Zephaniah looked forward to a time when all the peoples would serve God "with one accord" (Zeph. 3:9), and Ezekiel prophesied that God would give His people "one heart" (Ezek. 11:19).

6:5 love ▸ *see Ps. 97:10.*
6:5 heart ▸ *see 1 Chr. 22:7.*
6:11 olive tree ▸ *see Deut. 28:40.*

among you) lest the anger of the LORD thy God be kindled against thee, and destroy thee from off the face of the earth.
16 Ye shall not tempt the LORD your God, as ye tempted *him* in Massah.
17 Ye shall diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, and his testimonies, and his statutes, which he hath commanded thee.
18 And thou shalt do *that which is* right and good in the sight of the LORD: that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest go in and possess the good land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers,
19 To cast out all thine enemies from before thee, as the LORD hath spoken.

Teach Children About Deliverance

20 *And* when thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, What *mean* the testimonies, and the statutes, and the judgments, which the LORD our God hath commanded you?
21 Then thou shalt say unto thy son, We were Pharaoh's bondmen in Egypt; and the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand:
22 And the LORD shewed signs and wonders, great and sore, upon Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his household, before our eyes:
23 And he brought us out from thence, that he might bring us in, to give us the land which he sware unto our fathers.
24 And the LORD commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as *it is* at this day.
25 And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before the LORD our God, as he hath commanded us.

Israel to Destroy the Canaanites

7 When the LORD thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and hath cast out many nations before thee, the Hittites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than thou;
2 And when the LORD thy God shall deliver them before thee; thou shalt smite them, *and* utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor shew mercy unto them:
3 Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son.
4 For they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods: so will the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and destroy thee suddenly.
5 But thus shall ye deal with them; ye shall destroy their altars, and break down their images, and cut down their groves, and burn their graven images with fire.

God Has Chosen Israel

6 For thou *art* an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that *are* upon the face of the earth.
7 The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye *were* the fewest of all people:
8 But because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.
9 Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he *is* God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;
10 And repayeth them that hate him to their face, to destroy them: he will not be slack to him that hateth him, he will repay him to his face.
11 Thou shalt therefore keep the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which I command thee this day, to do them.

6:15 anger ▸ *see 2 Kin. 13:3.*
6:18 good ▸ *see Ezek. 34:14.*
7:6 choose ▸ *see Deut. 14:2.*
7:9 generation ▸ *see Esth. 9:28.*

7:11 do

(Heb. *'asah*) (Deut. 4:6; 6:3) H6213: The most common rendering of this word is "do" or "done," as Genesis 24:66 ("all things that he had done"). Another common meaning is "to make" or "to create"; the same word is used throughout the creation account in Genesis 1: "God made the firmament"

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God Will Honor His Covenant

12 Wherefore it shall come to pass, if ye hearken to these judgments, and keep, and do them, that the LORD thy God shall keep unto thee the covenant and the mercy which he sware unto thy fathers:
13 And he will love thee, and bless thee, and multiply thee: he will also bless the fruit of thy womb, and the fruit of thy land, thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep, in the land which he sware unto thy fathers to give thee.
14 Thou shalt be blessed above all people: there shall not be male or female barren among you, or among your cattle.
15 And the LORD will take away from thee all sickness, and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, upon thee; but will lay them upon all *them* that hate thee.
16 And thou shalt consume all the people which the LORD thy God shall deliver thee; thine eye shall have no pity upon them: neither shalt thou serve their gods; for that *will be* a snare unto thee.
17 If thou shalt say in thine heart, These nations *are* more than I; how can I dispossess them?
18 Thou shalt not be afraid of them: *but* shalt well remember what the LORD thy God did unto Pharaoh, and unto all Egypt;
19 The great temptations which thine eyes saw, and the signs, and the wonders, and the mighty hand, and the stretched out arm, whereby the LORD thy God brought thee out: so shall the LORD thy God do unto all the people of whom thou art afraid.
20 Moreover the LORD thy God will send the hornet among them, until they that are left, and hide themselves from thee, be destroyed.
21 Thou shalt not be affrighted at them: for the LORD thy God *is* among you, a mighty God and terrible.

Israel Will Conquer Nations

22 And the LORD thy God will put out those nations before thee by little and little: thou mayest not consume them at once, lest the beasts of the field increase upon thee.
23 But the LORD thy God shall deliver them unto thee, and shall destroy them with a mighty destruction, until they be destroyed.
24 And he shall deliver their kings into thine hand, and thou shalt destroy their name from under heaven: there shall no man be able to stand before thee, until thou have destroyed them.
25 The graven images of their gods shall ye burn with fire: thou shalt not desire the silver or gold *that is* on them, nor take *it* unto thee, lest thou be snared therein: for it *is* an abomination to the LORD thy God.
26 Neither shalt thou bring an abomination into thine house, lest thou be a cursed thing like it: *but* thou shalt utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it; for it *is* a cursed thing.

Remember God's Care in the Wilderness

8 All the commandments which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers.
2 And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, *and* to prove thee, to know what *was* in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no.
3 And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every *word* that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.
4 Thy raiment waxed not old upon thee, neither did thy foot swell, these forty years.
5 Thou shalt also consider in thine heart, that, as a man chasteneth his son, *so* the LORD thy God chasteneth thee.
6 Therefore thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to fear him.

God Has Provided a Good Land

7 For the LORD thy God bringeth thee

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(Gen. 1:7); "God made two great lights" (Gen. 1:16); "God made the beast of the earth" (Gen. 1:25). A similar construction is found in Isaiah 37:16 ("You have made heaven and earth").

7:13 wine ▸ *see Neh. 13:12.*
8:3 live ▸ *see Hab. 2:4.*

into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills;
8 A land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of oil olive, and honey;
9 A land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness, thou shalt not lack any *thing* in it; a land whose stones *are* iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass.
10 When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the LORD thy God for the good land which he hath given thee.

Israel Warned Not to Forget the Lord

11 Beware that thou forget not the LORD thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day:
12 Lest *when* thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt *therein;*
13 And *when* thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied;
14 Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the LORD thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage;
15 Who led thee through that great and terrible wilderness, *wherein were* fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where *there was* no water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint;
16 Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end;
17 And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of *mine* hand hath gotten me this wealth.
18 But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for *it is* he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as *it is* this day.
19 And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the LORD thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish.
20 As the nations which the LORD destroyeth before your face, so shall ye perish; because ye would not be obedient unto the voice of the LORD your God.

Israel to Possess the Land

9 Hear, O Israel: Thou *art* to pass over Jordan this day, to go in to possess nations greater and mightier than thyself, cities great and fenced up to heaven,
2 A people great and tall, the children of the Anakims, whom thou knowest, and *of whom* thou hast heard *say,* Who can stand before the children of Anak!
3 Understand therefore this day, that the LORD thy God *is* he which goeth over before thee; *as* a consuming fire he shall destroy them, and he shall bring them down before thy face: so shalt thou drive them out, and destroy them quickly, as the LORD hath said unto thee.
4 Speak not thou in thine heart, after that the LORD thy God hath cast them out from before thee, saying, For my righteousness the LORD hath brought me in to possess this land: but for the wickedness of these nations the LORD doth drive them out from before thee.
5 Not for thy righteousness, or for the uprightness of thine heart, dost thou go to possess their land: but for the wickedness of these nations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee, and that he may perform the word which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
6 Understand therefore, that the LORD thy God giveth thee not this good land to possess it for thy righteousness; for thou *art* a stiffnecked people.

8:13 multiply ▸ *see Ex. 11:9.*
8:15 scorpion ▸ *see 2 Chr. 10:14.*

8:18 power

(Heb. *koach*) (Ex. 15:6; 1 Chr. 29:12) H3581: This verse clearly contrasts our (limited) human power (Deut. 8:17) against God's (absolute) divine power. Thus it was God's power that was exalted when the people crossed the Red Sea (Ex. 15:6), and it is only in God's hand that real power lies (1 Chr. 29:12). However, God shares some of that power with us, as He did with Samson (Judg. 16:17), Zechariah (Zech. 4:6), and Micah (Mic. 3:8). This word can also represent human strength, as Jacob spoke of Reuben being his "might" (Gen. 49:3).

9:4 wickedness ▸ *see Zech. 5:8.*

Israel's Rebellion Remembered

7 Remember, *and* forget not, how thou provokedst the LORD thy God to wrath in the wilderness: from the day that thou didst depart out of the land of Egypt, until ye came unto this place, ye have been rebellious against the LORD.
8 Also in Horeb ye provoked the LORD to wrath, so that the LORD was angry with you to have destroyed you.

God Gives Moses Two Stone Tables

9 When I was gone up into the mount to receive the tables of stone, *even* the tables of the covenant which the LORD made with you, then I abode in the mount forty days and forty nights, I neither did eat bread nor drink water:
10 And the LORD delivered unto me two tables of stone written with the finger of God; and on them *was written* according to all the words, which the LORD spake with you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly.
11 And it came to pass at the end of forty days and forty nights, *that* the LORD gave me the two tables of stone, *even* the tables of the covenant.

The Golden Calf

12 And the LORD said unto me, Arise, get thee down quickly from hence; for thy people which thou hast brought forth out of Egypt have corrupted *themselves;* they are quickly turned aside out of the way which I commanded them; they have made them a molten image.
13 Furthermore the LORD spake unto me, saying, I have seen this people, and, behold, it *is* a stiffnecked people:
14 Let me alone, that I may destroy them, and blot out their name from under heaven: and I will make of thee a nation mightier and greater than they.
15 So I turned and came down from the mount, and the mount burned with fire: and the two tables of the covenant *were* in my two hands.
16 And I looked, and, behold, ye had sinned against the LORD your God, *and* had made you a molten calf: ye had turned aside quickly out of the way which the LORD had commanded you.

Moses Breaks Tables of Stone

17 And I took the two tables, and cast them out of my two hands, and brake them before your eyes.
18 And I fell down before the LORD, as at the first, forty days and forty nights: I did neither eat bread, nor drink water, because of all your sins which ye sinned, in doing wickedly in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.
19 For I was afraid of the anger and hot displeasure, wherewith the LORD was wroth against you to destroy you. But the LORD hearkened unto me at that time also.
20 And the LORD was very angry with Aaron to have destroyed him: and I prayed for Aaron also the same time.
21 And I took your sin, the calf which ye had made, and burnt it with fire, and stamped it, *and* ground *it* very small, *even* until it was as small as dust: and I cast the dust thereof into the brook that descended out of the mount.

Times of Rebellion Remembered

22 And at Taberah, and at Massah, and at Kibroth-hattaavah, ye provoked the LORD to wrath.
23 Likewise when the LORD sent you from Kadesh-barnea, saying, Go up and possess the land which I have given you; then ye rebelled against the commandment of the LORD your God, and ye believed him not, nor hearkened to his voice.

9:7 forget ▸ *see Eccl. 9:5.*

9:9 mount

(Heb. *har*) (Gen. 7:20; Ex. 19:12; Is. 2:2; Hag. 1:8) H2022: The word can mean either a single mountain (Ex. 24:17) or a hill country (1 Kin. 22:17; Ps. 104:18). Many mountains are prominently featured in Scripture. Notable examples include the mountains of Ararat, where Noah's ark came to rest after the Flood (Gen. 8:4); Mount Moriah, where Abraham was willing to sacrifice his son Isaac (Gen. 22:2) and where the temple was later built (2 Chr. 3:1); Mount Carmel, where Elijah defeated the prophets of Baal (1 Kin. 18:19); Mount Sinai, where God spoke to Moses (Ex. 19:1–3) and gave him the Ten Commandments (Ex. 20:1–17); and Mount Zion, whose name became essentially synonymous with the City of God (see Ps. 87:2, 3; Is. 60:14).

9:19 displeasure ▸ *see Ezek. 7:8.*

24 Ye have been rebellious against the LORD from the day that I knew you.
25 Thus I fell down before the LORD forty days and forty nights, as I fell down *at the first;* because the LORD had said he would destroy you.
26 I prayed therefore unto the LORD, and said, O Lord GOD, destroy not thy people and thine inheritance, which thou hast redeemed through thy greatness, which thou hast brought forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand.
27 Remember thy servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; look not unto the stubbornness of this people, nor to their wickedness, nor to their sin:
28 Lest the land whence thou broughtest us out say, Because the LORD was not able to bring them into the land which he promised them, and because he hated them, he hath brought them out to slay them in the wilderness.
29 Yet they *are* thy people and thine inheritance, which thou broughtest out by thy mighty power and by thy stretched out arm.

The Second Set of Tables of Stone

10 At that time the LORD said unto me, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first, and come up unto me into the mount, and make thee an ark of wood.
2 And I will write on the tables the words that were in the first tables which thou brakest, and thou shalt put them in the ark.
3 And I made an ark *of* shittim wood, and hewed two tables of stone like unto the first, and went up into the mount, having the two tables in mine hand.
4 And he wrote on the tables, according to the first writing, the ten commandments, which the LORD spake unto you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly: and the LORD gave them unto me.
5 And I turned myself and came down from the mount, and put the tables in the ark which I had made; and there they be, as the LORD commanded me.

The Journey Continues

6 And the children of Israel took their journey from Beeroth of the children of Jaakan to Mosera: there Aaron died, and there he was buried; and Eleazar his son ministered in the priest's office in his stead.
7 From thence they journeyed unto Gudgodah; and from Gudgodah to Jotbath, a land of rivers of waters.
8 At that time the LORD separated the tribe of Levi, to bear the ark of the covenant of the LORD, to stand before the LORD to minister unto him, and to bless in his name, unto this day.
9 Wherefore Levi hath no part nor inheritance with his brethren; the LORD *is* his inheritance, according as the LORD thy God promised him.
10 And I stayed in the mount, according to the first time, forty days and forty nights; and the LORD hearkened unto me at that time also, *and* the LORD would not destroy thee.
11 And the LORD said unto me, Arise, take *thy* journey before the people, that they may go in and possess the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give unto them.

God's Requirements of Israel

12 And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,
13 To keep the commandments of the LORD, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?
14 Behold, the heaven and the heaven of

9:28 hate ▸ *see Ps. 109:5.*
10:6 die ▸ *see 2 Sam. 19:6.*

10:6 minister in the priest's office

(Heb. *kahan*) (Ex. 28:1; 40:13; Ezek. 44:13) H3547: The Hebrew root means both to interpret signs and to undertake another's cause. Since a key role of priests in Israel was to mediate between God and people, the verb makes sense in its common usage: to act as a priest. The high priest used the Urim and Thummim to determine the will of God in certain situations (Num. 27:21; Deut. 33:8), and priests served as intercessors for the people of Israel, offering sacrifices and offerings on their behalf (Lev. 16:5) and returning divine blessings (Num. 6:22–27). Hebrews makes it clear that Christ now ministers as High Priest (Heb. 7:13–17) and intercessor for His people (Heb. 9:24). His followers are likewise referred to as priests (1 Pet. 2:9).

heavens *is* the LORD's thy God, the earth *also,* with all that therein *is.*
15 Only the LORD had a delight in thy fathers to love them, and he chose their seed after them, *even* you above all people, as *it is* this day.
16 Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiffnecked.
17 For the LORD your God *is* God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward:
18 He doth execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment.
19 Love ye therefore the stranger: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.
20 Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God; him shalt thou serve, and to him shalt thou cleave, and swear by his name.
21 He *is* thy praise, and he *is* thy God, that hath done for thee these great and terrible things, which thine eyes have seen.
22 Thy fathers went down into Egypt with threescore and ten persons; and now the LORD thy God hath made thee as the stars of heaven for multitude.

God's Great Acts

11 Therefore thou shalt love the LORD thy God, and keep his charge, and his statutes, and his judgments, and his commandments, alway.
2 And know ye this day: for *I speak* not with your children which have not known, and which have not seen the chastisement of the LORD your God, his greatness, his mighty hand, and his stretched out arm,
3 And his miracles, and his acts, which he did in the midst of Egypt unto Pharaoh the king of Egypt, and unto all his land;
4 And what he did unto the army of Egypt, unto their horses, and to their chariots; how he made the water of the Red sea to overflow them as they pursued after you, and *how* the LORD hath destroyed them unto this day;
5 And what he did unto you in the wilderness, until ye came into this place;
6 And what he did unto Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, the son of Reuben: how the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their households, and their tents, and all the substance that *was* in their possession, in the midst of all Israel:
7 But your eyes have seen all the great acts of the LORD which he did.

The Land of Milk and Honey

8 Therefore shall ye keep all the commandments which I command you this day, that ye may be strong, and go in and possess the land, whither ye go to possess it;
9 And that ye may prolong *your* days in the land, which the LORD sware unto your fathers to give unto them and to their seed, a land that floweth with milk and honey.
10 For the land, whither thou goest in to possess it, *is* not as the land of Egypt, from whence ye came out, where thou sowedst thy seed, and wateredst *it* with thy foot, as a garden of herbs:
11 But the land, whither ye go to possess it, *is* a land of hills and valleys, *and* drinketh water of the rain of heaven:
12 A land which the LORD thy God careth for: the eyes of the LORD thy God *are* always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year.

God Will Send Rain and Harvest

13 And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love the LORD your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul,
14 That I will give *you* the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil.
15 And I will send grass in thy fields for thy cattle, that thou mayest eat and be full.
16 Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them;
17 And *then* the LORD's wrath be kindled against you, and he shut up the heaven, that there be no rain, and that the land yield not her fruit; and *lest* ye perish quickly from off the good land which the LORD giveth you.

10:16 stiffnecked ▸ *see 1 Sam. 5:7.*
10:17 lord ▸ *see Mic. 4:13.*
10:18 fatherless ▸ *see Job 22:9.*
10:20 cleave ▸ *see Josh. 23:8.*
10:22 father ▸ *see Ps. 68:5.*
11:1 charge ▸ *see Ezek. 48:11.*
11:2 chastisement ▸ *see Prov. 8:10.*
11:12 always ▸ *see Ex. 28:30.*

Love the Lord

18 Therefore shall ye lay up these my words
in your heart and in your soul, and bind
them for a sign upon your hand, that they
may be as frontlets between your eyes.
19 And ye shall teach them your children,
speaking of them when thou sittest in
thine house, and when thou walkest by the
way, when thou liest down, and when thou
risest up.
20 And thou shalt write them upon the door
posts of thine house, and upon thy gates:
21 That your days may be multiplied, and
the days of your children, in the land which
the LORD sware unto your fathers to give
them, as the days of heaven upon the earth.
22 For if ye shall diligently keep all these
commandments which I command you, to
do them, to love the LORD your God, to walk
in all his ways, and to cleave unto him;
23 Then will the LORD drive out all these
nations from before you, and ye shall possess
greater nations and mightier than yourselves.
24 Every place whereon the soles of your feet
shall tread shall be yours: from the wilder-
ness and Lebanon, from the river, the river
Euphrates, even unto the uttermost sea shall
your coast be.
25 There shall no man be able to stand
before you: *for* the LORD your God shall lay
the fear of you and the dread of you upon all
the land that ye shall tread upon, as he hath
said unto you.
26 Behold, I set before you this day a blessing
and a curse;
27 A blessing, if ye obey the commandments
of the LORD your God, which I command
you this day:
28 And a curse, if ye will not obey the
commandments of the LORD your God, but
turn aside out of the way which I command
you this day, to go after other gods, which ye
have not known.
29 And it shall come to pass, when the LORD
thy God hath brought thee in unto the land
whither thou goest to possess it, that thou
shalt put the blessing upon mount Gerizim,
and the curse upon mount Ebal.
30 *Are* they not on the other side Jordan, by
the way where the sun goeth down, in the
land of the Canaanites, which dwell in
the champaign over against Gilgal, beside
the plains of Moreh?
31 For ye shall pass over Jordan to go in to
possess the land which the LORD your God
giveth you, and ye shall possess it, and dwell
therein.
32 And ye shall observe to do all the statutes
and judgments which I set before you this
day.

Destroy Places of Idol Worship

12 These *are* the statutes and judgments,
which ye shall observe to do in the
land, which the LORD God of thy fathers
giveth thee to possess it, all the days that ye
live upon the earth.
2 Ye shall utterly destroy all the places,
wherein the nations which ye shall possess
served their gods, upon the high mountains,
and upon the hills, and under every green
tree:
3 And ye shall overthrow their altars, and
break their pillars, and burn their groves
with fire; and ye shall hew down the graven
images of their gods, and destroy the names
of them out of that place.
4 Ye shall not do so unto the LORD your
God.

Sacrifice in a Place Chosen by God

5 But unto the place which the LORD your
God shall choose out of all your tribes to put
his name there, *even* unto his habitation shall
ye seek, and thither thou shalt come:
6 And thither ye shall bring your burnt
offerings, and your sacrifices, and your
tithes, and heave offerings of your hand,

11:25 tread

(Heb. *darach*) (Num. 24:17; Deut. 33:29; Ps. 119:35) H1869: Here the people are promised all the land that they will walk (tread) on, as Caleb was given "the land that he hath trodden upon" (Deut. 1:36). The word can also imply destruction, as the people were to "tread upon their high places" (Deut. 33:29). Since bows were often strung by stepping on them, archers "drew" (trod) their bows (2 Chr. 14:8), and olives were trodden on to make oil (Mic. 6:15). The most significant use is prophetic: "There shall come [*darach*] a Star out of Jacob" (Num. 24:17).

11:26 curse ▸ *see Jer. 44:8.*
11:27 blessing ▸ *see Is. 19:24.*
12:3 pillar ▸ *see Deut. 16:22.*
12:6 burnt offering ▸ *see Deut. 27:6.*

and your vows, and your freewill offerings, and the firstlings of your herds and of your flocks:
7 And there ye shall eat before the LORD your God, and ye shall rejoice in all that ye put your hand unto, ye and your households, wherein the LORD thy God hath blessed thee.
8 Ye shall not do after all *the things* that we do here this day, every man whatsoever *is* right in his own eyes.
9 For ye are not as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance, which the LORD your God giveth you.
10 But *when* ye go over Jordan, and dwell in the land which the LORD your God giveth you to inherit, and *when* he giveth you rest from all your enemies round about, so that ye dwell in safety;
11 Then there shall be a place which the LORD your God shall choose to cause his name to dwell there; thither shall ye bring all that I command you; your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, your tithes, and the heave offering of your hand, and all your choice vows which ye vow unto the LORD:
12 And ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God, ye, and your sons, and your daughters, and your menservants, and your maidservants, and the Levite that *is* within your gates; forasmuch as he hath no part nor inheritance with you.
13 Take heed to thyself that thou offer not thy burnt offerings in every place that thou seest:
14 But in the place which the LORD shall choose in one of thy tribes, there thou shalt offer thy burnt offerings, and there thou shalt do all that I command thee.
15 Notwithstanding thou mayest kill and eat flesh in all thy gates, whatsoever thy soul lusteth after, according to the blessing of the LORD thy God which he hath given thee: the unclean and the clean may eat thereof, as of the roebuck, and as of the hart.
16 Only ye shall not eat the blood; ye shall pour it upon the earth as water.

Holy Food Eaten in God's Chosen Place

17 Thou mayest not eat within thy gates the tithe of thy corn, or of thy wine, or of thy oil, or the firstlings of thy herds or of thy flock, nor any of thy vows which thou vowest, nor thy freewill offerings, or heave offering of thine hand:
18 But thou must eat them before the LORD thy God in the place which the LORD thy God shall choose, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite that *is* within thy gates: and thou shalt rejoice before the LORD thy God in all that thou puttest thine hands unto.
19 Take heed to thyself that thou forsake not the Levite as long as thou livest upon the earth.

Food Eaten in the Gates

20 When the LORD thy God shall enlarge thy border, as he hath promised thee, and thou shalt say, I will eat flesh, because thy soul longeth to eat flesh; thou mayest eat flesh, whatsoever thy soul lusteth after.
21 If the place which the LORD thy God hath chosen to put his name there be too far from thee, then thou shalt kill of thy herd and of thy flock, which the LORD hath given thee, as I have commanded thee, and thou shalt eat in thy gates whatsoever thy soul lusteth after.
22 Even as the roebuck and the hart is eaten, so thou shalt eat them: the unclean and the clean shall eat *of* them alike.
23 Only be sure that thou eat not the blood: for the blood *is* the life; and thou mayest not eat the life with the flesh.
24 Thou shalt not eat it; thou shalt pour it upon the earth as water.
25 Thou shalt not eat it; that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee,

12:10 rest ▸ *see Josh. 14:15.*
12:20 enlarge ▸ *see Deut. 19:8.*

12:25 go well

(Heb. *yatab*) (Deut. 4:40; Ruth 3:1; Jer. 7:23) H3190: The Hebrew word implies a future reality, and renderings in phrases such as "that it may be well with me" (Gen. 12:13) and "that it might be well with them and with their children forever" (Deut. 5:29) reflect this. A more common translation, however, is "good" (as "do you good"—Deut. 28:63; or "doeth good"—Prov. 17:22), and a related meaning is "pleased" (or seemed good to, as in Joshua 22:33—"the thing pleased the children of Israel"). Another positive but somewhat less directly related rendering is "merry" (Judg. 19:6; Ruth 3:7).

when thou shalt do *that which is* right in the sight of the LORD.
26 Only thy holy things which thou hast, and thy vows, thou shalt take, and go unto the place which the LORD shall choose:
27 And thou shalt offer thy burnt offerings, the flesh and the blood, upon the altar of the LORD thy God: and the blood of thy sacrifices shall be poured out upon the altar of the LORD thy God, and thou shalt eat the flesh.
28 Observe and hear all these words which I command thee, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee for ever, when thou doest *that which is* good and right in the sight of the LORD thy God.
29 When the LORD thy God shall cut off the nations from before thee, whither thou goest to possess them, and thou succeedest them, and dwellest in their land;
30 Take heed to thyself that thou be not snared by following them, after that they be destroyed from before thee; and that thou enquire not after their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their gods? even so will I do likewise.
31 Thou shalt not do so unto the LORD thy God: for every abomination to the LORD, which he hateth, have they done unto their gods; for even their sons and their daughters they have burnt in the fire to their gods.
32 What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.

False Prophets to Be Destroyed

13 If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder,
2 And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them;
3 Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.
4 Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him.
5 And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death; because he hath spoken to turn *you* away from the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to thrust thee out of the way which the LORD thy God commanded thee to walk in. So shalt thou put the evil away from the midst of thee.
6 If thy brother, the son of thy mother, or thy son, or thy daughter, or the wife of thy bosom, or thy friend, which *is* as thine own soul, entice thee secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which thou hast not known, thou, nor thy fathers;
7 *Namely,* of the gods of the people which *are* round about you, nigh unto thee, or far off from thee, from the *one* end of the earth even unto the *other* end of the earth;
8 Thou shalt not consent unto him, nor hearken unto him; neither shall thine eye pity him, neither shalt thou spare, neither shalt thou conceal him:
9 But thou shalt surely kill him; thine hand shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people.
10 And thou shalt stone him with stones, that he die; because he hath sought to thrust thee away from the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.
11 And all Israel shall hear, and fear, and shall do no more any such wickedness as this is among you.

Israel to Destroy Idolatrous Cities

12 If thou shalt hear *say* in one of thy cities,

12:25 right ▸ *see 2 Chr. 20:32.*
13:1 prophet ▸ *see Jer. 37:6.*
13:1 dreamer ▸ *see Deut. 13:5.*
13:4 walk ▸ *see Gen. 5:24.*
13:4 cleave ▸ *see Josh. 23:8.*

13:5 dreamer

(Heb. *chalam*) (Gen. 37:6; Deut. 13:1; Dan. 2:3; Joel 2:28) H2492: The Hebrew word means fat or fleshy, as an infant, and its rendering "good liking" in Job 39:4 reflects that meaning. The most common translation is "dreamed," perhaps because of a perceived correlation between fatness (health) and sleep and dreams in the ancient world. Only in Deuteronomy is the word is used to refer to the person who is dreaming. While legitimate prophets often received divine messages in dreams (Num. 12:6), here the word refers to a false prophet, a "dreamer of dreams."

which the LORD thy God hath given thee to dwell there, saying,
13 *Certain* men, the children of Belial, are gone out from among you, and have withdrawn the inhabitants of their city, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which ye have not known;
14 Then shalt thou enquire, and make search, and ask diligently; and, behold, *if it be* truth, *and* the thing certain, *that* such abomination is wrought among you;
15 Thou shalt surely smite the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword, destroying it utterly, and all that *is* therein, and the cattle thereof, with the edge of the sword.
16 And thou shalt gather all the spoil of it into the midst of the street thereof, and shalt burn with fire the city, and all the spoil thereof every whit, for the LORD thy God: and it shall be an heap for ever; it shall not be built again.
17 And there shall cleave nought of the cursed thing to thine hand: that the LORD may turn from the fierceness of his anger, and shew thee mercy, and have compassion upon thee, and multiply thee, as he hath sworn unto thy fathers;
18 When thou shalt hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep all his commandments which I command thee this day, to do *that which is* right in the eyes of the LORD thy God.

Self-Disfigurement Prohibited

14 Ye *are* the children of the LORD your God: ye shall not cut yourselves, nor make any baldness between your eyes for the dead.
2 For thou *art* an holy people unto the LORD thy God, and the LORD hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that *are* upon the earth.

Regarding Clean and Unclean Meat

3 Thou shalt not eat any abominable thing.
4 These *are* the beasts which ye shall eat: the ox, the sheep, and the goat,
5 The hart, and the roebuck, and the fallow deer, and the wild goat, and the pygarg, and the wild ox, and the chamois.
6 And every beast that parteth the hoof, and cleaveth the cleft into two claws, *and* cheweth the cud among the beasts, that ye shall eat.
7 Nevertheless these ye shall not eat of them that chew the cud, or of them that divide the cloven hoof; *as* the camel, and the hare, and the coney: for they chew the cud, but divide not the hoof; *therefore* they *are* unclean unto you.
8 And the swine, because it divideth the hoof, yet cheweth not the cud, it *is* unclean unto you: ye shall not eat of their flesh, nor touch their dead carcase.
9 These ye shall eat of all that *are* in the waters: all that have fins and scales shall ye eat:
10 And whatsoever hath not fins and scales ye may not eat; it *is* unclean unto you.

Birds

11 *Of* all clean birds ye shall eat.
12 But these *are they* of which ye shall not eat: the eagle, and the ossifrage, and the ospray,
13 And the glede, and the kite, and the vulture after his kind,
14 And every raven after his kind,
15 And the owl, and the night hawk, and the cuckow, and the hawk after his kind,
16 The little owl, and the great owl, and the swan,
17 And the pelican, and the gier eagle, and the cormorant,
18 And the stork, and the heron after her kind, and the lapwing, and the bat.

13:14 make search ▸ *see Job 32:11.*
13:15 destroy utterly ▸ *see 1 Sam. 15:9.*
13:16 gather ▸ *see 1 Sam. 7:7.*
13:16 burn ▸ *see Judg. 12:1.*

14:2 choose

(Heb. *bachar*) (Deut. 7:6; Neh. 9:7; Is. 14:1; Hag. 2:23) H0977: The Hebrew word translated "chosen" implies a decision made after close inspection. Thus in the Old Testament, the word is used to describe the careful action of "selecting" or "accepting." Sometimes the word is used for the choice of an object (1 Sam. 17:40) or the choice to do good (Is. 7:15, 16). In the Old Testament, it is often God who chooses. The Lord chose Abraham (Neh. 9:7), the nation of Israel (Deut. 4:37), and finally David's family (2 Sam. 6:21). He chose, or elected, these people so that He could accomplish His will, the salvation of the world, through them (Is. 49:6). This choice was founded on His own love (Deut. 4:37).

19 And every creeping thing that flieth *is* unclean unto you: they shall not be eaten.
20 *But of* all clean fowls ye may eat.
21 Ye shall not eat *of* any thing that dieth of itself: thou shalt give it unto the stranger that *is* in thy gates, that he may eat it; or thou mayest sell it unto an alien: for thou *art* an holy people unto the LORD thy God. Thou shalt not seethe a kid in his mother's milk.

Laws Regarding Tithing

22 Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year.
23 And thou shalt eat before the LORD thy God, in the place which he shall choose to place his name there, the tithe of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the firstlings of thy herds and of thy flocks; that thou mayest learn to fear the LORD thy God always.
24 And if the way be too long for thee, so that thou art not able to carry it; *or* if the place be too far from thee, which the LORD thy God shall choose to set his name there, when the LORD thy God hath blessed thee:
25 Then shalt thou turn *it* into money, and bind up the money in thine hand, and shalt go unto the place which the LORD thy God shall choose:
26 And thou shalt bestow that money for whatsoever thy soul lusteth after, for oxen, or for sheep, or for wine, or for strong drink, or for whatsoever thy soul desireth: and thou shalt eat there before the LORD thy God, and thou shalt rejoice, thou, and thine household,
27 And the Levite that *is* within thy gates; thou shalt not forsake him; for he hath no part nor inheritance with thee.
28 At the end of three years thou shalt bring forth all the tithe of thine increase the same year, and shalt lay *it* up within thy gates:
29 And the Levite, (because he hath no part nor inheritance with thee,) and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, which *are* within thy gates, shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied; that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hand which thou doest.

The Year of Release

15 At the end of *every* seven years thou shalt make a release.
2 And this *is* the manner of the release: Every creditor that lendeth *ought* unto his neighbour shall release *it;* he shall not exact *it* of his neighbour, or of his brother; because it is called the LORD's release.
3 Of a foreigner thou mayest exact *it again:* but *that* which is thine with thy brother thine hand shall release;
4 Save when there shall be no poor among you; for the LORD shall greatly bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance to possess it:
5 Only if thou carefully hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all these commandments which I command thee this day.
6 For the LORD thy God blesseth thee, as he promised thee: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, but thou shalt not borrow; and thou shalt reign over many nations, but they shall not reign over thee.

Help for the Poor Man

7 If there be among you a poor man of one of thy brethren within any of thy gates in thy land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not harden thine heart, nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother:
8 But thou shalt open thine hand wide unto him, and shalt surely lend him sufficient for his need, *in that* which he wanteth.
9 Beware that there be not a thought in thy wicked heart, saying, The seventh year, the year of release, is at hand; and thine eye be evil against thy poor brother, and thou givest him nought; and he cry unto the LORD against thee, and it be sin unto thee.
10 Thou shalt surely give him, and thine heart shall not be grieved when thou givest unto him: because that for this thing the LORD thy God shall bless thee in all thy

14:21 kid ▸ *see Judg. 13:15.*
14:26 sheep ▸ *see Mic. 2:12.*

15:1 release

(Heb. *shemittah*) (Deut. 15:9; 31:10) H8059: The word is used only five times in four verses, all in Deuteronomy. It refers to remission, as of debt, or suspension, as of labor. The word is derived from a root that means "to release" or "to let rest" (Ex. 23:11).

15:8 open ▸ *see Jer. 40:4.*
15:9 release ▸ *see Deut. 15:1.*

works, and in all that thou puttest thine hand unto.
11 For the poor shall never cease out of the land: therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land.

The Hebrew Servant

12 *And* if thy brother, an Hebrew man, or an Hebrew woman, be sold unto thee, and serve thee six years; then in the seventh year thou shalt let him go free from thee.
13 And when thou sendest him out free from thee, thou shalt not let him go away empty:
14 Thou shalt furnish him liberally out of thy flock, and out of thy floor, and out of thy winepress: *of that* wherewith the LORD thy God hath blessed thee thou shalt give unto him.
15 And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in the land of Egypt, and the LORD thy God redeemed thee: therefore I command thee this thing to day.
16 And it shall be, if he say unto thee, I will not go away from thee; because he loveth thee and thine house, because he is well with thee;
17 Then thou shalt take an aul, and thrust *it* through his ear unto the door, and he shall be thy servant for ever. And also unto thy maidservant thou shalt do likewise.
18 It shall not seem hard unto thee, when thou sendest him away free from thee; for he hath been worth a double hired servant *to thee,* in serving thee six years: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in all that thou doest.

Herds and Flocks

19 All the firstling males that come of thy herd and of thy flock thou shalt sanctify unto the LORD thy God: thou shalt do no work with the firstling of thy bullock, nor shear the firstling of thy sheep.
20 Thou shalt eat *it* before the LORD thy God year by year in the place which the LORD shall choose, thou and thy household.
21 And if there be *any* blemish therein, *as if it be* lame, or blind, *or have* any ill blemish, thou shalt not sacrifice it unto the LORD thy God.
22 Thou shalt eat it within thy gates: the unclean and the clean *person shall eat it* alike, as the roebuck, and as the hart.
23 Only thou shalt not eat the blood thereof; thou shalt pour it upon the ground as water.

Observing the Passover

16 Observe the month of Abib, and keep the passover unto the LORD thy God: for in the month of Abib the LORD thy God brought thee forth out of Egypt by night.
2 Thou shalt therefore sacrifice the passover unto the LORD thy God, of the flock and the herd, in the place which the LORD shall choose to place his name there.
3 Thou shalt eat no leavened bread with it; seven days shalt thou eat unleavened bread therewith, *even* the bread of affliction; for thou camest forth out of the land of Egypt in haste: that thou mayest remember the day when thou camest forth out of the land of Egypt all the days of thy life.
4 And there shall be no leavened bread seen with thee in all thy coast seven days; neither shall there *any thing* of the flesh, which thou sacrificedst the first day at even, remain all night until the morning.
5 Thou mayest not sacrifice the passover within any of thy gates, which the LORD thy God giveth thee:
6 But at the place which the LORD thy God shall choose to place his name in, there thou shalt sacrifice the passover at even, at the going down of the sun, at the season that thou camest forth out of Egypt.
7 And thou shalt roast and eat *it* in the place which the LORD thy God shall choose: and thou shalt turn in the morning, and go unto thy tents.
8 Six days thou shalt eat unleavened bread: and on the seventh day *shall be* a solemn assembly to the LORD thy God: thou shalt do no work *therein*.

Observing the Feast of Weeks

9 Seven weeks shalt thou number unto thee: begin to number the seven weeks from *such time as* thou beginnest *to put* the sickle to the corn.
10 And thou shalt keep the feast of weeks unto the LORD thy God with a tribute of a freewill offering of thine hand, which thou shalt give *unto the LORD thy God,* according as the LORD thy God hath blessed thee:
11 And thou shalt rejoice before the LORD

15:11 poor ▸ *see Ps. 40:17.*
16:10 feast ▸ *see Deut. 31:10.*

thy God, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite that *is* within thy gates, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that *are* among you, in the place which the LORD thy God hath chosen to place his name there.
12 And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in Egypt: and thou shalt observe and do these statutes.

Observing the Feast of Tabernacles

13 Thou shalt observe the feast of tabernacles seven days, after that thou hast gathered in thy corn and thy wine:
14 And thou shalt rejoice in thy feast, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite, the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that *are* within thy gates.
15 Seven days shalt thou keep a solemn feast unto the LORD thy God in the place which the LORD shall choose: because the LORD thy God shall bless thee in all thine increase, and in all the works of thine hands, therefore thou shalt surely rejoice.
16 Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles: and they shall not appear before the LORD empty:
17 Every man *shall give* as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD thy God which he hath given thee.

Appointment of Judges and Officers

18 Judges and officers shalt thou make thee in all thy gates, which the LORD thy God giveth thee, throughout thy tribes: and they shall judge the people with just judgment.
19 Thou shalt not wrest judgment; thou shalt not respect persons, neither take a gift: for a gift doth blind the eyes of the wise, and pervert the words of the righteous.
20 That which is altogether just shalt thou follow, that thou mayest live, and inherit the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.
21 Thou shalt not plant thee a grove of any trees near unto the altar of the LORD thy God, which thou shalt make thee.
22 Neither shalt thou set thee up *any* image; which the LORD thy God hateth.

Certain Abominations of Worship

17 Thou shalt not sacrifice unto the LORD thy God *any* bullock, or sheep, wherein is blemish, *or* any evilfavouredness: for that *is* an abomination unto the LORD thy God.
2 If there be found among you, within any of thy gates which the LORD thy God giveth thee, man or woman, that hath wrought wickedness in the sight of the LORD thy God, in transgressing his covenant,
3 And hath gone and served other gods, and worshipped them, either the sun, or moon, or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded;
4 And it be told thee, and thou hast heard *of it,* and enquired diligently, and, behold, *it be* true, *and* the thing certain, *that* such abomination is wrought in Israel:
5 Then shalt thou bring forth that man or that woman, which have committed that wicked thing, unto thy gates, *even* that man or that woman, and shalt stone them with stones, till they die.

Two Witnesses Needed

6 At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he that is worthy of death be put to death; *but* at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death.
7 The hands of the witnesses shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterward the hands of all the people. So thou shalt put the evil away from among you.

16:15 keep a solemn feast ▸ *see Ex. 23:14.*
16:15 rejoice ▸ *see 2 Chr. 7:10.*
16:19 pervert ▸ *see Prov. 13:6.*

16:22 image

(Heb. *matstsebah*) (Gen. 28:18; Deut. 12:3; Is. 19:19) H4676: The Hebrew noun refers to something set upright, as a pillar, but it can also refer to a statue or image, such as an idol. Pillars were erected as monuments or reminders of an event (or of a covenant, as in Gen. 31:52), as grave markers (Gen. 35:20), to mark a significant place (Gen. 28:18), or as idols (2 Kin. 17:10). The erecting of images as instruments for worshiping false gods was expressly forbidden for the Israelites under Mosaic Law (Lev. 26:1; Deut. 16:22).

The Levites' Judgment Shall Stand

8 If there arise a matter too hard for thee
in judgment, between blood and blood,
between plea and plea, and between stroke
and stroke, *being* matters of controversy
within thy gates: then shalt thou arise, and
9 get thee up into the place which the LORD thy
God shall choose;
And thou shalt come unto the priests the
Levites, and unto the judge that shall be in
those days, and enquire; and they shall shew
thee the sentence of judgment:
10 And thou shalt do according to the
sentence, which they of that place which the
LORD shall choose shall shew thee; and thou
shalt observe to do according to all that they
inform thee:
11 According to the sentence of the law
which they shall teach thee, and according
to the judgment which they shall tell thee,
thou shalt do: thou shalt not decline from the
sentence which they shall shew thee, *to* the
right hand, nor *to* the left.
12 And the man that will do presumptu-
ously, and will not hearken unto the priest
that standeth to minister there before the
LORD thy God, or unto the judge, even that
man shall die: and thou shalt put away the
evil from Israel.
13 And all the people shall hear, and fear,
and do no more presumptuously.

Guidelines for a King for Israel

14 When thou art come unto the land which
the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt
possess it, and shalt dwell therein, and shalt
say, I will set a king over me, like as all the
nations that *are* about me;
15 Thou shalt in any wise set *him* king over
thee, whom the LORD thy God shall choose:
one from among thy brethren shalt thou set
king over thee: thou mayest not set a stranger
over thee, which *is* not thy brother.
16 But he shall not multiply horses to
himself, nor cause the people to return to
Egypt, to the end that he should multiply
horses: forasmuch as the LORD hath said
unto you, Ye shall henceforth return no more
that way.
17 Neither shall he multiply wives to himself,
that his heart turn not away: neither shall he
greatly multiply to himself silver and gold.
18 And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the
throne of his kingdom, that he shall write
him a copy of this law in a book out of *that*
which is before the priests the Levites:
19 And it shall be with him, and he shall
read therein all the days of his life: that he
may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep
all the words of this law and these statutes, to
do them:
20 That his heart be not lifted up above his
brethren, and that he turn not aside from the
commandment, *to* the right hand, or *to* the
left: to the end that he may prolong *his* days
in his kingdom, he, and his children, in the
midst of Israel.

The Priests' and Levites' Portion

18 The priests the Levites, *and* all the
tribe of Levi, shall have no part nor
inheritance with Israel: they shall eat the
offerings of the LORD made by fire, and his
inheritance.
2 Therefore shall they have no inheritance
among their brethren: the LORD *is* their
inheritance, as he hath said unto them.
3 And this shall be the priest's due from
the people, from them that offer a sacrifice,
whether *it be* ox or sheep; and they shall give
unto the priest the shoulder, and the two
cheeks, and the maw.
4 The firstfruit *also* of thy corn, of thy wine,
and of thine oil, and the first of the fleece of
thy sheep, shalt thou give him.

17:8 too hard ▸ *see Ps. 71:17.*
17:14 king ▸ *see 1 Sam. 10:24.*
17:15 stranger ▸ *see Ruth 2:10.*
17:18 write ▸ *see Deut. 31:9.*

17:20 kingdom

(Heb. *mamlakah*) (Ex. 19:6; 2 Sam. 7:12) H4467: The word denotes a region and people that were ruled over by a king. His office was usually hereditary and his authority derived from it. God had promised Abraham that kings would come from him (Gen. 17:6). The same promise was given to Jacob (Gen. 35:11). David was clearly God's choice to be king (1 Sam. 16:7, 12, 13). The hereditary kingship, therefore, began with him; from him would descend Jesus Christ, "the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David" (Rev. 5:5). In the light of the Messiah's descent from David, the meaning of God's covenant with David becomes clear: "I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever" (2 Sam. 7:13; also Ps. 2; 110; Is. 11:1–4).

5 For the LORD thy God hath chosen him out of all thy tribes, to stand to minister in the name of the LORD, him and his sons for ever.
6 And if a Levite come from any of thy gates out of all Israel, where he sojourned, and come with all the desire of his mind unto the place which the LORD shall choose;
7 Then he shall minister in the name of the LORD his God, as all his brethren the Levites *do,* which stand there before the LORD.
8 They shall have like portions to eat, beside that which cometh of the sale of his patrimony.

Israel to Avoid Pagan Practices

9 When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations.
10 There shall not be found among you *any one* that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, *or* that useth divination, *or* an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch,
11 Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer.
12 For all that do these things *are* an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee.
13 Thou shalt be perfect with the LORD thy God.
14 For these nations, which thou shalt possess, hearkened unto observers of times, and unto diviners: but as for thee, the LORD thy God hath not suffered thee so *to do.*

A Prophet Will Rise Up

15 The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;
16 According to all that thou desiredst of the LORD thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not.
17 And the LORD said unto me, They have well *spoken that* which they have spoken.
18 I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.
19 And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require *it* of him.
20 But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die.
21 And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken?
22 When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that *is* the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, *but* the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.

Cities of Refuge

19 When the LORD thy God hath cut off the nations, whose land the LORD thy God giveth thee, and thou succeedest them, and dwellest in their cities, and in their houses;
2 Thou shalt separate three cities for thee in the midst of thy land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee to possess it.
3 Thou shalt prepare thee a way, and divide the coasts of thy land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee to inherit, into three parts, that every slayer may flee thither.

Accidental Killings

4 And this *is* the case of the slayer, which shall flee thither, that he may live: Whoso

18:6 sojourn ▸ *see Jer. 42:17.*

18:10 divination

(Heb. *qesem*) (1 Sam. 15:23; 2 Kin. 17:17) H7081: Under Mosaic Law, witchcraft was a sin punishable by death (Ex. 22:18). The Hebrew word is used to describe the divinations of false prophets (Ezek. 13:6) as well as sorcery (2 Kin. 17:17; Ezek. 21:21). But it can also be used in a positive sense to describe a divine oracle, as in Proverbs 16:10 ("A divine sentence is in the lips of the king: his mouth transgresseth not in judgment").

18:13 perfect ▸ *see Judg. 9:16.*
18:16 assembly ▸ *see 2 Chr. 6:3.*

killeth his neighbour ignorantly, whom he hated not in time past;
5 As when a man goeth into the wood with his neighbour to hew wood, and his hand fetcheth a stroke with the axe to cut down the tree, and the head slippeth from the helve, and lighteth upon his neighbour, that he die; he shall flee unto one of those cities, and live:
6 Lest the avenger of the blood pursue the slayer, while his heart is hot, and overtake him, because the way is long, and slay him; whereas he *was* not worthy of death, inasmuch as he hated him not in time past.
7 Wherefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt separate three cities for thee.
8 And if the LORD thy God enlarge thy coast, as he hath sworn unto thy fathers, and give thee all the land which he promised to give unto thy fathers;
9 If thou shalt keep all these commandments to do them, which I command thee this day, to love the LORD thy God, and to walk ever in his ways; then shalt thou add three cities more for thee, beside these three:
10 That innocent blood be not shed in thy land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance, and *so* blood be upon thee.

Killings Punishable by Death

11 But if any man hate his neighbour, and lie in wait for him, and rise up against him, and smite him mortally that he die, and fleeth into one of these cities:
12 Then the elders of his city shall send and fetch him thence, and deliver him into the hand of the avenger of blood, that he may die.
13 Thine eye shall not pity him, but thou shalt put away *the guilt of* innocent blood from Israel, that it may go well with thee.
14 Thou shalt not remove thy neighbour's landmark, which they of old time have set in thine inheritance, which thou shalt inherit in the land that the LORD thy God giveth thee to possess it.

Laws Regarding Witnesses

15 One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established.
16 If a false witness rise up against any man to testify against him *that which is* wrong;
17 Then both the men, between whom the controversy *is,* shall stand before the LORD, before the priests and the judges, which shall be in those days;
18 And the judges shall make diligent inquisition: and, behold, *if* the witness *be* a false witness, *and* hath testified falsely against his brother;
19 Then shall ye do unto him, as he had thought to have done unto his brother: so shalt thou put the evil away from among you.
20 And those which remain shall hear, and fear, and shall henceforth commit no more any such evil among you.
21 And thine eye shall not pity; *but* life *shall go* for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

Priests Prepare Israel for Battle

20 When thou goest out to battle against thine enemies, and seest horses, and chariots, *and* a people more than thou, be not afraid of them: for the LORD thy God *is* with thee, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.
2 And it shall be, when ye are come nigh unto the battle, that the priest shall approach and speak unto the people,
3 And shall say unto them, Hear, O Israel, ye approach this day unto battle against your enemies: let not your hearts faint, fear not, and do not tremble, neither be ye terrified because of them;
4 For the LORD your God *is* he that goeth

19:6 pursue ▸ *see Ex. 14:9.*

19:8 enlarge

(Heb. *rachab*) (Ex. 34:24; Deut. 12:20; Ps. 25:17; Is. 54:2) H7337: The Hebrew word means to be or grow wide or enlarge. It is used in Scripture to describe the expansion of territory (Deut. 12:20; 29:8), the widening of a mouth (i.e., a smile—1 Sam. 2:1), and the widening of a path (2 Sam. 22:37). It is also used negatively to describe an increase of evil desires (Hab. 2:5) and the figurative expansion of a bed (i.e., infidelity—Is. 57:8). The same word can be translated "made room for" (Gen. 26:22). Micah 1:16 uses it in an imperative sense to describe shaving one's head ("enlarge thy baldness").

19:14 landmark ▸ *see Josh. 15:12.*
20:1 horse ▸ *see 2 Chr. 1:16.*
20:3 battle ▸ *see Josh. 5:6.*

with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.

Reasons for Exemption from Battle

5 And the officers shall speak unto the people, saying, What man *is there* that hath built a new house, and hath not dedicated it? let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man dedicate it.
6 And what man *is he* that hath planted a vineyard, and hath not *yet* eaten of it? let him *also* go and return unto his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man eat of it.
7 And what man *is there* that hath betrothed a wife, and hath not taken her? let him go and return unto his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man take her.
8 And the officers shall speak further unto the people, and they shall say, What man *is there that is* fearful and fainthearted? let him go and return unto his house, lest his brethren's heart faint as well as his heart.
9 And it shall be, when the officers have made an end of speaking unto the people, that they shall make captains of the armies to lead the people.

War with Outsiders

10 When thou comest nigh unto a city to fight against it, then proclaim peace unto it.
11 And it shall be, if it make thee answer of peace, and open unto thee, then it shall be, *that* all the people *that is* found therein shall be tributaries unto thee, and they shall serve thee.
12 And if it will make no peace with thee, but will make war against thee, then thou shalt besiege it:
13 And when the LORD thy God hath delivered it into thine hands, thou shalt smite every male thereof with the edge of the sword:
14 But the women, and the little ones, and the cattle, and all that is in the city, *even* all the spoil thereof, shalt thou take unto thyself; and thou shalt eat the spoil of thine enemies, which the LORD thy God hath given thee.
15 Thus shalt thou do unto all the cities *which are* very far off from thee, which *are* not of the cities of these nations.

War with Rebellious Cities

16 But of the cities of these people, which the LORD thy God doth give thee *for* an inheritance, thou shalt save alive nothing that breatheth:
17 But thou shalt utterly destroy them; *namely,* the Hittites, and the Amorites, the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee:
18 That they teach you not to do after all their abominations, which they have done unto their gods; so should ye sin against the LORD your God.
19 When thou shalt besiege a city a long time, in making war against it to take it, thou shalt not destroy the trees thereof by forcing an axe against them: for thou mayest eat of them, and thou shalt not cut them down (for the tree of the field *is* man's *life)* to employ *them* in the siege:
20 Only the trees which thou knowest that they *be* not trees for meat, thou shalt destroy and cut them down; and thou shalt build bulwarks against the city that maketh war with thee, until it be subdued.

Murder by an Unknown Person

21 If *one* be found slain in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee to possess it, lying in the field, *and* it be not known who hath slain him:
2 Then thy elders and thy judges shall come forth, and they shall measure unto the cities which *are* round about him that is slain:
3 And it shall be, *that* the city *which is* next unto the slain man, even the elders of that city shall take an heifer, which hath not been

20:4 save ▸ *see Jer. 17:14.*

20:10 city

(Heb. *`ir*) (Gen. 4:17; Josh. 6:3; Ps. 87:3; Jon. 1:2) H5892: The root word literally means excitement, anguish, or terror, so it is perhaps fitting that this Hebrew word grew to mean "city," a place full of these human emotions and many others (Josh. 10:2, for example, gives the sense of fear related to a city). The meaning is broad enough to encompass cities of all kinds, including walled cities (Lev. 25:29), small towns (Gen. 19:20), and even camps (Num. 13:19). The most significant city in Scripture is Jerusalem, called the "city of our God" (Ps. 48:1; 87:3).

20:11 tributary ▸ *see Esth. 10:1.*
20:19 besiege ▸ *see Jer. 39:1.*

wrought with, *and* which hath not drawn in the yoke;
4 And the elders of that city shall bring down the heifer unto a rough valley, which is neither eared nor sown, and shall strike off the heifer's neck there in the valley:
5 And the priests the sons of Levi shall come near; for them the LORD thy God hath chosen to minister unto him, and to bless in the name of the LORD; and by their word shall every controversy and every stroke be *tried:*
6 And all the elders of that city, *that are* next unto the slain *man,* shall wash their hands over the heifer that is beheaded in the valley:
7 And they shall answer and say, Our hands have not shed this blood, neither have our eyes seen *it.*
8 Be merciful, O LORD, unto thy people Israel, whom thou hast redeemed, and lay not innocent blood unto thy people of Israel's charge. And the blood shall be forgiven them.
9 So shalt thou put away the *guilt of* innocent blood from among you, when thou shalt do *that which is* right in the sight of the LORD.

Marriage to Female Captives

10 When thou goest forth to war against thine enemies, and the LORD thy God hath delivered them into thine hands, and thou hast taken them captive,
11 And seest among the captives a beautiful woman, and hast a desire unto her, that thou wouldest have her to thy wife;
12 Then thou shalt bring her home to thine house; and she shall shave her head, and pare her nails;
13 And she shall put the raiment of her captivity from off her, and shall remain in thine house, and bewail her father and her mother a full month: and after that thou shalt go in unto her, and be her husband, and she shall be thy wife.
14 And it shall be, if thou have no delight in her, then thou shalt let her go whither she will; but thou shalt not sell her at all for money, thou shalt not make merchandise of her, because thou hast humbled her.

The Firstborn's Inheritance

15 If a man have two wives, one beloved, and another hated, and they have born him children, *both* the beloved and the hated; and *if* the firstborn son be hers that was hated:
16 Then it shall be, when he maketh his sons to inherit *that* which he hath, *that* he may not make the son of the beloved firstborn before the son of the hated, *which is indeed* the firstborn:
17 But he shall acknowledge the son of the hated *for* the firstborn, by giving him a double portion of all that he hath: for he *is* the beginning of his strength; the right of the firstborn *is* his.

Punishment for Rebellious Children

18 If a man have a stubborn and rebellious son, which will not obey the voice of his father, or the voice of his mother, and *that,* when they have chastened him, will not hearken unto them:
19 Then shall his father and his mother lay hold on him, and bring him out unto the elders of his city, and unto the gate of his place;
20 And they shall say unto the elders of his city, This our son *is* stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey our voice; *he is* a glutton, and a drunkard.
21 And all the men of his city shall stone him with stones, that he die: so shalt thou put evil away from among you; and all Israel shall hear, and fear.

Laws Regarding Death by Hanging

22 And if a man have committed a sin worthy of death, and he be to be put to death, and thou hang him on a tree:

21:8 innocent ▸ *see Job 17:8.*
21:12 shave ▸ *see Num. 6:9.*

21:22 hang

(Heb. *talah*) (Gen. 40:19; Esth. 7:9) H8518: The usual method of capital punishment in Bible times, especially among the Hebrew people, was stoning, not hanging (Ex. 19:13). Occasionally the Hebrews hung the corpses of lawbreakers on trees, although they were to be removed before nightfall (Deut. 21:22, 23). In Egypt, a beheaded corpse was occasionally left hanging for a longer period of time (Gen. 40:19). The Persians hanged persons by impaling them on a stake (Ezra 6:11; Esth. 6:4). In the Bible, only Ahithophel (2 Sam. 17:23) and Judas Iscariot committed suicide by

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23 His body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt in any wise bury him that day; (for he that is hanged *is* accursed of God;) that thy land be not defiled, which the LORD thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance.

Various Laws

22 Thou shalt not see thy brother's ox or his sheep go astray, and hide thyself from them: thou shalt in any case bring them again unto thy brother.
2 And if thy brother *be* not nigh unto thee, or if thou know him not, then thou shalt bring it unto thine own house, and it shall be with thee until thy brother seek after it, and thou shalt restore it to him again.
3 In like manner shalt thou do with his ass; and so shalt thou do with his raiment; and with all lost thing of thy brother's, which he hath lost, and thou hast found, shalt thou do likewise: thou mayest not hide thyself.
4 Thou shalt not see thy brother's ass or his ox fall down by the way, and hide thyself from them: thou shalt surely help him to lift *them* up again.
5 The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so *are* abomination unto the LORD thy God.
6 If a bird's nest chance to be before thee in the way in any tree, or on the ground, *whether they be* young ones, or eggs, and the dam sitting upon the young, or upon the eggs, thou shalt not take the dam with the young:
7 *But* thou shalt in any wise let the dam go, and take the young to thee; that it may be well with thee, and *that* thou mayest prolong *thy* days.
8 When thou buildest a new house, then thou shalt make a battlement for thy roof, that thou bring not blood upon thine house, if any man fall from thence.
9 Thou shalt not sow thy vineyard with divers seeds: lest the fruit of thy seed which thou hast sown, and the fruit of thy vineyard, be defiled.
10 Thou shalt not plow with an ox and an ass together.
11 Thou shalt not wear a garment of divers sorts, *as* of woollen and linen together.
12 Thou shalt make thee fringes upon the four quarters of thy vesture, wherewith thou coverest *thyself.*
13 If any man take a wife, and go in unto her, and hate her,
14 And give occasions of speech against her, and bring up an evil name upon her, and say, I took this woman, and when I came to her, I found her not a maid:
15 Then shall the father of the damsel, and her mother, take and bring forth *the tokens of* the damsel's virginity unto the elders of the city in the gate:
16 And the damsel's father shall say unto the elders, I gave my daughter unto this man to wife, and he hateth her;
17 And, lo, he hath given occasions of speech *against her,* saying, I found not thy daughter a maid; and yet these *are the tokens of* my daughter's virginity. And they shall spread the cloth before the elders of the city.
18 And the elders of that city shall take that man and chastise him;
19 And they shall amerce him in an hundred *shekels* of silver, and give *them* unto the father of the damsel, because he hath brought up an evil name upon a virgin of Israel: and she shall be his wife; he may not put her away all his days.
20 But if this thing be true, *and the tokens of* virginity be not found for the damsel:
21 Then they shall bring out the damsel to the door of her father's house, and the men of her city shall stone her with stones that she die: because she hath wrought

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hanging, possibly by strangulation. Jesus' apostles applied the phrase "hanging on a tree" and the curse connected with it (Deut. 21:23) to Jesus' death (Acts 5:30; Gal. 3:13). Jesus transformed this dishonorable and shameful fate into a picture of God's sacrificial and redeeming love.

22:9 vineyard

(Heb. *kerem*) (Gen. 9:20; Lev. 25:4; Ps. 107:37; Eccl. 2:4) H3754: The Hebrew word means broadly a field containing plants of high quality, but it is nearly always rendered "vineyard" (Judg. 15:5 seems to include olives as well as grapes in the harvestable crops). The prophet Isaiah used the image of a vineyard to represent Israel (Is. 3:14; 5:1), and Jesus echoed this metaphor in Matthew 20:1. A fruitful vineyard is often an image of blessing and stability (Is. 65:21; Ezek. 28:26), whereas a cursed vineyard represents God's judgment (Is. 5:10; Zeph. 1:13).

folly in Israel, to play the whore in her father's house: so shalt thou put evil away from among you.

Laws Against Sexual Immorality

22 If a man be found lying with a woman married to an husband, then they shall both of them die, *both* the man that lay with the woman, and the woman: so shalt thou put away evil from Israel.
23 If a damsel *that is* a virgin be betrothed unto an husband, and a man find her in the city, and lie with her;
24 Then ye shall bring them both out unto the gate of that city, and ye shall stone them with stones that they die; the damsel, because she cried not, *being* in the city; and the man, because he hath humbled his neighbour's wife: so thou shalt put away evil from among you.
25 But if a man find a betrothed damsel in the field, and the man force her, and lie with her: then the man only that lay with her shall die:
26 But unto the damsel thou shalt do nothing; *there is* in the damsel no sin *worthy* of death: for as when a man riseth against his neighbour, and slayeth him, even so *is* this matter:
27 For he found her in the field, *and* the betrothed damsel cried, and *there was* none to save her.
28 If a man find a damsel *that is* a virgin, which is not betrothed, and lay hold on her, and lie with her, and they be found;
29 Then the man that lay with her shall give unto the damsel's father fifty *shekels* of silver, and she shall be his wife; because he hath humbled her, he may not put her away all his days.
30 A man shall not take his father's wife, nor discover his father's skirt.

Persons Excluded from Congregation

23 He that is wounded in the stones, or hath his privy member cut off, shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD.
2 A bastard shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD; even to his tenth generation shall he not enter into the congregation of the LORD.
3 An Ammonite or Moabite shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD; even to their tenth generation shall they not enter into the congregation of the LORD for ever:
4 Because they met you not with bread and with water in the way, when ye came forth out of Egypt; and because they hired against thee Balaam the son of Beor of Pethor of Mesopotamia, to curse thee.
5 Nevertheless the LORD thy God would not hearken unto Balaam; but the LORD thy God turned the curse into a blessing unto thee, because the LORD thy God loved thee.
6 Thou shalt not seek their peace nor their prosperity all thy days for ever.

Persons Included in Congregation

7 Thou shalt not abhor an Edomite; for he *is* thy brother: thou shalt not abhor an Egyptian; because thou wast a stranger in his land.
8 The children that are begotten of them shall enter into the congregation of the LORD in their third generation.
9 When the host goeth forth against thine enemies, then keep thee from every wicked thing.

No Uncleanness in the Camp

10 If there be among you any man, that is not clean by reason of uncleanness that chanceth him by night, then shall he go abroad out of the camp, he shall not come within the camp:
11 But it shall be, when evening cometh on, he shall wash *himself* with water: and when the sun is down, he shall come into the camp *again*.
12 Thou shalt have a place also without the camp, whither thou shalt go forth abroad:
13 And thou shalt have a paddle upon thy weapon; and it shall be, when thou wilt ease thyself abroad, thou shalt dig therewith, and shalt turn back and cover that which cometh from thee:
14 For the LORD thy God walketh in the midst of thy camp, to deliver thee, and to give up thine enemies before thee; therefore shall thy camp be holy: that he see no unclean thing in thee, and turn away from thee.
15 Thou shalt not deliver unto his master the servant which is escaped from his master unto thee:

22:21 folly ▸ *see Gen. 34:7.*
23:14 enemy ▸ *see Josh. 7:8.*
23:14 unclean ▸ *see Lev. 18:13.*

16 He shall dwell with thee, *even* among you, in that place which he shall choose in one of thy gates, where it liketh him best: thou shalt not oppress him.
17 There shall be no whore of the daughters of Israel, nor a sodomite of the sons of Israel.
18 Thou shalt not bring the hire of a whore, or the price of a dog, into the house of the LORD thy God for any vow: for even both these *are* abomination unto the LORD thy God.

Laws Concerning Usury

19 Thou shalt not lend upon usury to thy brother; usury of money, usury of victuals, usury of any thing that is lent upon usury:
20 Unto a stranger thou mayest lend upon usury; but unto thy brother thou shalt not lend upon usury: that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all that thou settest thine hand to in the land whither thou goest to possess it.

Vows to Be Honored

21 When thou shalt vow a vow unto the LORD thy God, thou shalt not slack to pay it: for the LORD thy God will surely require it of thee; and it would be sin in thee.
22 But if thou shalt forbear to vow, it shall be no sin in thee.
23 That which is gone out of thy lips thou shalt keep and perform; *even* a freewill offering, according as thou hast vowed unto the LORD thy God, which thou hast promised with thy mouth.
24 When thou comest into thy neighbour's vineyard, then thou mayest eat grapes thy fill at thine own pleasure; but thou shalt not put *any* in thy vessel.
25 When thou comest into the standing corn of thy neighbour, then thou mayest pluck the ears with thine hand; but thou shalt not move a sickle unto thy neighbour's standing corn.

Laws Concerning Domestic Relations

24 When a man hath taken a wife, and married her, and it come to pass that she find no favour in his eyes, because he hath found some uncleanness in her: then let him write her a bill of divorcement, and give *it* in her hand, and send her out of his house.
2 And when she is departed out of his house, she may go and be another man's *wife.*
3 And *if* the latter husband hate her, and write her a bill of divorcement, and giveth *it* in her hand, and sendeth her out of his house; or if the latter husband die, which took her *to be* his wife;
4 Her former husband, which sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife, after that she is defiled; for that *is* abomination before the LORD: and thou shalt not cause the land to sin, which the LORD thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance.
5 When a man hath taken a new wife, he shall not go out to war, neither shall he be charged with any business: *but* he shall be free at home one year, and shall cheer up his wife which he hath taken.
6 No man shall take the nether or the upper millstone to pledge: for he taketh *a man's* life to pledge.
7 If a man be found stealing any of his brethren of the children of Israel, and maketh merchandise of him, or selleth him; then that thief shall die; and thou shalt put evil away from among you.

23:18 whore ▸ *see 1 Kin. 3:16.*

23:19 lend upon usury

(Heb. *nashak*) (Num. 21:6; Jer. 8:17) H5391: The rendering "lend upon usury" appears only in Deuteronomy 23:19, 20; in every other instance, the word is translated "bite." The dual meaning is clearly understood from Deuteronomy 23:19, since receiving interest on a loan was forbidden in ancient Israel and was considered a characteristic of an oppressor. When the word is rendered "bite," it is used of a serpent (e.g., Num. 21:4–9) in all cases except Micah 3:5, where it refers to prophets who oppress ("chew") their victims with false words.

24:5 business ▸ *see Jer. 20:8.*

24:7 steal

(Heb. *ganab*) (Gen. 31:19; Ex. 21:16; 2 Sam. 19:41) H1589: The Hebrew word translated "to steal" means "to kidnap" here and in Exodus 21:16 because in both instances the text refers to stealing a person. Other uses of the term apply to deception by guile, as 2 Samuel 15:6 ("stole the hearts of the men of Israel"); stealth, as 2 Samuel 19:3 ("steal away"); and being blown

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8 Take heed in the plague of leprosy, that thou observe diligently, and do according to all that the priests the Levites shall teach you: as I commanded them, *so* ye shall observe to do.
9 Remember what the LORD thy God did unto Miriam by the way, after that ye were come forth out of Egypt.
10 When thou dost lend thy brother any thing, thou shalt not go into his house to fetch his pledge.
11 Thou shalt stand abroad, and the man to whom thou dost lend shall bring out the pledge abroad unto thee.
12 And if the man *be* poor, thou shalt not sleep with his pledge:
13 In any case thou shalt deliver him the pledge again when the sun goeth down, that he may sleep in his own raiment, and bless thee: and it shall be righteousness unto thee before the LORD thy God.
14 Thou shalt not oppress an hired servant *that is* poor and needy, *whether he be* of thy brethren, or of thy strangers that *are* in thy land within thy gates:
15 At his day thou shalt give *him* his hire, neither shall the sun go down upon it; for he *is* poor, and setteth his heart upon it: lest he cry against thee unto the LORD, and it be sin unto thee.
16 The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers: every man shall be put to death for his own sin.
17 Thou shalt not pervert the judgment of the stranger, *nor* of the fatherless; nor take a widow's raiment to pledge:
18 But thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in Egypt, and the LORD thy God redeemed thee thence: therefore I command thee to do this thing.
19 When thou cuttest down thine harvest in thy field, and hast forgot a sheaf in the field, thou shalt not go again to fetch it: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow: that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hands.
20 When thou beatest thine olive tree, thou shalt not go over the boughs again: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow.
21 When thou gatherest the grapes of thy vineyard, thou shalt not glean *it* afterward: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow.
22 And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in the land of Egypt: therefore I command thee to do this thing.

Laws Concerning Human Relations

25 If there be a controversy between men, and they come unto judgment, that *the judges* may judge them; then they shall justify the righteous, and condemn the wicked.
2 And it shall be, if the wicked man *be* worthy to be beaten, that the judge shall cause him to lie down, and to be beaten before his face, according to his fault, by a certain number.
3 Forty stripes he may give him, *and* not exceed: lest, *if* he should exceed, and beat him above these with many stripes, then thy brother should seem vile unto thee.
4 Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he treadeth out *the corn*.

Duty of a Husband's Brother

5 If brethren dwell together, and one of them die, and have no child, the wife of the dead shall not marry without unto a stranger: her husband's brother shall go in unto her, and take her to him to wife, and perform the duty of an husband's brother unto her.
6 And it shall be, *that* the firstborn which she beareth shall succeed in the name of his brother *which is* dead, that his name be not put out of Israel.
7 And if the man like not to take his brother's wife, then let his brother's wife go up to the gate unto the elders, and say, My husband's brother refuseth to raise up unto his brother a name in Israel, he will not perform the duty of my husband's brother.
8 Then the elders of his city shall call him,

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away by wind, as Job 21:18 ("that the storm carrieth away"). The word is rendered a more literal "steal" when it is used in the eighth of the Ten Commandments (Ex. 20:15; Deut. 5:19).

24:8 leprosy ▸ *see Lev. 13:8.*
24:17 stranger ▸ *see Num. 15:14.*
24:18 redeem ▸ *see Neh. 1:10.*
25:4 tread ▸ *see Is. 28:27.*

and speak unto him: and *if* he stand *to it,* and say, I like not to take her;
9 Then shall his brother's wife come unto him in the presence of the elders, and loose his shoe from off his foot, and spit in his face, and shall answer and say, So shall it be done unto that man that will not build up his brother's house.
10 And his name shall be called in Israel, The house of him that hath his shoe loosed.

Immodest Women

11 When men strive together one with another, and the wife of the one draweth near for to deliver her husband out of the hand of him that smiteth him, and putteth forth her hand, and taketh him by the secrets:
12 Then thou shalt cut off her hand, thine eye shall not pity *her.*

Just Weights

13 Thou shalt not have in thy bag divers weights, a great and a small.
14 Thou shalt not have in thine house divers measures, a great and a small.
15 *But* thou shalt have a perfect and just weight, a perfect and just measure shalt thou have: that thy days may be lengthened in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.
16 For all that do such things, *and* all that do unrighteously, *are* an abomination unto the LORD thy God.

Blot Out Amalek

17 Remember what Amalek did unto thee by the way, when ye were come forth out of Egypt;
18 How he met thee by the way, and smote the hindmost of thee, *even* all *that were* feeble behind thee, when thou *wast* faint and weary; and he feared not God.
19 Therefore it shall be, when the LORD thy God hath given thee rest from all thine enemies round about, in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance to possess it, *that* thou shalt blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven; thou shalt not forget *it.*

Offering of the Firstfruits

26 And it shall be, when thou *art* come in unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance, and possessest it, and dwellest therein;
2 That thou shalt take of the first of all the fruit of the earth, which thou shalt bring of thy land that the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt put *it* in a basket, and shalt go unto the place which the LORD thy God shall choose to place his name there.
3 And thou shalt go unto the priest that shall be in those days, and say unto him, I profess this day unto the LORD thy God, that I am come unto the country which the LORD sware unto our fathers for to give us.
4 And the priest shall take the basket out of thine hand, and set it down before the altar of the LORD thy God.
5 And thou shalt speak and say before the LORD thy God, A Syrian ready to perish *was* my father, and he went down into Egypt, and sojourned there with a few, and became there a nation, great, mighty, and populous:
6 And the Egyptians evil entreated us, and afflicted us, and laid upon us hard bondage:
7 And when we cried unto the LORD God of our fathers, the LORD heard our voice, and looked on our affliction, and our labour, and our oppression:
8 And the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with great terribleness, and with signs, and with wonders:
9 And he hath brought us into this place, and hath given us this land, *even* a land that floweth with milk and honey.
10 And now, behold, I have brought the firstfruits of the land, which thou, O LORD, hast given me. And thou shalt set it before the LORD thy God, and worship before the LORD thy God:

25:18 smite the hindmost

(Heb. *zanab*) (Josh. 10:19) H2179: The Hebrew word means "to cut off" and is related to another word referring to the tail of animals; thus the translation here and in Joshua 10:19 of attacking the undefended rear flank of an army. This word is not repeated anywhere else in Scripture, but it is closely related to the word used in Deuteronomy 28:13 referring metaphorically to an animal's rear as something relatively unfavorable ("the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail").

26:7 oppression ▸ *see Ps. 43:2.*

26:10 worship

(Heb. *shachah*) (Gen. 23:7; Lev. 26:1) H7812: The most common Hebrew word for *worship* literally

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11 And thou shalt rejoice in every good *thing* which the LORD thy God hath given unto thee, and unto thine house, thou, and the Levite, and the stranger that *is* among you.

Offering of the Tithe

12 When thou hast made an end of tithing all the tithes of thine increase the third year, *which is* the year of tithing, and hast given *it* unto the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, that they may eat within thy gates, and be filled;
13 Then thou shalt say before the LORD thy God, I have brought away the hallowed things out of *mine* house, and also have given them unto the Levite, and unto the stranger, to the fatherless, and to the widow, according to all thy commandments which thou hast commanded me: I have not transgressed thy commandments, neither have I forgotten *them:*
14 I have not eaten thereof in my mourning, neither have I taken away *ought* thereof for *any* unclean *use,* nor given *ought* thereof for the dead: *but* I have hearkened to the voice of the LORD my God, *and* have done according to all that thou hast commanded me.
15 Look down from thy holy habitation, from heaven, and bless thy people Israel, and the land which thou hast given us, as thou swarest unto our fathers, a land that floweth with milk and honey.

Keep the Commands of the Lord

16 This day the LORD thy God hath commanded thee to do these statutes and judgments: thou shalt therefore keep and do them with all thine heart, and with all thy soul.
17 Thou hast avouched the LORD this day to be thy God, and to walk in his ways, and to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and to hearken unto his voice:
18 And the LORD hath avouched thee this day to be his peculiar people, as he hath promised thee, and that *thou* shouldest keep all his commandments;
19 And to make thee high above all nations which he hath made, in praise, and in name, and in honour; and that thou mayest be an holy people unto the LORD thy God, as he hath spoken.

Israel to Build an Altar

27 And Moses with the elders of Israel commanded the people, saying, Keep all the commandments which I command you this day.
2 And it shall be on the day when ye shall pass over Jordan unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, that thou shalt set thee up great stones, and plaister them with plaister:
3 And thou shalt write upon them all the words of this law, when thou art passed over, that thou mayest go in unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, a land that floweth with milk and honey; as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promised thee.
4 Therefore it shall be when ye be gone over Jordan, *that* ye shall set up these stones, which I command you this day, in mount Ebal, and thou shalt plaister them with plaister.
5 And there shalt thou build an altar unto the LORD thy God, an altar of stones: thou shalt not lift up *any* iron *tool* upon them.
6 Thou shalt build the altar of the LORD thy God of whole stones: and thou shalt offer

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means "to cause oneself to lie prostrate." In ancient times, a person would fall down before someone who possessed a higher status. People would bow before a king to express complete submission to his rule. Joseph's brothers recognized the cultural significance of "bowing down" when they reacted so vehemently against Joseph's dream (Gen. 37:5–8). Bowing down to Joseph meant they were submitting to his authority. Following the example of the ancient people of faith, true Christian worship must express more than love for God, it must also express submission to His will.

26:18 peculiar

(Heb. *segullah*) (Ex. 19:5; 1 Chr. 29:3; Mal. 3:17) H5459: Israel was peculiar "a people . . . above all the nations that are upon the earth" (Deut. 14:2). They were unique, like a jewel of great value. Indeed, many years later King David would provide for the building of the temple from his own proper good . . . of gold and silver" (1 Chr. 29:3), as the author of Ecclesiastes noted he had "gathered . . . the peculiar treasure of kings" (Eccl. 2:8). Prophetically, Malachi spoke of a time when God would make His people His "jewels" (Mal. 3:17).

burnt offerings thereon unto the LORD thy God:
7 And thou shalt offer peace offerings, and shalt eat there, and rejoice before the LORD thy God.
8 And thou shalt write upon the stones all the words of this law very plainly.
9 And Moses and the priests the Levites spake unto all Israel, saying, Take heed, and hearken, O Israel; this day thou art become the people of the LORD thy God.
10 Thou shalt therefore obey the voice of the LORD thy God, and do his commandments and his statutes, which I command thee this day.

Blessings from Mount Gerizim

11 And Moses charged the people the same day, saying,
12 These shall stand upon mount Gerizim to bless the people, when ye are come over Jordan; Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Joseph, and Benjamin:

Curses from Mount Ebal

13 And these shall stand upon mount Ebal to curse; Reuben, Gad, and Asher, and Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali.
14 And the Levites shall speak, and say unto all the men of Israel with a loud voice,
15 Cursed *be* the man that maketh *any* graven or molten image, an abomination unto the LORD, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and putteth *it* in *a* secret *place*. And all the people shall answer and say, Amen.
16 Cursed *be* he that setteth light by his father or his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen.
17 Cursed *be* he that removeth his neighbour's landmark. And all the people shall say, Amen.
18 Cursed *be* he that maketh the blind to wander out of the way. And all the people shall say, Amen.
19 Cursed *be* he that perverteth the judgment of the stranger, fatherless, and widow. And all the people shall say, Amen.
20 Cursed *be* he that lieth with his father's wife; because he uncovereth his father's skirt. And all the people shall say, Amen.
21 Cursed *be* he that lieth with any manner of beast. And all the people shall say, Amen.
22 Cursed *be* he that lieth with his sister, the daughter of his father, or the daughter of his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen.
23 Cursed *be* he that lieth with his mother in law. And all the people shall say, Amen.
24 Cursed *be* he that smiteth his neighbour secretly. And all the people shall say, Amen.
25 Cursed *be* he that taketh reward to slay an innocent person. And all the people shall say, Amen.
26 Cursed *be* he that confirmeth not *all* the words of this law to do them. And all the people shall say, Amen.

God Will Bless Israel

28 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe *and* to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:
2 And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.
3 Blessed *shalt* thou *be* in the city, and blessed *shalt* thou *be* in the field.
4 Blessed *shall be* the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.
5 Blessed *shall be* thy basket and thy store.
6 Blessed *shalt* thou *be* when thou comest

27:6 burnt offering

(Heb. *`olah*) (Deut. 12:6) H5930: In Hebrew, this word means "holocaust," an offering that is completely destroyed by fire. By burning the best of their offerings on God's altar, the Israelites expressed their dedication and gratitude to God, who had supplied all their needs. Many different types of burnt offerings were offered: bulls (Lev. 1:3–5), sheep or goats (Lev. 1:10), and birds (Lev. 1:14). If the burnt offering was presented as a sin offering, the worshiper would place his hands on the animal's head to show the transfer of sin to the animal. The animal was then killed by the priest. The priest collected the animal's blood and presented it to the Lord by sprinkling it on the altar. Pieces of the sacrifice were then placed on the altar and completely burned. These sacrifices were necessary until Christ offered Himself as a sacrifice for the sins of all.

27:15 curse ▸ *see Deut. 28:16.*
27:18 blind ▸ *see Is. 42:19.*
28:6 bless ▸ *see Ps. 145:2.*

in, and blessed *shalt* thou *be* when thou goest out.
7 The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways.
8 The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.
9 The LORD shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways.
10 And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the LORD; and they shall be afraid of thee.

A Land of Plenty

11 And the LORD shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers to give thee.
12 The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.
13 And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do *them:*
14 And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, *to* the right hand, or *to* the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

Curses for Disobeying God

15 But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:
16 Cursed *shalt* thou *be* in the city, and cursed *shalt* thou *be* in the field.
17 Cursed *shall be* thy basket and thy store.
18 Cursed *shall be* the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.
19 Cursed *shalt* thou *be* when thou comest in, and cursed *shalt* thou *be* when thou goest out.
20 The LORD shall send upon thee cursing, vexation, and rebuke, in all that thou settest thine hand unto for to do, until thou be destroyed, and until thou perish quickly; because of the wickedness of thy doings, whereby thou hast forsaken me.
21 The LORD shall make the pestilence cleave unto thee, until he have consumed thee from off the land, whither thou goest to possess it.
22 The LORD shall smite thee with a consumption, and with a fever, and with an inflammation, and with an extreme burning, and with the sword, and with blasting, and with mildew; and they shall pursue thee until thou perish.
23 And thy heaven that *is* over thy head shall be brass, and the earth that *is* under thee *shall be* iron.
24 The LORD shall make the rain of thy land powder and dust: from heaven shall it come down upon thee, until thou be destroyed.

Captivity and Plagues

25 The LORD shall cause thee to be smitten before thine enemies: thou shalt go out one way against them, and flee seven ways before them: and shalt be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth.
26 And thy carcase shall be meat unto all fowls of the air, and unto the beasts of the earth, and no man shall fray *them* away.
27 The LORD will smite thee with the botch of Egypt, and with the emerods, and with the scab, and with the itch, whereof thou canst not be healed.

28:16 curse

(Heb. *'arar*) (Deut. 27:15; Jer. 17:5) H0779: The word literally means "to bind with a curse." A curse is the opposite of a blessing. It wishes or prays for ill or injury on a person or an object. God cursed the serpent and the ground after the sin of Adam and Eve (Gen. 3:14, 17). Jeremiah, in despair, cursed the man who brought news of his birth (Jer. 20:14, 15). The seriousness of God's covenant with His people is illustrated by the threat of a curse on any who violate it (Deut. 28:60, 61). In the New Testament, Paul taught that Jesus Christ became a "curse" for us, so that we might be freed from the curses of the Law (Gal. 3:13).

28 The LORD shall smite thee with madness, and blindness, and astonishment of heart:
29 And thou shalt grope at noonday, as the blind gropeth in darkness, and thou shalt not prosper in thy ways: and thou shalt be only oppressed and spoiled evermore, and no man shall save *thee.*
30 Thou shalt betroth a wife, and another man shall lie with her: thou shalt build an house, and thou shalt not dwell therein: thou shalt plant a vineyard, and shalt not gather the grapes thereof.
31 Thine ox *shall be* slain before thine eyes, and thou shalt not eat thereof: thine ass *shall be* violently taken away from before thy face, and shall not be restored to thee: thy sheep *shall be* given unto thine enemies, and thou shalt have none to rescue *them.*
32 Thy sons and thy daughters *shall be* given unto another people, and thine eyes shall look, and fail *with longing* for them all the day long: and *there shall be* no might in thine hand.
33 The fruit of thy land, and all thy labours, shall a nation which thou knowest not eat up; and thou shalt be only oppressed and crushed alway:
34 So that thou shalt be mad for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see.
35 The LORD shall smite thee in the knees, and in the legs, with a sore botch that cannot be healed, from the sole of thy foot unto the top of thy head.
36 The LORD shall bring thee, and thy king which thou shalt set over thee, unto a nation which neither thou nor thy fathers have known; and there shalt thou serve other gods, wood and stone.
37 And thou shalt become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword, among all nations whither the LORD shall lead thee.

Land Will Not Produce

38 Thou shalt carry much seed out into the field, and shalt gather *but* little in; for the locust shall consume it.
39 Thou shalt plant vineyards, and dress *them,* but shalt neither drink *of* the wine, nor gather *the grapes;* for the worms shall eat them.
40 Thou shalt have olive trees throughout all thy coasts, but thou shalt not anoint *thyself* with the oil; for thine olive shall cast *his fruit.*
41 Thou shalt beget sons and daughters, but thou shalt not enjoy them; for they shall go into captivity.
42 All thy trees and fruit of thy land shall the locust consume.
43 The stranger that *is* within thee shall get up above thee very high; and thou shalt come down very low.
44 He shall lend to thee, and thou shalt not lend to him: he shall be the head, and thou shalt be the tail.
45 Moreover all these curses shall come upon thee, and shall pursue thee, and overtake thee, till thou be destroyed; because thou hearkenedst not unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which he commanded thee:
46 And they shall be upon thee for a sign and for a wonder, and upon thy seed for ever.

Israel Will Be Enslaved

47 Because thou servedst not the LORD thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all *things;*
48 Therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies which the LORD shall send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all *things:* and he shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he have destroyed thee.
49 The LORD shall bring a nation against thee from far, from the end of the earth, *as swift* as the eagle flieth; a nation whose tongue thou shalt not understand;
50 A nation of fierce countenance, which shall not regard the person of the old, nor shew favour to the young:

28:29 prosper ▸ *see Gen. 24:21.*
28:37 astonishment ▸ *see Ps. 46:8.*

28:40 olive tree

(Heb. *zayith*) (Deut. 6:11; Judg. 9:9; Ps. 52:8; Amos 4:9) H2132: The word means "an olive" and is used variably to refer to an olive tree (Hos. 14:6), the tree's fruit (Hab. 3:17), an olive grove (Ex. 23:11), and even the Mount of Olives (Zech. 14:4). Olive trees can live and produce olives for as long as several centuries. The oil extracted from olives was an important part of ancient Middle Eastern life and was used for food (2 Chr. 2:10) as well as religious purposes such as offerings to the Lord (Lev. 23:13) and anointing (Ps. 133:2).

28:48 yoke ▸ *see 1 Kin. 12:4.*

51 And he shall eat the fruit of thy cattle, and the fruit of thy land, until thou be destroyed: which *also* shall not leave thee *either* corn, wine, or oil, *or* the increase of thy kine, or flocks of thy sheep, until he have destroyed thee.
52 And he shall besiege thee in all thy gates, until thy high and fenced walls come down, wherein thou trustedst, throughout all thy land: and he shall besiege thee in all thy gates throughout all thy land, which the LORD thy God hath given thee.
53 And thou shalt eat the fruit of thine own body, the flesh of thy sons and of thy daughters, which the LORD thy God hath given thee, in the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee:
54 *So that* the man *that is* tender among you, and very delicate, his eye shall be evil toward his brother, and toward the wife of his bosom, and toward the remnant of his children which he shall leave:
55 So that he will not give to any of them of the flesh of his children whom he shall eat: because he hath nothing left him in the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee in all thy gates.
56 The tender and delicate woman among you, which would not adventure to set the sole of her foot upon the ground for delicateness and tenderness, her eye shall be evil toward the husband of her bosom, and toward her son, and toward her daughter,
57 And toward her young one that cometh out from between her feet, and toward her children which she shall bear: for she shall eat them for want of all *things* secretly in the siege and straitness, wherewith thine enemy shall distress thee in thy gates.

Plagues for Disobeying

58 If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name, THE LORD THY GOD;
59 Then the LORD will make thy plagues wonderful, and the plagues of thy seed, *even* great plagues, and of long continuance, and sore sicknesses, and of long continuance.
60 Moreover he will bring upon thee all the diseases of Egypt, which thou wast afraid of; and they shall cleave unto thee.
61 Also every sickness, and every plague, which *is* not written in the book of this law, them will the LORD bring upon thee, until thou be destroyed.
62 And ye shall be left few in number, whereas ye were as the stars of heaven for multitude; because thou wouldest not obey the voice of the LORD thy God.

Israel Will Be Scattered

63 And it shall come to pass, *that* as the LORD rejoiced over you to do you good, and to multiply you; so the LORD will rejoice over you to destroy you, and to bring you to nought; and ye shall be plucked from off the land whither thou goest to possess it.
64 And the LORD shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other; and there thou shalt serve other gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, *even* wood and stone.

No Ease or Rest for Israel

65 And among these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest: but the LORD shall give thee there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind:
66 And thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day and night, and shalt have none assurance of thy life:
67 In the morning thou shalt say, Would God it were even! and at even thou shalt say, Would God it were morning! for the fear of thine heart wherewith thou shalt fear, and for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see.
68 And the LORD shall bring thee into Egypt again with ships, by the way whereof I spake unto thee, Thou shalt see it no more again:

28:55 straitness

(Heb. *matsoq*) (1 Sam. 22:2; Jer. 19:9) H4689: This word is used only six times in the Old Testament and indicates extreme distress (1 Sam. 22:2). It can also be translated "anguish" (Ps. 119:143) or "desperation" (Jer. 19:9). The extremity of the trouble implied is evident in the latter, where the text describes people so desperate for food that they eat the flesh of their sons and daughters—a dire prophecy referenced in Lamentations 4:10 as having come to pass (see also 2 Kin. 6:26–29).

28:57 distress ▸ *see Is. 51:13.*
28:65 ease ▸ *see 1 Chr. 6:31.*
28:66 fear ▸ *see Hos. 3:5.*

and there ye shall be sold unto your enemies for bondmen and bondwomen, and no man shall buy *you*.

God's Covenant with Israel

29 These *are* the words of the covenant, which the LORD commanded Moses to make with the children of Israel in the land of Moab, beside the covenant which he made with them in Horeb.
2 And Moses called unto all Israel, and said unto them, Ye have seen all that the LORD did before your eyes in the land of Egypt unto Pharaoh, and unto all his servants, and unto all his land;
3 The great temptations which thine eyes have seen, the signs, and those great miracles:
4 Yet the LORD hath not given you an heart to perceive, and eyes to see, and ears to hear, unto this day.
5 And I have led you forty years in the wilderness: your clothes are not waxen old upon you, and thy shoe is not waxen old upon thy foot.
6 Ye have not eaten bread, neither have ye drunk wine or strong drink: that ye might know that I *am* the LORD your God.
7 And when ye came unto this place, Sihon the king of Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, came out against us unto battle, and we smote them:
8 And we took their land, and gave it for an inheritance unto the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to the half tribe of Manasseh.
9 Keep therefore the words of this covenant, and do them, that ye may prosper in all that ye do.

Israel Enters into Covenant with God

10 Ye stand this day all of you before the LORD your God; your captains of your tribes, your elders, and your officers, *with* all the men of Israel,
11 Your little ones, your wives, and thy stranger that *is* in thy camp, from the hewer of thy wood unto the drawer of thy water:
12 That thou shouldest enter into covenant with the LORD thy God, and into his oath, which the LORD thy God maketh with thee this day:
13 That he may establish thee to day for a people unto himself, and *that* he may be unto thee a God, as he hath said unto thee, and as he hath sworn unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Cursed If Covenant Disobeyed

14 Neither with you only do I make this covenant and this oath;
15 But with *him* that standeth here with us this day before the LORD our God, and also with *him* that *is* not here with us this day:
16 (For ye know how we have dwelt in the land of Egypt; and how we came through the nations which ye passed by;
17 And ye have seen their abominations, and their idols, wood and stone, silver and gold, which *were* among them:)
18 Lest there should be among you man, or woman, or family, or tribe, whose heart turneth away this day from the LORD our God, to go *and* serve the gods of these nations; lest there should be among you a root that beareth gall and wormwood;
19 And it come to pass, when he heareth the words of this curse, that he bless himself in his heart, saying, I shall have peace, though I walk in the imagination of mine heart, to add drunkenness to thirst:
20 The LORD will not spare him, but then the anger of the LORD and his jealousy shall smoke against that man, and all the curses that are written in this book shall lie upon him, and the LORD shall blot out his name from under heaven.
21 And the LORD shall separate him unto evil out of all the tribes of Israel, according to all the curses of the covenant that are written in this book of the law:
22 So that the generation to come of your children that shall rise up after you, and the stranger that shall come from a far land, shall say, when they see the plagues of that land, and the sicknesses which the LORD hath laid upon it;
23 *And that* the whole land thereof *is* brimstone, and salt, *and* burning, *that* it is not sown, nor beareth, nor any grass groweth therein, like the overthrow of Sodom, and Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboim, which the LORD overthrew in his anger, and in his wrath:
24 Even all nations shall say, Wherefore hath

29:6 bread ▸ *see 1 Sam. 21:3.*

the LORD done thus unto this land? what *meaneth* the heat of this great anger?

The Reason for God's Anger

25 Then men shall say, Because they have forsaken the covenant of the LORD God of their fathers, which he made with them when he brought them forth out of the land of Egypt:
26 For they went and served other gods, and worshipped them, gods whom they knew not, and *whom* he had not given unto them:
27 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against this land, to bring upon it all the curses that are written in this book:
28 And the LORD rooted them out of their land in anger, and in wrath, and in great indignation, and cast them into another land, as *it is* this day.
29 The secret *things belong* unto the LORD our God: but those *things which are* revealed *belong* unto us and to our children for ever, that *we* may do all the words of this law.

God's Mercy Toward Israel

30 And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call *them* to mind among all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath driven thee,
2 And shalt return unto the LORD thy God, and shalt obey his voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart, and with all thy soul;
3 That then the LORD thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath scattered thee.
4 If *any* of thine be driven out unto the outmost *parts* of heaven, from thence will the LORD thy God gather thee, and from thence will he fetch thee:
5 And the LORD thy God will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it; and he will do thee good, and multiply thee above thy fathers.
6 And the LORD thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live.
7 And the LORD thy God will put all these curses upon thine enemies, and on them that hate thee, which persecuted thee.
8 And thou shalt return and obey the voice of the LORD, and do all his commandments which I command thee this day.
9 And the LORD thy God will make thee plenteous in every work of thine hand, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy land, for good: for the LORD will again rejoice over thee for good, as he rejoiced over thy fathers:
10 If thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which are written in this book of the law, *and* if thou turn unto the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul.

God's Commandment Kept in Heart

11 For this commandment which I command thee this day, it *is* not hidden from thee, neither *is* it far off.
12 It *is* not in heaven, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go up for us to heaven, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it?

29:24 heat

(Heb. *chori*) (1 Sam. 20:34; 2 Chr. 25:10; Lam. 2:3) H2750: Used only six times in the Old Testament, the Hebrew word is nowhere else translated "heat" but in all cases is used as an adjective describing immense wrath, as "great anger" (Ex. 11:8; 2 Chr. 25:10) and "fierce anger" (1 Sam. 20:34; Is. 7:4). In Lamentations 2:3, the adjective is translated "fierce" and is clearly describing the heat of anger ("he has burned against Jacob like a flaming fire").

29:28 root ▸ *see Jer. 24:6.*

30:6 circumcise

(Heb. *mul*) (Gen. 17:10; Lev. 12:3; Jer. 9:25) H4135: The Hebrew word translated "circumcise" literally means "to cut off" and can also be translated "destroy" (Ps. 118:10–12), "cut down" (Ps. 90:6), or "cut in pieces" (Ps. 58:7). Circumcision is an important theme throughout Scripture. It was the physical sign of the Abrahamic covenant (Gen. 17:9–14) and as such became indicative of a man's identity as an Israelite and, in the New Testament, a Jew. Jesus was circumcised (Luke 2:21), and the apostle Paul wrote extensively about circumcision as related to the Jewish identity (Rom. 2:25; 1 Cor. 7:19) and a believer's identity in Christ (Gal. 6:15).

30:11 far off ▸ *see Judg. 18:7.*

13 Neither *is* it beyond the sea, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it?
14 But the word *is* very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it.

Israel to Choose Good or Evil

15 See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil;
16 In that I command thee this day to love the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it.
17 But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them;
18 I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish, *and that* ye shall not prolong *your* days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to go to possess it.
19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, *that* I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:
20 That thou mayest love the LORD thy God, *and* that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he *is* thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

Moses Encourages Israel

31 And Moses went and spake these words unto all Israel.
2 And he said unto them, I *am* an hundred and twenty years old this day; I can no more go out and come in: also the LORD hath said unto me, Thou shalt not go over this Jordan.
3 The LORD thy God, he will go over before thee, *and* he will destroy these nations from before thee, and thou shalt possess them: *and* Joshua, he shall go over before thee, as the LORD hath said.
4 And the LORD shall do unto them as he did to Sihon and to Og, kings of the Amorites, and unto the land of them, whom he destroyed.
5 And the LORD shall give them up before your face, that ye may do unto them according unto all the commandments which I have commanded you.
6 Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he *it is* that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

Assurance of God's Presence

7 And Moses called unto Joshua, and said unto him in the sight of all Israel, Be strong and of a good courage: for thou must go with this people unto the land which the LORD hath sworn unto their fathers to give them; and thou shalt cause them to inherit it.
8 And the LORD, he *it is* that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed.
9 And Moses wrote this law, and delivered it unto the priests the sons of Levi, which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and unto all the elders of Israel.
10 And Moses commanded them, saying, At the end of *every* seven years, in the solemnity of the year of release, in the feast of tabernacles,

30:16 way ▸ *see 2 Chr. 17:6.*
30:19 record ▸ *see Job 29:11.*
30:20 length ▸ *see Job 12:12.*
30:20 land ▸ *see Jer. 35:15.*

31:9 write

(Heb. *chatab*) (Ex. 31:18; Deut. 17:18) H3789: The Law was originally written on tablets of stone "with the finger of God" (Ex. 31:18); the people were to write commandments "on the doorposts" of the their homes and impress them upon their children (Deut. 6:9). Kings were supposed to write their own copy of the law (Deut. 17:18), and a man was permitted by law to write a certificate of divorce (Deut. 24:1). Although lost to us now, a history of the kings was "written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah" (1 Kin. 22:45). Kings had scribes to write decrees and letters (Esth. 8:5), and Jeremiah the prophet had Baruch write down his prophecies (Jer. 36:4).

31:10 release ▸ *see Deut. 15:1.*

31:10 feast

(Heb. *chag*) (Ex. 12:14; Deut. 16:10; 2 Chr. 30:21) H2282: The word *feast*, or "festival-gathering," is

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11 When all Israel is come to appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose, thou shalt read this law before all Israel in their hearing.
12 Gather the people together, men, and women, and children, and thy stranger that *is* within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the LORD your God, and observe to do all the words of this law:
13 And *that* their children, which have not known *any thing,* may hear, and learn to fear the LORD your God, as long as ye live in the land whither ye go over Jordan to possess it.

Moses and Joshua Appear Before God

14 And the LORD said unto Moses, Behold, thy days approach that thou must die: call Joshua, and present yourselves in the tabernacle of the congregation, that I may give him a charge. And Moses and Joshua went, and presented themselves in the tabernacle of the congregation.
15 And the LORD appeared in the tabernacle in a pillar of a cloud: and the pillar of the cloud stood over the door of the tabernacle.
16 And the LORD said unto Moses, Behold, thou shalt sleep with thy fathers; and this people will rise up, and go a whoring after the gods of the strangers of the land, whither they go *to be* among them, and will forsake me, and break my covenant which I have made with them.
17 Then my anger shall be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them, and I will hide my face from them, and they shall be devoured, and many evils and troubles shall befall them; so that they will say in that day, Are not these evils come upon us, because our God *is* not among us?
18 And I will surely hide my face in that day for all the evils which they shall have wrought, in that they are turned unto other gods.

A Song for Israel

19 Now therefore write ye this song for you, and teach it the children of Israel: put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness for me against the children of Israel.
20 For when I shall have brought them into the land which I sware unto their fathers, that floweth with milk and honey; and they shall have eaten and filled themselves, and waxen fat; then will they turn unto other gods, and serve them, and provoke me, and break my covenant.
21 And it shall come to pass, when many evils and troubles are befallen them, that this song shall testify against them as a witness; for it shall not be forgotten out of the mouths of their seed: for I know their imagination which they go about, even now, before I have brought them into the land which I sware.
22 Moses therefore wrote this song the same day, and taught it the children of Israel.
23 And he gave Joshua the son of Nun a charge, and said, Be strong and of a good courage: for thou shalt bring the children of Israel into the land which I sware unto them: and I will be with thee.

Levites in Charge of the Book of the Law

24 And it came to pass, when Moses had made an end of writing the words of this law in a book, until they were finished,
25 That Moses commanded the Levites, which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, saying,
26 Take this book of the law, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there for a witness against thee.
27 For I know thy rebellion, and thy stiff neck: behold, while I am yet alive with you this day, ye have been rebellious against

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related to the verb that means "to make a pilgrimage" or "to keep a pilgrim feast." The Hebrews were commanded to observe three pilgrim feasts a year (Deut. 16:16; Ex. 23:14). These sacred feasts were celebrated by all people and were joyous expressions of gratitude to God (2 Chr. 30:21). They included processions, dancing, and the enjoyment of food and drink (Lev. 23:40, 41; Judg. 21:19–21). God intended that Israel's religious feasts be worship events, a celebration of the joy God had given them (Lev. 23:7, 21, 24, 36). The Old Testament prophets, however, condemned the feasts because the Hebrews were desecrating these holy convocations with sacrilegious behavior (Is. 1:12–15; Amos 5:21). Zechariah prophesied of a time in the future when all nations would keep the "pilgrim-feast" before the Lord (Zech. 14:16).

31:21 imagination ▸ *see Gen. 8:21.*

the LORD; and how much more after my death?

Israel Gathers to Hear Moses

28 Gather unto me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, that I may speak these words in their ears, and call heaven and earth to record against them.
29 For I know that after my death ye will utterly corrupt *yourselves,* and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will befall you in the latter days; because ye will do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger through the work of your hands.
30 And Moses spake in the ears of all the congregation of Israel the words of this song, until they were ended.

Moses' Song

32 Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.
2 My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass:
3 Because I will publish the name of the LORD: ascribe ye greatness unto our God.

A Just and Right God

4 *He is* the Rock, his work *is* perfect: for all his ways *are* judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right *is* he.
5 They have corrupted themselves, their spot *is* not *the spot* of his children: *they are* a perverse and crooked generation.
6 Do ye thus requite the LORD, O foolish people and unwise? *is* not he thy father *that* hath bought thee? hath he not made thee, and established thee?
7 Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations: ask thy father, and he will shew thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee.
8 When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel.
9 For the LORD's portion *is* his people; Jacob *is* the lot of his inheritance.
10 He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye.
11 As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings:
12 *So* the LORD alone did lead him, and *there was* no strange god with him.
13 He made him ride on the high places of the earth, that he might eat the increase of the fields; and he made him to suck honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock;
14 Butter of kine, and milk of sheep, with fat of lambs, and rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats, with the fat of kidneys of wheat; and thou didst drink the pure blood of the grape.

A Jealous God

15 But Jeshurun waxed fat, and kicked: thou art waxen fat, thou art grown thick, thou art covered *with fatness;* then he forsook God *which* made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation.
16 They provoked him to jealousy with strange *gods,* with abominations provoked they him to anger.
17 They sacrificed unto devils, not to God; to gods whom they knew not, to new *gods that* came newly up, whom your fathers feared not.
18 Of the Rock *that* begat thee thou art unmindful, and hast forgotten God that formed thee.
19 And when the LORD saw *it,* he abhorred *them,* because of the provoking of his sons, and of his daughters.
20 And he said, I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end *shall be:* for they *are* a very froward generation, children in whom *is* no faith.
21 They have moved me to jealousy with *that which is* not God; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities: and I will move them to jealousy with *those which are*

32:3 ascribe ▸ *see Josh. 18:4.*
32:5 spot ▸ *see Lev. 21:17.*
32:9 inheritance ▸ *see Zech. 2:12.*
32:10 waste ▸ *see Is. 45:18.*
32:11 spread ▸ *see 2 Kin. 19:14.*
32:13 rock ▸ *see Num. 20:10.*
32:14 fat ▸ *see Gen. 45:18.*
32:15 forsake ▸ *see Prov. 1:8.*
32:21 provoke to anger ▸ *see 1 Kin. 16:2.*

not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation.
22 For a fire is kindled in mine anger, and shall burn unto the lowest hell, and shall consume the earth with her increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains.
23 I will heap mischiefs upon them; I will spend mine arrows upon them.
24 *They shall be* burnt with hunger, and devoured with burning heat, and with bitter destruction: I will also send the teeth of beasts upon them, with the poison of serpents of the dust.
25 The sword without, and terror within, shall destroy both the young man and the virgin, the suckling *also* with the man of gray hairs.

The Pride of Israel's Captors

26 I said, I would scatter them into corners, I would make the remembrance of them to cease from among men:
27 Were it not that I feared the wrath of the enemy, lest their adversaries should behave themselves strangely, *and* lest they should say, Our hand *is* high, and the LORD hath not done all this.
28 For they *are* a nation void of counsel, neither *is there any* understanding in them.
29 O that they were wise, *that* they understood this, *that* they would consider their latter end!
30 How should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, except their Rock had sold them, and the LORD had shut them up?
31 For their rock *is* not as our Rock, even our enemies themselves *being* judges.
32 For their vine *is* of the vine of Sodom, and of the fields of Gomorrah: their grapes *are* grapes of gall, their clusters *are* bitter:
33 Their wine *is* the poison of dragons, and the cruel venom of asps.
34 *Is* not this laid up in store with me, *and* sealed up among my treasures?

A God of Vengeance

35 To me *belongeth* vengeance, and recompence; their foot shall slide in *due* time: for the day of their calamity *is* at hand, and the things that shall come upon them make haste.
36 For the LORD shall judge his people, and repent himself for his servants, when he seeth that *their* power is gone, and *there is* none shut up, or left.
37 And he shall say, Where *are* their gods, *their* rock in whom they trusted,
38 Which did eat the fat of their sacrifices, *and* drank the wine of their drink offerings? let them rise up and help you, *and* be your protection.
39 See now that I, *even* I, *am* he, and *there is* no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither *is there any* that can deliver out of my hand.
40 For I lift up my hand to heaven, and say, I live for ever.
41 If I whet my glittering sword, and mine hand take hold on judgment; I will render vengeance to mine enemies, and will reward them that hate me.
42 I will make mine arrows drunk with blood, and my sword shall devour flesh; *and that* with the blood of the slain and of the captives, from the beginning of revenges upon the enemy.

A God of Mercy

43 Rejoice, O ye nations, *with* his people: for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will be merciful unto his land, *and* to his people.
44 And Moses came and spake all the words of this song in the ears of the people, he, and Hoshea the son of Nun.
45 And Moses made an end of speaking all these words to all Israel:
46 And he said unto them, Set your hearts unto all the words which I testify among you this day, which ye shall command your chil-

32:22 set on fire ▸ *see Ps. 57:4.*
32:25 suckling ▸ *see 1 Sam. 22:19.*

32:36 judge

(Heb. *din*) (Gen. 6:3; Ps. 9:8) H1777: The Lord judges His people fairly and justly, without evil or prejudice (Ps. 9:8). In contrast, the enemies of the Lord will be judged and found guilty (Deut. 32:26), as was Egypt (Gen. 15:14). Just before sending the Flood, God promised that He would not "always strive [*din*] with man" (Gen. 6:3). The prophets condemned the people for failing to "judge the cause . . . of the fatherless" (Jer. 5:28).

32:36 gone ▸ *see Job 14:11.*

dren to observe to do, all the words of this law.
47 For it *is* not a vain thing for you; because it *is* your life: and through this thing ye shall prolong *your* days in the land, whither ye go over Jordan to possess it.

Moses Sent to Mount Nebo

48 And the LORD spake unto Moses that selfsame day, saying,
49 Get thee up into this mountain Abarim, *unto* mount Nebo, which *is* in the land of Moab, that *is* over against Jericho; and behold the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel for a possession:
50 And die in the mount whither thou goest up, and be gathered unto thy people; as Aaron thy brother died in mount Hor, and was gathered unto his people:
51 Because ye trespassed against me among the children of Israel at the waters of Meribah-Kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin; because ye sanctified me not in the midst of the children of Israel.
52 Yet thou shalt see the land before *thee;* but thou shalt not go thither unto the land which I give the children of Israel.

Israel Blessed by Moses

33 And this *is* the blessing, wherewith Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death.
2 And he said, The LORD came from Sinai, and rose up from Seir unto them; he shined forth from mount Paran, and he came with ten thousands of saints: from his right hand *went* a fiery law for them.
3 Yea, he loved the people; all his saints *are* in thy hand: and they sat down at thy feet; *every one* shall receive of thy words.
4 Moses commanded us a law, *even* the inheritance of the congregation of Jacob.

Blessings on the Tribes

5 And he was king in Jeshurun, when the heads of the people *and* the tribes of Israel were gathered together.
6 Let Reuben live, and not die; and let *not* his men be few.
7 And this *is the blessing* of Judah: and he said, Hear, LORD, the voice of Judah, and bring him unto his people: let his hands be sufficient for him; and be thou an help *to him* from his enemies.
8 And of Levi he said, *Let* thy Thummim and thy Urim *be* with thy holy one, whom thou didst prove at Massah, *and with* whom thou didst strive at the waters of Meribah;
9 Who said unto his father and to his mother, I have not seen him; neither did he acknowledge his brethren, nor knew his own children: for they have observed thy word, and kept thy covenant.
10 They shall teach Jacob thy judgments, and Israel thy law: they shall put incense before thee, and whole burnt sacrifice upon thine altar.
11 Bless, LORD, his substance, and accept the work of his hands: smite through the loins of them that rise against him, and of them that hate him, that they rise not again.
12 *And* of Benjamin he said, The beloved of the LORD shall dwell in safety by him; *and the* LORD shall cover him all the day long, and he shall dwell between his shoulders.
13 And of Joseph he said, Blessed of the LORD *be* his land, for the precious things of heaven, for the dew, and for the deep that coucheth beneath,
14 And for the precious fruits *brought forth* by the sun, and for the precious things put forth by the moon,
15 And for the chief things of the ancient mountains, and for the precious things of the lasting hills,
16 And for the precious things of the earth

33:1 blessing ▸ *see Is. 19:24.*
33:2 law ▸ *see Esth. 1:8.*
33:6 be few ▸ *see 1 Chr. 25:7.*
33:9 word ▸ *see Ps. 12:6.*
33:12 Benjamin ▸ *see 1 Chr. 8:1.*

33:12 safety

(Heb. *betach*) (Lev. 25:18; Jer. 33:16) H0983: When the people obey God's laws, they have the assurance of dwelling "in the land in safety," meaning that they would be protected from their enemies, and provided for in abundance (Lev. 25:18, 19). This word is almost always connected to God's presence and provision, as David wrote, "I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety" (Ps. 4:8). Or the prophetic words of Jeremiah, "In those days Judah shall be saved, and Jerusalem dwell safely" (Jer. 33:16), echoed in Ezekiel: "And they shall dwell safely therein" (Ezek. 28:26). Where God is present, the people need never fear.

and fulness thereof, and *for* the good will of him that dwelt in the bush: let *the blessing* come upon the head of Joseph, and upon the top of the head of him *that was* separated from his brethren.
17 His glory *is like* the firstling of his bullock, and his horns *are like* the horns of unicorns: with them he shall push the people together to the ends of the earth: and they *are* the ten thousands of Ephraim, and they *are* the thousands of Manasseh.
18 And of Zebulun he said, Rejoice, Zebulun, in thy going out; and, Issachar, in thy tents.
19 They shall call the people unto the mountain; there they shall offer sacrifices of righteousness: for they shall suck *of* the abundance of the seas, and *of* treasures hid in the sand.
20 And of Gad he said, Blessed *be* he that enlargeth Gad: he dwelleth as a lion, and teareth the arm with the crown of the head.
21 And he provided the first part for himself, because there, *in* a portion of the lawgiver, *was he* seated; and he came with the heads of the people, he executed the justice of the LORD, and his judgments with Israel.
22 And of Dan he said, Dan is a lion's whelp: he shall leap from Bashan.
23 And of Naphtali he said, O Naphtali, satisfied with favour, and full with the blessing of the LORD: possess thou the west and the south.
24 And of Asher he said, *Let* Asher *be* blessed with children; let him be acceptable to his brethren, and let him dip his foot in oil.
25 Thy shoes *shall be* iron and brass; and as thy days, *so shall* thy strength *be*.

Israel Will Dwell in Safety

26 *There is* none like unto the God of Jeshurun, *who* rideth upon the heaven in thy help, and in his excellency on the sky.
27 The eternal God *is thy* refuge, and underneath *are* the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy *them*.
28 Israel then shall dwell in safety alone: the fountain of Jacob *shall be* upon a land of corn and wine; also his heavens shall drop down dew.
29 Happy *art* thou, O Israel: who *is* like unto thee, O people saved by the LORD, the shield of thy help, and who *is* the sword of thy excellency! and thine enemies shall be found liars unto thee; and thou shalt tread upon their high places.

Moses Sees the Promised Land

34 And Moses went up from the plains of Moab unto the mountain of Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, that *is* over against Jericho. And the LORD shewed him all the land of Gilead, unto Dan,
2 And all Naphtali, and the land of Ephraim, and Manasseh, and all the land of Judah, unto the utmost sea,
3 And the south, and the plain of the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, unto Zoar.
4 And the LORD said unto him, This *is* the land which I sware unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, saying, I will give it unto thy seed: I have caused thee to see *it* with thine eyes, but thou shalt not go over thither.

33:23 favour

(Heb. *ratson*) (Ex. 28:38; Ps. 19:14; 30:5) H7522: This word has the sense of acceptance before God. Aaron was to represent the tribes of Israel to God, "that they may be accepted [*ratson*] before the LORD" (Ex. 28:38). It can also be used to speak of an offering given as an expression of free will to God (Lev. 1:3; 19:5; 22:19, 29). The blessing of God is an expression of His favor (Ps. 5:12), and David prayed, "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable [*ratson*] in thy sight, O LORD" (Ps. 19:14). God's favor "is for life" (Ps. 30:5), and the Book of Proverbs details ways to live in a way that secures God's favor (Prov. 8:35).

33:29 tread ▸ *see Deut. 11:25.*
34:2 land ▸ *see Gen. 12:1.*

34:3 palm tree

(Heb. *tamar*) (Judg. 1:16; Song 7:8; Joel 1:12) H8558: Meaning "palm tree," *tamar* is also the name of a town (Ezek. 47:19) and of three women in the Old Testament: the daughter-in-law of Judah (Gen. 38:6), a daughter of David (2 Sam. 13:1), and the daughter of Absalom (2 Sam. 14:27). Palm trees symbolize refreshment (Ex. 15:27; Num. 33:9) and stability (Ps. 92:12). Palm branches were carried at the Feast of Tabernacles (Lev. 23:40; Neh. 8:15) and at Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem (John 12:13). Revelation 7:9 portrays the glorified of all nations standing in heaven holding palm branches.

The Death and Burial of Moses

5 So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD.
6 And he buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Beth-peor: but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day.
7 And Moses *was* an hundred and twenty years old when he died: his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated.
8 And the children of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days: so the days of weeping *and* mourning for Moses were ended.

Joshua, the New Leader

9 And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom; for Moses had laid his hands upon him: and the children of Israel hearkened unto him, and did as the LORD commanded Moses.

The Greatness of Moses

10 And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face,
11 In all the signs and the wonders, which the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and to all his land,
12 And in all that mighty hand, and in all the great terror which Moses shewed in the sight of all Israel.

34:5 die ▸ *see 2 Sam. 19:6.*
34:9 Joshua ▸ *see Josh. 4:14.*

THE BOOK OF

JOSHUA

JOSHUA, THE FIRST OF THE twelve historical books (Joshua–Esther), forges a link between the Pentateuch and the remainder of Israel's history. Through three major military campaigns involving more than thirty enemy armies, the people of Israel learn a crucial lesson under Joshua's capable leadership: victory comes through faith in God and obedience to His word, rather than through military might or numerical superiority.

The title of this book is appropriately named after its central figure, Joshua. His original name is *Hoshea*, "Salvation" (Num. 13:8). He is also called *Yeshua*, a shortened form of *Yehoshua*. This is the Hebrew equivalent of the Greek name *Iesous* (Jesus). Thus, the Greek title given to the book in the Septuagint is *Iesous Naus*, "Joshua the Son of Nun." The Latin title is *Liber Josue*, the "Book of Joshua."

Joshua's name is symbolic of the fact that although he is the leader of the Israelite nation during the conquest, the Lord is the Conqueror.

WATCH WORDS

- **be strong** (stand firm and not back down, confident and certain)—1:9
- **Joshua** ("Jehovah saves")—4:14 (also 6:27; 24:31)
- **inheritance** (possession or property)—13:7
- **rest** (be at peace, free from anxiety and conflict)—14:15 (also 11:23)
- **drive out** (expel, displace)—24:18 (also 24:12)

Joshua Assured of God's Presence

1 Now after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD it came to pass, that the LORD spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying,

2 Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, *even* to the children of Israel.

3 Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses.

4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast.

5 There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, *so* I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

6 Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give them.

7 Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it *to* the right hand or *to* the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.

8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong

1:6 courage ▸ *see Ps. 27:14.*

1:9 be strong

(Heb. *chazaq*) (Judg. 16:28; Ps. 27:14) H2388: The Lord encouraged Joshua to "be strong," meaning

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and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God *is* with thee whithersoever thou goest.

Israel to Cross the Jordan

10 Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying,
11 Pass through the host, and command the people, saying, Prepare you victuals; for within three days ye shall pass over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land, which the LORD your God giveth you to possess it.
12 And to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to half the tribe of Manasseh, spake Joshua, saying,
13 Remember the word which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, saying, The LORD your God hath given you rest, and hath given you this land.
14 Your wives, your little ones, and your cattle, shall remain in the land which Moses gave you on this side Jordan; but ye shall pass before your brethren armed, all the mighty men of valour, and help them;
15 Until the LORD have given your brethren rest, as *he hath given* you, and they also have possessed the land which the LORD your God giveth them: then ye shall return unto the land of your possession, and enjoy it, which Moses the LORD's servant gave you on this side Jordan toward the sunrising.
16 And they answered Joshua, saying, All that thou commandest us we will do, and whithersoever thou sendest us, we will go.
17 According as we hearkened unto Moses in all things, so will we hearken unto thee: only the LORD thy God be with thee, as he was with Moses.
18 Whosoever *he be* that doth rebel against thy commandment, and will not hearken unto thy words in all that thou commandest him, he shall be put to death: only be strong and of a good courage.

Spies Enter the Land

2 And Joshua the son of Nun sent out of Shittim two men to spy secretly, saying, Go view the land, even Jericho. And they went, and came into an harlot's house, named Rahab, and lodged there.
2 And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, Behold, there came men in hither to night of the children of Israel to search out the country.

Rahab Hides the Two Spies

3 And the king of Jericho sent unto Rahab, saying, Bring forth the men that are come to thee, which are entered into thine house: for they be come to search out all the country.
4 And the woman took the two men, and hid them, and said thus, There came men unto me, but I wist not whence they *were:*
5 And it came to pass *about the time* of shutting of the gate, when it was dark, that the men went out: whither the men went I wot not: pursue after them quickly; for ye shall overtake them.
6 But she had brought them up to the roof of the house, and hid them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order upon the roof.
7 And the men pursued after them the way to Jordan unto the fords: and as soon as they which pursued after them were gone out, they shut the gate.

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that he was to stand firm and not back down; that he was to not be afraid, but be confident and certain instead. The same word is used to speak of Pharaoh's heart being hardened (Ex. 4:21; 7:13). In the story of Gideon he "retained" (*chazaq*) three hundred men, was "strengthened" (*chazaq*) to fight, and "held" (*chazaq*) the torches in their left hands (Judg. 7:8, 11, 20). Samson prayed for strength one last time, that he might take vengeance on the Philistines (Judg. 16:28), and David encouraged us to "Wait on the LORD: be of good courage [*chazaq*], and he shall strengthen thine heart" (Ps. 27:14).

1:9 afraid ▸ *see Ps. 89:7.*
1:9 dismay ▸ *see Jer. 30:10.*

2:5 gate

(Heb. *sha`ar*) (Gen. 28:17; Ps. 24:7; 100:4; 118:19) H8179: The Hebrew word for *gate* can refer to the gate of a city (Gen. 23:18), a temple (Ezek. 8:5), or a palace (Esth. 2:19); or the entrance to a camp (Ex. 32:26, 27). The gate was the center of society, the place where disputes were settled and agreements made, and also where enemies might enter (Deut. 21:19; Ruth 4:1; Ezek. 26:10). Possessing the gates meant possessing the city itself (Gen. 22:17; 24:60). Being within the gates meant safety and security, as well as participating in the laws of that place (Ex. 20:10; Deut. 15:7). The most important gate is the gate of heaven, whereby one may enter Paradise forever (Gen. 28:17; Ps. 24:7).

8 And before they were laid down, she came up unto them upon the roof;
9 And she said unto the men, I know that the LORD hath given you the land, and that your terror is fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land faint because of you.
10 For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red sea for you, when ye came out of Egypt; and what ye did unto the two kings of the Amorites, that *were* on the other side Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom ye utterly destroyed.
11 And as soon as we had heard *these things,* our hearts did melt, neither did there remain any more courage in any man, because of you: for the LORD your God, he *is* God in heaven above, and in earth beneath.

Covenant Between Rahab and the Spies

12 Now therefore, I pray you, swear unto me by the LORD, since I have shewed you kindness, that ye will also shew kindness unto my father's house, and give me a true token:
13 And *that* ye will save alive my father, and my mother, and my brethren, and my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death.
14 And the men answered her, Our life for yours, if ye utter not this our business. And it shall be, when the LORD hath given us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with thee.
15 Then she let them down by a cord through the window: for her house *was* upon the town wall, and she dwelt upon the wall.
16 And she said unto them, Get you to the mountain, lest the pursuers meet you; and hide yourselves there three days, until the pursuers be returned: and afterward may ye go your way.
17 And the men said unto her, We *will be* blameless of this thine oath which thou hast made us swear.
18 Behold, *when* we come into the land, thou shalt bind this line of scarlet thread in the window which thou didst let us down by: and thou shalt bring thy father, and thy mother, and thy brethren, and all thy father's household, home unto thee.
19 And it shall be, *that* whosoever shall go out of the doors of thy house into the street, his blood *shall be* upon his head, and we *will be* guiltless: and whosoever shall be with thee in the house, his blood *shall be* on our head, if *any* hand be upon him.
20 And if thou utter this our business, then we will be quit of thine oath which thou hast made us to swear.
21 And she said, According unto your words, so *be* it. And she sent them away, and they departed: and she bound the scarlet line in the window.
22 And they went, and came unto the mountain, and abode there three days, until the pursuers were returned: and the pursuers sought *them* throughout all the way, but found *them* not.

The Spies' Report to Joshua

23 So the two men returned, and descended from the mountain, and passed over, and came to Joshua the son of Nun, and told him all *things* that befell them:
24 And they said unto Joshua, Truly the LORD hath delivered into our hands all the land; for even all the inhabitants of the country do faint because of us.

Preparing to Cross the Jordan

3 And Joshua rose early in the morning; and they removed from Shittim, and came to Jordan, he and all the children of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over.
2 And it came to pass after three days, that the officers went through the host;
3 And they commanded the people, saying, When ye see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests the Levites bearing it, then ye shall remove from your place, and go after it.
4 Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure: come not near unto it, that ye may know the way by which ye must go: for ye have not passed *this* way heretofore.

2:9 terror ▸ *see Job 13:21.*
2:11 melt ▸ *see Is. 34:3.*
2:13 death ▸ *see Ps. 13:3.*

3:4 pass

(Heb.`*abar*) (Gen. 12:6; Ex. 12:12) H5674: Although the people had not "passed this way heretofore," Abram is described as having "passed

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5 And Joshua said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves: for to morrow the LORD will do wonders among you.

The Ark Passes Before Israel

6 And Joshua spake unto the priests, saying, Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass over before the people. And they took up the ark of the covenant, and went before the people.
7 And the LORD said unto Joshua, This day will I begin to magnify thee in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, *so* I will be with thee.
8 And thou shalt command the priests that bear the ark of the covenant, saying, When ye are come to the brink of the water of Jordan, ye shall stand still in Jordan.

Passage Over Jordan

9 And Joshua said unto the children of Israel, Come hither, and hear the words of the LORD your God.
10 And Joshua said, Hereby ye shall know that the living God *is* among you, and *that* he will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Hivites, and the Perizzites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Jebusites.
11 Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth passeth over before you into Jordan.
12 Now therefore take you twelve men out of the tribes of Israel, out of every tribe a man.
13 And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests that bear the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of Jordan, *that* the waters of Jordan shall be cut off *from* the waters that come down from above; and they shall stand upon an heap.
14 And it came to pass, when the people removed from their tents, to pass over Jordan, and the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people;
15 And as they that bare the ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the water, (for Jordan overfloweth all his banks all the time of harvest,)
16 That the waters which came down from above stood *and* rose up upon an heap very far from the city Adam, that *is* beside Zaretan: and those that came down toward the sea of the plain, *even* the salt sea, failed, *and* were cut off: and the people passed over right against Jericho.
17 And the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jordan, and all the Israelites passed over on dry ground, until all the people were passed clean over Jordan.

The Twelve Memorial Stones

4 And it came to pass, when all the people were clean passed over Jordan, that the LORD spake unto Joshua, saying,
2 Take you twelve men out of the people, out of every tribe a man,
3 And command ye them, saying, Take you hence out of the midst of Jordan, out of the place where the priests' feet stood firm, twelve stones, and ye shall carry them over with you, and leave them in the lodging place, where ye shall lodge this night.
4 Then Joshua called the twelve men, whom he had prepared of the children of Israel, out of every tribe a man:
5 And Joshua said unto them, Pass over before the ark of the LORD your God into the midst of Jordan, and take you up every man of you a stone upon his shoulder, according unto the number of the tribes of the children of Israel:
6 That this may be a sign among you, *that* when your children ask *their fathers* in time to come, saying, What *mean* ye by these stones?
7 Then ye shall answer them, That the waters of Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD; when it passed over Jordan, the waters of Jordan were cut off: and these stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Israel for ever.

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through the land," when he first traveled down from Ur (Gen. 12:6). In a similar way, the angel of the Lord is described as passing through the land of Egypt, killing the firstborn (Ex. 12:12), and Elisha would stop at the Shunnamite woman's house every time he passed by (2 Kin. 4:8). Spiritually, the prophet Isaiah spoke of a highway of holiness over which "the unclean shall not pass," (Is. 35:8), and Jeremiah notes that the Lord has "covered [Himself] with a cloud, that our prayer should not pass through" (Lam. 3:44).

4:1 people ▸ *see Ps. 2:1.*

8 And the children of Israel did so as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve stones out of the midst of Jordan, as the LORD spake unto Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, and carried them over with them unto the place where they lodged, and laid them down there.
9 And Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests which bare the ark of the covenant stood: and they are there unto this day.

Israel Passes Over Jordan

10 For the priests which bare the ark stood in the midst of Jordan, until every thing was finished that the LORD commanded Joshua to speak unto the people, according to all that Moses commanded Joshua: and the people hasted and passed over.
11 And it came to pass, when all the people were clean passed over, that the ark of the LORD passed over, and the priests, in the presence of the people.
12 And the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh, passed over armed before the children of Israel, as Moses spake unto them:
13 About forty thousand prepared for war passed over before the LORD unto battle, to the plains of Jericho.
14 On that day the LORD magnified Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they feared him, as they feared Moses, all the days of his life.

The Jordan Flows Again

15 And the LORD spake unto Joshua, saying,
16 Command the priests that bear the ark of the testimony, that they come up out of Jordan.
17 Joshua therefore commanded the priests, saying, Come ye up out of Jordan.
18 And it came to pass, when the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD were come up out of the midst of Jordan, *and* the soles of the priests' feet were lifted up unto the dry land, that the waters of Jordan returned unto their place, and flowed over all his banks, as *they did* before.

A Memorial of Stones

19 And the people came up out of Jordan on the tenth *day* of the first month, and encamped in Gilgal, in the east border of Jericho.
20 And those twelve stones, which they took out of Jordan, did Joshua pitch in Gilgal.
21 And he spake unto the children of Israel, saying, When your children shall ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What *mean* these stones?
22 Then ye shall let your children know, saying, Israel came over this Jordan on dry land.
23 For the LORD your God dried up the waters of Jordan from before you, until ye were passed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red sea, which he dried up from before us, until we were gone over:
24 That all the people of the earth might know the hand of the LORD, that it *is* mighty: that ye might fear the LORD your God for ever.

The Fear of Israel

5 And it came to pass, when all the kings of the Amorites, which *were* on the side of Jordan westward, and all the kings of the Canaanites, which *were* by the sea, heard that the LORD had dried up the waters of Jordan from before the children of Israel, until we were passed over, that their heart melted, neither was there spirit in them any more, because of the children of Israel.
2 At that time the LORD said unto Joshua, Make thee sharp knives, and circumcise again the children of Israel the second time.
3 And Joshua made him sharp knives, and circumcised the children of Israel at the hill of the foreskins.
4 And this *is* the cause why Joshua did

4:14 Joshua

(Heb. *yehoshua*) (Ex. 33:11; Num. 32:12; Deut. 34:9; Josh. 6:27; 24:31) H3091: Literally the name Joshua means "whose help [or salvation] is Jehovah." Even in his name, Joshua was a prefigure or type for Jesus, whose name is derived from Joshua and also means "Jehovah saves." Joshua was the son of Nun, a servant of Moses, and out of the twelve men chosen to spy out the land only he and Caleb trusted the Lord to help them conquer the Promised Land. Upon Moses' death Joshua assumed leadership of Israel and led them in the settling of the Promised Land. Joshua was a brave leader who wholeheartedly served the Lord all the days of his life.

5:1 Canaanite ▸ *see Neh. 9:8.*

circumcise: All the people that came out of Egypt, *that were* males, *even* all the men of war, died in the wilderness by the way, after they came out of Egypt.
5 Now all the people that came out were circumcised: but all the people *that were* born in the wilderness by the way as they came forth out of Egypt, *them* they had not circumcised.
6 For the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the people *that were* men of war, which came out of Egypt, were consumed, because they obeyed not the voice of the LORD: unto whom the LORD sware that he would not shew them the land, which the LORD sware unto their fathers that he would give us, a land that floweth with milk and honey.
7 And their children, *whom* he raised up in their stead, them Joshua circumcised: for they were uncircumcised, because they had not circumcised them by the way.
8 And it came to pass, when they had done circumcising all the people, that they abode in their places in the camp, till they were whole.
9 And the LORD said unto Joshua, This day have I rolled away the reproach of Egypt from off you. Wherefore the name of the place is called Gilgal unto this day.

Passover Observed at Gilgal

10 And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the month at even in the plains of Jericho.
11 And they did eat of the old corn of the land on the morrow after the passover, unleavened cakes, and parched *corn* in the selfsame day.
12 And the manna ceased on the morrow after they had eaten of the old corn of the land; neither had the children of Israel manna any more; but they did eat of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

The Captain of the Host of the Lord

13 And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, *Art* thou for us, or for our adversaries?
14 And he said, Nay; but *as* captain of the host of the LORD am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my lord unto his servant?
15 And the captain of the LORD's host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest *is* holy. And Joshua did so.

The Siege of Jericho

6 Now Jericho was straitly shut up because of the children of Israel: none went out, and none came in.
2 And the LORD said unto Joshua, See, I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, *and* the mighty men of valour.
3 And ye shall compass the city, all *ye* men of war, *and* go round about the city once. Thus shalt thou do six days.
4 And seven priests shall bear before the ark seven trumpets of rams' horns: and the seventh day ye shall compass the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets.
5 And it shall come to pass, that when they make a long *blast* with the ram's horn, *and* when ye hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the people shall ascend up every man straight before him.
6 And Joshua the son of Nun called the

5:6 war

(Heb. *milchamah*) (Ex. 15:3; Deut. 20:3; Ps. 24:8; Is. 2:4) H4421: From the root "to battle," this word means "war, fight, or battle." Warfare was a constant in the life of Israel, with periods of "rest" or "quiet" from war being specially noted because they were so rare (Judg. 3:11; 1 Kin. 5:4; 2 Chr. 14:5). During the conquest of the Promised Land, Israel usually fought from a position of inferiority—fewer troops and weapons—but when they relied on God's strength and wisdom, they prevailed. For them, the battle was "not [theirs], but God's" (2 Chr. 20:15).

5:7 uncircumcised ▸ *see Ex. 6:12.*
5:10 plain ▸ *see Num. 36:13.*
5:12 Canaan ▸ *see Gen. 9:25.*
5:13 stand ▸ *see 2 Sam. 2:23.*
6:3 city ▸ *see Deut. 20:10.*
6:4 trumpet ▸ *see Hos. 8:1.*
6:5 wall ▸ *see Neh. 6:15.*

priests, and said unto them, Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD.
7 And he said unto the people, Pass on, and compass the city, and let him that is armed pass on before the ark of the LORD.

Israel Follows Joshua's Instructions

8 And it came to pass, when Joshua had spoken unto the people, that the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns passed on before the LORD, and blew with the trumpets: and the ark of the covenant of the LORD followed them.
9 And the armed men went before the priests that blew with the trumpets, and the rereward came after the ark, *the priests* going on, and blowing with the trumpets.
10 And Joshua had commanded the people, saying, Ye shall not shout, nor make any noise with your voice, neither shall *any* word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I bid you shout; then shall ye shout.
11 So the ark of the LORD compassed the city, going about *it* once: and they came into the camp, and lodged in the camp.
12 And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the LORD.
13 And seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD went on continually, and blew with the trumpets: and the armed men went before them; but the rereward came after the ark of the LORD, *the priests* going on, and blowing with the trumpets.
14 And the second day they compassed the city once, and returned into the camp: so they did six days.
15 And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they rose early about the dawning of the day, and compassed the city after the same manner seven times: only on that day they compassed the city seven times.
16 And it came to pass at the seventh time, when the priests blew with the trumpets, Joshua said unto the people, Shout; for the LORD hath given you the city.
17 And the city shall be accursed, *even* it, and all that *are* therein, to the LORD: only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all that *are* with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent.

Instructions About Plunder

18 And ye, in any wise keep *yourselves* from the accursed thing, lest ye make *yourselves* accursed, when ye take of the accursed thing, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it.
19 But all the silver, and gold, and vessels of brass and iron, *are* consecrated unto the LORD: they shall come into the treasury of the LORD.

The Walls of Jericho Fall

20 So the people shouted when *the priests* blew with the trumpets: and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.
21 And they utterly destroyed all that *was* in the city, both man and woman, young and old, and ox, and sheep, and ass, with the edge of the sword.

Rahab's Household Saved

22 But Joshua had said unto the two men that had spied out the country, Go into the harlot's house, and bring out thence the woman, and all that she hath, as ye sware unto her.
23 And the young men that were spies went

6:10 proceed ▸ *see Num. 32:24.*
6:13 blow ▸ *see Ps. 47:1.*

6:14 compass

(Heb. *sabab*) (Ex. 13:18; 2 Sam. 5:23; Ps. 118:10; Eccl. 1:6) H5437: Literally "to turn, turn around or about or aside or back or towards," the translation used here, "compass," offers a good word picture. The word can also describe turning around (Judg. 18:23) or surrounding something (Gen. 19:4). The same word is used of the way watchmen walk through a city (Song 5:7) and the way water wraps around someone (Ps. 88:17; Jon. 2:3, 5). The Israelites wrapped around, marched around, and surrounded the city of Jericho in both a spiritual and a physical sense as God gave them the city.

6:15 rise early ▸ *see Josh. 8:10.*
6:17 live ▸ *see Hab. 2:4.*
6:18 make accursed ▸ *see 1 Sam. 15:9.*
6:20 shout ▸ *see Job 38:7.*
6:20 great shout ▸ *see Ezra 3:11.*

in, and brought out Rahab, and her father, and her mother, and her brethren, and all that she had; and they brought out all her kindred, and left them without the camp of Israel.

Jericho Destroyed

24 And they burnt the city with fire, and all that *was* therein: only the silver, and the gold, and the vessels of brass and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD.
25 And Joshua saved Rahab the harlot alive, and her father's household, and all that she had; and she dwelleth in Israel *even* unto this day; because she hid the messengers, which Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.
26 And Joshua adjured *them* at that time, saying, Cursed *be* the man before the LORD, that riseth up and buildeth this city Jericho: he shall lay the foundation thereof in his firstborn, and in his youngest *son* shall he set up the gates of it.
27 So the LORD was with Joshua; and his fame was *noised* throughout all the country.

Israel Sins

7 But the children of Israel committed a trespass in the accursed thing: for Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the accursed thing: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against the children of Israel.
2 And Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which *is* beside Beth-aven, on the east side of Beth-el, and spake unto them, saying, Go up and view the country. And the men went up and viewed Ai.
3 And they returned to Joshua, and said unto him, Let not all the people go up; but let about two or three thousand men go up and smite Ai; *and* make not all the people to labour thither; for they *are but* few.
4 So there went up thither of the people about three thousand men: and they fled before the men of Ai.
5 And the men of Ai smote of them about thirty and six men: for they chased them *from* before the gate *even* unto Shebarim, and smote them in the going down: wherefore the hearts of the people melted, and became as water.

Joshua Grieves Over Israel's Loss

6 And Joshua rent his clothes, and fell to the earth upon his face before the ark of the LORD until the eventide, he and the elders of Israel, and put dust upon their heads.
7 And Joshua said, Alas, O Lord GOD, wherefore hast thou at all brought this people over Jordan, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us? would to God we had been content, and dwelt on the other side Jordan!
8 O Lord, what shall I say, when Israel turneth their backs before their enemies!
9 For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land shall hear *of it,* and shall environ us round, and cut off our name from the earth: and what wilt thou do unto thy great name?
10 And the LORD said unto Joshua, Get thee up; wherefore liest thou thus upon thy face?
11 Israel hath sinned, and they have also transgressed my covenant which I commanded them: for they have even taken of the accursed thing, and have also stolen, and dissembled also, and they have put *it* even among their own stuff.
12 Therefore the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies, *but* turned *their* backs before their enemies, because they were accursed: neither will I be with you any more, except ye destroy the accursed from among you.

Sanctify the People

13 Up, sanctify the people, and say, Sanctify yourselves against to morrow: for thus saith

6:27 Joshua ▸ *see Josh. 4:14.*
6:27 fame ▸ *see Josh. 9:9.*

7:8 enemy

(Heb. *'oyeb*) (Deut. 23:14; Ps. 106:10; 110:1; Is. 63:10) H0341: The original idea of this word is "breathing, blowing, puffing"—as expressions of anger. It is used to describe someone who is a hated adversary. A frequent Old Testament blessing is to rule over one's enemies (Gen. 22:17; 49:8), and the ultimate promise is that God will fight our enemies on our behalf (Ex. 23:22; Deut. 20:4). Because Israel was God's chosen nation, its enemies were enemies of God Himself (Num. 10:35). On the other hand, God can use a nation's enemies as a tool of judgment, to oppress those who are not following Him (Lev. 26:17; Deut. 28:25). A nation or a person in rebellion against God is an enemy of God (Is. 63:10; Lam. 2:5).

the LORD God of Israel, *There is* an accursed thing in the midst of thee, O Israel: thou canst not stand before thine enemies, until ye take away the accursed thing from among you.
14 In the morning therefore ye shall be brought according to your tribes: and it shall be, *that* the tribe which the LORD taketh shall come according to the families *thereof;* and the family which the LORD shall take shall come by households; and the household which the LORD shall take shall come man by man.
15 And it shall be, *that* he that is taken with the accursed thing shall be burnt with fire, he and all that he hath: because he hath transgressed the covenant of the LORD, and because he hath wrought folly in Israel.

Achan's Guilt

16 So Joshua rose up early in the morning, and brought Israel by their tribes; and the tribe of Judah was taken:
17 And he brought the family of Judah; and he took the family of the Zarhites: and he brought the family of the Zarhites man by man; and Zabdi was taken:
18 And he brought his household man by man; and Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken.
19 And Joshua said unto Achan, My son, give, I pray thee, glory to the LORD God of Israel, and make confession unto him; and tell me now what thou hast done; hide *it* not from me.
20 And Achan answered Joshua, and said, Indeed I have sinned against the LORD God of Israel, and thus and thus have I done:
21 When I saw among the spoils a goodly Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I coveted them, and took them; and, behold, they *are* hid in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it.

Achan's Household Destroyed

22 So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran unto the tent; and, behold, *it was* hid in his tent, and the silver under it.
23 And they took them out of the midst of the tent, and brought them unto Joshua, and unto all the children of Israel, and laid them out before the LORD.
24 And Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, and the silver, and the garment, and the wedge of gold, and his sons, and his daughters, and his oxen, and his asses, and his sheep, and his tent, and all that he had: and they brought them unto the valley of Achor.
25 And Joshua said, Why hast thou troubled us? the LORD shall trouble thee this day. And all Israel stoned him with stones, and burned them with fire, after they had stoned them with stones.
26 And they raised over him a great heap of stones unto this day. So the LORD turned from the fierceness of his anger. Wherefore the name of that place was called, The valley of Achor, unto this day.

Ai Will Be Conquered

8 And the LORD said unto Joshua, Fear not, neither be thou dismayed: take all the people of war with thee, and arise, go up to Ai: see, I have given into thy hand the king of Ai, and his people, and his city, and his land:
2 And thou shalt do to Ai and her king as thou didst unto Jericho and her king: only the spoil thereof, and the cattle thereof, shall ye take for a prey unto yourselves: lay thee an ambush for the city behind it.
3 So Joshua arose, and all the people of war, to go up against Ai: and Joshua chose out thirty thousand mighty men of valour, and sent them away by night.
4 And he commanded them, saying, Behold, ye shall lie in wait against the city, *even* behind the city: go not very far from the city, but be ye all ready:
5 And I, and all the people that *are* with me, will approach unto the city: and it shall come to pass, when they come out against us, as at the first, that we will flee before them,
6 (For they will come out after us) till we have drawn them from the city; for they will say, They flee before us, as at the first: therefore we will flee before them.
7 Then ye shall rise up from the ambush, and seize upon the city: for the LORD your God will deliver it into your hand.
8 And it shall be, when ye have taken the city, *that* ye shall set the city on fire: according to the commandment of the LORD shall ye do. See, I have commanded you.

The Battle Plan Unfolds

9 Joshua therefore sent them forth: and they went to lie in ambush, and abode between Beth-el and Ai, on the west side of Ai: but Joshua lodged that night among the people.
10 And Joshua rose up early in the morning, and numbered the people, and went up, he and the elders of Israel, before the people to Ai.
11 And all the people, *even the people* of war that *were* with him, went up, and drew nigh, and came before the city, and pitched on the north side of Ai: now *there was* a valley between them and Ai.
12 And he took about five thousand men, and set them to lie in ambush between Beth-el and Ai, on the west side of the city.
13 And when they had set the people, *even* all the host that *was* on the north of the city, and their liers in wait on the west of the city, Joshua went that night into the midst of the valley.

The Battle Begins

14 And it came to pass, when the king of Ai saw *it,* that they hasted and rose up early, and the men of the city went out against Israel to battle, he and all his people, at a time appointed, before the plain; but he wist not that *there were* liers in ambush against him behind the city.
15 And Joshua and all Israel made as if they were beaten before them, and fled by the way of the wilderness.
16 And all the people that *were* in Ai were called together to pursue after them: and they pursued after Joshua, and were drawn away from the city.
17 And there was not a man left in Ai or Beth-el, that went not out after Israel: and they left the city open, and pursued after Israel.

The Ambush

18 And the LORD said unto Joshua, Stretch out the spear that *is* in thy hand toward Ai; for I will give it into thine hand. And Joshua stretched out the spear that *he had* in his hand toward the city.
19 And the ambush arose quickly out of their place, and they ran as soon as he had stretched out his hand: and they entered into the city, and took it, and hasted and set the city on fire.
20 And when the men of Ai looked behind them, they saw, and, behold, the smoke of the city ascended up to heaven, and they had no power to flee this way or that way: and the people that fled to the wilderness turned back upon the pursuers.
21 And when Joshua and all Israel saw that the ambush had taken the city, and that the smoke of the city ascended, then they turned again, and slew the men of Ai.
22 And the other issued out of the city against them; so they were in the midst of Israel, some on this side, and some on that side: and they smote them, so that they let none of them remain or escape.
23 And the king of Ai they took alive, and brought him to Joshua.

All Inhabitants of Ai Killed

24 And it came to pass, when Israel had made an end of slaying all the inhabitants of Ai in the field, in the wilderness wherein they chased them, and when they were all fallen on the edge of the sword, until they were consumed, that all the Israelites returned unto Ai, and smote it with the edge of the sword.
25 And *so* it was, *that* all that fell that day, both of men and women, *were* twelve thousand, *even* all the men of Ai.
26 For Joshua drew not his hand back, wherewith he stretched out the spear, until he had utterly destroyed all the inhabitants of Ai.
27 Only the cattle and the spoil of that city Israel took for a prey unto themselves, according unto the word of the LORD which he commanded Joshua.

8:10 rise up early

(Heb. *shakam*) (Gen. 22:3; Ex. 34:4; Josh. 6:15; Job 1:5) H7925: Literally, "to rise up early in the morning," usually for some purpose such as to depart on a journey or to work. This word is also used figuratively to denote urgency. Many important events in the Old Testament took place in the early morning, including Abraham journeying to sacrifice Isaac, in addition to various journeys from one place to another and times of worship or consecration. Jesus used the early morning as a time to commune with His Father (Mark 1:35).

8:12 ambush ▸ *see Judg. 20:37.*

28 And Joshua burnt Ai, and made it an heap for ever, *even* a desolation unto this day.
29 And the king of Ai he hanged on a tree until eventide: and as soon as the sun was down, Joshua commanded that they should take his carcase down from the tree, and cast it at the entering of the gate of the city, and raise thereon a great heap of stones, *that remaineth* unto this day.

An Altar Built at Mount Ebal

30 Then Joshua built an altar unto the LORD God of Israel in mount Ebal,
31 As Moses the servant of the LORD commanded the children of Israel, as it is written in the book of the law of Moses, an altar of whole stones, over which no man hath lift up *any* iron: and they offered thereon burnt offerings unto the LORD, and sacrificed peace offerings.
32 And he wrote there upon the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he wrote in the presence of the children of Israel.
33 And all Israel, and their elders, and officers, and their judges, stood on this side the ark and on that side before the priests the Levites, which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, as well the stranger, as he that was born among them; half of them over against mount Gerizim, and half of them over against mount Ebal; as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded before, that they should bless the people of Israel.
34 And afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessings and cursings, according to all that is written in the book of the law.
35 There was not a word of all that Moses commanded, which Joshua read not before all the congregation of Israel, with the women, and the little ones, and the strangers that were conversant among them.

Kings Join Forces

9 And it came to pass, when all the kings which *were* on this side Jordan, in the hills, and in the valleys, and in all the coasts of the great sea over against Lebanon, the Hittite, and the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite, heard *thereof;*
2 That they gathered themselves together, to fight with Joshua and with Israel, with one accord.

Gibeon's Deceit

3 And when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done unto Jericho and to Ai,
4 They did work wilily, and went and made as if they had been ambassadors, and took old sacks upon their asses, and wine bottles, old, and rent, and bound up;
5 And old shoes and clouted upon their feet, and old garments upon them; and all the bread of their provision was dry *and* mouldy.

A Request for a Treaty

6 And they went to Joshua unto the camp at Gilgal, and said unto him, and to the men of Israel, We be come from a far country: now therefore make ye a league with us.
7 And the men of Israel said unto the Hivites, Peradventure ye dwell among us; and how shall we make a league with you?
8 And they said unto Joshua, We *are* thy servants. And Joshua said unto them, Who *are* ye? and from whence come ye?
9 And they said unto him, From a very far country thy servants are come because of the name of the LORD thy God: for we have heard the fame of him, and all that he did in Egypt,
10 And all that he did to the two kings of the Amorites, that *were* beyond Jordan, to Sihon king of Heshbon, and to Og king of Bashan, which *was* at Ashtaroth.
11 Wherefore our elders and all the inhabitants of our country spake to us, saying, Take victuals with you for the journey, and go to meet them, and say unto them, We *are* your servants: therefore now make ye a league with us.

8:28 desolation ▸ *see Is. 1:7.*
8:31 altar ▸ *see Ex. 27:1.*
8:34 curse ▸ *see Jer. 44:8.*

9:9 fame

(Heb. *shoma'*) (Josh. 6:27; Esth. 9:4; Jer. 6:24) H8089: From the root meaning "to hear," this word means "report, rumor, news, or fame." Though the root is commonly used in Scripture, this form is only used four times. Literally, this verse says "I have heard the hearing—the thing that is being frequently said because it is worth hearing." In this case, the reports of God's faithfulness to Israel (Josh. 9:3) caused such terror in the hearts of the Canaanites that they resorted to trickery rather than going to battle.

12 This our bread we took hot *for* our provision out of our houses on the day we came forth to go unto you; but now, behold, it is dry, and it is mouldy:
13 And these bottles of wine, which we filled, *were* new; and, behold, they be rent: and these our garments and our shoes are become old by reason of the very long journey.
14 And the men took of their victuals, and asked not *counsel* at the mouth of the LORD.
15 And Joshua made peace with them, and made a league with them, to let them live: and the princes of the congregation sware unto them.

Gibeon's Deceit Discovered

16 And it came to pass at the end of three days after they had made a league with them, that they heard that they *were* their neighbours, and *that* they dwelt among them.
17 And the children of Israel journeyed, and came unto their cities on the third day. Now their cities *were* Gibeon, and Chephirah, and Beeroth, and Kirjath-jearim.
18 And the children of Israel smote them not, because the princes of the congregation had sworn unto them by the LORD God of Israel. And all the congregation murmured against the princes.
19 But all the princes said unto all the congregation, We have sworn unto them by the LORD God of Israel: now therefore we may not touch them.
20 This we will do to them; we will even let them live, lest wrath be upon us, because of the oath which we sware unto them.
21 And the princes said unto them, Let them live; but let them be hewers of wood and drawers of water unto all the congregation; as the princes had promised them.

People Become Bondservants

22 And Joshua called for them, and he spake unto them, saying, Wherefore have ye beguiled us, saying, We *are* very far from you; when ye dwell among us?
23 Now therefore ye *are* cursed, and there shall none of you be freed from being bondmen, and hewers of wood and drawers of water for the house of my God.
24 And they answered Joshua, and said, Because it was certainly told thy servants, how that the LORD thy God commanded his servant Moses to give you all the land, and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land from before you, therefore we were sore afraid of our lives because of you, and have done this thing.
25 And now, behold, we *are* in thine hand: as it seemeth good and right unto thee to do unto us, do.
26 And so did he unto them, and delivered them out of the hand of the children of Israel, that they slew them not.
27 And Joshua made them that day hewers of wood and drawers of water for the congregation, and for the altar of the LORD, even unto this day, in the place which he should choose.

Conspiracy of Five Kings

10 Now it came to pass, when Adonizedek king of Jerusalem had heard how Joshua had taken Ai, and had utterly destroyed it; as he had done to Jericho and her king, so he had done to Ai and her king; and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel, and were among them;
2 That they feared greatly, because Gibeon *was* a great city, as one of the royal cities, and because it *was* greater than Ai, and all the men thereof *were* mighty.
3 Wherefore Adoni-zedek king of Jerusalem sent unto Hoham king of Hebron, and unto Piram king of Jarmuth, and unto Japhia king of Lachish, and unto Debir king of Eglon, saying,
4 Come up unto me, and help me, that we may smite Gibeon: for it hath made peace with Joshua and with the children of Israel.
5 Therefore the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon, gathered themselves together, and went up, they and all their hosts, and encamped before Gibeon, and made war against it.

Gibeon Asks for Israel's Protection

6 And the men of Gibeon sent unto Joshua to the camp to Gilgal, saying, Slack not thy hand from thy servants; come up to us quickly, and save us, and help us: for all the kings of the Amorites that dwell in the mountains are gathered together against us.
7 So Joshua ascended from Gilgal, he, and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valour.

8 And the LORD said unto Joshua, Fear them not: for I have delivered them into thine hand; there shall not a man of them stand before thee.
9 Joshua therefore came unto them suddenly, *and* went up from Gilgal all night.
10 And the LORD discomfited them before Israel, and slew them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, and chased them along the way that goeth up to Beth-horon, and smote them to Azekah, and unto Makkedah.
11 And it came to pass, as they fled from before Israel, *and* were in the going down to Beth-horon, that the LORD cast down great stones from heaven upon them unto Azekah, and they died: *they were* more which died with hailstones than *they* whom the children of Israel slew with the sword.

Joshua Commands the Sun to Stand Still

12 Then spake Joshua to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon.
13 And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. *Is* not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day.
14 And there was no day like that before it or after it, that the LORD hearkened unto the voice of a man: for the LORD fought for Israel.
15 And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, unto the camp to Gilgal.
16 But these five kings fled, and hid themselves in a cave at Makkedah.
17 And it was told Joshua, saying, The five kings are found hid in a cave at Makkedah.
18 And Joshua said, Roll great stones upon the mouth of the cave, and set men by it for to keep them:
19 And stay ye not, *but* pursue after your enemies, and smite the hindmost of them; suffer them not to enter into their cities: for the LORD your God hath delivered them into your hand.
20 And it came to pass, when Joshua and the children of Israel had made an end of slaying them with a very great slaughter, till they were consumed, that the rest *which* remained of them entered into fenced cities.
21 And all the people returned to the camp to Joshua at Makkedah in peace: none moved his tongue against any of the children of Israel.

The Death of Five Kings

22 Then said Joshua, Open the mouth of the cave, and bring out those five kings unto me out of the cave.
23 And they did so, and brought forth those five kings unto him out of the cave, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, *and* the king of Eglon.
24 And it came to pass, when they brought out those kings unto Joshua, that Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and said unto the captains of the men of war which went with him, Come near, put your feet upon the necks of these kings. And they came near, and put their feet upon the necks of them.
25 And Joshua said unto them, Fear not, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage: for thus shall the LORD do to all your enemies against whom ye fight.
26 And afterward Joshua smote them, and slew them, and hanged them on five trees: and they were hanging upon the trees until the evening.
27 And it came to pass at the time of the going down of the sun, *that* Joshua commanded, and they took them down off the

10:12 sun ▸ *see Ps. 84:11.*
10:12 still ▸ *see Jer. 47:6.*
10:12 valley ▸ *see Hos. 1:5.*
10:13 stay ▸ *see 2 Sam. 2:23.*
10:19 smite the hindmost ▸ *see Deut. 25:18.*

10:19 deliver

(Heb. *nathan*) (Gen. 14:20; Num. 21:2; Judg. 2:23; Is. 36:15) H5414: Though the word literally means (and is usually rendered) "give" (Gen. 12:7; Ps. 37:4; Hag. 2:9), it can also be translated "put" (Ex. 26:34; 2 Chr. 3:16), "made" (Ex. 7:1; 2 Sam. 22:36), "grant" (Lev. 25:24; Neh. 1:11), and even "uttered" (2 Sam. 22:14). When the rendering is "delivered," as here, the sense is generally of a foe being given over to a captor. The term is significantly translated "gave" in Isaiah 50:6 ("I gave my back to the smiters"), foreshadowing Jesus' submission to His abusers before His crucifixion.

trees, and cast them into the cave wherein they had been hid, and laid great stones in the cave's mouth, *which remain* until this very day.

Joshua's Conquests

28 And that day Joshua took Makkedah, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and the king thereof he utterly destroyed, them, and all the souls that *were* therein; he let none remain: and he did to the king of Makkedah as he did unto the king of Jericho.
29 Then Joshua passed from Makkedah, and all Israel with him, unto Libnah, and fought against Libnah:
30 And the LORD delivered it also, and the king thereof, into the hand of Israel; and he smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that *were* therein; he let none remain in it; but did unto the king thereof as he did unto the king of Jericho.
31 And Joshua passed from Libnah, and all Israel with him, unto Lachish, and encamped against it, and fought against it:
32 And the LORD delivered Lachish into the hand of Israel, which took it on the second day, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that *were* therein, according to all that he had done to Libnah.
33 Then Horam king of Gezer came up to help Lachish; and Joshua smote him and his people, until he had left him none remaining.
34 And from Lachish Joshua passed unto Eglon, and all Israel with him; and they encamped against it, and fought against it:
35 And they took it on that day, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that *were* therein he utterly destroyed that day, according to all that he had done to Lachish.
36 And Joshua went up from Eglon, and all Israel with him, unto Hebron; and they fought against it:
37 And they took it, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and the king thereof, and all the cities thereof, and all the souls that *were* therein; he left none remaining, according to all that he had done to Eglon; but destroyed it utterly, and all the souls that *were* therein.
38 And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to Debir; and fought against it:
39 And he took it, and the king thereof, and all the cities thereof; and they smote them with the edge of the sword, and utterly destroyed all the souls that *were* therein; he left none remaining: as he had done to Hebron, so he did to Debir, and to the king thereof; as he had done also to Libnah, and to her king.
40 So Joshua smote all the country of the hills, and of the south, and of the vale, and of the springs, and all their kings: he left none remaining, but utterly destroyed all that breathed, as the LORD God of Israel commanded.
41 And Joshua smote them from Kadesh-barnea even unto Gaza, and all the country of Goshen, even unto Gibeon.
42 And all these kings and their land did Joshua take at one time, because the LORD God of Israel fought for Israel.
43 And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, unto the camp to Gilgal.

More Kings Join Forces

11 And it came to pass, when Jabin king of Hazor had heard *those things,* that he sent to Jobab king of Madon, and to the king of Shimron, and to the king of Achshaph,
2 And to the kings that *were* on the north of the mountains, and of the plains south of Chinneroth, and in the valley, and in the borders of Dor on the west,
3 *And to* the Canaanite on the east and on the west, and *to* the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Jebusite in the mountains, and *to* the Hivite under Hermon in the land of Mizpeh.
4 And they went out, they and all their hosts with them, much people, even as the sand that *is* upon the sea shore in multitude, with horses and chariots very many.
5 And when all these kings were met together, they came and pitched together at the waters of Merom, to fight against Israel.

Israel's Victory

6 And the LORD said unto Joshua, Be not afraid because of them: for to morrow about this time will I deliver them up all slain before Israel: thou shalt hough their horses, and burn their chariots with fire.
7 So Joshua came, and all the people of

11:5 meet ▸ *see 2 Chr. 5:6.*
11:6 hough ▸ *see 1 Chr. 18:4.*

war with him, against them by the waters of Merom suddenly; and they fell upon them.
8 And the LORD delivered them into the hand of Israel, who smote them, and chased them unto great Zidon, and unto Misrephoth-maim, and unto the valley of Mizpeh eastward; and they smote them, until they left them none remaining.
9 And Joshua did unto them as the LORD bade him: he houghed their horses, and burnt their chariots with fire.
10 And Joshua at that time turned back, and took Hazor, and smote the king thereof with the sword: for Hazor beforetime was the head of all those kingdoms.
11 And they smote all the souls that *were* therein with the edge of the sword, utterly destroying *them:* there was not any left to breathe: and he burnt Hazor with fire.
12 And all the cities of those kings, and all the kings of them, did Joshua take, and smote them with the edge of the sword, *and* he utterly destroyed them, as Moses the servant of the LORD commanded.
13 But *as for* the cities that stood still in their strength, Israel burned none of them, save Hazor only; *that* did Joshua burn.
14 And all the spoil of these cities, and the cattle, the children of Israel took for a prey unto themselves; but every man they smote with the edge of the sword, until they had destroyed them, neither left they any to breathe.

Joshua's Conquest of Lands

15 As the LORD commanded Moses his servant, so did Moses command Joshua, and so did Joshua; he left nothing undone of all that the LORD commanded Moses.
16 So Joshua took all that land, the hills, and all the south country, and all the land of Goshen, and the valley, and the plain, and the mountain of Israel, and the valley of the same;
17 *Even* from the mount Halak, that goeth up to Seir, even unto Baal-gad in the valley of Lebanon under mount Hermon: and all their kings he took, and smote them, and slew them.
18 Joshua made war a long time with all those kings.
19 There was not a city that made peace with the children of Israel, save the Hivites the inhabitants of Gibeon: all *other* they took in battle.
20 For it was of the LORD to harden their hearts, that they should come against Israel in battle, that he might destroy them utterly, *and* that they might have no favour, but that he might destroy them, as the LORD commanded Moses.

Anakims Destroyed

21 And at that time came Joshua, and cut off the Anakims from the mountains, from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, and from all the mountains of Judah, and from all the mountains of Israel: Joshua destroyed them utterly with their cities.
22 There was none of the Anakims left in the land of the children of Israel: only in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod, there remained.
23 So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the LORD said unto Moses; and Joshua gave it for an inheritance unto Israel according to their divisions by their tribes. And the land rested from war.

Lands Conquered by Moses

12 Now these *are* the kings of the land, which the children of Israel smote, and possessed their land on the other side Jordan toward the rising of the sun, from the river Arnon unto mount Hermon, and all the plain on the east:
2 Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt in Heshbon, *and* ruled from Aroer, which *is* upon the bank of the river Arnon, and from the middle of the river, and from half

11:9 hough ▸ *see 1 Chr. 18:4.*
11:14 spoil ▸ *see 2 Chr. 14:13.*

11:17 take

(Heb. *lakad*) (Judg. 7:25; Jer. 50:9) H3920: The Hebrew word means to catch or snare, as an animal in a trap (Amos 3:5). It is most often rendered "took" or "taken," as the capturing of a city (Jer. 51:41; Zech. 14:2) or a prisoner (Judg. 8:12). The term can also apply to one thing taking hold of or adhering to another, as the scales of Leviathan ("they stick together, that they cannot be sundered"—Job 41:17) or the surface of the waters (i.e., freezing—Job 38:30). In Joshua 7:14, the same word (rendered "takes") refers to a choice ("the family which the LORD shall take"—i.e., chooses).

11:23 rest ▸ *see Josh. 14:15.*
12:1 possess ▸ *see Is. 54:3.*

Gilead, even unto the river Jabbok, *which is* the border of the children of Ammon;
3 And from the plain to the sea of Chinneroth on the east, and unto the sea of the plain, *even* the salt sea on the east, the way to Beth-jeshimoth; and from the south, under Ashdoth-pisgah:
4 And the coast of Og king of Bashan, *which was* of the remnant of the giants, that dwelt at Ashtaroth and at Edrei,
5 And reigned in mount Hermon, and in Salcah, and in all Bashan, unto the border of the Geshurites and the Maachathites, and half Gilead, the border of Sihon king of Heshbon.
6 Them did Moses the servant of the LORD and the children of Israel smite: and Moses the servant of the LORD gave it *for* a possession unto the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh.

Lands Conquered by Joshua

7 And these *are* the kings of the country which Joshua and the children of Israel smote on this side Jordan on the west, from Baal-gad in the valley of Lebanon even unto the mount Halak, that goeth up to Seir; which Joshua gave unto the tribes of Israel *for* a possession according to their divisions;
8 In the mountains, and in the valleys, and in the plains, and in the springs, and in the wilderness, and in the south country; the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites:
9 The king of Jericho, one; the king of Ai, which *is* beside Beth-el, one;
10 The king of Jerusalem, one; the king of Hebron, one;
11 The king of Jarmuth, one; the king of Lachish, one;
12 The king of Eglon, one; the king of Gezer, one;
13 The king of Debir, one; the king of Geder, one;
14 The king of Hormah, one; the king of Arad, one;
15 The king of Libnah, one; the king of Adullam, one;
16 The king of Makkedah, one; the king of Beth-el, one;
17 The king of Tappuah, one; the king of Hepher, one;
18 The king of Aphek, one; the king of Lasharon, one;
19 The king of Madon, one; the king of Hazor, one;
20 The king of Shimron-meron, one; the king of Achshaph, one;
21 The king of Taanach, one; the king of Megiddo, one;
22 The king of Kedesh, one; the king of Jokneam of Carmel, one;
23 The king of Dor in the coast of Dor, one; the king of the nations of Gilgal, one;
24 The king of Tirzah, one: all the kings thirty and one.

Lands Still to Be Conquered

13 Now Joshua was old *and* stricken in years; and the LORD said unto him, Thou art old *and* stricken in years, and there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed.
2 This *is* the land that yet remaineth: all the borders of the Philistines, and all Geshuri,
3 From Sihor, which *is* before Egypt, even unto the borders of Ekron northward, *which* is counted to the Canaanite: five lords of the Philistines; the Gazathites, and the Ashdothites, the Eshkalonites, the Gittites, and the Ekronites; also the Avites:
4 From the south, all the land of the Canaanites, and Mearah that *is* beside the Sidonians, unto Aphek, to the borders of the Amorites:
5 And the land of the Giblites, and all Lebanon, toward the sunrising, from Baal-gad under mount Hermon unto the entering into Hamath.
6 All the inhabitants of the hill country from Lebanon unto Misrephoth-maim, *and* all the Sidonians, them will I drive out from before the children of Israel: only divide thou it by lot unto the Israelites for an inheritance, as I have commanded thee.

12:4 giant

(Heb. *rapha'*) (Deut. 2:20; 2 Sam. 21:16; 1 Chr. 20:6) H7497: Sometimes rendered "Rephaim" (Gen. 14:5; 2 Sam. 5:18), the word refers not to an individual but to a race of giants (Deut. 3:11—"the remnant of giants"; 2 Sam. 21:16—"the sons of the giant"). The proper noun and the generic term are used in similar constructions (Deut. 2:20—"a land of giants"; Deut. 3:13—"the land of giants"; Is. 17:5—"the valley of Rephaim") but refer to different geographical locations.

7 Now therefore divide this land for an inheritance unto the nine tribes, and the half tribe of Manasseh,
8 With whom the Reubenites and the Gadites have received their inheritance, which Moses gave them, beyond Jordan eastward, *even* as Moses the servant of the LORD gave them;
9 From Aroer, that *is* upon the bank of the river Arnon, and the city that *is* in the midst of the river, and all the plain of Medeba unto Dibon;
10 And all the cities of Sihon king of the Amorites, which reigned in Heshbon, unto the border of the children of Ammon;
11 And Gilead, and the border of the Geshurites and Maachathites, and all mount Hermon, and all Bashan unto Salcah;
12 All the kingdom of Og in Bashan, which reigned in Ashtaroth and in Edrei, who remained of the remnant of the giants: for these did Moses smite, and cast them out.
13 Nevertheless the children of Israel expelled not the Geshurites, nor the Maachathites: but the Geshurites and the Maachathites dwell among the Israelites until this day.
14 Only unto the tribe of Levi he gave none inheritance; the sacrifices of the LORD God of Israel made by fire *are* their inheritance, as he said unto them.

Inheritance of Reuben

15 And Moses gave unto the tribe of the children of Reuben *inheritance* according to their families.
16 And their coast was from Aroer, that *is* on the bank of the river Arnon, and the city that *is* in the midst of the river, and all the plain by Medeba;
17 Heshbon, and all her cities that *are* in the plain; Dibon, and Bamoth-baal, and Beth-baal-meon,
18 And Jahaza, and Kedemoth, and Mephaath,
19 And Kirjathaim, and Sibmah, and Zareth-shahar in the mount of the valley,
20 And Beth-peor, and Ashdoth-pisgah, and Beth-jeshimoth,
21 And all the cities of the plain, and all the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, which reigned in Heshbon, whom Moses smote with the princes of Midian, Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, *which were* dukes of Sihon, dwelling in the country.
22 Balaam also the son of Beor, the soothsayer, did the children of Israel slay with the sword among them that were slain by them.
23 And the border of the children of Reuben was Jordan, and the border *thereof.* This *was* the inheritance of the children of Reuben after their families, the cities and the villages thereof.

Inheritance of Gad

24 And Moses gave *inheritance* unto the tribe of Gad, *even* unto the children of Gad according to their families.
25 And their coast was Jazer, and all the cities of Gilead, and half the land of the children of Ammon, unto Aroer that *is* before Rabbah;
26 And from Heshbon unto Ramath-mizpeh, and Betonim; and from Mahanaim unto the border of Debir;
27 And in the valley, Beth-aram, and Beth-nimrah, and Succoth, and Zaphon, the rest of the kingdom of Sihon king of Heshbon, Jordan and *his* border, *even* unto the edge of the sea of Chinnereth on the other side Jordan eastward.
28 This *is* the inheritance of the children of

13:7 divide ▸ *see Ps. 60:6.*

13:7 inheritance

(Heb. *nachalah*) (Deut. 4:20; Ps. 94:14) H5159: The word inheritance, meaning "possession" or "property," is linked to the promises of God, particularly those involving the Promised Land (Gen. 13:14–17). When this word is used of the Promised Land, it does not merely refer to what a person wills to his children. Rather God, the Owner of the entire world, had granted His people a specific parcel of ground. He had fixed its boundaries and promised to deliver it to them. However, the concept of Israel's inheritance transcends a simple association with the land. David and Jeremiah both affirm that God Himself is the real inheritance of His people (Ps. 16:5; Jer. 10:16). God's people can find joy and fulfillment in their relationship with God. Nothing this world can offer as an inheritance compares with God Himself (1 Pet. 1:4).

13:21 plain ▸ *see Deut. 3:10.*
13:22 soothsayer ▸ *see Is. 44:25.*

Gad after their families, the cities, and their villages.

Inheritance of the Half Tribe of Manasseh

29 And Moses gave *inheritance* unto the half tribe of Manasseh: and *this* was *the possession* of the half tribe of the children of Manasseh by their families.
30 And their coast was from Mahanaim, all Bashan, all the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, and all the towns of Jair, which *are* in Bashan, threescore cities:
31 And half Gilead, and Ashtaroth, and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan, *were pertaining* unto the children of Machir the son of Manasseh, *even* to the one half of the children of Machir by their families.
32 These *are the countries* which Moses did distribute for inheritance in the plains of Moab, on the other side Jordan, by Jericho, eastward.

No Inheritance for the Tribe of Levi

33 But unto the tribe of Levi Moses gave not *any* inheritance: the LORD God of Israel *was* their inheritance, as he said unto them.

Land to Be Divided by Lot

14 And these *are the countries* which the children of Israel inherited in the land of Canaan, which Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel, distributed for inheritance to them.
2 By lot *was* their inheritance, as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses, for the nine tribes, and *for* the half tribe.
3 For Moses had given the inheritance of two tribes and an half tribe on the other side Jordan: but unto the Levites he gave none inheritance among them.
4 For the children of Joseph were two tribes, Manasseh and Ephraim: therefore they gave no part unto the Levites in the land, save cities to dwell *in,* with their suburbs for their cattle and for their substance.
5 As the LORD commanded Moses, so the children of Israel did, and they divided the land.

Caleb's Request

6 Then the children of Judah came unto Joshua in Gilgal: and Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite said unto him, Thou knowest the thing that the LORD said unto Moses the man of God concerning me and thee in Kadesh-barnea.
7 Forty years old *was* I when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadesh-barnea to espy out the land; and I brought him word again as *it was* in mine heart.
8 Nevertheless my brethren that went up with me made the heart of the people melt: but I wholly followed the LORD my God.
9 And Moses sware on that day, saying, Surely the land whereon thy feet have trodden shall be thine inheritance, and thy children's for ever, because thou hast wholly followed the LORD my God.
10 And now, behold, the LORD hath kept me alive, as he said, these forty and five years, even since the LORD spake this word unto Moses, while *the children of* Israel wandered in the wilderness: and now, lo, I *am* this day fourscore and five years old.
11 As yet I *am as* strong this day as *I was* in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength *was* then, even so *is* my strength now, for war, both to go out, and to come in.
12 Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the LORD spake in that day; for thou heardest in that day how the Anakims *were* there, and *that* the cities *were* great *and* fenced: if so be the LORD *will be* with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the LORD said.
13 And Joshua blessed him, and gave unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh Hebron for an inheritance.
14 Hebron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite unto this day, because that he wholly followed the LORD God of Israel.
15 And the name of Hebron before *was* Kirjath-arba; *which Arba was* a great man among the Anakims. And the land had rest from war.

13:30 town ▸ *see 1 Chr. 2:23.*
14:4 Ephraim ▸ *see Hos. 12:8.*

14:15 rest

(Heb. *shaqat*) (Deut. 12:10; Josh. 11:23) H8252: This Hebrew word translated *rest* means "to be at peace." It implies a freedom from anxiety and

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Inheritance of Judah

15 *This* then was the lot of the tribe of the children of Judah by their families; *even* to the border of Edom the wilderness of Zin southward *was* the uttermost part of the south coast.
2 And their south border was from the shore of the salt sea, from the bay that looketh southward:
3 And it went out to the south side to Maaleh-acrabbim, and passed along to Zin, and ascended up on the south side unto Kadesh-barnea, and passed along to Hezron, and went up to Adar, and fetched a compass to Karkaa:
4 *From thence* it passed toward Azmon, and went out unto the river of Egypt; and the goings out of that coast were at the sea: this shall be your south coast.
5 And the east border *was* the salt sea, *even* unto the end of Jordan. And *their* border in the north quarter *was* from the bay of the sea at the uttermost part of Jordan:
6 And the border went up to Beth-hogla, and passed along by the north of Beth-arabah; and the border went up to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben:
7 And the border went up toward Debir from the valley of Achor, and so northward, looking toward Gilgal, that *is* before the going up to Adummim, which *is* on the south side of the river: and the border passed toward the waters of En-shemesh, and the goings out thereof were at En-rogel:
8 And the border went up by the valley of the son of Hinnom unto the south side of the Jebusite; the same *is* Jerusalem: and the border went up to the top of the mountain that *lieth* before the valley of Hinnom westward, which *is* at the end of the valley of the giants northward:
9 And the border was drawn from the top of the hill unto the fountain of the water of Nephtoah, and went out to the cities of mount Ephron; and the border was drawn to Baalah, which *is* Kirjath-jearim:
10 And the border compassed from Baalah westward unto mount Seir, and passed along unto the side of mount Jearim, which *is* Chesalon, on the north side, and went down to Beth-shemesh, and passed on to Timnah:
11 And the border went out unto the side of Ekron northward: and the border was drawn to Shicron, and passed along to mount Baalah, and went out unto Jabneel; and the goings out of the border were at the sea.
12 And the west border *was* to the great sea, and the coast *thereof.* This *is* the coast of the children of Judah round about according to their families.

Inheritance of Caleb

13 And unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh he gave a part among the children of Judah, according to the commandment of the LORD to Joshua, *even* the city of Arba the father of Anak, which *city is* Hebron.
14 And Caleb drove thence the three sons of Anak, Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmai, the children of Anak.
15 And he went up thence to the inhabitants of Debir: and the name of Debir before *was* Kirjath-sepher.
16 And Caleb said, He that smiteth Kirjath-sepher, and taketh it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter to wife.
17 And Othniel the son of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb, took it: and he gave him Achsah his daughter to wife.
18 And it came to pass, as she came *unto him,* that she moved him to ask of her father

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conflict. God had promised the Israelites *rest* in the Promised Land (Ex. 33:14; Deut. 3:1–20; 12:9, 10). For the nomadic Israelites, this meant freedom from wandering and fighting. In the Book of Joshua, the idea of *rest* is related specifically to the conflicts and hostilities Israel had with their neighbors. God promised His people a peaceful place to settle. Obtaining this *rest* depended on Israel's complete obedience to God's command to drive out the Canaanites (Josh. 11:23; 14:15). The New Testament writers also speak of the concept of rest. Christians are told that heaven will bring them rest from death, pain, sin, and all other earthly struggles (Heb. 4:1; Rev. 21:4).

15:12 coast

(Heb. *gebul*) (Ex. 8:2; Deut. 19:14; Prov. 15:25) H1366: Joshua speaks extensively about the "coasts," or boundaries, for each tribe's territory, which the people were not to move (Deut. 19:14; 27:17). However, the word can also refer to an area enclosed by a boundary, such as the territory of the Egyptians (Ex. 8:2; 10:4). The Great Sea was to be the western "border" for the people (Num. 34:6). The Lord promises to "establish the border of the widow" (Prov. 15:25). On a smaller scale, Ezekiel also spoke of the "border" (*gebul*) around the altar in the temple (Ezek. 43:13).

a field: and she lighted off *her* ass; and Caleb said unto her, What wouldest thou?
19 Who answered, Give me a blessing; for thou hast given me a south land; give me also springs of water. And he gave her the upper springs, and the nether springs.

Cities of Judah

20 This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Judah according to their families.
21 And the uttermost cities of the tribe of the children of Judah toward the coast of Edom southward were Kabzeel, and Eder, and Jagur,
22 And Kinah, and Dimonah, and Adadah,
23 And Kedesh, and Hazor, and Ithnan,
24 Ziph, and Telem, and Bealoth,
25 And Hazor, Hadattah, and Kerioth, *and* Hezron, which *is* Hazor,
26 Amam, and Shema, and Moladah,
27 And Hazar-gaddah, and Heshmon, and Beth-palet,
28 And Hazar-shual, and Beer-sheba, and Bizjothjah,
29 Baalah, and Iim, and Azem,
30 And Eltolad, and Chesil, and Hormah,
31 And Ziklag, and Madmannah, and Sansannah,
32 And Lebaoth, and Shilhim, and Ain, and Rimmon: all the cities *are* twenty and nine, with their villages:
33 *And* in the valley, Eshtaol, and Zoreah, and Ashnah,
34 And Zanoah, and En-gannim, Tappuah, and Enam,
35 Jarmuth, and Adullam, Socoh, and Azekah,
36 And Sharaim, and Adithaim, and Gederah, and Gederothaim; fourteen cities with their villages:
37 Zenan, and Hadashah, and Migdal-gad,
38 And Dilean, and Mizpeh, and Joktheel,
39 Lachish, and Bozkath, and Eglon,
40 And Cabbon, and Lahmam, and Kithlish,
41 And Gederoth, Beth-dagon, and Naamah, and Makkedah; sixteen cities with their villages:
42 Libnah, and Ether, and Ashan,
43 And Jiphtah, and Ashnah, and Nezib,
44 And Keilah, and Achzib, and Mareshah; nine cities with their villages:
45 Ekron, with her towns and her villages:
46 From Ekron even unto the sea, all that *lay* near Ashdod, with their villages:
47 Ashdod with her towns and her villages, Gaza with her towns and her villages, unto the river of Egypt, and the great sea, and the border *thereof*:
48 And in the mountains, Shamir, and Jattir, and Socoh,
49 And Dannah, and Kirjath-sannah, which *is* Debir,
50 And Anab, and Eshtemoh, and Anim,
51 And Goshen, and Holon, and Giloh; eleven cities with their villages:
52 Arab, and Dumah, and Eshean,
53 And Janum, and Beth-tappuah, and Aphekah,
54 And Humtah, and Kirjath-arba, which *is* Hebron, and Zior; nine cities with their villages:
55 Maon, Carmel, and Ziph, and Juttah,
56 And Jezreel, and Jokdeam, and Zanoah,
57 Cain, Gibeah, and Timnah; ten cities with their villages:
58 Halhul, Beth-zur, and Gedor,
59 And Maarath, and Beth-anoth, and Eltekon; six cities with their villages:
60 Kirjath-baal, which *is* Kirjath-jearim, and Rabbah; two cities with their villages:
61 In the wilderness, Beth-arabah, Middin, and Secacah,
62 And Nibshan, and the city of Salt, and En-gedi; six cities with their villages.
63 As for the Jebusites the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the children of Judah could not drive them out: but the Jebusites dwell with the children of Judah at Jerusalem unto this day.

Inheritance of Joseph

16 And the lot of the children of Joseph fell from Jordan by Jericho, unto the water of Jericho on the east, to the wilderness that goeth up from Jericho throughout mount Beth-el,

15:19 spring ▸ *see Judg. 1:15.*

16:1 lot

(Heb. *goral*) (Ps. 22:18; Prov. 16:33) H1486: Much of the land was divided by the casting of lots. While this seems strange to us, the people were confident of God's sovereign authority behind such activity (Prov. 16:33). Casting lots could settle arguments (Prov. 18:18) and help make major

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2 And goeth out from Beth-el to Luz, and passeth along unto the borders of Archi to Ataroth,
3 And goeth down westward to the coast of Japhleti, unto the coast of Beth-horon the nether, and to Gezer: and the goings out thereof are at the sea.
4 So the children of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, took their inheritance.

Inheritance of Ephraim

5 And the border of the children of Ephraim according to their families was *thus:* even the border of their inheritance on the east side was Ataroth-addar, unto Beth-horon the upper;
6 And the border went out toward the sea to Michmethah on the north side; and the border went about eastward unto Taanath-shiloh, and passed by it on the east to Janohah;
7 And it went down from Janohah to Ataroth, and to Naarath, and came to Jericho, and went out at Jordan.
8 The border went out from Tappuah westward unto the river Kanah; and the goings out thereof were at the sea. This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Ephraim by their families.
9 And the separate cities for the children of Ephraim *were* among the inheritance of the children of Manasseh, all the cities with their villages.
10 And they drave not out the Canaanites that dwelt in Gezer: but the Canaanites dwell among the Ephraimites unto this day, and serve under tribute.

Inheritance of Manasseh

17 There was also a lot for the tribe of Manasseh; for he *was* the firstborn of Joseph; *to wit,* for Machir the firstborn of Manasseh, the father of Gilead: because he was a man of war, therefore he had Gilead and Bashan.
2 There was also *a lot* for the rest of the children of Manasseh by their families; for the children of Abiezer, and for the children of Helek, and for the children of Asriel, and for the children of Shechem, and for the children of Hepher, and for the children of Shemida: these *were* the male children of Manasseh the son of Joseph by their families.
3 But Zelophehad, the son of Hepher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, had no sons, but daughters: and these *are* the names of his daughters, Mahlah, and Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.
4 And they came near before Eleazar the priest, and before Joshua the son of Nun, and before the princes, saying, The LORD commanded Moses to give us an inheritance among our brethren. Therefore according to the commandment of the LORD he gave them an inheritance among the brethren of their father.
5 And there fell ten portions to Manasseh, beside the land of Gilead and Bashan, which *were* on the other side Jordan;
6 Because the daughters of Manasseh had an inheritance among his sons: and the rest of Manasseh's sons had the land of Gilead.
7 And the coast of Manasseh was from Asher to Michmethah, that *lieth* before Shechem; and the border went along on the right hand unto the inhabitants of En-tappuah.
8 *Now* Manasseh had the land of Tappuah: but Tappuah on the border of Manasseh *belonged* to the children of Ephraim;
9 And the coast descended unto the river Kanah, southward of the river: these cities of Ephraim *are* among the cities of Manasseh: the coast of Manasseh also *was* on the north side of the river, and the outgoings of it were at the sea:

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decisions (such as who would live in Jerusalem—Neh. 11:1). Significantly, Aaron was to cast lots to decide which goat would be the scapegoat on the Day of Atonement (Lev. 16:8), and David spoke prophetically of people casting lots to divide up the Messiah's clothing (Ps. 22:18).

17:5 portion

(Heb. *chebel*) (2 Sam. 8:2; Job 21:17) H2256: The Hebrew noun refers to a cord (Esth. 1:6; Ezek. 27:24), rope (Josh. 2:15; Jer. 38:11), or line (Job 41:1). A derived meaning is a measuring line (2 Sam. 8:2), from which also comes the sense of measuring off a field or portion of land; thus, "portion" or "inheritance" (Ps. 78:55). Another meaning related to the sense of a physical cord or rope is "snare" (2 Sam. 22:6) or "trap" (Job 18:10). The same word can be translated "sorrows" (Job 21:17; Ps. 18:5).

10 Southward *it was* Ephraim's, and northward *it was* Manasseh's, and the sea is his border; and they met together in Asher on the north, and in Issachar on the east.
11 And Manasseh had in Issachar and in Asher Beth-shean and her towns, and Ibleam and her towns, and the inhabitants of Dor and her towns, and the inhabitants of En-dor and her towns, and the inhabitants of Taanach and her towns, and the inhabitants of Megiddo and her towns, *even* three countries.
12 Yet the children of Manasseh could not drive out *the inhabitants of* those cities; but the Canaanites would dwell in that land.
13 Yet it came to pass, when the children of Israel were waxen strong, that they put the Canaanites to tribute; but did not utterly drive them out.

Joseph's Lot Enlarged

14 And the children of Joseph spake unto Joshua, saying, Why hast thou given me *but* one lot and one portion to inherit, seeing I *am* a great people, forasmuch as the LORD hath blessed me hitherto?
15 And Joshua answered them, If thou *be* a great people, *then* get thee up to the wood *country,* and cut down for thyself there in the land of the Perizzites and of the giants, if mount Ephraim be too narrow for thee.
16 And the children of Joseph said, The hill is not enough for us: and all the Canaanites that dwell in the land of the valley have chariots of iron, *both they* who *are* of Beth-shean and her towns, and *they* who *are* of the valley of Jezreel.
17 And Joshua spake unto the house of Joseph, *even* to Ephraim and to Manasseh, saying, Thou *art* a great people, and hast great power: thou shalt not have one lot *only:*
18 But the mountain shall be thine; for it *is* a wood, and thou shalt cut it down: and the outgoings of it shall be thine: for thou shalt drive out the Canaanites, though they have iron chariots, *and* though they *be* strong.

The Tabernacle Rests at Shiloh

18 And the whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled together at Shiloh, and set up the tabernacle of the congregation there. And the land was subdued before them.
2 And there remained among the children of Israel seven tribes, which had not yet received their inheritance.
3 And Joshua said unto the children of Israel, How long *are* ye slack to go to possess the land, which the LORD God of your fathers hath given you?
4 Give out from among you three men for *each* tribe: and I will send them, and they shall rise, and go through the land, and describe it according to the inheritance of them; and they shall come *again* to me.
5 And they shall divide it into seven parts: Judah shall abide in their coast on the south, and the house of Joseph shall abide in their coasts on the north.
6 Ye shall therefore describe the land *into* seven parts, and bring *the description* hither to me, that I may cast lots for you here before the LORD our God.
7 But the Levites have no part among you; for the priesthood of the LORD *is* their inheritance: and Gad, and Reuben, and half the tribe of Manasseh, have received their inheritance beyond Jordan on the east, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave them.
8 And the men arose, and went away: and Joshua charged them that went to describe the land, saying, Go and walk through the land, and describe it, and come again to me, that I may here cast lots for you before the LORD in Shiloh.
9 And the men went and passed through the land, and described it by cities into seven parts in a book, and came *again* to Joshua to the host at Shiloh.
10 And Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh before the LORD: and there Joshua divided the land unto the children of Israel according to their divisions.

Inheritance of Benjamin

11 And the lot of the tribe of the children of

18:1 congregation ▸ *see Num. 9:2.*

18:4 give out

(Heb. *yahab*) (Deut. 32:3; 1 Chr. 16:28, 29; Ps. 29:2) H3051: This Hebrew word can mean "to give," "to place," or "to ascribe." It is sometimes translated "come on" or "go to." In this case, each tribe was giving up three members, so while each was chosen according to his fitness for the task, they were also being given up by those they left behind.

Benjamin came up according to their families: and the coast of their lot came forth between the children of Judah and the children of Joseph.
12 And their border on the north side was from Jordan; and the border went up to the side of Jericho on the north side, and went up through the mountains westward; and the goings out thereof were at the wilderness of Beth-aven.
13 And the border went over from thence toward Luz, to the side of Luz, which *is* Beth-el, southward; and the border descended to Ataroth-adar, near the hill that *lieth* on the south side of the nether Beth-horon.
14 And the border was drawn *thence,* and compassed the corner of the sea southward, from the hill that *lieth* before Beth-horon southward; and the goings out thereof were at Kirjath-baal, which *is* Kirjath-jearim, a city of the children of Judah: this *was* the west quarter.
15 And the south quarter *was* from the end of Kirjath-jearim, and the border went out on the west, and went out to the well of waters of Nephtoah:
16 And the border came down to the end of the mountain that *lieth* before the valley of the son of Hinnom, *and* which *is* in the valley of the giants on the north, and descended to the valley of Hinnom, to the side of Jebusi on the south, and descended to En-rogel,
17 And was drawn from the north, and went forth to En-shemesh, and went forth toward Geliloth, which *is* over against the going up of Adummim, and descended to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben,
18 And passed along toward the side over against Arabah northward, and went down unto Arabah:
19 And the border passed along to the side of Beth-hoglah northward: and the outgoings of the border were at the north bay of the salt sea at the south end of Jordan: this *was* the south coast.
20 And Jordan was the border of it on the east side. This *was* the inheritance of the children of Benjamin, by the coasts thereof round about, according to their families.

Cities of Benjamin

21 Now the cities of the tribe of the children of Benjamin according to their families were Jericho, and Beth-hoglah, and the valley of Keziz,
22 And Beth-arabah, and Zemaraim, and Beth-el,
23 And Avim, and Parah, and Ophrah,
24 And Chephar-haammonai, and Ophni, and Gaba; twelve cities with their villages:
25 Gibeon, and Ramah, and Beeroth,
26 And Mizpeh, and Chephirah, and Mozah,
27 And Rekem, and Irpeel, and Taralah,
28 And Zelah, Eleph, and Jebusi, which *is* Jerusalem, Gibeath, *and* Kirjath; fourteen cities with their villages. This *is* the inheritance of the children of Benjamin according to their families.

Inheritance of Simeon

19 And the second lot came forth to Simeon, *even* for the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their families: and their inheritance was within the inheritance of the children of Judah.
2 And they had in their inheritance Beer-sheba, or Sheba, and Moladah,
3 And Hazar-shual, and Balah, and Azem,
4 And Eltolad, and Bethul, and Hormah,
5 And Ziklag, and Beth-marcaboth, and Hazar-susah,
6 And Beth-lebaoth, and Sharuhen; thirteen cities and their villages:
7 Ain, Remmon, and Ether, and Ashan; four cities and their villages:
8 And all the villages that *were* round about these cities to Baalath-beer, Ramath of the south. This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their families.
9 Out of the portion of the children of Judah *was* the inheritance of the children of Simeon: for the part of the children of Judah was too much for them: therefore the children of Simeon had their inheritance within the inheritance of them.

Inheritance of Zebulun

10 And the third lot came up for the children of Zebulun according to their families: and the border of their inheritance was unto Sarid:
11 And their border went up toward the sea,

18:13 nether ▸ *see 1 Kin. 9:17.*

and Maralah, and reached to Dabbasheth, and reached to the river that *is* before Jokneam;
12 And turned from Sarid eastward toward the sunrising unto the border of Chisloth-tabor, and then goeth out to Daberath, and goeth up to Japhia,
13 And from thence passeth on along on the east to Gittah-hepher, to Ittah-kazin, and goeth out to Remmon-methoar to Neah;
14 And the border compasseth it on the north side to Hannathon: and the outgoings thereof are in the valley of Jiphthah-el:
15 And Kattath, and Nahallal, and Shimron, and Idalah, and Beth-lehem: twelve cities with their villages.
16 This *is* the inheritance of the children of Zebulun according to their families, these cities with their villages.

Inheritance of Issachar

17 *And* the fourth lot came out to Issachar, for the children of Issachar according to their families.
18 And their border was toward Jezreel, and Chesulloth, and Shunem,
19 And Haphraim, and Shihon, and Anaharath,
20 And Rabbith, and Kishion, and Abez,
21 And Remeth, and En-gannim, and En-haddah, and Beth-pazzez;
22 And the coast reacheth to Tabor, and Shahazimah, and Beth-shemesh; and the outgoings of their border were at Jordan: sixteen cities with their villages.
23 This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Issachar according to their families, the cities and their villages.

Inheritance of Asher

24 And the fifth lot came out for the tribe of the children of Asher according to their families.
25 And their border was Helkath, and Hali, and Beten, and Achshaph,
26 And Alammelech, and Amad, and Misheal; and reacheth to Carmel westward, and to Shihor-libnath;
27 And turneth toward the sunrising to Beth-dagon, and reacheth to Zebulun, and to the valley of Jiphthah-el toward the north side of Beth-emek, and Neiel, and goeth out to Cabul on the left hand,
28 And Hebron, and Rehob, and Hammon, and Kanah, *even* unto great Zidon;
29 And *then* the coast turneth to Ramah, and to the strong city Tyre; and the coast turneth to Hosah; and the outgoings thereof are at the sea from the coast to Achzib:
30 Ummah also, and Aphek, and Rehob: twenty and two cities with their villages.
31 This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Asher according to their families, these cities with their villages.

Inheritance of Naphtali

32 The sixth lot came out to the children of Naphtali, *even* for the children of Naphtali according to their families.
33 And their coast was from Heleph, from Allon to Zaanannim, and Adami, Nekeb, and Jabneel, unto Lakum; and the outgoings thereof were at Jordan:
34 And *then* the coast turneth westward to Aznoth-tabor, and goeth out from thence to Hukkok, and reacheth to Zebulun on the south side, and reacheth to Asher on the west side, and to Judah upon Jordan toward the sunrising.
35 And the fenced cities *are* Ziddim, Zer, and Hammath, Rakkath, and Chinnereth,
36 And Adamah, and Ramah, and Hazor,
37 And Kedesh, and Edrei, and En-hazor,
38 And Iron, and Migdal-el, Horem, and Beth-anath, and Beth-shemesh; nineteen cities with their villages.
39 This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Naphtali according to their families, the cities and their villages.

Inheritance of Dan

40 *And* the seventh lot came out for the tribe of the children of Dan according to their families.
41 And the coast of their inheritance was Zorah, and Eshtaol, and Ir-shemesh,
42 And Shaalabbin, and Ajalon, and Jethlah,
43 And Elon, and Thimnathah, and Ekron,
44 And Eltekeh, and Gibbethon, and Baalath,
45 And Jehud, and Bene-berak, and Gath-rimmon,
46 And Me-jarkon, and Rakkon, with the border before Japho.
47 And the coast of the children of Dan went out *too little* for them: therefore the children of Dan went up to fight against Leshem, and

took it, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and possessed it, and dwelt therein, and called Leshem, Dan, after the name of Dan their father.
48 This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Dan according to their families, these cities with their villages.

Inheritance of Joshua

49 When they had made an end of dividing the land for inheritance by their coasts, the children of Israel gave an inheritance to Joshua the son of Nun among them:
50 According to the word of the LORD they gave him the city which he asked, *even* Timnath-serah in mount Ephraim: and he built the city, and dwelt therein.
51 These *are* the inheritances, which Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel, divided for an inheritance by lot in Shiloh before the LORD, at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. So they made an end of dividing the country.

The Need for Cities of Refuge

20 The LORD also spake unto Joshua, saying,
2 Speak to the children of Israel, saying, Appoint out for you cities of refuge, whereof I spake unto you by the hand of Moses:
3 That the slayer that killeth *any* person unawares *and* unwittingly may flee thither: and they shall be your refuge from the avenger of blood.
4 And when he that doth flee unto one of those cities shall stand at the entering of the gate of the city, and shall declare his cause in the ears of the elders of that city, they shall take him into the city unto them, and give him a place, that he may dwell among them.
5 And if the avenger of blood pursue after him, then they shall not deliver the slayer up into his hand; because he smote his neighbour unwittingly, and hated him not beforetime.
6 And he shall dwell in that city, until he stand before the congregation for judgment, *and* until the death of the high priest that shall be in those days: then shall the slayer return, and come unto his own city, and unto his own house, unto the city from whence he fled.

Names of the Cities of Refuge

7 And they appointed Kedesh in Galilee in mount Naphtali, and Shechem in mount Ephraim, and Kirjath-arba, which *is* Hebron, in the mountain of Judah.
8 And on the other side Jordan by Jericho eastward, they assigned Bezer in the wilderness upon the plain out of the tribe of Reuben, and Ramoth in Gilead out of the tribe of Gad, and Golan in Bashan out of the tribe of Manasseh.
9 These were the cities appointed for all the children of Israel, and for the stranger that sojourneth among them, that whosoever killeth *any* person at unawares might flee thither, and not die by the hand of the avenger of blood, until he stood before the congregation.

Cities for the Tribe of Levi

21 Then came near the heads of the fathers of the Levites unto Eleazar the priest, and unto Joshua the son of Nun, and unto the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel;

19:47 sword

(Heb. *chereb*) (Gen. 3:24; Lev. 26:6–8; Is. 2:4; 27:1) H2719: Swords featured prominently in the ancient world, being the main weapon for defense and conquest. They first appear outside the garden, guarding the entrance to the Tree of Life (Gen. 3:24). In addition to being a literal tool of war, they are also a metaphor for war or civil unrest. The sword is also a symbol for other things that inflict damage: the tongue (Ps. 57:4; Prov. 12:18), promiscuous women (Prov. 5:4), and false witnesses (Prov. 25:18). The most fearsome sword of all is God's—the ultimate symbol of divine judgment (Is. 31:8).

19:47 possess ▸ *see Is. 54:3.*

20:2 refuge

(Heb. *miqlat*) (Num. 35:6; 1 Chr. 6:57) H4733: The Hebrew word *miqlat* refers exclusively to the cities of refuge—cities that were designated as safe havens for those who had accidentally killed someone. The six cities of refuge were scattered throughout Israel, three on each side of the Jordan River, so they were reachable from every part of the nation. The purpose of these cities was to offer mercy within the law of retribution, so that someone guilty of manslaughter could escape the death penalty (Gen. 9:6; Lev. 24:17).

2 And they spake unto them at Shiloh in the land of Canaan, saying, The LORD commanded by the hand of Moses to give us cities to dwell in, with the suburbs thereof for our cattle.
3 And the children of Israel gave unto the Levites out of their inheritance, at the commandment of the LORD, these cities and their suburbs.
4 And the lot came out for the families of the Kohathites: and the children of Aaron the priest, *which were* of the Levites, had by lot out of the tribe of Judah, and out of the tribe of Simeon, and out of the tribe of Benjamin, thirteen cities.
5 And the rest of the children of Kohath *had* by lot out of the families of the tribe of Ephraim, and out of the tribe of Dan, and out of the half tribe of Manasseh, ten cities.
6 And the children of Gershon *had* by lot out of the families of the tribe of Issachar, and out of the tribe of Asher, and out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the half tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities.
7 The children of Merari by their families *had* out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities.
8 And the children of Israel gave by lot unto the Levites these cities with their suburbs, as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses.

Cities Given to Aaron

9 And they gave out of the tribe of the children of Judah, and out of the tribe of the children of Simeon, these cities which are *here* mentioned by name,
10 Which the children of Aaron, *being* of the families of the Kohathites, *who were* of the children of Levi, had: for theirs was the first lot.
11 And they gave them the city of Arba the father of Anak, which *city is* Hebron, in the hill *country* of Judah, with the suburbs thereof round about it.
12 But the fields of the city, and the villages thereof, gave they to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for his possession.
13 Thus they gave to the children of Aaron the priest Hebron with her suburbs, *to be* a city of refuge for the slayer; and Libnah with her suburbs,
14 And Jattir with her suburbs, and Eshtemoa with her suburbs,
15 And Holon with her suburbs, and Debir with her suburbs,
16 And Ain with her suburbs, and Juttah with her suburbs, *and* Beth-shemesh with her suburbs; nine cities out of those two tribes.
17 And out of the tribe of Benjamin, Gibeon with her suburbs, Geba with her suburbs,
18 Anathoth with her suburbs, and Almon with her suburbs; four cities.
19 All the cities of the children of Aaron, the priests, *were* thirteen cities with their suburbs.

Cities Given to Kohath

20 And the families of the children of Kohath, the Levites which remained of the children of Kohath, even they had the cities of their lot out of the tribe of Ephraim.
21 For they gave them Shechem with her suburbs in mount Ephraim, *to be* a city of refuge for the slayer; and Gezer with her suburbs,
22 And Kibzaim with her suburbs, and Beth-horon with her suburbs; four cities.
23 And out of the tribe of Dan, Eltekeh with her suburbs, Gibbethon with her suburbs,
24 Aijalon with her suburbs, Gath-rimmon with her suburbs; four cities.
25 And out of the half tribe of Manasseh, Tanach with her suburbs, and Gath-rimmon with her suburbs; two cities.
26 All the cities *were* ten with their suburbs for the families of the children of Kohath that remained.

Cities Given to Gershon

27 And unto the children of Gershon, of the families of the Levites, out of the *other* half tribe of Manasseh *they gave* Golan in Bashan with her suburbs, *to be* a city of refuge for the slayer; and Beesh-terah with her suburbs; two cities.
28 And out of the tribe of Issachar, Kishon with her suburbs, Dabareh with her suburbs,

21:2 suburbs

(Heb. *migrash*) (Num. 35:2–7; 2 Chr. 31:19) H4054: The suburbs, or common-lands, were those areas to which cattle were driven, particularly the open space around the towns of the Levites. This land was also used for growing crops. It was a provision for those who did not inherit land, an example of God's common grace available to all.

29 Jarmuth with her suburbs, En-gannim with her suburbs; four cities.
30 And out of the tribe of Asher, Mishal with her suburbs, Abdon with her suburbs,
31 Helkath with her suburbs, and Rehob with her suburbs; four cities.
32 And out of the tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in Galilee with her suburbs, *to be* a city of refuge for the slayer; and Hammoth-dor with her suburbs, and Kartan with her suburbs; three cities.
33 All the cities of the Gershonites according to their families *were* thirteen cities with their suburbs.

Cities Given to Merari

34 And unto the families of the children of Merari, the rest of the Levites, out of the tribe of Zebulun, Jokneam with her suburbs, and Kartah with her suburbs,
35 Dimnah with her suburbs, Nahalal with her suburbs; four cities.
36 And out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer with her suburbs, and Jahazah with her suburbs,
37 Kedemoth with her suburbs, and Mephaath with her suburbs; four cities.
38 And out of the tribe of Gad, Ramoth in Gilead with her suburbs, *to be* a city of refuge for the slayer; and Mahanaim with her suburbs,
39 Heshbon with her suburbs, Jazer with her suburbs; four cities in all.
40 So all the cities for the children of Merari by their families, which were remaining of the families of the Levites, were *by* their lot twelve cities.
41 All the cities of the Levites within the possession of the children of Israel *were* forty and eight cities with their suburbs.
42 These cities were every one with their suburbs round about them: thus *were* all these cities.

The Land Possessed by Israel

43 And the LORD gave unto Israel all the land which he sware to give unto their fathers; and they possessed it, and dwelt therein.
44 And the LORD gave them rest round about, according to all that he sware unto their fathers: and there stood not a man of all their enemies before them; the LORD delivered all their enemies into their hand.
45 There failed not ought of any good thing which the LORD had spoken unto the house of Israel; all came to pass.

Eastern Tribes Return to Their Land

22 Then Joshua called the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh,
2 And said unto them, Ye have kept all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, and have obeyed my voice in all that I commanded you:
3 Ye have not left your brethren these many days unto this day, but have kept the charge of the commandment of the LORD your God.
4 And now the LORD your God hath given rest unto your brethren, as he promised them: therefore now return ye, and get you unto your tents, *and* unto the land of your possession, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave you on the other side Jordan.
5 But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law, which Moses the servant of the LORD charged you, to love the LORD your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave unto him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul.
6 So Joshua blessed them, and sent them away: and they went unto their tents.
7 Now to the *one* half of the tribe of Manasseh Moses had given *possession* in Bashan: but unto the *other* half thereof gave Joshua among their brethren on this side Jordan westward. And when Joshua sent them away also unto their tents, then he blessed them,
8 And he spake unto them, saying, Return with much riches unto your tents, and with very much cattle, with silver, and with gold, and with brass, and with iron, and with very much raiment: divide the spoil of your enemies with your brethren.
9 And the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh returned, and departed from the children of Israel out of Shiloh, which *is* in the land of Canaan, to go unto the country of Gilead, to the land of their possession, whereof they

22:9 possession

(Heb.`*achuzzah*) (Gen. 17:8) H0272: The land of possession referred to the land given to the people

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were possessed, according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

Eastern Tribes Build an Altar by Jordan

10 And when they came unto the borders of Jordan, that *are* in the land of Canaan, the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh built there an altar by Jordan, a great altar to see to.
11 And the children of Israel heard say, Behold, the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh have built an altar over against the land of Canaan, in the borders of Jordan, at the passage of the children of Israel.
12 And when the children of Israel heard *of it,* the whole congregation of the children of Israel gathered themselves together at Shiloh, to go up to war against them.
13 And the children of Israel sent unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the half tribe of Manasseh, into the land of Gilead, Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest,
14 And with him ten princes, of each chief house a prince throughout all the tribes of Israel; and each one *was* an head of the house of their fathers among the thousands of Israel.

The Western Tribes' Accusation

15 And they came unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the half tribe of Manasseh, unto the land of Gilead, and they spake with them, saying,
16 Thus saith the whole congregation of the LORD, What trespass *is* this that ye have committed against the God of Israel, to turn away this day from following the LORD, in that ye have builded you an altar, that ye might rebel this day against the LORD?
17 *Is* the iniquity of Peor too little for us, from which we are not cleansed until this day, although there was a plague in the congregation of the LORD,
18 But that ye must turn away this day from following the LORD? and it will be, *seeing* ye rebel to day against the LORD, that to morrow he will be wroth with the whole congregation of Israel.
19 Notwithstanding, if the land of your possession *be* unclean, *then* pass ye over unto the land of the possession of the LORD, wherein the LORD's tabernacle dwelleth, and take possession among us: but rebel not against the LORD, nor rebel against us, in building you an altar beside the altar of the LORD our God.
20 Did not Achan the son of Zerah commit a trespass in the accursed thing, and wrath fell on all the congregation of Israel? and that man perished not alone in his iniquity.

The Eastern Tribes' Answer

21 Then the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh answered, and said unto the heads of the thousands of Israel,
22 The LORD God of gods, the LORD God of gods, he knoweth, and Israel he shall know; if *it be* in rebellion, or if in transgression against the LORD, (save us not this day,)
23 That we have built us an altar to turn from following the LORD, or if to offer thereon burnt offering or meat offering, or if to offer peace offerings thereon, let the LORD himself require *it;*

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by the Lord. This was a fulfillment of the covenant made with Abram, to "give unto thee and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession" (Gen. 17:8). Similarly, Joseph had given his family the land of Goshen as a possession (Gen. 47:11), and Abraham had bought land for burial from Ephron the Hittite (Gen. 49:30). The daughters of Zelophehad were assured a "possession of an inheritance" (Num. 27:7), while the people of Reuben and Gad requested a possession east of the Jordan (Num. 32:5).

22:17 congregation

(Heb. *'edah*) (Ex. 12:3; 16:1; Lev. 19:2) H5712: A congregation was simply a gathering or group of people, most often, "the congregation of Israel." So, Moses gave the instructions for the Passover to "all the congregation" (Ex. 12:3), and "the whole assembly of the congregation" was to kill the Passover lamb at twilight (Ex. 12:6). The congregation traveled together as one through the desert (Ex. 16:1), and complained together (Ex. 16:2). Moses addressed the entire congregation (Ex. 35:1), and it was the "congregation" which was to "be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy" (Lev. 19:2).

22:18 rebel ▸ *see Num. 14:9.*

24 And if we have not *rather* done it for fear of *this* thing, saying, In time to come your children might speak unto our children, saying, What have ye to do with the LORD God of Israel?
25 For the LORD hath made Jordan a border between us and you, ye children of Reuben and children of Gad; ye have no part in the LORD: so shall your children make our children cease from fearing the LORD.
26 Therefore we said, Let us now prepare to build us an altar, not for burnt offering, nor for sacrifice:
27 But *that* it *may be* a witness between us, and you, and our generations after us, that we might do the service of the LORD before him with our burnt offerings, and with our sacrifices, and with our peace offerings; that your children may not say to our children in time to come, Ye have no part in the LORD.
28 Therefore said we, that it shall be, when they should *so* say to us or to our generations in time to come, that we may say *again,* Behold the pattern of the altar of the LORD, which our fathers made, not for burnt offerings, nor for sacrifices; but it *is* a witness between us and you.
29 God forbid that we should rebel against the LORD, and turn this day from following the LORD, to build an altar for burnt offerings, for meat offerings, or for sacrifices, beside the altar of the LORD our God that *is* before his tabernacle.

The Answer Pleases the Western Tribes

30 And when Phinehas the priest, and the princes of the congregation and heads of the thousands of Israel which *were* with him, heard the words that the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the children of Manasseh spake, it pleased them.
31 And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest said unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the children of Manasseh, This day we perceive that the LORD *is* among us, because ye have not committed this trespass against the LORD: now ye have delivered the children of Israel out of the hand of the LORD.
32 And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, and the princes, returned from the children of Reuben, and from the children of Gad, out of the land of Gilead, unto the land of Canaan, to the children of Israel, and brought them word again.
33 And the thing pleased the children of Israel; and the children of Israel blessed God, and did not intend to go up against them in battle, to destroy the land wherein the children of Reuben and Gad dwelt.
34 And the children of Reuben and the children of Gad called the altar *Ed:* for it *shall be* a witness between us that the LORD *is* God.

Joshua Speaks to Israel

23 And it came to pass a long time after that the LORD had given rest unto Israel from all their enemies round about, that Joshua waxed old *and* stricken in age.
2 And Joshua called for all Israel, *and* for their elders, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers, and said unto them, I am old *and* stricken in age:
3 And ye have seen all that the LORD your God hath done unto all these nations because of you; for the LORD your God *is* he that hath fought for you.
4 Behold, I have divided unto you by lot these nations that remain, to be an inheritance for your tribes, from Jordan, with all the nations that I have cut off, even unto the great sea westward.
5 And the LORD your God, he shall expel them from before you, and drive them from out of your sight; and ye shall possess their land, as the LORD your God hath promised unto you.

Keep God's Laws

6 Be ye therefore very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, that ye turn not aside therefrom *to* the right hand or *to* the left;
7 That ye come not among these nations, these that remain among you; neither make mention of the name of their gods, nor cause to swear *by them,* neither serve them, nor bow yourselves unto them:
8 But cleave unto the LORD your God, as ye have done unto this day.

22:24 fear ▸ *see Prov. 12:25.*

23:8 cleave

(Heb. *dabaq*) (Deut. 10:20; 13:4; 2 Kin. 18:6) H1692: As the rendering here suggests, the term

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9 For the LORD hath driven out from before you great nations and strong: but *as for* you, no man hath been able to stand before you unto this day.
10 One man of you shall chase a thousand: for the LORD your God, he *it is* that fighteth for you, as he hath promised you.
11 Take good heed therefore unto yourselves, that ye love the LORD your God.
12 Else if ye do in any wise go back, and cleave unto the remnant of these nations, *even* these that remain among you, and shall make marriages with them, and go in unto them, and they to you:
13 Know for a certainty that the LORD your God will no more drive out *any of* these nations from before you; but they shall be snares and traps unto you, and scourges in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until ye perish from off this good land which the LORD your God hath given you.
14 And, behold, this day I *am* going the way of all the earth: and ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the LORD your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, *and* not one thing hath failed thereof.
15 Therefore it shall come to pass, *that* as all good things are come upon you, which the LORD your God promised you; so shall the LORD bring upon you all evil things, until he have destroyed you from off this good land which the LORD your God hath given you.
16 When ye have transgressed the covenant of the LORD your God, which he commanded you, and have gone and served other gods, and bowed yourselves to them; then shall the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and ye shall perish quickly from off the good land which he hath given unto you.

The People Summoned to Shechem

24 And Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and called for the elders of Israel, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers; and they presented themselves before God.
2 And Joshua said unto all the people, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Your fathers dwelt on the other side of the flood in old time, *even* Terah, the father of Abraham, and the father of Nachor: and they served other gods.
3 And I took your father Abraham from the other side of the flood, and led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his seed, and gave him Isaac.
4 And I gave unto Isaac Jacob and Esau: and I gave unto Esau mount Seir, to possess it; but Jacob and his children went down into Egypt.
5 I sent Moses also and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt, according to that which I did among them: and afterward I brought you out.
6 And I brought your fathers out of Egypt: and ye came unto the sea; and the Egyptians pursued after your fathers with chariots and horsemen unto the Red sea.
7 And when they cried unto the LORD, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and brought the sea upon them, and covered them; and your eyes have seen what I have done in Egypt: and ye dwelt in the wilderness a long season.

Enemies Driven from the Land

8 And I brought you into the land of the Amorites, which dwelt on the other side Jordan; and they fought with you: and I gave them into your hand, that ye might possess their land; and I destroyed them from before you.
9 Then Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose and warred against Israel, and sent and called Balaam the son of Beor to curse you:
10 But I would not hearken unto Balaam; therefore he blessed you still: so I delivered you out of his hand.
11 And ye went over Jordan, and came unto Jericho: and the men of Jericho fought against you, the Amorites, and the Perizzites,

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means to hold fast, or to be adhered, as with glue. The word suggests an especially tight grip, as Ruth's clinging to Naomi (Ruth 1:14), or a firm bond as of clods of dirt (Job 38:38). The term can also refer to a close or persistent following (1 Sam. 31:2—"followed hard"). Perhaps the most well-known usage is in Genesis 2:24, where the rendering is "be joined to" ("Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh").

23:13 trap ▸ *see Ex. 10:7.*

and the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; and I delivered them into your hand.
12 And I sent the hornet before you, which drave them out from before you, *even* the two kings of the Amorites; *but* not with thy sword, nor with thy bow.
13 And I have given you a land for which ye did not labour, and cities which ye built not, and ye dwell in them; of the vineyards and oliveyards which ye planted not do ye eat.

Fear the Lord

14 Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD.
15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.
16 And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the LORD, to serve other gods;
17 For the LORD our God, he *it is* that brought us up and our fathers out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, and which did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way wherein we went, and among all the people through whom we passed:
18 And the LORD drave out from before us all the people, even the Amorites which dwelt in the land: *therefore* will we also serve the LORD; for he *is* our God.
19 And Joshua said unto the people, Ye cannot serve the LORD: for he *is* an holy God; he *is* a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins.
20 If ye forsake the LORD, and serve strange gods, then he will turn and do you hurt, and consume you, after that he hath done you good.
21 And the people said unto Joshua, Nay; but we will serve the LORD.
22 And Joshua said unto the people, Ye *are* witnesses against yourselves that ye have chosen you the LORD, to serve him. And they said, *We are* witnesses.
23 Now therefore put away, *said he,* the strange gods which *are* among you, and incline your heart unto the LORD God of Israel.

A Covenant at Shechem

24 And the people said unto Joshua, The LORD our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey.
25 So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and set them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem.
26 And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God, and took a great stone, and set it up there under an oak, that *was* by the sanctuary of the LORD.
27 And Joshua said unto all the people, Behold, this stone shall be a witness unto us; for it hath heard all the words of the LORD which he spake unto us: it shall be therefore a witness unto you, lest ye deny your God.
28 So Joshua let the people depart, every man unto his inheritance.

Joshua's Death and Burial

29 And it came to pass after these things, that Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, *being* an hundred and ten years old.
30 And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnath-serah, which *is* in mount Ephraim, on the north side of the hill of Gaash.
31 And Israel served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that over-

24:12 drive out ▸ *see Josh. 24:18.*

24:18 drive out

(Heb. *garash*) (Josh. 24:12; Judg. 6:9; Job 30:5) H1644: Often used, as here, to indicate an expulsion of a people from their land (Ex. 23:28; 33:2; Num. 22:11) or dwelling place (Mic. 2:9), the word can also indicate displacement on a smaller scale: God drove Adam out of Eden (Gen. 3:24); Abraham drove Hagar and Ishmael away (Gen. 21:10); shepherds chased off the daughters of Reuel (Ex. 2:17). The term can also mean a divorced woman (i.e., one who has been driven away from her husband—Lev. 21:14; 22:13; Num. 30:9) or a state of unrest (as Is. 57:20—"the troubled sea").

24:19 jealous ▸ *see Nah. 1:2.*
24:20 consume ▸ *see Ps. 90:7.*
24:31 serve ▸ *see Ps. 100:2.*

lived Joshua, and which had known all the works of the LORD, that he had done for Israel.

Burial of Joseph's Bones

32 And the bones of Joseph, which the children of Israel brought up out of Egypt, buried they in Shechem, in a parcel of ground which Jacob bought of the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem for an hundred pieces of silver: and it became the inheritance of the children of Joseph.

33 And Eleazar the son of Aaron died; and they buried him in a hill *that pertained to* Phinehas his son, which was given him in mount Ephraim.

24:31 Joshua ▸ *see Josh. 4:14.*

THE BOOK OF

JUDGES

THE BOOK OF JUDGES STANDS in stark contrast to Joshua. In Joshua an obedient people conquered the land through trust in the power of God. In Judges, however, a disobedient and idolatrous people are defeated time and time again because of their rebellion against God.

In seven distinct cycles of sin to salvation, Judges shows how Israel had set aside God's law and in its place substituted "that which was right in [their] own eyes" (21:25). The recurring result of abandonment from God's law is corruption from within and oppression from without. During the nearly four centuries spanned by this book, God raises up military champions to throw off the yoke of bondage and to restore the nation to pure worship. But all too soon the "sin cycle" begins again as the nation's spiritual temperature grows steadily colder.

The Hebrew title is *Shophetim*, meaning "judges," "rulers," "deliverers," or "saviors." *Shophet* not only carries the idea of maintaining justice and settling disputes, but it is also used to mean "liberating" and "delivering." First the judges deliver the people; then they rule and administer justice. The Septuagint used the Greek equivalent of this word, *Kritai* ("Judges"). The Latin Vulgate called it *Liber Judicum*, the "Book of Judges." This book could also appropriately be titled the "Book of Failure."

WATCH WORDS

- **judge** (deliver or rule)—2:16 (also 15:20)
- **cry** (call out and seek God's help)—10:10 (also 3:9, 15; 6:6, 7; 10:10)
- **fight** (clash, battle)—11:9
- **deliverance** (victory, safety)—15:18
- **victuals** (preserving of life, recovery, or revival)—17:10

Judah's Conquest of Canaan

1 Now after the death of Joshua it came to pass, that the children of Israel asked the LORD, saying, Who shall go up for us against the Canaanites first, to fight against them?

2 And the LORD said, Judah shall go up: behold, I have delivered the land into his hand.

3 And Judah said unto Simeon his brother, Come up with me into my lot, that we may fight against the Canaanites; and I likewise will go with thee into thy lot. So Simeon went with him.

4 And Judah went up; and the LORD delivered the Canaanites and the Perizzites into their hand: and they slew of them in Bezek ten thousand men.

5 And they found Adoni-bezek in Bezek: and they fought against him, and they slew the Canaanites and the Perizzites.

6 But Adoni-bezek fled; and they pursued after him, and caught him, and cut off his thumbs and his great toes.

7 And Adoni-bezek said, Threescore and ten kings, having their thumbs and their great toes cut off, gathered *their meat* under my table: as I have done, so God hath requited me. And they brought him to Jerusalem, and there he died.

Jerusalem Captured

8 Now the children of Judah had fought against Jerusalem, and had taken it, and smitten it with the edge of the sword, and set the city on fire.

9 And afterward the children of Judah went down to fight against the Canaanites, that dwelt in the mountain, and in the south, and in the valley.

10 And Judah went against the Canaan-

ites that dwelt in Hebron: (now the name of Hebron before *was* Kirjath-arba:) and they slew Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmai.
11 And from thence he went against the inhabitants of Debir: and the name of Debir before *was* Kirjath-sepher:

Caleb's Proposal

12 And Caleb said, He that smiteth Kirjath-sepher, and taketh it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter to wife.
13 And Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother, took it: and he gave him Achsah his daughter to wife.
14 And it came to pass, when she came *to him,* that she moved him to ask of her father a field: and she lighted from off *her* ass; and Caleb said unto her, What wilt thou?
15 And she said unto him, Give me a blessing: for thou hast given me a south land; give me also springs of water. And Caleb gave her the upper springs and the nether springs.
16 And the children of the Kenite, Moses' father in law, went up out of the city of palm trees with the children of Judah into the wilderness of Judah, which *lieth* in the south of Arad; and they went and dwelt among the people.

Further Conquests Over Canaan

17 And Judah went with Simeon his brother, and they slew the Canaanites that inhabited Zephath, and utterly destroyed it. And the name of the city was called Hormah.
18 Also Judah took Gaza with the coast thereof, and Askelon with the coast thereof, and Ekron with the coast thereof.
19 And the LORD was with Judah; and he drave out *the inhabitants of* the mountain; but could not drive out the inhabitants of the valley, because they had chariots of iron.
20 And they gave Hebron unto Caleb, as Moses said: and he expelled thence the three sons of Anak.
21 And the children of Benjamin did not drive out the Jebusites that inhabited Jerusalem; but the Jebusites dwell with the children of Benjamin in Jerusalem unto this day.
22 And the house of Joseph, they also went up against Beth-el: and the LORD *was* with them.
23 And the house of Joseph sent to descry Beth-el. (Now the name of the city before *was* Luz.)
24 And the spies saw a man come forth out of the city, and they said unto him, Shew us, we pray thee, the entrance into the city, and we will shew thee mercy.
25 And when he shewed them the entrance into the city, they smote the city with the edge of the sword; but they let go the man and all his family.
26 And the man went into the land of the Hittites, and built a city, and called the name thereof Luz: which *is* the name thereof unto this day.
27 Neither did Manasseh drive out *the inhabitants of* Beth-shean and her towns, nor Taanach and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Dor and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Ibleam and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Megiddo and her towns: but the Canaanites would dwell in that land.

Canaanites Pay Tribute

28 And it came to pass, when Israel was strong, that they put the Canaanites to tribute, and did not utterly drive them out.
29 Neither did Ephraim drive out the Canaanites that dwelt in Gezer; but the Canaanites dwelt in Gezer among them.
30 Neither did Zebulun drive out the inhabitants of Kitron, nor the inhabitants of Nahalol; but the Canaanites dwelt among them, and became tributaries.
31 Neither did Asher drive out the inhabitants of Accho, nor the inhabitants of Zidon, nor of Ahlab, nor of Achzib, nor of Helbah, nor of Aphik, nor of Rehob:
32 But the Asherites dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land: for they did not drive them out.
33 Neither did Naphtali drive out the inhabitants of Beth-shemesh, nor the inhabitants of Beth-anath; but he dwelt among the

1:15 spring

(Heb. *gullah*) (Josh. 15:19; 1 Kin. 7:41; Zech. 4:3) H1543: A *gullah* is the spring or the source of water. The word is sometimes translated "bowl," and the bowl-shaped pillars in the temple were sometimes referred to by this word. The root word means "to roll." Aksah was asking for water to help cultivate her land.

1:16 palm ▸ *see Deut. 34:3.*
1:19 chariot ▸ *see Ps. 20:7.*
1:28 tribute ▸ *see Esth. 10:1.*

Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land: nevertheless the inhabitants of Beth-shemesh and of Beth-anath became tributaries unto them.
34 And the Amorites forced the children of Dan into the mountain: for they would not suffer them to come down to the valley:
35 But the Amorites would dwell in mount Heres in Aijalon, and in Shaalbim: yet the hand of the house of Joseph prevailed, so that they became tributaries.
36 And the coast of the Amorites *was* from the going up to Akrabbim, from the rock, and upward.

Israel Rebuked by an Angel

2 And an angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said, I made you to go up out of Egypt, and have brought you unto the land which I sware unto your fathers; and I said, I will never break my covenant with you.
2 And ye shall make no league with the inhabitants of this land; ye shall throw down their altars: but ye have not obeyed my voice: why have ye done this?
3 Wherefore I also said, I will not drive them out from before you; but they shall be *as thorns* in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare unto you.
4 And it came to pass, when the angel of the LORD spake these words unto all the children of Israel, that the people lifted up their voice, and wept.
5 And they called the name of that place Bochim: and they sacrificed there unto the LORD.

Israel Serves God

6 And when Joshua had let the people go, the children of Israel went every man unto his inheritance to possess the land.
7 And the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the LORD, that he did for Israel.
8 And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, *being* an hundred and ten years old.
9 And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnath-heres, in the mount of Ephraim, on the north side of the hill Gaash.
10 And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the LORD, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel.

Israel Incurs God's Anger

11 And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served Baalim:
12 And they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the people that *were* round about them, and bowed themselves unto them, and provoked the LORD to anger.
13 And they forsook the LORD, and served Baal and Ashtaroth.
14 And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and he delivered them into the hands of spoilers that spoiled them, and he sold them into the hands of their enemies round about, so that they could not any longer stand before their enemies.
15 Whithersoever they went out, the hand of the LORD was against them for evil, as the LORD had said, and as the LORD had sworn unto them: and they were greatly distressed.

Israel Fails to Listen

16 Nevertheless the LORD raised up judges, which delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them.
17 And yet they would not hearken unto

2:13 Baal ▸ *see 1 Kin. 16:31.*
2:14 spoiler ▸ *see 2 Kin. 17:20.*

2:16 judge

(Heb. *shaphat*) (Judg. 15:20; 1 Sam. 7:15) H8199: The Hebrew word for *judge* means "to deliver" or "to rule." The judges of Israel had a wide range of responsibilities. Like their modern counterparts, Old Testament judges could decide controversies and hand down verdicts (Ex. 18:16). These judges were also involved in the execution of their judgment in both vindicating the righteous (Ps. 26:1) and destroying the wicked (Ex. 7:3). Many judges were God's appointed military leaders who, empowered by God's Spirit (Judg. 6:34; 15:14), fought Israel's oppressors and thereby delivered the people. Later, Israel's king functioned as the national judge (1 Sam. 8:5). Ultimately, Israel's perfect Judge is God. He alone is capable of perfectly judging the wicked and delivering the righteous (Is. 11:4).

their judges, but they went a whoring after other gods, and bowed themselves unto them: they turned quickly out of the way which their fathers walked in, obeying the commandments of the LORD; *but* they did not so.
18 And when the LORD raised them up judges, then the LORD was with the judge, and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge: for it repented the LORD because of their groanings by reason of them that oppressed them and vexed them.
19 And it came to pass, when the judge was dead, *that* they returned, and corrupted *themselves* more than their fathers, in following other gods to serve them, and to bow down unto them; they ceased not from their own doings, nor from their stubborn way.
20 And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel; and he said, Because that this people hath transgressed my covenant which I commanded their fathers, and have not hearkened unto my voice;
21 I also will not henceforth drive out any from before them of the nations which Joshua left when he died:
22 That through them I may prove Israel, whether they will keep the way of the LORD to walk therein, as their fathers did keep *it,* or not.
23 Therefore the LORD left those nations, without driving them out hastily; neither delivered he them into the hand of Joshua.

Evil in the Sight of the Lord

3 Now these *are* the nations which the LORD left, to prove Israel by them, *even* as many *of Israel* as had not known all the wars of Canaan;
2 Only that the generations of the children of Israel might know, to teach them war, at the least such as before knew nothing thereof;
3 *Namely,* five lords of the Philistines, and all the Canaanites, and the Sidonians, and the Hivites that dwelt in mount Lebanon, from mount Baal-hermon unto the entering in of Hamath.
4 And they were to prove Israel by them, to know whether they would hearken unto the commandments of the LORD, which he commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses.
5 And the children of Israel dwelt among the Canaanites, Hittites, and Amorites, and Perizzites, and Hivites, and Jebusites:
6 And they took their daughters to be their wives, and gave their daughters to their sons, and served their gods.
7 And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and forgat the LORD their God, and served Baalim and the groves.

Eight Years of Bondage

8 Therefore the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of Chushan-rishathaim king of Mesopotamia: and the children of Israel served Chushan-rishathaim eight years.

Israel Delivered by Othniel

9 And when the children of Israel cried unto the LORD, the LORD raised up a deliverer to the children of Israel, who delivered them, *even* Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother.
10 And the Spirit of the LORD came upon him, and he judged Israel, and went out to war: and the LORD delivered Chushan-rishathaim king of Mesopotamia into his hand; and his hand prevailed against Chushan-rishathaim.
11 And the land had rest forty years. And Othniel the son of Kenaz died.
12 And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD: and the LORD strengthened Eglon the king of Moab against Israel, because they had done evil in the sight of the LORD.
13 And he gathered unto him the children of Ammon and Amalek, and went and smote Israel, and possessed the city of palm trees.
14 So the children of Israel served Eglon the king of Moab eighteen years.

A Present for Eglon

15 But when the children of Israel cried unto the LORD, the LORD raised them up a deliverer, Ehud the son of Gera, a Benjamite, a man lefthanded: and by him the children of Israel sent a present unto Eglon the king of Moab.

2:21 nation ▸ *see Ps. 2:1.*
2:23 deliver ▸ *see Josh. 10:19.*
3:9 cry ▸ *see Judg. 10:10.*

16 But Ehud made him a dagger which had two edges, of a cubit length; and he did gird it under his raiment upon his right thigh.
17 And he brought the present unto Eglon king of Moab: and Eglon *was* a very fat man.
18 And when he had made an end to offer the present, he sent away the people that bare the present.
19 But he himself turned again from the quarries that *were* by Gilgal, and said, I have a secret errand unto thee, O king: who said, Keep silence. And all that stood by him went out from him.

Ehud Kills Eglon

20 And Ehud came unto him; and he was sitting in a summer parlour, which he had for himself alone. And Ehud said, I have a message from God unto thee. And he arose out of *his* seat.
21 And Ehud put forth his left hand, and took the dagger from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly:
22 And the haft also went in after the blade; and the fat closed upon the blade, so that he could not draw the dagger out of his belly; and the dirt came out.
23 Then Ehud went forth through the porch, and shut the doors of the parlour upon him, and locked them.
24 When he was gone out, his servants came; and when they saw that, behold, the doors of the parlour *were* locked, they said, Surely he covereth his feet in his summer chamber.
25 And they tarried till they were ashamed: and, behold, he opened not the doors of the parlour; therefore they took a key, and opened *them:* and, behold, their lord *was* fallen down dead on the earth.
26 And Ehud escaped while they tarried, and passed beyond the quarries, and escaped unto Seirath.

Israel Led to Capture Moab

27 And it came to pass, when he was come, that he blew a trumpet in the mountain of Ephraim, and the children of Israel went down with him from the mount, and he before them.
28 And he said unto them, Follow after me: for the LORD hath delivered your enemies the Moabites into your hand. And they went down after him, and took the fords of Jordan toward Moab, and suffered not a man to pass over.
29 And they slew of Moab at that time about ten thousand men, all lusty, and all men of valour; and there escaped not a man.
30 So Moab was subdued that day under the hand of Israel. And the land had rest four-score years.
31 And after him was Shamgar the son of Anath, which slew of the Philistines six hundred men with an ox goad: and he also delivered Israel.

Twenty Years of Oppression

4 And the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD, when Ehud was dead.
2 And the LORD sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, that reigned in Hazor; the captain of whose host *was* Sisera, which dwelt in Harosheth of the Gentiles.
3 And the children of Israel cried unto the LORD: for he had nine hundred chariots of iron; and twenty years he mightily oppressed the children of Israel.

The Prophetess Deborah

4 And Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, she judged Israel at that time.
5 And she dwelt under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Beth-el in mount Ephraim: and the children of Israel came up to her for judgment.
6 And she sent and called Barak the son of Abinoam out of Kedesh-naphtali, and said unto him, Hath not the LORD God of Israel commanded, *saying,* Go and draw toward mount Tabor, and take with thee ten thousand men of the children of Naphtali and of the children of Zebulun?

3:16 two ▸ *see 2 Kin. 2:9.*

3:29 lusty

(Heb. *shamen*) (Neh. 9:35; Ezek. 34:14; Hab. 1:16) H8082: Alternate translations for this word include "fat," either in land (Neh. 9:25) or wealth (Gen. 49:20), and "plenteous" (Is. 30:23). God gave the enemy into the hands of Israel by His power, even though the enemy soldiers were the best in the land—strong and vigorous.

4:5 dwell ▸ *see Lam. 5:19.*

7 And I will draw unto thee to the river Kishon Sisera, the captain of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his multitude; and I will deliver him into thine hand.
8 And Barak said unto her, If thou wilt go with me, then I will go: but if thou wilt not go with me, *then* I will not go.
9 And she said, I will surely go with thee: notwithstanding the journey that thou takest shall not be for thine honour; for the LORD shall sell Sisera into the hand of a woman. And Deborah arose, and went with Barak to Kedesh.
10 And Barak called Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; and he went up with ten thousand men at his feet: and Deborah went up with him.
11 Now Heber the Kenite, *which was* of the children of Hobab the father in law of Moses, had severed himself from the Kenites, and pitched his tent unto the plain of Zaanaim, which *is* by Kedesh.
12 And they shewed Sisera that Barak the son of Abinoam was gone up to mount Tabor.
13 And Sisera gathered together all his chariots, *even* nine hundred chariots of iron, and all the people that *were* with him, from Harosheth of the Gentiles unto the river of Kishon.

Barak Destroys Sisera's Army

14 And Deborah said unto Barak, Up; for this *is* the day in which the LORD hath delivered Sisera into thine hand: is not the LORD gone out before thee? So Barak went down from mount Tabor, and ten thousand men after him.
15 And the LORD discomfited Sisera, and all *his* chariots, and all *his* host, with the edge of the sword before Barak; so that Sisera lighted down off *his* chariot, and fled away on his feet.
16 But Barak pursued after the chariots, and after the host, unto Harosheth of the Gentiles: and all the host of Sisera fell upon the edge of the sword; *and* there was not a man left.
17 Howbeit Sisera fled away on his feet to the tent of Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite: for *there was* peace between Jabin the king of Hazor and the house of Heber the Kenite.

Sisera Killed by Jael

18 And Jael went out to meet Sisera, and said unto him, Turn in, my lord, turn in to me; fear not. And when he had turned in unto her into the tent, she covered him with a mantle.
19 And he said unto her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water to drink; for I am thirsty. And she opened a bottle of milk, and gave him drink, and covered him.
20 Again he said unto her, Stand in the door of the tent, and it shall be, when any man doth come and enquire of thee, and say, Is there any man here? that thou shalt say, No.
21 Then Jael Heber's wife took a nail of the tent, and took an hammer in her hand, and went softly unto him, and smote the nail into his temples, and fastened it into the ground: for he was fast asleep and weary. So he died.
22 And, behold, as Barak pursued Sisera, Jael came out to meet him, and said unto him, Come, and I will shew thee the man whom thou seekest. And when he came into her *tent,* behold, Sisera lay dead, and the nail *was* in his temples.

Jabin Destroyed by Israel

23 So God subdued on that day Jabin the king of Canaan before the children of Israel.
24 And the hand of the children of Israel prospered, and prevailed against Jabin the king of Canaan, until they had destroyed Jabin king of Canaan.

Deborah and Barak's Song

5 Then sang Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam on that day, saying,
2 Praise ye the LORD for the avenging of Israel, when the people willingly offered themselves.

4:7 draw

(Heb. *mashak*) (2 Chr. 18:33; Job 24:22; Hos. 11:4) H4900: The Hebrew word *mashak* means "drawn out" or "deployed," and denotes that something or someone was picked out from a group or dragged away. It is used of Joseph when he was sold into slavery (Gen. 37:28) and of the picking out of Passover lambs (Ex. 12:21). In addition to referring to troops being deployed, it is also used to refer to drawing a bow (Is. 66:19). The use of this word here reminds the reader of God's sovereign will—Sisera was deployed by God, sent to begin the deliverance of God's people from their oppressors.

4:7 multitude ▸ *see Ps. 42:4.*

3 Hear, O ye kings; give ear, O ye princes; I, *even* I, will sing unto the LORD; I will sing *praise* to the LORD God of Israel.
4 LORD, when thou wentest out of Seir, when thou marchedst out of the field of Edom, the earth trembled, and the heavens dropped, the clouds also dropped water.
5 The mountains melted from before the LORD, *even* that Sinai from before the LORD God of Israel.
6 In the days of Shamgar the son of Anath, in the days of Jael, the highways were unoccupied, and the travellers walked through byways.
7 *The inhabitants of* the villages ceased, they ceased in Israel, until that I Deborah arose, that I arose a mother in Israel.
8 They chose new gods; then *was* war in the gates: was there a shield or spear seen among forty thousand in Israel?
9 My heart *is* toward the governors of Israel, that offered themselves willingly among the people. Bless ye the LORD.
10 Speak, ye that ride on white asses, ye that sit in judgment, and walk by the way.
11 *They that are delivered* from the noise of archers in the places of drawing water, there shall they rehearse the righteous acts of the LORD, *even* the righteous acts *toward the inhabitants* of his villages in Israel: then shall the people of the LORD go down to the gates.
12 Awake, awake, Deborah: awake, awake, utter a song: arise, Barak, and lead thy captivity captive, thou son of Abinoam.
13 Then he made him that remaineth have dominion over the nobles among the people: the LORD made me have dominion over the mighty.

Israel's Triumphs Recalled

14 Out of Ephraim *was there* a root of them against Amalek; after thee, Benjamin, among thy people; out of Machir came down governors, and out of Zebulun they that handle the pen of the writer.
15 And the princes of Issachar *were* with Deborah; even Issachar, and also Barak: he was sent on foot into the valley. For the divisions of Reuben *there were* great thoughts of heart.
16 Why abodest thou among the sheepfolds, to hear the bleatings of the flocks? For the divisions of Reuben *there were* great searchings of heart.
17 Gilead abode beyond Jordan: and why did Dan remain in ships? Asher continued on the sea shore, and abode in his breaches.
18 Zebulun and Naphtali *were* a people *that* jeoparded their lives unto the death in the high places of the field.
19 The kings came *and* fought, then fought the kings of Canaan in Taanach by the waters of Megiddo; they took no gain of money.
20 They fought from heaven; the stars in their courses fought against Sisera.
21 The river of Kishon swept them away, that ancient river, the river Kishon. O my soul, thou hast trodden down strength.
22 Then were the horsehoofs broken by the means of the pransings, the pransings of their mighty ones.
23 Curse ye Meroz, said the angel of the LORD, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof; because they came not to the help of the LORD, to the help of the LORD against the mighty.

Jael Shall Be Blessed

24 Blessed above women shall Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite be, blessed shall she be above women in the tent.
25 He asked water, *and* she gave *him* milk; she brought forth butter in a lordly dish.
26 She put her hand to the nail, and her right hand to the workmen's hammer; and with the hammer she smote Sisera, she smote off his head, when she had pierced and stricken through his temples.
27 At her feet he bowed, he fell, he lay down: at her feet he bowed, he fell: where he bowed, there he fell down dead.

5:3 sing praise

(Heb. *zamar*) (2 Sam. 22:50; 1 Chr. 16:9; Ps. 47:6; 147:1) H2167: This Hebrew word usually refers to singing that exalts God, sometimes to singing accompanied with a musical instrument (Ps. 98:5; 149:3). In the Scripture, such singing is frequently addressed to the Lord and is an expression of gratitude for something He has done for the worshiper (Ps. 9:11; 105:2) or for His mercy and justice (Ps. 101:1). This word often is used as a summons for God's people to praise Him (Judg. 5:3; Is. 12:5). The English word *psalm* is derived from the Greek translation of this Hebrew word.

5:4 drop ▸ *see Ezek. 21:2.*
5:6 byways ▸ *see Ps. 125:5.*
5:7 mother ▸ *see Prov. 30:11.*

28 The mother of Sisera looked out at a window, and cried through the lattice, Why is his chariot *so* long in coming? why tarry the wheels of his chariots?
29 Her wise ladies answered her, yea, she returned answer to herself,
30 Have they not sped? have they *not* divided the prey; to every man a damsel *or* two; to Sisera a prey of divers colours, a prey of divers colours of needlework, of divers colours of needlework on both sides, *meet* for the necks of *them that take* the spoil?
31 So let all thine enemies perish, O LORD: but *let* them that love him *be* as the sun when he goeth forth in his might. And the land had rest forty years.

Seven Years of Oppression

6 And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD: and the LORD delivered them into the hand of Midian seven years.
2 And the hand of Midian prevailed against Israel: *and* because of the Midianites the children of Israel made them the dens which *are* in the mountains, and caves, and strong holds.
3 And *so* it was, when Israel had sown, that the Midianites came up, and the Amalekites, and the children of the east, even they came up against them;
4 And they encamped against them, and destroyed the increase of the earth, till thou come unto Gaza, and left no sustenance for Israel, neither sheep, nor ox, nor ass.
5 For they came up with their cattle and their tents, and they came as grasshoppers for multitude; *for* both they and their camels were without number: and they entered into the land to destroy it.
6 And Israel was greatly impoverished because of the Midianites; and the children of Israel cried unto the LORD.
7 And it came to pass, when the children of Israel cried unto the LORD because of the Midianites,
8 That the LORD sent a prophet unto the children of Israel, which said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I brought you up from Egypt, and brought you forth out of the house of bondage;
9 And I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all that oppressed you, and drave them out from before you, and gave you their land;
10 And I said unto you, I *am* the LORD your God; fear not the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but ye have not obeyed my voice.

An Angel Appears to Gideon

11 And there came an angel of the LORD, and sat under an oak which *was* in Ophrah, that *pertained* unto Joash the Abiezrite: and his son Gideon threshed wheat by the wine-press, to hide *it* from the Midianites.
12 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him, and said unto him, The LORD *is* with thee, thou mighty man of valour.
13 And Gideon said unto him, Oh my Lord, if the LORD be with us, why then is all this

5:31 perish

(Heb. *'abad*) (Eccl. 9:6; Jer. 7:28) H0006: Although essentially the same as "to die," *abad* is used less frequently and has a different connotation. The idea here is of being lost, whether figuratively or literally. So, the author of Ecclesiastes speaks of love and envy perishing, as in going away or disappearing (Eccl. 9:6), and Jeremiah bemoans the loss of truth (Jer. 7:28). But we also read of Saul's father's donkeys being "lost," as in unfindable (1 Sam. 9:3). God's enemies are often described as perishing: not just dead, but removed completely and absolutely from the land (2 Kin. 9:8). God will "destroy" but also rebuild and plant again when His people return to Him (Jer. 31:28).

6:4 sustenance ▸ *see Judg. 17:10.*
6:9 deliver ▸ *see Ex. 3:8.*
6:9 drive out ▸ *see Josh. 24:18.*

6:11 oak

(Heb. *'elah*) (Is. 1:30; Ezek. 6:13) H0424: This term, denoting some kind of large tree, is usually translated as "terebinth" or "oak." It refers to a sizable type of tree able to provide shade for resting (Judg. 6:11, 19; 1 Kin. 13:14) or for practicing idolatry (Ezek. 6:13; Hos. 4:13). Jacob buried foreign household idols beneath one (Gen. 35:4), and Saul and his sons were buried beneath another (1 Chr. 10:12). In one simile, Isaiah compares transgressors of Zion to a terebinth (a symbol of steadfast strength) having fading leaves (a symbol of waning strength), and in a second, he compares Israel's surviving remnant to a terebinth stump—they will still be able to have a comeback (Is. 1:30; 6:13).

befallen us? and where *be* all his miracles which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt? but now the LORD hath forsaken us, and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites.

Gideon to Deliver Israel

14 And the LORD looked upon him, and said, Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites: have not I sent thee?
15 And he said unto him, Oh my Lord, wherewith shall I save Israel? behold, my family *is* poor in Manasseh, and I *am* the least in my father's house.
16 And the LORD said unto him, Surely I will be with thee, and thou shalt smite the Midianites as one man.
17 And he said unto him, If now I have found grace in thy sight, then shew me a sign that thou talkest with me.
18 Depart not hence, I pray thee, until I come unto thee, and bring forth my present, and set *it* before thee. And he said, I will tarry until thou come again.
19 And Gideon went in, and made ready a kid, and unleavened cakes of an ephah of flour: the flesh he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot, and brought *it* out unto him under the oak, and presented *it*.
20 And the angel of God said unto him, Take the flesh and the unleavened cakes, and lay *them* upon this rock, and pour out the broth. And he did so.
21 Then the angel of the LORD put forth the end of the staff that *was* in his hand, and touched the flesh and the unleavened cakes; and there rose up fire out of the rock, and consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes. Then the angel of the LORD departed out of his sight.

Gideon Builds an Altar

22 And when Gideon perceived that he *was* an angel of the LORD, Gideon said, Alas, O Lord GOD! for because I have seen an angel of the LORD face to face.
23 And the LORD said unto him, Peace *be* unto thee; fear not: thou shalt not die.
24 Then Gideon built an altar there unto the LORD, and called it Jehovah-shalom: unto this day it *is* yet in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.
25 And it came to pass the same night, that the LORD said unto him, Take thy father's young bullock, even the second bullock of seven years old, and throw down the altar of Baal that thy father hath, and cut down the grove that *is* by it:
26 And build an altar unto the LORD thy God upon the top of this rock, in the ordered place, and take the second bullock, and offer a burnt sacrifice with the wood of the grove which thou shalt cut down.
27 Then Gideon took ten men of his servants, and did as the LORD had said unto him: and *so* it was, because he feared his father's household, and the men of the city, that he could not do *it* by day, that he did *it* by night.

Gideon's Death Demanded

28 And when the men of the city arose early in the morning, behold, the altar of Baal was cast down, and the grove was cut down that *was* by it, and the second bullock was offered upon the altar *that was* built.
29 And they said one to another, Who hath done this thing? And when they enquired and asked, they said, Gideon the son of Joash hath done this thing.
30 Then the men of the city said unto Joash, Bring out thy son, that he may die: because he hath cast down the altar of Baal, and because he hath cut down the grove that *was* by it.
31 And Joash said unto all that stood against him, Will ye plead for Baal? will ye save him? he that will plead for him, let him be put to death whilst *it is yet* morning: if he *be* a god, let him plead for himself, because *one* hath cast down his altar.
32 Therefore on that day he called him Jerub-baal, saying, Let Baal plead against him, because he hath thrown down his altar.

Gideon Gathers His Army

33 Then all the Midianites and the Amalekites and the children of the east were gathered together, and went over, and pitched in the valley of Jezreel.
34 But the Spirit of the LORD came upon Gideon, and he blew a trumpet; and Abiezer was gathered after him.
35 And he sent messengers throughout all Manasseh; who also was gathered after him:

6:19 ephah ▸ *see Ezek. 45:10.*
6:25 throw down ▸ *see 1 Kin. 19:14.*

and he sent messengers unto Asher, and unto Zebulun, and unto Naphtali; and they came up to meet them.

Gideon's Fleece of Wool

36 And Gideon said unto God, If thou wilt save Israel by mine hand, as thou hast said,
37 Behold, I will put a fleece of wool in the floor; *and* if the dew be on the fleece only, and *it be* dry upon all the earth *beside,* then shall I know that thou wilt save Israel by mine hand, as thou hast said.
38 And it was so: for he rose up early on the morrow, and thrust the fleece together, and wringed the dew out of the fleece, a bowl full of water.
39 And Gideon said unto God, Let not thine anger be hot against me, and I will speak but this once: let me prove, I pray thee, but this once with the fleece; let it now be dry only upon the fleece, and upon all the ground let there be dew.
40 And God did so that night: for it was dry upon the fleece only, and there was dew on all the ground.

Gideon's Army Is Too Large

7 Then Jerub-baal, who *is* Gideon, and all the people that *were* with him, rose up early, and pitched beside the well of Harod: so that the host of the Midianites were on the north side of them, by the hill of Moreh, in the valley.
2 And the Lord said unto Gideon, The people that *are* with thee *are* too many for me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel vaunt themselves against me, saying, Mine own hand hath saved me.
3 Now therefore go to, proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, Whosoever *is* fearful and afraid, let him return and depart early from mount Gilead. And there returned of the people twenty and two thousand; and there remained ten thousand.

God Selects an Army

4 And the Lord said unto Gideon, The people *are* yet *too* many; bring them down unto the water, and I will try them for thee there: and it shall be, *that* of whom I say unto thee, This shall go with thee, the same shall go with thee; and of whomsoever I say unto thee, This shall not go with thee, the same shall not go.
5 So he brought down the people unto the water: and the Lord said unto Gideon, Every one that lappeth of the water with his tongue, as a dog lappeth, him shalt thou set by himself; likewise every one that boweth down upon his knees to drink.
6 And the number of them that lapped, *putting* their hand to their mouth, were three hundred men: but all the rest of the people bowed down upon their knees to drink water.
7 And the Lord said unto Gideon, By the three hundred men that lapped will I save you, and deliver the Midianites into thine hand: and let all the *other* people go every man unto his place.
8 So the people took victuals in their hand, and their trumpets: and he sent all *the rest of* Israel every man unto his tent, and retained those three hundred men: and the host of Midian was beneath him in the valley.

A Man Tells a Dream

9 And it came to pass the same night, that the Lord said unto him, Arise, get thee down unto the host; for I have delivered it into thine hand.
10 But if thou fear to go down, go thou with Phurah thy servant down to the host:
11 And thou shalt hear what they say; and afterward shall thine hands be strengthened to go down unto the host. Then went he down with Phurah his servant unto the outside of the armed men that *were* in the host.

6:39 prove ▸ *see Ps. 78:41.*

7:5 lap

(Heb. *laqaq*) (1 Kin. 21:19; 22:38) H3952: This uncommon word only appears seven times in the Old Testament, and four of those occurrences are here in Judges 7, describing the manner by which the soldiers drank the water out of the river—"with his tongue, as a dog." The word appears again in 1 Kings as the Lord describes the punishment to be exacted against Ahab for stealing the vineyard from Naboth. Just as the dogs licked up Naboth's blood after he was (unjustly) stoned to death, so, too, would Ahab's blood be licked up by dogs upon his (ignominious) death (1 Kin. 21:19)—a prophecy which came true in a battle not long after (1 Kin. 22:38).

7:6 number ▸ *see 1 Chr. 25:7.*

12 And the Midianites and the Amalekites and all the children of the east lay along in the valley like grasshoppers for multitude; and their camels *were* without number, as the sand by the sea side for multitude.
13 And when Gideon was come, behold, *there was* a man that told a dream unto his fellow, and said, Behold, I dreamed a dream, and, lo, a cake of barley bread tumbled into the host of Midian, and came unto a tent, and smote it that it fell, and overturned it, that the tent lay along.
14 And his fellow answered and said, This *is* nothing else save the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel: *for* into his hand hath God delivered Midian, and all the host.

Trumpets, Pitchers, and Lamps

15 And it was *so,* when Gideon heard the telling of the dream, and the interpretation thereof, that he worshipped, and returned into the host of Israel, and said, Arise; for the LORD hath delivered into your hand the host of Midian.
16 And he divided the three hundred men *into* three companies, and he put a trumpet in every man's hand, with empty pitchers, and lamps within the pitchers.
17 And he said unto them, Look on me, and do likewise: and, behold, when I come to the outside of the camp, it shall be *that,* as I do, so shall ye do.
18 When I blow with a trumpet, I and all that *are* with me, then blow ye the trumpets also on every side of all the camp, and say, *The sword* of the LORD, and of Gideon.
19 So Gideon, and the hundred men that *were* with him, came unto the outside of the camp in the beginning of the middle watch; and they had but newly set the watch: and they blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers that *were* in their hands.
20 And the three companies blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers, and held the lamps in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands to blow *withal:* and they cried, The sword of the LORD, and of Gideon.
21 And they stood every man in his place round about the camp: and all the host ran, and cried, and fled.
22 And the three hundred blew the trumpets, and the LORD set every man's sword against his fellow, even throughout all the host: and the host fled to Beth-shittah in Zererath, *and* to the border of Abel-meholah, unto Tabbath.
23 And the men of Israel gathered themselves together out of Naphtali, and out of Asher, and out of all Manasseh, and pursued after the Midianites.

Ephraim Joins Battle

24 And Gideon sent messengers throughout all mount Ephraim, saying, Come down against the Midianites, and take before them the waters unto Beth-barah and Jordan. Then all the men of Ephraim gathered themselves together, and took the waters unto Beth-barah and Jordan.
25 And they took two princes of the Midianites, Oreb and Zeeb; and they slew Oreb upon the rock Oreb, and Zeeb they slew at the winepress of Zeeb, and pursued Midian, and brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon on the other side Jordan.

Gideon and Ephraim's Dispute

8 And the men of Ephraim said unto him, Why hast thou served us thus, that thou calledst us not, when thou wentest to fight with the Midianites? And they did chide with him sharply.
2 And he said unto them, What have I done now in comparison of you? *Is* not the gleaning of the grapes of Ephraim better than the vintage of Abiezer?
3 God hath delivered into your hands the princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb: and what was I able to do in comparison of you? Then their anger was abated toward him, when he had said that.
4 And Gideon came to Jordan, *and* passed over, he, and the three hundred men that *were* with him, faint, yet pursuing *them.*
5 And he said unto the men of Succoth, Give, I pray you, loaves of bread unto the people that follow me; for they *be* faint, and I am pursuing after Zebah and Zalmunna, kings of Midian.
6 And the princes of Succoth said, *Are* the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in thine hand, that we should give bread unto thine army?
7 And Gideon said, Therefore when the

7:13 fellow ▸ *see Prov. 18:24.*
7:25 take ▸ *see Josh. 11:17.*

LORD hath delivered Zebah and Zalmunna into mine hand, then I will tear your flesh with the thorns of the wilderness and with briers.
8 And he went up thence to Penuel, and spake unto them likewise: and the men of Penuel answered him as the men of Succoth had answered *him*.
9 And he spake also unto the men of Penuel, saying, When I come again in peace, I will break down this tower.

The Capture of the Kings of Midian

10 Now Zebah and Zalmunna *were* in Karkor, and their hosts with them, about fifteen thousand *men,* all that were left of all the hosts of the children of the east: for there fell an hundred and twenty thousand men that drew sword.
11 And Gideon went up by the way of them that dwelt in tents on the east of Nobah and Jogbehah, and smote the host: for the host was secure.
12 And when Zebah and Zalmunna fled, he pursued after them, and took the two kings of Midian, Zebah and Zalmunna, and discomfited all the host.

Succoth and Penuel Destroyed

13 And Gideon the son of Joash returned from battle before the sun *was up,*
14 And caught a young man of the men of Succoth, and enquired of him: and he described unto him the princes of Succoth, and the elders thereof, *even* threescore and seventeen men.
15 And he came unto the men of Succoth, and said, Behold Zebah and Zalmunna, with whom ye did upbraid me, saying, *Are* the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in thine hand, that we should give bread unto thy men *that are* weary?
16 And he took the elders of the city, and thorns of the wilderness and briers, and with them he taught the men of Succoth.
17 And he beat down the tower of Penuel, and slew the men of the city.
18 Then said he unto Zebah and Zalmunna, What manner of men *were they* whom ye slew at Tabor? And they answered, As thou *art,* so *were* they; each one resembled the children of a king.
19 And he said, They *were* my brethren, *even* the sons of my mother: *as* the LORD liveth, if ye had saved them alive, I would not slay you.
20 And he said unto Jether his firstborn, Up, *and* slay them. But the youth drew not his sword: for he feared, because he *was* yet a youth.
21 Then Zebah and Zalmunna said, Rise thou, and fall upon us: for as the man *is, so is* his strength. And Gideon arose, and slew Zebah and Zalmunna, and took away the ornaments that *were* on their camels' necks.

Gideon as Ruler

22 Then the men of Israel said unto Gideon, Rule thou over us, both thou, and thy son, and thy son's son also: for thou hast delivered us from the hand of Midian.
23 And Gideon said unto them, I will not rule over you, neither shall my son rule over you: the LORD shall rule over you.
24 And Gideon said unto them, I would desire a request of you, that ye would give me every man the earrings of his prey. (For they had golden earrings, because they *were* Ishmaelites.)
25 And they answered, We will willingly give *them.* And they spread a garment, and did cast therein every man the earrings of his prey.
26 And the weight of the golden earrings that he requested was a thousand and seven hundred *shekels* of gold; beside ornaments, and collars, and purple raiment that *was* on the kings of Midian, and beside the chains that *were* about their camels' necks.
27 And Gideon made an ephod thereof, and put it in his city, *even* in Ophrah: and all Israel went thither a whoring after it: which

8:10 draw ▸ *see 2 Sam. 24:9.*

8:20 youth

(Heb. *na`ar*) (Gen. 37:2; 1 Sam. 1:22) H5288: The reason Jether was afraid to kill these men was because "he was yet a youth." He was not yet an adult, but still a boy, or perhaps an adolescent. Joseph is described as a *na`ar* even at age 17 (Gen. 37:2), but so is Moses when still just a "babe" (Ex. 2:6). Hannah would not take Samuel to Eli "until the child be weaned" (1 Sam. 1:22). Boaz had a young man who is described as "the servant [*na`ar*] that was set over the reapers" (Ruth 2:6), and David was initially kept from fighting Goliath because he was just a youth (1 Sam. 17:33).

8:23 rule over ▸ *see Gen. 37:8.*
8:27 ephod ▸ *see Ex. 35:27.*

thing became a snare unto Gideon, and to his house.
28 Thus was Midian subdued before the children of Israel, so that they lifted up their heads no more. And the country was in quietness forty years in the days of Gideon.
29 And Jerub-baal the son of Joash went and dwelt in his own house.
30 And Gideon had threescore and ten sons of his body begotten: for he had many wives.
31 And his concubine that *was* in Shechem, she also bare him a son, whose name he called Abimelech.

The Death and Burial of Gideon

32 And Gideon the son of Joash died in a good old age, and was buried in the sepulchre of Joash his father, in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

Israel Turns to Idolatry

33 And it came to pass, as soon as Gideon was dead, that the children of Israel turned again, and went a whoring after Baalim, and made Baal-berith their god.
34 And the children of Israel remembered not the LORD their God, who had delivered them out of the hands of all their enemies on every side:
35 Neither shewed they kindness to the house of Jerub-baal, *namely,* Gideon, according to all the goodness which he had shewed unto Israel.

Abimelech's Plan

9 And Abimelech the son of Jerub-baal went to Shechem unto his mother's brethren, and communed with them, and with all the family of the house of his mother's father, saying,
2 Speak, I pray you, in the ears of all the men of Shechem, Whether *is* better for you, either that all the sons of Jerub-baal, *which are* threescore and ten persons, reign over you, or that one reign over you? remember also that I *am* your bone and your flesh.
3 And his mother's brethren spake of him in the ears of all the men of Shechem all these words: and their hearts inclined to follow Abimelech; for they said, He *is* our brother.
4 And they gave him threescore and ten *pieces* of silver out of the house of Baal-berith, wherewith Abimelech hired vain and light persons, which followed him.

Abimelech Kills Gideon's Sons

5 And he went unto his father's house at Ophrah, and slew his brethren the sons of Jerub-baal, *being* threescore and ten persons, upon one stone: notwithstanding yet Jotham the youngest son of Jerub-baal was left; for he hid himself.
6 And all the men of Shechem gathered together, and all the house of Millo, and went, and made Abimelech king, by the plain of the pillar that *was* in Shechem.

Jotham's Parable

7 And when they told *it* to Jotham, he went and stood in the top of mount Gerizim, and lifted up his voice, and cried, and said unto them, Hearken unto me, ye men of Shechem, that God may hearken unto you.
8 The trees went forth *on a time* to anoint a king over them; and they said unto the olive tree, Reign thou over us.
9 But the olive tree said unto them, Should I leave my fatness, wherewith by me they honour God and man, and go to be promoted over the trees?
10 And the trees said to the fig tree, Come thou, *and* reign over us.
11 But the fig tree said unto them, Should I forsake my sweetness, and my good fruit, and go to be promoted over the trees?
12 Then said the trees unto the vine, Come thou, *and* reign over us.
13 And the vine said unto them, Should I leave my wine, which cheereth God and man, and go to be promoted over the trees?
14 Then said all the trees unto the bramble, Come thou, *and* reign over us.
15 And the bramble said unto the trees, If in truth ye anoint me king over you, *then* come *and* put your trust in my shadow: and if not, let fire come out of the bramble, and devour the cedars of Lebanon.
16 Now therefore, if ye have done truly and sincerely, in that ye have made Abimelech king, and if ye have dealt well with Jerub-

9:9 olive tree ▸ *see Deut. 28:40.*

9:16 sincere

(Heb. *tamim*) (Gen. 6:9; Deut. 18:13) H8549: This word means "unblemished," "blameless," or "perfect." The Lord required that offerings dedicated

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baal and his house, and have done unto him according to the deserving of his hands;
17 (For my father fought for you, and adventured his life far, and delivered you out of the hand of Midian:
18 And ye are risen up against my father's house this day, and have slain his sons, threescore and ten persons, upon one stone, and have made Abimelech, the son of his maidservant, king over the men of Shechem, because he *is* your brother;)
19 If ye then have dealt truly and sincerely with Jerub-baal and with his house this day, *then* rejoice ye in Abimelech, and let him also rejoice in you:
20 But if not, let fire come out from Abimelech, and devour the men of Shechem, and the house of Millo; and let fire come out from the men of Shechem, and from the house of Millo, and devour Abimelech.
21 And Jotham ran away, and fled, and went to Beer, and dwelt there, for fear of Abimelech his brother.

Shechem's Treachery

22 When Abimelech had reigned three years over Israel,
23 Then God sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and the men of Shechem; and the men of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech:
24 That the cruelty *done* to the threescore and ten sons of Jerub-baal might come, and their blood be laid upon Abimelech their brother, which slew them; and upon the men of Shechem, which aided him in the killing of his brethren.
25 And the men of Shechem set liers in wait for him in the top of the mountains, and they robbed all that came along that way by them: and it was told Abimelech.

The Conspiracy of Gaal

26 And Gaal the son of Ebed came with his brethren, and went over to Shechem: and the men of Shechem put their confidence in him.
27 And they went out into the fields, and gathered their vineyards, and trode *the grapes,* and made merry, and went into the house of their god, and did eat and drink, and cursed Abimelech.
28 And Gaal the son of Ebed said, Who *is* Abimelech, and who *is* Shechem, that we should serve him? *is* not *he* the son of Jerub-baal? and Zebul his officer? serve the men of Hamor the father of Shechem: for why should we serve him?
29 And would to God this people were under my hand! then would I remove Abimelech. And he said to Abimelech, Increase thine army, and come out.

Zebul's Loyalty

30 And when Zebul the ruler of the city heard the words of Gaal the son of Ebed, his anger was kindled.
31 And he sent messengers unto Abimelech privily, saying, Behold, Gaal the son of Ebed and his brethren be come to Shechem; and, behold, they fortify the city against thee.
32 Now therefore up by night, thou and the people that *is* with thee, and lie in wait in the field:
33 And it shall be, *that* in the morning, as soon as the sun is up, thou shalt rise early, and set upon the city: and, behold, *when* he and the people that *is* with him come out against thee, then mayest thou do to them as thou shalt find occasion.

Abimelech's Victory

34 And Abimelech rose up, and all the people that *were* with him, by night, and they laid wait against Shechem in four companies.
35 And Gaal the son of Ebed went out, and stood in the entering of the gate of the city: and Abimelech rose up, and the people that *were* with him, from lying in wait.
36 And when Gaal saw the people, he said to Zebul, Behold, there come people down from the top of the mountains. And Zebul said unto him, Thou seest the shadow of the mountains as *if they were* men.

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to Him be unblemished (Lev. 22:21; Num. 6:14). The term can also be used to describe a people (2 Sam. 22:24; Ps. 119:80) or a course of action (Prov. 11:20; 28:18) that is blameless. The Bible describes Noah this way (Gen. 6:9), although he was not completely without fault (Gen. 9:21). In declaring His covenant to Abraham, the Lord commanded His servant to be blameless (Gen. 17:1). In his farewell discourse, Moses gave the charge to the children of Israel to be blameless (Deut. 18:13). Many years later Joshua did likewise, exhorting the people to serve the Lord in sincerity and in truth (Josh. 24:14).

37 And Gaal spake again and said, See there come people down by the middle of the land, and another company come along by the plain of Meonenim.
38 Then said Zebul unto him, Where *is* now thy mouth, wherewith thou saidst, Who *is* Abimelech, that we should serve him? *is* not this the people that thou hast despised? go out, I pray now, and fight with them.
39 And Gaal went out before the men of Shechem, and fought with Abimelech.
40 And Abimelech chased him, and he fled before him, and many were overthrown *and* wounded, *even* unto the entering of the gate.
41 And Abimelech dwelt at Arumah: and Zebul thrust out Gaal and his brethren, that they should not dwell in Shechem.
42 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the people went out into the field; and they told Abimelech.
43 And he took the people, and divided them into three companies, and laid wait in the field, and looked, and, behold, the people *were* come forth out of the city; and he rose up against them, and smote them.
44 And Abimelech, and the company that *was* with him, rushed forward, and stood in the entering of the gate of the city: and the two *other* companies ran upon all *the people* that *were* in the fields, and slew them.
45 And Abimelech fought against the city all that day; and he took the city, and slew the people that *was* therein, and beat down the city, and sowed it with salt.

The Death of the Men of Shechem

46 And when all the men of the tower of Shechem heard *that,* they entered into an hold of the house of the god Berith.
47 And it was told Abimelech, that all the men of the tower of Shechem were gathered together.
48 And Abimelech gat him up to mount Zalmon, he and all the people that *were* with him; and Abimelech took an axe in his hand, and cut down a bough from the trees, and took it, and laid *it* on his shoulder, and said unto the people that *were* with him, What ye have seen me do, make haste, *and* do as I *have done.*
49 And all the people likewise cut down every man his bough, and followed Abimelech, and put *them* to the hold, and set the hold on fire upon them; so that all the men of the tower of Shechem died also, about a thousand men and women.

The Death of Abimelech

50 Then went Abimelech to Thebez, and encamped against Thebez, and took it.
51 But there was a strong tower within the city, and thither fled all the men and women, and all they of the city, and shut *it* to them, and gat them up to the top of the tower.
52 And Abimelech came unto the tower, and fought against it, and went hard unto the door of the tower to burn it with fire.
53 And a certain woman cast a piece of a millstone upon Abimelech's head, and all to brake his skull.
54 Then he called hastily unto the young man his armourbearer, and said unto him, Draw thy sword, and slay me, that men say not of me, A woman slew him. And his young man thrust him through, and he died.
55 And when the men of Israel saw that Abimelech was dead, they departed every man unto his place.
56 Thus God rendered the wickedness of Abimelech, which he did unto his father, in slaying his seventy brethren:
57 And all the evil of the men of Shechem did God render upon their heads: and upon them came the curse of Jotham the son of Jerub-baal.

Tola Judges Israel

10 And after Abimelech there arose to defend Israel Tola the son of Puah, the son of Dodo, a man of Issachar; and he dwelt in Shamir in mount Ephraim.
2 And he judged Israel twenty and three years, and died, and was buried in Shamir.

Jair Judges Israel

3 And after him arose Jair, a Gileadite, and judged Israel twenty and two years.
4 And he had thirty sons that rode on thirty ass colts, and they had thirty cities, which are called Havoth-jair unto this day, which *are* in the land of Gilead.
5 And Jair died, and was buried in Camon.

Israel Turns from God

6 And the children of Israel did evil again

9:52 Abimelech ▸ *see Gen. 26:1.*

in the sight of the LORD, and served Baalim, and Ashtaroth, and the gods of Syria, and the gods of Zidon, and the gods of Moab, and the gods of the children of Ammon, and the gods of the Philistines, and forsook the LORD, and served not him.
7 And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and he sold them into the hands of the Philistines, and into the hands of the children of Ammon.
8 And that year they vexed and oppressed the children of Israel: eighteen years, all the children of Israel that *were* on the other side Jordan in the land of the Amorites, which *is* in Gilead.
9 Moreover the children of Ammon passed over Jordan to fight also against Judah, and against Benjamin, and against the house of Ephraim; so that Israel was sore distressed.

Israel Cries unto the Lord

10 And the children of Israel cried unto the LORD, saying, We have sinned against thee, both because we have forsaken our God, and also served Baalim.
11 And the LORD said unto the children of Israel, *Did* not *I deliver you* from the Egyptians, and from the Amorites, from the children of Ammon, and from the Philistines?
12 The Zidonians also, and the Amalekites, and the Maonites, did oppress you; and ye cried to me, and I delivered you out of their hand.
13 Yet ye have forsaken me, and served other gods: wherefore I will deliver you no more.
14 Go and cry unto the gods which ye have chosen; let them deliver you in the time of your tribulation.
15 And the children of Israel said unto the LORD, We have sinned: do thou unto us whatsoever seemeth good unto thee; deliver us only, we pray thee, this day.
16 And they put away the strange gods from among them, and served the LORD: and his soul was grieved for the misery of Israel.

Israel Prepares for Battle

17 Then the children of Ammon were gathered together, and encamped in Gilead. And the children of Israel assembled themselves together, and encamped in Mizpeh.
18 And the people *and* princes of Gilead said one to another, What man *is he* that will begin to fight against the children of Ammon? he shall be head over all the inhabitants of Gilead.

Jephthah Made Head of Israel

11 Now Jephthah the Gileadite was a mighty man of valour, and he *was* the son of an harlot: and Gilead begat Jephthah.
2 And Gilead's wife bare him sons; and his wife's sons grew up, and they thrust out Jephthah, and said unto him, Thou shalt not inherit in our father's house; for thou *art* the son of a strange woman.
3 Then Jephthah fled from his brethren, and dwelt in the land of Tob: and there were gathered vain men to Jephthah, and went out with him.
4 And it came to pass in process of time, that the children of Ammon made war against Israel.
5 And it was so, that when the children of Ammon made war against Israel, the elders of Gilead went to fetch Jephthah out of the land of Tob:
6 And they said unto Jephthah, Come, and be our captain, that we may fight with the children of Ammon.
7 And Jephthah said unto the elders of Gilead, Did not ye hate me, and expel me out of my father's house? and why are ye come unto me now when ye are in distress?
8 And the elders of Gilead said unto Jephthah, Therefore we turn again to thee now, that thou mayest go with us, and fight against the children of Ammon, and be our head over all the inhabitants of Gilead.
9 And Jephthah said unto the elders of

10:6 Syria ▸ *see 2 Kin. 16:5.*

10:10 cry

(Heb. *za`aq*) (Ex. 2:23; Judg. 3:9) H2199: The Book of Judges describes a repeated cycle of the people falling away from God, suffering under their enemies, crying out to God, and then being rescued (Judg. 3:9; 3:15; 6:6, 7; 10:10). In a similar way, the people in slavery in Egypt "sighed . . . and cried" to God (Ex. 2:23), and He heard them. Although such "cries" probably included specific prayers and verbal petitions (1 Sam. 7:8), the word is also used generally to speak of the people seeking God's help. The word can also refer to a loud exclamation, such as when the medium at En Dor saw Samuel (1 Sam. 28:12), or when Tamar fled from her rapist crying (2 Sam. 13:19).

Gilead, If ye bring me home again to fight against the children of Ammon, and the LORD deliver them before me, shall I be your head?
10 And the elders of Gilead said unto Jephthah, The LORD be witness between us, if we do not so according to thy words.
11 Then Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead, and the people made him head and captain over them: and Jephthah uttered all his words before the LORD in Mizpeh.
12 And Jephthah sent messengers unto the king of the children of Ammon, saying, What hast thou to do with me, that thou art come against me to fight in my land?

Ammon Wants Land Restored

13 And the king of the children of Ammon answered unto the messengers of Jephthah, Because Israel took away my land, when they came up out of Egypt, from Arnon even unto Jabbok, and unto Jordan: now therefore restore those *lands* again peaceably.
14 And Jephthah sent messengers again unto the king of the children of Ammon:
15 And said unto him, Thus saith Jephthah, Israel took not away the land of Moab, nor the land of the children of Ammon:
16 But when Israel came up from Egypt, and walked through the wilderness unto the Red sea, and came to Kadesh;
17 Then Israel sent messengers unto the king of Edom, saying, Let me, I pray thee, pass through thy land: but the king of Edom would not hearken *thereto.* And in like manner they sent unto the king of Moab: but he would not *consent:* and Israel abode in Kadesh.
18 Then they went along through the wilderness, and compassed the land of Edom, and the land of Moab, and came by the east side of the land of Moab, and pitched on the other side of Arnon, but came not within the border of Moab: for Arnon *was* the border of Moab.

A Reminder of Sihon's Refusal

19 And Israel sent messengers unto Sihon king of the Amorites, the king of Heshbon; and Israel said unto him, Let us pass, we pray thee, through thy land into my place.
20 But Sihon trusted not Israel to pass through his coast: but Sihon gathered all his people together, and pitched in Jahaz, and fought against Israel.
21 And the LORD God of Israel delivered Sihon and all his people into the hand of Israel, and they smote them: so Israel possessed all the land of the Amorites, the inhabitants of that country.
22 And they possessed all the coasts of the Amorites, from Arnon even unto Jabbok, and from the wilderness even unto Jordan.

Dispossession of the Amorites

23 So now the LORD God of Israel hath dispossessed the Amorites from before his people Israel, and shouldest thou possess it?
24 Wilt not thou possess that which Chemosh thy god giveth thee to possess? So whomsoever the LORD our God shall drive out from before us, them will we possess.
25 And now *art* thou any thing better than Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab? did he ever strive against Israel, or did he ever fight against them,
26 While Israel dwelt in Heshbon and her

11:9 fight

(Heb. *lacham*) (Ex. 17:8; Deut. 1:30) H3898: The Lord is repeatedly described as fighting for His people (Ex. 14:14, 25; Deut. 1:30; Josh. 23:10), although obviously He doesn't literally take up a sword and shield to do battle. The Lord fights in a more general sense, opposing in any way His enemies and those who oppose Him (Ps. 35:1; Jer. 21:5). Tribes, kings, and countries fight against Israel (Ex. 17:8; Num. 21:1), while Joshua and others fought against their enemies (Josh. 10:29, 38). Later Saul and all the men of Israel fought against the Philistines in the Valley of Elah (1 Sam. 17:19).

11:17 Edom ▸ *see 1 Kin. 9:26.*

11:18 Moab

(Heb. *mo'ab*) (Num. 24:17; Is. 25:10; Jer. 48:47) H4124: The Moabites were descended from Lot's son Moab, who came from the incestuous union between Lot and his eldest daughter (Gen. 19:30–38). *Moab* literally means "of his father." Israel and Moab had a hostile relationship throughout biblical history (Num. 22; Judg. 3:12–30). The incident recorded here did not help matters. Nevertheless, God prohibited the Israelites from fighting these distant kinsmen (Deut. 2:9), instead taking judgment into His own hands (e.g., Is. 25:10). The hostility between these nations makes Ruth the Moabitess's inclusion in the lineage of Christ all the more surprising (Ruth 1:22)—a stunning picture of grace and redemption.

towns, and in Aroer and her towns, and in all the cities that *be* along by the coasts of Arnon, three hundred years? why therefore did ye not recover *them* within that time?
27 Wherefore I have not sinned against thee, but thou doest me wrong to war against me: the LORD the Judge be judge this day between the children of Israel and the children of Ammon.
28 Howbeit the king of the children of Ammon hearkened not unto the words of Jephthah which he sent him.

Jephthah's Vow

29 Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jephthah, and he passed over Gilead, and Manasseh, and passed over Mizpeh of Gilead, and from Mizpeh of Gilead he passed over *unto* the children of Ammon.
30 And Jephthah vowed a vow unto the LORD, and said, If thou shalt without fail deliver the children of Ammon into mine hands,
31 Then it shall be, that whatsoever cometh forth of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return in peace from the children of Ammon, shall surely be the LORD's, and I will offer it up for a burnt offering.
32 So Jephthah passed over unto the children of Ammon to fight against them; and the LORD delivered them into his hands.
33 And he smote them from Aroer, even till thou come to Minnith, *even* twenty cities, and unto the plain of the vineyards, with a very great slaughter. Thus the children of Ammon were subdued before the children of Israel.

Jephthah Fulfills His Vow

34 And Jephthah came to Mizpeh unto his house, and, behold, his daughter came out to meet him with timbrels and with dances: and she *was his* only child; beside her he had neither son nor daughter.
35 And it came to pass, when he saw her, that he rent his clothes, and said, Alas, my daughter! thou hast brought me very low, and thou art one of them that trouble me: for I have opened my mouth unto the LORD, and I cannot go back.
36 And she said unto him, My father, *if* thou hast opened thy mouth unto the LORD, do to me according to that which hath proceeded out of thy mouth; forasmuch as the LORD hath taken vengeance for thee of thine enemies, *even* of the children of Ammon.
37 And she said unto her father, Let this thing be done for me: let me alone two months, that I may go up and down upon the mountains, and bewail my virginity, I and my fellows.
38 And he said, Go. And he sent her away *for* two months: and she went with her companions, and bewailed her virginity upon the mountains.
39 And it came to pass at the end of two months, that she returned unto her father, who did with her *according* to his vow which he had vowed: and she knew no man. And it was a custom in Israel,
40 *That* the daughters of Israel went yearly to lament the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite four days in a year.

Ephraim and Jephthah

12 And the men of Ephraim gathered themselves together, and went northward, and said unto Jephthah, Wherefore passedst thou over to fight against the children of Ammon, and didst not call us to go with thee? we will burn thine house upon thee with fire.
2 And Jephthah said unto them, I and my people were at great strife with the children of Ammon; and when I called you, ye delivered me not out of their hands.
3 And when I saw that ye delivered *me* not, I put my life in my hands, and passed over against the children of Ammon, and the LORD delivered them into my hand: wherefore then are ye come up unto me this day, to fight against me?

11:34 only child ▸ *see Gen. 22:2.*

12:1 burn

(Heb. *saraph*) (Ex. 29:14; Deut. 13:16; Jer. 34:2) H8313: To burn or be consumed with fire. The word is used for burning sacrifices (Ex. 29:14), burning as a judgment for sin (Lev. 20:14) and burning idols to destroy them (Deut. 7:5). The men of Ephraim were unjustly envious of Jephthah and his men and threatened them with a punishment that was far beyond the scope of the perceived slight.

12:2 strife ▸ *see Mic. 6:2.*

Jephthah's Victory

4 Then Jephthah gathered together all the men of Gilead, and fought with Ephraim: and the men of Gilead smote Ephraim, because they said, Ye Gileadites *are* fugitives of Ephraim among the Ephraimites, *and* among the Manassites.
5 And the Gileadites took the passages of Jordan before the Ephraimites: and it was *so,* that when those Ephraimites which were escaped said, Let me go over; that the men of Gilead said unto him, *Art* thou an Ephraimite? If he said, Nay;
6 Then said they unto him, Say now Shibboleth: and he said Sibboleth: for he could not frame to pronounce *it* right. Then they took him, and slew him at the passages of Jordan: and there fell at that time of the Ephraimites forty and two thousand.

The Death of Jephthah

7 And Jephthah judged Israel six years. Then died Jephthah the Gileadite, and was buried in *one of* the cities of Gilead.
8 And after him Ibzan of Beth-lehem judged Israel.
9 And he had thirty sons, and thirty daughters, *whom* he sent abroad, and took in thirty daughters from abroad for his sons. And he judged Israel seven years.
10 Then died Ibzan, and was buried at Beth-lehem.
11 And after him Elon, a Zebulonite, judged Israel; and he judged Israel ten years.
12 And Elon the Zebulonite died, and was buried in Aijalon in the country of Zebulun.
13 And after him Abdon the son of Hillel, a Pirathonite, judged Israel.
14 And he had forty sons and thirty nephews, that rode on threescore and ten ass colts: and he judged Israel eight years.
15 And Abdon the son of Hillel the Pirathonite died, and was buried in Pirathon in the land of Ephraim, in the mount of the Amalekites.

Israel Sins

13 And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD; and the LORD delivered them into the hand of the Philistines forty years.
2 And there was a certain man of Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name *was* Manoah; and his wife *was* barren, and bare not.
3 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, Behold now, thou *art* barren, and bearest not: but thou shalt conceive, and bear a son.
4 Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink not wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean *thing:*
5 For, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come on his head: for the child shall be a Nazarite unto God from the womb: and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines.
6 Then the woman came and told her husband, saying, A man of God came unto me, and his countenance *was* like the countenance of an angel of God, very terrible: but I asked him not whence he *was,* neither told he me his name:
7 But he said unto me, Behold, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and now drink no wine nor strong drink, neither eat any unclean *thing:* for the child shall be a Nazarite to God from the womb to the day of his death.

Manoah's Request

8 Then Manoah intreated the LORD, and said, O my Lord, let the man of God which thou didst send come again unto us, and teach us what we shall do unto the child that shall be born.
9 And God hearkened to the voice of Manoah; and the angel of God came again unto the woman as she sat in the field: but Manoah her husband *was* not with her.
10 And the woman made haste, and ran, and shewed her husband, and said unto him, Behold, the man hath appeared unto me, that came unto me the *other* day.
11 And Manoah arose, and went after his wife, and came to the man, and said unto him, *Art* thou the man that spakest unto the woman? And he said, I *am.*
12 And Manoah said, Now let thy words come to pass. How shall we order the child, and *how* shall we do unto him?
13 And the angel of the LORD said unto Manoah, Of all that I said unto the woman let her beware.
14 She may not eat of any *thing* that cometh of the vine, neither let her drink wine or

13:3 barren ▸ *see Gen. 11:30.*

strong drink, nor eat any unclean *thing:* all that I commanded her let her observe.

Manoah's Offering

15 And Manoah said unto the angel of the LORD, I pray thee, let us detain thee, until we shall have made ready a kid for thee.
16 And the angel of the LORD said unto Manoah, Though thou detain me, I will not eat of thy bread: and if thou wilt offer a burnt offering, thou must offer it unto the LORD. For Manoah knew not that he *was* an angel of the LORD.
17 And Manoah said unto the angel of the LORD, What *is* thy name, that when thy sayings come to pass we may do thee honour?
18 And the angel of the LORD said unto him, Why askest thou thus after my name, seeing it *is* secret?
19 So Manoah took a kid with a meat offering, and offered *it* upon a rock unto the LORD: and *the angel* did wonderously; and Manoah and his wife looked on.
20 For it came to pass, when the flame went up toward heaven from off the altar, that the angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar. And Manoah and his wife looked on *it,* and fell on their faces to the ground.
21 But the angel of the LORD did no more appear to Manoah and to his wife. Then Manoah knew that he *was* an angel of the LORD.
22 And Manoah said unto his wife, We shall surely die, because we have seen God.
23 But his wife said unto him, If the LORD were pleased to kill us, he would not have received a burnt offering and a meat offering at our hands, neither would he have shewed us all these *things,* nor would as at this time have told us *such things* as these.

Samson's Birth

24 And the woman bare a son, and called his name Samson: and the child grew, and the LORD blessed him.
25 And the Spirit of the LORD began to move him at times in the camp of Dan between Zorah and Eshtaol.

Samson Wants a Philistine Woman

14 And Samson went down to Timnath, and saw a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines.
2 And he came up, and told his father and his mother, and said, I have seen a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines: now therefore get her for me to wife.
3 Then his father and his mother said unto him, *Is there* never a woman among the daughters of thy brethren, or among all my people, that thou goest to take a wife of the uncircumcised Philistines? And Samson said unto his father, Get her for me; for she pleaseth me well.
4 But his father and his mother knew not that it *was* of the LORD, that he sought an occasion against the Philistines: for at that time the Philistines had dominion over Israel.

Samson Kills a Lion

5 Then went Samson down, and his father and his mother, to Timnath, and came to the vineyards of Timnath: and, behold, a young lion roared against him.
6 And the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and he rent him as he would have rent a kid, and *he had* nothing in his hand: but he told not his father or his mother what he had done.
7 And he went down, and talked with the woman; and she pleased Samson well.
8 And after a time he returned to take her, and he turned aside to see the carcase of the lion: and, behold, *there was* a swarm of bees and honey in the carcase of the lion.
9 And he took thereof in his hands, and went on eating, and came to his father and mother, and he gave them, and they did eat: but he told not them that he had taken the honey out of the carcase of the lion.
10 So his father went down unto the woman: and Samson made there a feast; for so used the young men to do.
11 And it came to pass, when they saw him, that they brought thirty companions to be with him.

13:15 kid

(Heb. *gedi*) (Gen. 27:9; Deut. 14:21; Is. 11:6) H1423: Young goats were used both for food (Gen. 27:9) and sacrifice (Judg. 13:19). Here it is used as both. At first Manoah thought the angel was just a man, but when the young goat he had intended to be a meal of hospitality is turned into a sacrifice, he knows at once that he has been visited by an angel.

14:8 lion ▸ *see Mic. 5:8.*

Samson's Riddle

12 And Samson said unto them, I will now put forth a riddle unto you: if ye can certainly declare it me within the seven days of the feast, and find *it* out, then I will give you thirty sheets and thirty change of garments:
13 But if ye cannot declare *it* me, then shall ye give me thirty sheets and thirty change of garments. And they said unto him, Put forth thy riddle, that we may hear it.
14 And he said unto them, Out of the eater came forth meat, and out of the strong came forth sweetness. And they could not in three days expound the riddle.

Samson's Wife Pleads for the Answer

15 And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they said unto Samson's wife, Entice thy husband, that he may declare unto us the riddle, lest we burn thee and thy father's house with fire: have ye called us to take that we have? *is it* not *so?*
16 And Samson's wife wept before him, and said, Thou dost but hate me, and lovest me not: thou hast put forth a riddle unto the children of my people, and hast not told *it* me. And he said unto her, Behold, I have not told *it* my father nor my mother, and shall I tell *it* thee?
17 And she wept before him the seven days, while their feast lasted: and it came to pass on the seventh day, that he told her, because she lay sore upon him: and she told the riddle to the children of her people.
18 And the men of the city said unto him on the seventh day before the sun went down, What *is* sweeter than honey? and what *is* stronger than a lion? And he said unto them, If ye had not plowed with my heifer, ye had not found out my riddle.

Thirty Philistines Killed

19 And the Spirit of the LORD came upon him, and he went down to Ashkelon, and slew thirty men of them, and took their spoil, and gave change of garments unto them which expounded the riddle. And his anger was kindled, and he went up to his father's house.
20 But Samson's wife was *given* to his companion, whom he had used as his friend.

Samson Forbidden to Visit His Wife

15 But it came to pass within a while after, in the time of wheat harvest, that Samson visited his wife with a kid; and he said, I will go in to my wife into the chamber. But her father would not suffer him to go in.
2 And her father said, I verily thought that thou hadst utterly hated her; therefore I gave her to thy companion: *is* not her younger sister fairer than she? take her, I pray thee, instead of her.

Philistines' Corn Burned

3 And Samson said concerning them, Now shall I be more blameless than the Philistines, though I do them a displeasure.
4 And Samson went and caught three hundred foxes, and took firebrands, and turned tail to tail, and put a firebrand in the midst between two tails.
5 And when he had set the brands on fire, he let *them* go into the standing corn of the Philistines, and burnt up both the shocks, and also the standing corn, with the vineyards *and* olives.

Samson's Wife Killed

6 Then the Philistines said, Who hath done this? And they answered, Samson, the son in law of the Timnite, because he had taken his wife, and given her to his companion. And

14:12 riddle

(Heb. *chidah*) (Prov. 1:6; Hab. 2:6) H2420: The core meaning of this word is "an enigmatic saying." In Samson's story, the riddle is used in a contest of wits. Proverbs attributes enigmatic sayings to the wise (Prov.1:6). When the queen of Sheba tested Solomon's wisdom, her questions are described by this same Hebrew word (1 Kin. 10:1; 2 Chr. 9:1). In the Lord's confrontation with Miriam and Aaron, God describes Himself as speaking in "dark speeches" (the same Hebrew word) to the prophets, but to Moses face-to-face (Num. 12:6–8). Perhaps Paul had this last concept in mind when he admonished the Corinthians that even someone with the ability to understand all mysteries would not amount to anything if that person did not possess the love of God (1 Cor. 13:2).

14:17 lay sore ▸ *see Is. 51:13.*
15:4 hundred ▸ *see 1 Chr. 27:1.*

the Philistines came up, and burnt her and her father with fire.

Samson Kills Philistines

7 And Samson said unto them, Though ye have done this, yet will I be avenged of you, and after that I will cease.
8 And he smote them hip and thigh with a great slaughter: and he went down and dwelt in the top of the rock Etam.

Samson Bound by Judah

9 Then the Philistines went up, and pitched in Judah, and spread themselves in Lehi.
10 And the men of Judah said, Why are ye come up against us? And they answered, To bind Samson are we come up, to do to him as he hath done to us.
11 Then three thousand men of Judah went to the top of the rock Etam, and said to Samson, Knowest thou not that the Philistines *are* rulers over us? what *is* this *that* thou hast done unto us? And he said unto them, As they did unto me, so have I done unto them.
12 And they said unto him, We are come down to bind thee, that we may deliver thee into the hand of the Philistines. And Samson said unto them, Swear unto me, that ye will not fall upon me yourselves.
13 And they spake unto him, saying, No; but we will bind thee fast, and deliver thee into their hand: but surely we will not kill thee. And they bound him with two new cords, and brought him up from the rock.

Jawbone of an Ass

14 *And* when he came unto Lehi, the Philistines shouted against him: and the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and the cords that *were* upon his arms became as flax that was burnt with fire, and his bands loosed from off his hands.
15 And he found a new jawbone of an ass, and put forth his hand, and took it, and slew a thousand men therewith.
16 And Samson said, With the jawbone of an ass, heaps upon heaps, with the jaw of an ass have I slain a thousand men.
17 And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking, that he cast away the jawbone out of his hand, and called that place Ramath-lehi.
18 And he was sore athirst, and called on the LORD, and said, Thou hast given this great deliverance into the hand of thy servant: and now shall I die for thirst, and fall into the hand of the uncircumcised?
19 But God clave an hollow place that *was* in the jaw, and there came water thereout; and when he had drunk, his spirit came again, and he revived: wherefore he called the name thereof En-hakkore, which *is* in Lehi unto this day.
20 And he judged Israel in the days of the Philistines twenty years.

Samson's Strength Displayed

16 Then went Samson to Gaza, and saw there an harlot, and went in unto her.
2 *And it was told* the Gazites, saying, Samson is come hither. And they compassed *him* in, and laid wait for him all night in the gate of the city, and were quiet all the night, saying, In the morning, when it is day, we shall kill him.
3 And Samson lay till midnight, and arose at midnight, and took the doors of the gate of the city, and the two posts, and went away with them, bar and all, and put *them* upon his shoulders, and carried them up to the top of an hill that *is* before Hebron.

Delilah Recruited to Betray Samson

4 And it came to pass afterward, that he loved a woman in the valley of Sorek, whose name *was* Delilah.
5 And the lords of the Philistines came

15:18 deliverance

(Heb. *teshu`ah*) (1 Sam. 19:5; 2 Kin. 13:17; Prov. 21:31) H8668: The basic meaning of this term is "victory" or "safety." In the Scriptures, deliverance is almost always credited to God, who is frequently praised by the psalmists for His miraculous accomplishments (Ps. 51:14, 15; 71:14, 15). Elsewhere God's people are reminded that deliverance is not found in horses (Ps. 33:17) or in the capabilities of people (Ps. 108:12; 146:3); salvation is found only in the Lord (Lam. 3:26; Jer. 3:23). A day is coming when the Lord will provide everlasting salvation for His people (Is. 45:17). Placing our hope in the Lord and in that final day of justice is never inappropriate, for He will provide deliverance for His people.

15:20 judge ▸ *see Judg. 2:16.*
16:3 take ▸ *see 2 Sam. 6:6.*

up unto her, and said unto her, Entice him, and see wherein his great strength *lieth,* and by what *means* we may prevail against him, that we may bind him to afflict him: and we will give thee every one of us eleven hundred *pieces* of silver.
6 And Delilah said to Samson, Tell me, I pray thee, wherein thy great strength *lieth,* and wherewith thou mightest be bound to afflict thee.
7 And Samson said unto her, If they bind me with seven green withs that were never dried, then shall I be weak, and be as another man.
8 Then the lords of the Philistines brought up to her seven green withs which had not been dried, and she bound him with them.
9 Now *there were* men lying in wait, abiding with her in the chamber. And she said unto him, The Philistines *be* upon thee, Samson. And he brake the withs, as a thread of tow is broken when it toucheth the fire. So his strength was not known.
10 And Delilah said unto Samson, Behold, thou hast mocked me, and told me lies: now tell me, I pray thee, wherewith thou mightest be bound.
11 And he said unto her, If they bind me fast with new ropes that never were occupied, then shall I be weak, and be as another man.
12 Delilah therefore took new ropes, and bound him therewith, and said unto him, The Philistines *be* upon thee, Samson. And *there were* liers in wait abiding in the chamber. And he brake them from off his arms like a thread.
13 And Delilah said unto Samson, Hitherto thou hast mocked me, and told me lies: tell me wherewith thou mightest be bound. And he said unto her, If thou weavest the seven locks of my head with the web.
14 And she fastened *it* with the pin, and said unto him, The Philistines *be* upon thee, Samson. And he awaked out of his sleep, and went away with the pin of the beam, and with the web.

Samson Reveals His Source of Strength

15 And she said unto him, How canst thou say, I love thee, when thine heart *is* not with me? thou hast mocked me these three times, and hast not told me wherein thy great strength *lieth.*
16 And it came to pass, when she pressed him daily with her words, and urged him, *so* that his soul was vexed unto death;
17 That he told her all his heart, and said unto her, There hath not come a razor upon mine head; for I *have been* a Nazarite unto God from my mother's womb: if I be shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I shall become weak, and be like any *other* man.
18 And when Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Philistines, saying, Come up this once, for he hath shewed me all his heart. Then the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and brought money in their hand.
19 And she made him sleep upon her knees; and she called for a man, and she caused him to shave off the seven locks of his head; and she began to afflict him, and his strength went from him.
20 And she said, The Philistines *be* upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. And he wist not that the LORD was departed from him.

Samson Captured

21 But the Philistines took him, and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of brass; and he did grind in the prison house.
22 Howbeit the hair of his head began to grow again after he was shaven.

The Philistines' Celebration

23 Then the lords of the Philistines gathered them together for to offer a great sacrifice unto Dagon their god, and to rejoice: for they

16:6 afflict

(Heb. *`anah*) (Gen. 15:13; Ex. 1:11; 1 Kin. 11:39; Ps. 89:22) H6031: In addition to "afflict," the Hebrew word can also be rendered "to humble" (i.e., to humble oneself or become humbled, as Ex. 10:3, or to humble another, as God humbled the Israelites in the wilderness—Deut. 8:2). Related renderings include "defile" (Gen. 34:2) and "force" (2 Sam. 13:12). The word can also mean to be occupied, as with a task (Eccl. 3:10) or hardship (Zech. 10:2—"trouble").

16:7 bind ▸ *see Num. 30:6.*
16:17 shave ▸ *see Num. 6:9.*

said, Our god hath delivered Samson our enemy into our hand.
24 And when the people saw him, they praised their god: for they said, Our god hath delivered into our hands our enemy, and the destroyer of our country, which slew many of us.
25 And it came to pass, when their hearts were merry, that they said, Call for Samson, that he may make us sport. And they called for Samson out of the prison house; and he made them sport: and they set him between the pillars.
26 And Samson said unto the lad that held him by the hand, Suffer me that I may feel the pillars whereupon the house standeth, that I may lean upon them.
27 Now the house was full of men and women; and all the lords of the Philistines *were* there; and *there were* upon the roof about three thousand men and women, that beheld while Samson made sport.

Samson Prays for Strength

28 And Samson called unto the LORD, and said, O Lord GOD, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes.
29 And Samson took hold of the two middle pillars upon which the house stood, and on which it was borne up, of the one with his right hand, and of the other with his left.

Samson's Death and Burial

30 And Samson said, Let me die with the Philistines. And he bowed himself with *all his* might; and the house fell upon the lords, and upon all the people that *were* therein. So the dead which he slew at his death were more than *they* which he slew in his life.
31 Then his brethren and all the house of his father came down, and took him, and brought *him* up, and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the buryingplace of Manoah his father. And he judged Israel twenty years.

The Idolatry of Micah

17 And there was a man of mount Ephraim, whose name *was* Micah.
2 And he said unto his mother, The eleven hundred *shekels* of silver that were taken from thee, about which thou cursedst, and spakest of also in mine ears, behold, the silver *is* with me; I took it. And his mother said, Blessed *be thou* of the LORD, my son.
3 And when he had restored the eleven hundred *shekels* of silver to his mother, his mother said, I had wholly dedicated the silver unto the LORD from my hand for my son, to make a graven image and a molten image: now therefore I will restore it unto thee.
4 Yet he restored the money unto his mother; and his mother took two hundred *shekels* of silver, and gave them to the founder, who made thereof a graven image and a molten image: and they were in the house of Micah.
5 And the man Micah had an house of gods, and made an ephod, and teraphim, and consecrated one of his sons, who became his priest.
6 In those days *there was* no king in Israel, *but* every man did *that which was* right in his own eyes.

Micah's Hired Priest

7 And there was a young man out of Beth-lehem-judah of the family of Judah, who *was* a Levite, and he sojourned there.
8 And the man departed out of the city from Beth-lehem-judah to sojourn where he could find *a place:* and he came to mount Ephraim to the house of Micah, as he journeyed.
9 And Micah said unto him, Whence comest thou? And he said unto him, I *am* a Levite of Beth-lehem-judah, and I go to sojourn where I may find *a place.*
10 And Micah said unto him, Dwell with me, and be unto me a father and a priest, and I will give thee ten *shekels* of silver by the

16:25 make sport ▸ *see Gen. 18:13.*
16:28 strengthen ▸ *see Josh. 1:9.*
17:6 right ▸ *see 2 Chr. 20:32.*

17:10 victuals

(Heb. *michyah*) (Judg. 6:4) H4241: This relatively seldom-used word appears only eight times in the Old Testament and refers to the preserving of life (Gen. 45:5), or a recovery (2 Chr. 14:13) or revival (Ezra 9:8, 9) from oppression or bondage. The same word is translated "raw flesh" in Leviticus 13:10 and 24, perhaps stemming from the *living* part of the flesh afflicted by a burn or skin disease.

year, and a suit of apparel, and thy victuals. So the Levite went in.
11 And the Levite was content to dwell with the man; and the young man was unto him as one of his sons.
12 And Micah consecrated the Levite; and the young man became his priest, and was in the house of Micah.
13 Then said Micah, Now know I that the LORD will do me good, seeing I have a Levite to *my* priest.

Dan Seeks New Land

18 In those days *there was* no king in Israel: and in those days the tribe of the Danites sought them an inheritance to dwell in; for unto that day *all their* inheritance had not fallen unto them among the tribes of Israel.
2 And the children of Dan sent of their family five men from their coasts, men of valour, from Zorah, and from Eshtaol, to spy out the land, and to search it; and they said unto them, Go, search the land: who when they came to mount Ephraim, to the house of Micah, they lodged there.
3 When they *were* by the house of Micah, they knew the voice of the young man the Levite: and they turned in thither, and said unto him, Who brought thee hither? and what makest thou in this *place?* and what hast thou here?
4 And he said unto them, Thus and thus dealeth Micah with me, and hath hired me, and I am his priest.

Men Ask Counsel of a Priest

5 And they said unto him, Ask counsel, we pray thee, of God, that we may know whether our way which we go shall be prosperous.
6 And the priest said unto them, Go in peace: before the LORD *is* your way wherein ye go.
7 Then the five men departed, and came to Laish, and saw the people that *were* therein, how they dwelt careless, after the manner of the Zidonians, quiet and secure; and *there was* no magistrate in the land, that might put *them* to shame in *any* thing; and they *were* far from the Zidonians, and had no business with *any* man.

Possess the Land

8 And they came unto their brethren to Zorah and Eshtaol: and their brethren said unto them, What *say* ye?
9 And they said, Arise, that we may go up against them: for we have seen the land, and, behold, it *is* very good: and *are* ye still? be not slothful to go, *and* to enter to possess the land.
10 When ye go, ye shall come unto a people secure, and to a large land: for God hath given it into your hands; a place where *there is* no want of any thing that *is* in the earth.
11 And there went from thence of the family of the Danites, out of Zorah and out of Eshtaol, six hundred men appointed with weapons of war.
12 And they went up, and pitched in Kirjath-jearim, in Judah: wherefore they called that place Mahaneh-dan unto this day: behold, *it is* behind Kirjath-jearim.
13 And they passed thence unto mount Ephraim, and came unto the house of Micah.

Images and Priest Taken

14 Then answered the five men that went to spy out the country of Laish, and said unto their brethren, Do ye know that there is in these houses an ephod, and teraphim, and a graven image, and a molten image? now therefore consider what ye have to do.
15 And they turned thitherward, and came to the house of the young man the Levite, *even* unto the house of Micah, and saluted him.
16 And the six hundred men appointed with their weapons of war, which *were* of the children of Dan, stood by the entering of the gate.
17 And the five men that went to spy out

18:5 ask counsel ▸ *see 1 Sam. 28:6.*

18:7 far

(Heb. *rachoq*) (Deut. 30:11; Esth. 9:20; Ps. 119:155) H7350: The term conveys a sense of distance, either geographically (often rendered "afar off," as Gen. 22:4 and Ps. 10:1) or temporally (as 2 Kin. 19:25—"long ago"). Isaiah 25:1 carries a similar sense of being far away in time ("Thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth"). The term can also indicate disconnection, as Proverbs 15:29 ("The LORD is far from the wicked"), or difficulty, as Ecclesiastes 7:24 ("That which is far off, and exceeding deep, who can find it out?").

the land went up, *and* came in thither, *and* took the graven image, and the ephod, and the teraphim, and the molten image: and the priest stood in the entering of the gate with the six hundred men *that were* appointed with weapons of war.
18 And these went into Micah's house, and fetched the carved image, the ephod, and the teraphim, and the molten image. Then said the priest unto them, What do ye?
19 And they said unto him, Hold thy peace, lay thine hand upon thy mouth, and go with us, and be to us a father and a priest: *is it* better for thee to be a priest unto the house of one man, or that thou be a priest unto a tribe and a family in Israel?
20 And the priest's heart was glad, and he took the ephod, and the teraphim, and the graven image, and went in the midst of the people.
21 So they turned and departed, and put the little ones and the cattle and the carriage before them.
22 *And* when they were a good way from the house of Micah, the men that *were* in the houses near to Micah's house were gathered together, and overtook the children of Dan.
23 And they cried unto the children of Dan. And they turned their faces, and said unto Micah, What aileth thee, that thou comest with such a company?
24 And he said, Ye have taken away my gods which I made, and the priest, and ye are gone away: and what have I more? and what *is* this *that* ye say unto me, What aileth thee?

Micah Returns Home

25 And the children of Dan said unto him, Let not thy voice be heard among us, lest angry fellows run upon thee, and thou lose thy life, with the lives of thy household.
26 And the children of Dan went their way: and when Micah saw that they *were* too strong for him, he turned and went back unto his house.
27 And they took *the things* which Micah had made, and the priest which he had, and came unto Laish, unto a people *that were* at quiet and secure: and they smote them with the edge of the sword, and burnt the city with fire.
28 And *there was* no deliverer, because it *was* far from Zidon, and they had no business with *any* man; and it was in the valley that *lieth* by Beth-rehob. And they built a city, and dwelt therein.
29 And they called the name of the city Dan, after the name of Dan their father, who was born unto Israel: howbeit the name of the city *was* Laish at the first.

The Graven Image Set Up

30 And the children of Dan set up the graven image: and Jonathan, the son of Gershom, the son of Manasseh, he and his sons were priests to the tribe of Dan until the day of the captivity of the land.
31 And they set them up Micah's graven image, which he made, all the time that the house of God was in Shiloh.

A Levite's Concubine

19 And it came to pass in those days, when *there was* no king in Israel, that there was a certain Levite sojourning on the side of mount Ephraim, who took to him a concubine out of Beth-lehem-judah.
2 And his concubine played the whore against him, and went away from him unto her father's house to Beth-lehem-judah, and was there four whole months.
3 And her husband arose, and went after her, to speak friendly unto her, *and* to bring her again, having his servant with him, and a couple of asses: and she brought him into her father's house: and when the father of the damsel saw him, he rejoiced to meet him.
4 And his father in law, the damsel's father, retained him; and he abode with him three days: so they did eat and drink, and lodged there.
5 And it came to pass on the fourth day, when they arose early in the morning, that he rose up to depart: and the damsel's father said unto his son in law, Comfort thine heart with a morsel of bread, and afterward go your way.
6 And they sat down, and did eat and drink both of them together: for the damsel's father had said unto the man, Be content, I pray thee, and tarry all night, and let thine heart be merry.
7 And when the man rose up to depart, his

18:31 Shiloh ▸ *see Jer. 26:9.*

father in law urged him: therefore he lodged there again.
8 And he arose early in the morning on the fifth day to depart: and the damsel's father said, Comfort thine heart, I pray thee. And they tarried until afternoon, and they did eat both of them.

The Departure of the Levite

9 And when the man rose up to depart, he, and his concubine, and his servant, his father in law, the damsel's father, said unto him, Behold, now the day draweth toward evening, I pray you tarry all night: behold, the day groweth to an end, lodge here, that thine heart may be merry; and to morrow get you early on your way, that thou mayest go home.
10 But the man would not tarry that night, but he rose up and departed, and came over against Jebus, which *is* Jerusalem; and *there were* with him two asses saddled, his concubine also *was* with him.
11 *And* when they *were* by Jebus, the day was far spent; and the servant said unto his master, Come, I pray thee, and let us turn in into this city of the Jebusites, and lodge in it.
12 And his master said unto him, We will not turn aside hither into the city of a stranger, that *is* not of the children of Israel; we will pass over to Gibeah.
13 And he said unto his servant, Come, and let us draw near to one of these places to lodge all night, in Gibeah, or in Ramah.
14 And they passed on and went their way; and the sun went down upon them *when they were* by Gibeah, which *belongeth* to Benjamin.
15 And they turned aside thither, to go in *and* to lodge in Gibeah: and when he went in, he sat him down in a street of the city: for *there was* no man that took them into his house to lodging.

A Place to Spend the Night

16 And, behold, there came an old man from his work out of the field at even, which *was* also of mount Ephraim; and he sojourned in Gibeah: but the men of the place *were* Benjamites.
17 And when he had lifted up his eyes, he saw a wayfaring man in the street of the city: and the old man said, Whither goest thou? and whence comest thou?
18 And he said unto him, We *are* passing from Beth-lehem-judah toward the side of mount Ephraim; from thence *am* I: and I went to Beth-lehem-judah, but I *am now* going to the house of the LORD; and there *is* no man that receiveth me to house.
19 Yet there is both straw and provender for our asses; and there is bread and wine also for me, and for thy handmaid, and for the young man *which is* with thy servants: *there is* no want of any thing.
20 And the old man said, Peace *be* with thee; howsoever *let* all thy wants *lie* upon me; only lodge not in the street.
21 So he brought him into his house, and gave provender unto the asses: and they washed their feet, and did eat and drink.

The Sodomy of Gibeah

22 *Now* as they were making their hearts merry, behold, the men of the city, certain sons of Belial, beset the house round about, *and* beat at the door, and spake to the master of the house, the old man, saying, Bring forth the man that came into thine house, that we may know him.
23 And the man, the master of the house, went out unto them, and said unto them, Nay, my brethren, *nay,* I pray you, do not *so* wickedly; seeing that this man is come into mine house, do not this folly.
24 Behold, *here is* my daughter a maiden, and his concubine; them I will bring out now, and humble ye them, and do with them what seemeth good unto you: but unto this man do not so vile a thing.

The Concubine Abused

25 But the men would not hearken to him:

19:7 lodge

(Heb. *lun*) (Gen. 24:25; Num. 22:8; Neh. 13:20; Song 7:11) H3885: The Hebrew word means literally "to pass the night," and various similar renderings exist, though not all imply a lodging overnight. Examples include "abide" (Gen. 19:2; Ps. 91:1; Prov. 15:31), "tarry" (Gen. 19:2; Jer. 14:8), and "remain" (Ex. 23:18). A related translation is "complain" (i.e., murmur, or abide in obstinacy, as against one's leaders—see Ex. 15:24; Num. 14:2). The most well-known usage is probably Ruth 1:16—". . . where thou lodgest, I will lodge."

19:23 folly ▸ *see Gen. 34:7.*

so the man took his concubine, and brought her forth unto them; and they knew her, and abused her all the night until the morning: and when the day began to spring, they let her go.
26 Then came the woman in the dawning of the day, and fell down at the door of the man's house where her lord *was,* till it was light.
27 And her lord rose up in the morning, and opened the doors of the house, and went out to go his way: and, behold, the woman his concubine was fallen down *at* the door of the house, and her hands *were* upon the threshold.
28 And he said unto her, Up, and let us be going. But none answered. Then the man took her *up* upon an ass, and the man rose up, and gat him unto his place.

The Body Sent to the Tribes

29 And when he was come into his house, he took a knife, and laid hold on his concubine, and divided her, *together* with her bones, into twelve pieces, and sent her into all the coasts of Israel.
30 And it was so, that all that saw it said, There was no such deed done nor seen from the day that the children of Israel came up out of the land of Egypt unto this day: consider of it, take advice, and speak *your minds.*

Israel Gathers in Mizpeh

20 Then all the children of Israel went out, and the congregation was gathered together as one man, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, with the land of Gilead, unto the LORD in Mizpeh.
2 And the chief of all the people, *even* of all the tribes of Israel, presented themselves in the assembly of the people of God, four hundred thousand footmen that drew sword.
3 (Now the children of Benjamin heard that the children of Israel were gone up to Mizpeh.) Then said the children of Israel, Tell *us,* how was this wickedness?
4 And the Levite, the husband of the woman that was slain, answered and said, I came into Gibeah that *belongeth* to Benjamin, I and my concubine, to lodge.
5 And the men of Gibeah rose against me, and beset the house round about upon me by night, *and* thought to have slain me: and my concubine have they forced, that she is dead.
6 And I took my concubine, and cut her in pieces, and sent her throughout all the country of the inheritance of Israel: for they have committed lewdness and folly in Israel.
7 Behold, ye *are* all children of Israel; give here your advice and counsel.

Israel Unites

8 And all the people arose as one man, saying, We will not any *of us* go to his tent, neither will we any *of us* turn into his house.
9 But now this *shall be* the thing which we will do to Gibeah; *we will go up* by lot against it;
10 And we will take ten men of an hundred throughout all the tribes of Israel, and an hundred of a thousand, and a thousand out of ten thousand, to fetch victual for the people, that they may do, when they come to Gibeah of Benjamin, according to all the folly that they have wrought in Israel.
11 So all the men of Israel were gathered against the city, knit together as one man.
12 And the tribes of Israel sent men through all the tribe of Benjamin, saying, What wickedness *is* this that is done among you?
13 Now therefore deliver *us* the men, the children of Belial, which *are* in Gibeah, that we may put them to death, and put away evil from Israel. But the children of Benjamin would not hearken to the voice of their brethren the children of Israel:

Benjamin Prepares for Battle

14 But the children of Benjamin gathered themselves together out of the cities unto Gibeah, to go out to battle against the children of Israel.
15 And the children of Benjamin were numbered at that time out of the cities twenty and six thousand men that drew sword, beside the inhabitants of Gibeah, which were numbered seven hundred chosen men.
16 Among all this people *there were* seven hundred chosen men lefthanded; every one could sling stones at an hair *breadth,* and not miss.
17 And the men of Israel, beside Benjamin,

20:2 assembly ▸ *see 2 Chr. 6:3.*
20:6 lewdness ▸ *see Ezek. 24:13.*
20:11 knit together ▸ *see Ps. 119:63.*
20:16 miss ▸ *see 2 Kin. 18:14.*

were numbered four hundred thousand men that drew sword: all these *were* men of war.
18 And the children of Israel arose, and went up to the house of God, and asked counsel of God, and said, Which of us shall go up first to the battle against the children of Benjamin? And the LORD said, Judah *shall go up* first.
19 And the children of Israel rose up in the morning, and encamped against Gibeah.
20 And the men of Israel went out to battle against Benjamin; and the men of Israel put themselves in array to fight against them at Gibeah.
21 And the children of Benjamin came forth out of Gibeah, and destroyed down to the ground of the Israelites that day twenty and two thousand men.
22 And the people the men of Israel encouraged themselves, and set their battle again in array in the place where they put themselves in array the first day.
23 (And the children of Israel went up and wept before the LORD until even, and asked counsel of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up again to battle against the children of Benjamin my brother? And the LORD said, Go up against him.)
24 And the children of Israel came near against the children of Benjamin the second day.
25 And Benjamin went forth against them out of Gibeah the second day, and destroyed down to the ground of the children of Israel again eighteen thousand men; all these drew the sword.

Israel Seeks the Lord

26 Then all the children of Israel, and all the people, went up, and came unto the house of God, and wept, and sat there before the LORD, and fasted that day until even, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD.
27 And the children of Israel enquired of the LORD, (for the ark of the covenant of God *was* there in those days,
28 And Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, stood before it in those days,) saying, Shall I yet again go out to battle against the children of Benjamin my brother, or shall I cease? And the LORD said, Go up; for to morrow I will deliver them into thine hand.
29 And Israel set liers in wait round about Gibeah.
30 And the children of Israel went up against the children of Benjamin on the third day, and put themselves in array against Gibeah, as at other times.
31 And the children of Benjamin went out against the people, *and* were drawn away from the city; and they began to smite of the people, *and* kill, as at other times, in the highways, of which one goeth up to the house of God, and the other to Gibeah in the field, about thirty men of Israel.
32 And the children of Benjamin said, They *are* smitten down before us, as at the first. But the children of Israel said, Let us flee, and draw them from the city unto the highways.
33 And all the men of Israel rose up out of their place, and put themselves in array at Baal-tamar: and the liers in wait of Israel came forth out of their places, *even* out of the meadows of Gibeah.
34 And there came against Gibeah ten thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and the battle was sore: but they knew not that evil *was* near them.
35 And the LORD smote Benjamin before Israel: and the children of Israel destroyed of the Benjamites that day twenty and five thousand and an hundred men: all these drew the sword.
36 So the children of Benjamin saw that they were smitten: for the men of Israel gave place to the Benjamites, because they trusted unto the liers in wait which they had set beside Gibeah.
37 And the liers in wait hasted, and rushed upon Gibeah; and the liers in wait drew

20:17 draw ▸ *see 2 Sam. 24:9.*
20:20 array ▸ *see 1 Chr. 19:9.*

20:37 lie in wait

(Heb. *'arab*) (Josh. 8:12; 2 Chr. 20:22) H0693: The Hebrew root means to weave or intertwine, as a knot; the meaning "ambush" probably stems from the application of verbs implying twisting and intertwining to craftiness (as opposed to straight or forthright plans). The most common rendering is "lie in wait" (i.e., for an enemy—see also Deut. 19:11; 1 Sam. 22:13; Job 31:9; Prov. 12:6). The term can also be applied to a group lying in wait, as here.

themselves along, and smote all the city with the edge of the sword.

Fire and Smoke in Gibeah

38 Now there was an appointed sign between the men of Israel and the liers in wait, that they should make a great flame with smoke rise up out of the city.
39 And when the men of Israel retired in the battle, Benjamin began to smite *and* kill of the men of Israel about thirty persons: for they said, Surely they are smitten down before us, as *in* the first battle.
40 But when the flame began to arise up out of the city with a pillar of smoke, the Benjamites looked behind them, and, behold, the flame of the city ascended up to heaven.

The Benjamites Destroyed

41 And when the men of Israel turned again, the men of Benjamin were amazed: for they saw that evil was come upon them.
42 Therefore they turned *their backs* before the men of Israel unto the way of the wilderness; but the battle overtook them; and them which *came* out of the cities they destroyed in the midst of them.
43 *Thus* they inclosed the Benjamites round about, *and* chased them, *and* trode them down with ease over against Gibeah toward the sunrising.
44 And there fell of Benjamin eighteen thousand men; all these *were* men of valour.
45 And they turned and fled toward the wilderness unto the rock of Rimmon: and they gleaned of them in the highways five thousand men; and pursued hard after them unto Gidom, and slew two thousand men of them.
46 So that all which fell that day of Benjamin were twenty and five thousand men that drew the sword; all these *were* men of valour.
47 But six hundred men turned and fled to the wilderness unto the rock Rimmon, and abode in the rock Rimmon four months.
48 And the men of Israel turned again upon the children of Benjamin, and smote them with the edge of the sword, as well the men of *every* city, as the beast, and all that came to hand: also they set on fire all the cities that they came to.

Wives for Benjamin

21 Now the men of Israel had sworn in Mizpeh, saying, There shall not any of us give his daughter unto Benjamin to wife.
2 And the people came to the house of God, and abode there till even before God, and lifted up their voices, and wept sore;
3 And said, O LORD God of Israel, why is this come to pass in Israel, that there should be to day one tribe lacking in Israel?
4 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the people rose early, and built there an altar, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings.
5 And the children of Israel said, Who *is there* among all the tribes of Israel that came not up with the congregation unto the LORD? For they had made a great oath concerning him that came not up to the LORD to Mizpeh, saying, He shall surely be put to death.
6 And the children of Israel repented them for Benjamin their brother, and said, There is one tribe cut off from Israel this day.
7 How shall we do for wives for them that remain, seeing we have sworn by the LORD that we will not give them of our daughters to wives?

Jabesh-gilead's Failure to Fight

8 And they said, What one *is there* of the tribes of Israel that came not up to Mizpeh to the LORD? And, behold, there came none to the camp from Jabesh-gilead to the assembly.
9 For the people were numbered, and, behold, *there were* none of the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead there.
10 And the congregation sent thither twelve thousand men of the valiantest, and commanded them, saying, Go and smite the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead with the edge of the sword, with the women and the children.
11 And this *is* the thing that ye shall do, Ye shall utterly destroy every male, and every woman that hath lain by man.

21:11 woman

(Heb. *'ishshah*) (Gen. 2:22; Ex. 1:19; Job 14:1; Prov. 11:16) H0802: The same word can be used of a married woman (i.e., "wife"—Job 2:9; Prov. 18:22), a concubine (Gen. 30:4), an unmarried woman (Gen. 24:5), a harlot (Josh. 2:1), an adulteress (Prov. 6:26), or even a female animal (Gen. 7:2). The term may be used to apply to women generically (as Gen. 31:35—"the custom of women") or

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12 And they found among the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead four hundred young virgins, that had known no man by lying with any male: and they brought them unto the camp to Shiloh, which *is* in the land of Canaan.

Peace with Benjamin

13 And the whole congregation sent *some* to speak to the children of Benjamin that *were* in the rock Rimmon, and to call peaceably unto them.
14 And Benjamin came again at that time; and they gave them wives which they had saved alive of the women of Jabesh-gilead: and yet so they sufficed them not.
15 And the people repented them for Benjamin, because that the LORD had made a breach in the tribes of Israel.
16 Then the elders of the congregation said, How shall we do for wives for them that remain, seeing the women are destroyed out of Benjamin?
17 And they said, *There must be* an inheritance for them that be escaped of Benjamin, that a tribe be not destroyed out of Israel.
18 Howbeit we may not give them wives of our daughters: for the children of Israel have sworn, saying, Cursed *be* he that giveth a wife to Benjamin.
19 Then they said, Behold, *there is* a feast of the LORD in Shiloh yearly *in a place* which *is* on the north side of Beth-el, on the east side of the highway that goeth up from Beth-el to Shechem, and on the south of Lebonah.
20 Therefore they commanded the children of Benjamin, saying, Go and lie in wait in the vineyards;
21 And see, and, behold, if the daughters of Shiloh come out to dance in dances, then come ye out of the vineyards, and catch you every man his wife of the daughters of Shiloh, and go to the land of Benjamin.
22 And it shall be, when their fathers or their brethren come unto us to complain, that we will say unto them, Be favourable unto them for our sakes: because we reserved not to each man his wife in the war: for ye did not give unto them at this time, *that* ye should be guilty.

Benjamites Rebuild Their Cities

23 And the children of Benjamin did so, and took *them* wives, according to their number, of them that danced, whom they caught: and they went and returned unto their inheritance, and repaired the cities, and dwelt in them.
24 And the children of Israel departed thence at that time, every man to his tribe and to his family, and they went out from thence every man to his inheritance.
25 In those days *there was* no king in Israel: every man did *that which was* right in his own eyes.

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may be employed in contrast, whether stated or implied, to a culturally accepted characteristic of men (see, for example, Is. 19:16, where women are portrayed categorically as afraid and fearful in implicit contrast to the bravery of men).

21:17 inheritance ▸ *see Ps. 61:5.*

THE BOOK OF

RUTH

RUTH IS A CAMEO STORY of love, devotion, and redemption set in the black context of the days of the judges. It is the story of a Moabite woman who forsakes her pagan heritage in order to cling to the people of Israel and to the God of Israel. Because of her *faithfulness* in a time of national *faithlessness*, God rewards her by giving her a new husband (Boaz), a son (Obed), and a privileged position in the lineage of David and Christ (she is the great-grandmother of David).

Ruth **is the Hebrew title of this book. This name may be a Moabite modification of the Hebrew word *reuit*, meaning "friendship" or "association." The Septuagint entitles the book *Routh*, the Greek equivalent of the Hebrew name. The Latin title is *Ruth*, a transliteration of *Routh*.**

WATCH WORDS

- **people** (a distinctive group or community)—1:16
- **stranger** (someone with citizenship and loyalty to another country)—2:10
- **kinsman** (a blood relative who acts as the family's protector)—4:1 (also 2:20; 3:12)

Elimelech's Journey to Moab

1 Now it came to pass in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Beth-lehem-judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons.
2 And the name of the man *was* Elimelech, and the name of his wife Naomi, and the name of his two sons Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Beth-lehem-judah. And they came into the country of Moab, and continued there.
3 And Elimelech Naomi's husband died; and she was left, and her two sons.
4 And they took them wives of the women of Moab; the name of the one *was* Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth: and they dwelled there about ten years.
5 And Mahlon and Chilion died also both of them; and the woman was left of her two sons and her husband.

Naomi to Return to Judah

6 Then she arose with her daughters in law, that she might return from the country of Moab: for she had heard in the country of Moab how that the LORD had visited his people in giving them bread.
7 Wherefore she went forth out of the place where she was, and her two daughters in law with her; and they went on the way to return unto the land of Judah.
8 And Naomi said unto her two daughters in law, Go, return each to her mother's house: the LORD deal kindly with you, as ye have dealt with the dead, and with me.
9 The LORD grant you that ye may find rest, each *of you* in the house of her husband. Then she kissed them; and they lifted up their voice, and wept.
10 And they said unto her, Surely we will return with thee unto thy people.
11 And Naomi said, Turn again, my daughters: why will ye go with me? *are* there yet *any more* sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands?
12 Turn again, my daughters, go *your way;* for I am too old to have an husband. If I should say, I have hope, *if* I should have an husband also to night, and should also bear sons;

1:1 famine ▸ *see Ezek. 5:16.*
1:6 bread ▸ *see 1 Sam. 21:3.*
1:9 weep ▸ *see Lam. 1:2.*
1:12 hope ▸ *see Hos. 2:15.*

13 Would ye tarry for them till they were grown? would ye stay for them from having husbands? nay, my daughters; for it grieveth me much for your sakes that the hand of the LORD is gone out against me.
14 And they lifted up their voice, and wept again: and Orpah kissed her mother in law; but Ruth clave unto her.
15 And she said, Behold, thy sister in law is gone back unto her people, and unto her gods: return thou after thy sister in law.

Ruth Refuses to Leave

16 And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, *or* to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people *shall be* my people, and thy God my God:
17 Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the LORD do so to me, and more also, *if ought* but death part thee and me.
18 When she saw that she was stedfastly minded to go with her, then she left speaking unto her.

Arrival in Bethlehem

19 So they two went until they came to Beth-lehem. And it came to pass, when they were come to Beth-lehem, that all the city was moved about them, and they said, *Is* this Naomi?
20 And she said unto them, Call me not Naomi, call me Mara: for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me.
21 I went out full, and the LORD hath brought me home again empty: why *then* call ye me Naomi, seeing the LORD hath testified against me, and the Almighty hath afflicted me?
22 So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter in law, with her, which returned out of the country of Moab: and they came to Beth-lehem in the beginning of barley harvest.

Ruth Gleans in the Fields

2 And Naomi had a kinsman of her husband's, a mighty man of wealth, of the family of Elimelech; and his name *was* Boaz.
2 And Ruth the Moabitess said unto Naomi, Let me now go to the field, and glean ears of corn after *him* in whose sight I shall find grace. And she said unto her, Go, my daughter.
3 And she went, and came, and gleaned in the field after the reapers: and her hap was to light on a part of the field *belonging* unto Boaz, who *was* of the kindred of Elimelech.

Boaz Asks About Ruth

4 And, behold, Boaz came from Beth-lehem, and said unto the reapers, The LORD *be* with you. And they answered him, The LORD bless thee.
5 Then said Boaz unto his servant that was set over the reapers, Whose damsel *is* this?
6 And the servant that was set over the reapers answered and said, It *is* the Moabitish damsel that came back with Naomi out of the country of Moab:
7 And she said, I pray you, let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves:

1:16 intreat ▸ *see Jer. 27:18.*

1:16 people

(Heb. *`am*) (Ex. 19:5; Ps. 95:7) H5971: *People* is a broader term than *tribe*, but still implies a sense of unity and oneness. So, the king of Egypt spoke of the people of Israel being more numerous than the Egyptians (Ex. 1:9), and the Lord told the Israelites that if they kept His covenant, they would be a "peculiar treasure . . . above all people" (Ex. 19:5). Indeed, God chose them as a "holy people" (Deut. 14:2), as distinct from all other people. Thus, anyone uncircumcised would be "cut off from his people" (Gen. 17:14). Conversely, the psalmist spoke with joy of being "the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand," (Ps. 95:7) a promise echoed by the prophets (Hos. 2:23).

2:2 glean

(Heb. *laqat*) (Lev. 19:10; 23:22) H3950: The Hebrew word used here means "to gather together" or "to pick up." In the Old Testament, people are described as gleaning a variety of objects: stones (Gen. 31:46), money (Gen. 47:14), manna (Ex. 16:4, 5, 26), and even worthless men (Judg. 11:3). The prophet Isaiah used this word to describe how the Lord would gather up His people from among all the nations and restore them to their own land (Is. 27:12). The verb occurs 34 times in the Old Testament, with 12 instances here in Ruth 2. In this passage, Ruth makes use of the stipulations the Lord gave to Moses. God had told the Israelites not to completely harvest their fields; instead they were to leave some unharvested so that the poor and strangers in the land could gather it up for their survival (Lev. 19:9, 10; 23:22).

so she came, and hath continued even from the morning until now, that she tarried a little in the house.
8 Then said Boaz unto Ruth, Hearest thou not, my daughter? Go not to glean in another field, neither go from hence, but abide here fast by my maidens:
9 *Let* thine eyes *be* on the field that they do reap, and go thou after them: have I not charged the young men that they shall not touch thee? and when thou art athirst, go unto the vessels, and drink of *that* which the young men have drawn.

Ruth Questions Boaz

10 Then she fell on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, and said unto him, Why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldest take knowledge of me, seeing I *am* a stranger?
11 And Boaz answered and said unto her, It hath fully been shewed me, all that thou hast done unto thy mother in law since the death of thine husband: and *how* thou hast left thy father and thy mother, and the land of thy nativity, and art come unto a people which thou knewest not heretofore.
12 The LORD recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust.
13 Then she said, Let me find favour in thy sight, my lord; for that thou hast comforted me, and for that thou hast spoken friendly unto thine handmaid, though I be not like unto one of thine handmaidens.

Boaz Shows Favor to Ruth

14 And Boaz said unto her, At mealtime come thou hither, and eat of the bread, and dip thy morsel in the vinegar. And she sat beside the reapers: and he reached her parched *corn,* and she did eat, and was sufficed, and left.
15 And when she was risen up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, Let her glean even among the sheaves, and reproach her not:
16 And let fall also *some* of the handfuls of purpose for her, and leave *them,* that she may glean *them,* and rebuke her not.
17 So she gleaned in the field until even, and beat out that she had gleaned: and it was about an ephah of barley.
18 And she took *it* up, and went into the city: and her mother in law saw what she had gleaned: and she brought forth, and gave to her that she had reserved after she was sufficed.
19 And her mother in law said unto her, Where hast thou gleaned to day? and where wroughtest thou? blessed be he that did take knowledge of thee. And she shewed her mother in law with whom she had wrought, and said, The man's name with whom I wrought to day *is* Boaz.

Naomi Gives Thanks

20 And Naomi said unto her daughter in law, Blessed *be* he of the LORD, who hath not left off his kindness to the living and to the dead. And Naomi said unto her, The man *is* near of kin unto us, one of our next kinsmen.
21 And Ruth the Moabitess said, He said unto me also, Thou shalt keep fast by my young men, until they have ended all my harvest.
22 And Naomi said unto Ruth her daughter in law, *It is* good, my daughter, that thou go out with his maidens, that they meet thee not in any other field.
23 So she kept fast by the maidens of Boaz to glean unto the end of barley harvest and of wheat harvest; and dwelt with her mother in law.

2:10 stranger

(Heb. *nokri*) (Gen. 31:15; Ex. 2:22; Deut. 17:15; Is. 28:21) H5237: A stranger, or foreigner, is a person whose citizenship and loyalty belong to a different country. Because Israel was to be a special nation, there was a great danger that the Israelites would be influenced by the ways of other nations and, in the process, lose something of their special identity. That is why foreigners or outsiders were not permitted to take part in Israel's worship (Ex. 12:43; Ezek. 44:9). On the other hand, among the prophecies of a glorious future for Israel are some in which foreigners who come to worship the Lord are given an honored place (Is. 56:3–8). In New Testament times, the apostle Paul insisted that the barriers between Jews and foreigners had been broken down in Jesus Christ (Eph. 2:11—3:6).

2:12 recompense ▸ *see Lev. 24:18.*
2:17 ephah ▸ *see Ezek 45:10.*
2:20 next kinsman ▸ *see Ruth 4:1.*

Naomi's Instructions

3 Then Naomi her mother in law said unto her, My daughter, shall I not seek rest for thee, that it may be well with thee?
2 And now *is* not Boaz of our kindred, with whose maidens thou wast? Behold, he winnoweth barley to night in the threshing-floor.
3 Wash thyself therefore, and anoint thee, and put thy raiment upon thee, and get thee down to the floor: *but* make not thyself known unto the man, until he shall have done eating and drinking.
4 And it shall be, when he lieth down, that thou shalt mark the place where he shall lie, and thou shalt go in, and uncover his feet, and lay thee down; and he will tell thee what thou shalt do.
5 And she said unto her, All that thou sayest unto me I will do.
6 And she went down unto the floor, and did according to all that her mother in law bade her.
7 And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of corn: and she came softly, and uncovered his feet, and laid her down.

Boaz Blesses Ruth

8 And it came to pass at midnight, that the man was afraid, and turned himself: and, behold, a woman lay at his feet.
9 And he said, Who *art* thou? And she answered, I *am* Ruth thine handmaid: spread therefore thy skirt over thine handmaid; for thou *art* a near kinsman.
10 And he said, Blessed *be* thou of the LORD, my daughter: *for* thou hast shewed more kindness in the latter end than at the beginning, inasmuch as thou followedst not young men, whether poor or rich.
11 And now, my daughter, fear not; I will do to thee all that thou requirest: for all the city of my people doth know that thou *art* a virtuous woman.
12 And now it is true that I *am thy* near kinsman: howbeit there is a kinsman nearer than I.
13 Tarry this night, and it shall be in the morning, *that* if he will perform unto thee the part of a kinsman, well; let him do the kinsman's part: but if he will not do the part of a kinsman to thee, then will I do the part of a kinsman to thee, as the LORD liveth: lie down until the morning.

Ruth Returns to Naomi

14 And she lay at his feet until the morning: and she rose up before one could know another. And he said, Let it not be known that a woman came into the floor.
15 Also he said, Bring the vail that *thou hast* upon thee, and hold it. And when she held it, he measured six *measures* of barley, and laid *it* on her: and she went into the city.
16 And when she came to her mother in law, she said, Who *art* thou, my daughter? And she told her all that the man had done to her.
17 And she said, These six *measures* of barley gave he me; for he said to me, Go not empty unto thy mother in law.
18 Then said she, Sit still, my daughter, until thou know how the matter will fall: for the man will not be in rest, until he have finished the thing this day.

Redeeming the Inheritance

4 Then went Boaz up to the gate, and sat him down there: and, behold, the kins-

3:1 be well ▸ *see Deut 12:25.*
3:2 winnow ▸ *see Jer. 15:7.*

3:3 floor

(Heb. *goren*) (2 Sam. 24:21; Joel 2:24) H1637: The threshing floor was out in the open, where wind could blow the chaff away easily (Hos. 13:3). Along with the flock and the winepress, the word is a symbol for God's blessing and provision (Deut. 15:14; Joel 2:24). Gideon laid out his fleece on a threshing floor (Judg. 6:37), the Philistines robbed the threshing floors of the Israelites (1 Sam. 23:1) and it was at a threshing floor that Uzzah touched the ark and was killed (2 Sam. 6:6). Perhaps because it was a wide open area and also symbolized provision, David bought the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite as a site to erect the tabernacle and later build the temple (2 Sam. 24:21; 2 Chr. 3:1).

3:10 young man ▸ *see 2 Chr. 36:17.*
3:12 near kinsman ▸ *see Ruth 4:1.*
3:14 know ▸ *see Gen. 42:8.*

4:1 kinsman

(Heb. *ga'al*) (Ruth 2:20; 3:12; Is. 60:16) H1350: The Hebrew word refers to a relative who acted

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man of whom Boaz spake came by; unto whom he said, Ho, such a one! turn aside, sit down here. And he turned aside, and sat down.
2 And he took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, Sit ye down here. And they sat down.
3 And he said unto the kinsman, Naomi, that is come again out of the country of Moab, selleth a parcel of land, which *was* our brother Elimelech's:
4 And I thought to advertise thee, saying, Buy *it* before the inhabitants, and before the elders of my people. If thou wilt redeem *it,* redeem *it:* but if thou wilt not redeem *it, then* tell me, that I may know: for *there is* none to redeem *it* beside thee; and I *am* after thee. And he said, I will redeem *it.*
5 Then said Boaz, What day thou buyest the field of the hand of Naomi, thou must buy *it* also of Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the dead, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance.
6 And the kinsman said, I cannot redeem *it* for myself, lest I mar mine own inheritance: redeem thou my right to thyself; for I cannot redeem *it.*
7 Now this *was the manner* in former time in Israel concerning redeeming and concerning changing, for to confirm all things; a man plucked off his shoe, and gave *it* to his neighbour: and this *was* a testimony in Israel.
8 Therefore the kinsman said unto Boaz, Buy *it* for thee. So he drew off his shoe.

Boaz Redeems Land and Ruth

9 And Boaz said unto the elders, and *unto* all the people, Ye *are* witnesses this day, that I have bought all that *was* Elimelech's, and all that *was* Chilion's and Mahlon's, of the hand of Naomi.
10 Moreover Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of Mahlon, have I purchased to be my wife, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance, that the name of the dead be not cut off from among his brethren, and from the gate of his place: ye *are* witnesses this day.
11 And all the people that *were* in the gate, and the elders, said, *We are* witnesses. The LORD make the woman that is come into thine house like Rachel and like Leah, which two did build the house of Israel: and do thou worthily in Ephratah, and be famous in Beth-lehem:
12 And let thy house be like the house of Pharez, whom Tamar bare unto Judah, of the seed which the LORD shall give thee of this young woman.

The Birth of Obed

13 So Boaz took Ruth, and she was his wife: and when he went in unto her, the LORD gave her conception, and she bare a son.
14 And the women said unto Naomi, Blessed *be* the LORD, which hath not left thee this day without a kinsman, that his name may be famous in Israel.
15 And he shall be unto thee a restorer of *thy* life, and a nourisher of thine old age: for thy daughter in law, which loveth thee, which is better to thee than seven sons, hath born him.
16 And Naomi took the child, and laid it in her bosom, and became nurse unto it.
17 And the women her neighbours gave it a name, saying, There is a son born to Naomi; and they called his name Obed: he *is* the father of Jesse, the father of David.

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as a protector or guarantor of the family rights. He could be called upon to perform a number of duties: (1) to buy back property that the family had sold; (2) to provide an heir for a deceased brother by marrying that brother's wife and producing a child with her; (3) to buy back a family member who had been sold into slavery due to poverty; and (4) to avenge a relative who had been murdered by killing the murderer. The Scripture calls God the Redeemer or the "kinsman" of Israel (Is. 60:16), and Jesus the Redeemer of all believers (1 Pet. 1:18, 19).

4:9 witness ▸ *see Mic. 1:2.*

4:16 bosom

(Heb. *cheq*) (Num. 11:12; Ps. 89:50) H2436: Reflecting as it does a part of the body typically kept private and enclosed, the word represents intimacy. It could also symbolize a very close relationship, such as between a father and a child (Num. 11:12; 2 Sam. 12:3), or a husband and wife (Deut. 13:6; 28:54). The word can also refer to the seat of the emotions, as the psalmist Ethan noted: "How I do bear in my bosom the reproach of all the mighty people" (Ps. 89:50). The author of Proverbs warned against a man committing adultery: "Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned?" (Prov. 6:27).

Generations to David

18 Now these *are* the generations of Pharez:
Pharez begat Hezron,
19 And Hezron begat Ram, and Ram begat
Amminadab,
20 And Amminadab begat Nahshon, and
Nahshon begat Salmon,
21 And Salmon begat Boaz, and Boaz begat
Obed,
22 And Obed begat Jesse, and Jesse begat
David.

4:18 generations ▸ *see 1 Chr. 5:7.*

THE FIRST BOOK OF

SAMUEL

THE BOOK OF FIRST SAMUEL describes the transition of leadership in Israel from judges to kings. Three characters are prominent in the book: Samuel, the last judge and first prophet; Saul, the first king of Israel; and David, the king-elect, anointed but not yet recognized as Saul's successor.

The books of First and Second Samuel were originally one book in the Hebrew Bible, known as the "Book of Samuel" or simply "Samuel." This name has been variously translated "The Name of God," "His Name Is God," "Heard of God," and "Asked of God." The Septuagint divides Samuel into two books even though it is one continuous account. This division artificially breaks up the history of David. The Greek (Septuagint) title is *Bibloi Basileion*, "Books of Kingdoms," referring to the later kingdoms of Israel and Judah. First Samuel is called *Basileion Alpha*, "First Kingdoms." Second Samuel and First and Second Kings are called "Second, Third, and Fourth Kingdoms" respectively. The Latin Vulgate originally called the books of Samuel and Kings *Libri Regum*, "Books of the Kings." Later the Latin Bible combined the Hebrew and Greek titles for the first of these books, calling it *Liber I Samuelis*, the "First Book of Samuel," or simply "First Samuel."

WATCH WORDS

- **hear** (listen carefully, obey)—3:10
- **witness** (answer, sing, call, or read)—12:3
- **defy** (taunt or count something as of little value)—17:10
- **prophesy** (speak words of God)—19:20
- **forgive** (bear or take away guilt)—25:28

Elkanah's Family

1 Now there was a certain man of Ramathaim-zophim, of mount Ephraim, and his name *was* Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephrathite:

Hannah and Peninnah

2 And he had two wives; the name of the one *was* Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah: and Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

3 And this man went up out of his city yearly to worship and to sacrifice unto the LORD of hosts in Shiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the LORD, *were* there.

4 And when the time was that Elkanah offered, he gave to Peninnah his wife, and to all her sons and her daughters, portions:

5 But unto Hannah he gave a worthy portion; for he loved Hannah: but the LORD had shut up her womb.

6 And her adversary also provoked her sore, for to make her fret, because the LORD had shut up her womb.

7 And *as* he did so year by year, when she went up to the house of the LORD, so she provoked her; therefore she wept, and did not eat.

8 Then said Elkanah her husband to her, Hannah, why weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? *am* not I better to thee than ten sons?

Hannah's Prayer and Vow

9 So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh, and after they had drunk. Now Eli the priest sat upon a seat by a post of the temple of the LORD.

1:5 womb ▸ *see Num. 3:12.*

10 And she *was* in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore.
11 And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head.
12 And it came to pass, as she continued praying before the LORD, that Eli marked her mouth.
13 Now Hannah, she spake in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eli thought she had been drunken.
14 And Eli said unto her, How long wilt thou be drunken? put away thy wine from thee.
15 And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I *am* a woman of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the LORD.
16 Count not thine handmaid for a daughter of Belial: for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief have I spoken hitherto.
17 Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace: and the God of Israel grant *thee* thy petition that thou hast asked of him.
18 And she said, Let thine handmaid find grace in thy sight. So the woman went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no more *sad*.

Samuel's Birth

19 And they rose up in the morning early, and worshipped before the LORD, and returned, and came to their house to Ramah: and Elkanah knew Hannah his wife; and the LORD remembered her.
20 Wherefore it came to pass, when the time was come about after Hannah had conceived, that she bare a son, and called his name Samuel, *saying,* Because I have asked him of the LORD.
21 And the man Elkanah, and all his house, went up to offer unto the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and his vow.
22 But Hannah went not up; for she said unto her husband, *I will not go up* until the child be weaned, and *then* I will bring him, that he may appear before the LORD, and there abide for ever.
23 And Elkanah her husband said unto her, Do what seemeth thee good; tarry until thou have weaned him; only the LORD establish his word. So the woman abode, and gave her son suck until she weaned him.

Samuel Taken to Eli

24 And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bullocks, and one ephah of flour, and a bottle of wine, and brought him unto the house of the LORD in Shiloh: and the child *was* young.
25 And they slew a bullock, and brought the child to Eli.
26 And she said, Oh my lord, *as* thy soul liveth, my lord, I *am* the woman that stood by thee here, praying unto the LORD.
27 For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my petition which I asked of him:
28 Therefore also I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the LORD. And he worshipped the LORD there.

Hannah's Prayer and Song

2 And Hannah prayed, and said, My heart rejoiceth in the LORD, mine horn is exalted in the LORD: my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation.
2 *There is* none holy as the LORD: for *there is* none beside thee: neither *is there* any rock like our God.
3 Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let *not* arrogancy come out of your mouth: for

1:11 handmaid

(Heb. *'amah*) (Gen. 30:3; 1 Sam. 25:24) H0519: Here the term "handmaid" is used to express deference and humility, recognizing obedience to God as Lord. In a similar way, Abigail referred to herself as David's handmaid, although technically she was not his slave or servant (1 Sam. 25:24). In other places, the term has a more technical sense as a "servant." Hagar is referred to as a "bondwoman" (Gen. 21:10), as was Bilhah (Gen. 30:3). In Exodus, the word is used to describe a "maid servant" (Ex. 20:10, 17), and in Leviticus, a "bondmaid" (Lev. 25:44). Ruth calls herself a handmaid, reflecting humility while also recognizing her position of total dependence on Boaz (Ruth 3:9).

1:15 pour out ▸ *see 1 Kin. 13:5.*
1:18 grace ▸ *see Zech. 12:10.*
1:22 child ▸ *see Judg. 8:20.*
2:1 horn ▸ *see Ezek. 29:21.*
2:2 holy ▸ *see Lev. 19:2.*

the LORD *is* a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.
4 The bows of the mighty men *are* broken, and they that stumbled are girded with strength.
5 *They that were* full have hired out themselves for bread; and *they that were* hungry ceased: so that the barren hath born seven; and she that hath many children is waxed feeble.
6 The LORD killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up.
7 The LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up.
8 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, *and* lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set *them* among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth *are* the LORD's, and he hath set the world upon them.
9 He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail.
10 The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall he thunder upon them: the LORD shall judge the ends of the earth; and he shall give strength unto his king, and exalt the horn of his anointed.
11 And Elkanah went to Ramah to his house. And the child did minister unto the LORD before Eli the priest.

Misuse of Offerings

12 Now the sons of Eli *were* sons of Belial; they knew not the LORD.
13 And the priest's custom with the people *was, that,* when any man offered sacrifice, the priest's servant came, while the flesh was in seething, with a fleshhook of three teeth in his hand;
14 And he struck *it* into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; all that the fleshhook brought up the priest took for himself. So they did in Shiloh unto all the Israelites that came thither.
15 Also before they burnt the fat, the priest's servant came, and said to the man that sacrificed, Give flesh to roast for the priest; for he will not have sodden flesh of thee, but raw.
16 And *if* any man said unto him, Let them not fail to burn the fat presently, and *then* take *as much* as thy soul desireth; then he would answer him, *Nay;* but thou shalt give *it me* now: and if not, I will take *it* by force.
17 Wherefore the sin of the young men was very great before the LORD: for men abhorred the offering of the LORD.

Samuel's Ministry

18 But Samuel ministered before the LORD, *being* a child, girded with a linen ephod.
19 Moreover his mother made him a little coat, and brought *it* to him from year to year, when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.
20 And Eli blessed Elkanah and his wife, and said, The LORD give thee seed of this woman for the loan which is lent to the LORD. And they went unto their own home.
21 And the LORD visited Hannah, so that she conceived, and bare three sons and two daughters. And the child Samuel grew before the LORD.

Eli's Rebuke of His Sons

22 Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel; and how they lay with the women that assembled *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.
23 And he said unto them, Why do ye such

2:4 stumble ▸ *see Hos. 4:5.*
2:5 hungry ▸ *see Ps. 146:7.*
2:7 bring low ▸ *see Jer. 13:18.*
2:8 beggar ▸ *see Ps. 70:5.*
2:8 set ▸ *see Lam. 5:19.*

2:9 darkness

(Heb. *choshek*) (Gen. 1:2; Job 10:21; Is. 5:30; 9:2; Joel 2:2) H2822: Darkness existed before the light of creation (Gen. 1:2). Since darkness was associated with the chaos that existed before the creation, it came to be associated with evil, bad luck, or affliction (Job 17:12; 21:17). Darkness was also equated with death. In Sheol, the land of the dead, there is only darkness (Job 10:21, 22; 38:17). Darkness symbolizes human ignorance of God's will, and thus is associated with sin (Job 24:13–17). Darkness also describes the condition of those who have not yet seen the light concerning Jesus (John 1:4, 5; 12:35; Eph. 5:14) and those who deliberately turn away from the light (John 3:19, 20). Hating the light will bring condemnation (Col. 1:13; 2 Pet. 2:17). Living in extreme darkness describes those who at the end of time have not repented (Rev. 16:10; 18:23).

2:9 prevail ▸ *see Ex. 17:11.*
2:10 adversary ▸ *see Gen. 31:36.*

things? for I hear of your evil dealings by all this people.
24 Nay, my sons; for *it is* no good report that I hear: ye make the LORD's people to transgress.
25 If one man sin against another, the judge shall judge him: but if a man sin against the LORD, who shall intreat for him? Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto the voice of their father, because the LORD would slay them.
26 And the child Samuel grew on, and was in favour both with the LORD, and also with men.

Eli to Be Cut Off

27 And there came a man of God unto Eli, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Did I plainly appear unto the house of thy father, when they were in Egypt in Pharaoh's house?
28 And did I choose him out of all the tribes of Israel *to be* my priest, to offer upon mine altar, to burn incense, to wear an ephod before me? and did I give unto the house of thy father all the offerings made by fire of the children of Israel?
29 Wherefore kick ye at my sacrifice and at mine offering, which I have commanded *in my* habitation; and honourest thy sons above me, to make yourselves fat with the chiefest of all the offerings of Israel my people?
30 Wherefore the LORD God of Israel saith, I said indeed *that* thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me for ever: but now the LORD saith, Be it far from me; for them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed.
31 Behold, the days come, that I will cut off thine arm, and the arm of thy father's house, that there shall not be an old man in thine house.
32 And thou shalt see an enemy *in my* habitation, in all *the wealth* which *God* shall give Israel: and there shall not be an old man in thine house for ever.
33 And the man of thine, *whom* I shall not cut off from mine altar, *shall be* to consume thine eyes, and to grieve thine heart: and all the increase of thine house shall die in the flower of their age.
34 And this *shall be* a sign unto thee, that shall come upon thy two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas; in one day they shall die both of them.

A Faithful Priest

35 And I will raise me up a faithful priest, *that* shall do according to *that* which *is* in mine heart and in my mind: and I will build him a sure house; and he shall walk before mine anointed for ever.
36 And it shall come to pass, *that* every one that is left in thine house shall come *and* crouch to him for a piece of silver and a morsel of bread, and shall say, Put me, I pray thee, into one of the priests' offices, that I may eat a piece of bread.

A Call from the Lord

3 And the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was precious in those days; *there was* no open vision.
2 And it came to pass at that time, when Eli *was* laid down in his place, and his eyes began to wax dim, *that* he could not see;
3 And ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God *was,* and Samuel was laid down *to sleep;*
4 That the LORD called Samuel: and he answered, Here *am* I.
5 And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here *am* I; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down.
6 And the LORD called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here *am* I; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again.
7 Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD yet revealed unto him .
8 And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here *am* I; for thou didst call me. And Eli perceived that the LORD had called the child.
9 Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, LORD; for thy servant heareth. So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

God's Message to Samuel

10 And the LORD came, and stood, and

3:3 lamp ▸ *see 2 Chr. 21:7.*

called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth.
11 And the LORD said to Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the ears of every one that heareth it shall tingle.
12 In that day I will perform against Eli all *things* which I have spoken concerning his house: when I begin, I will also make an end.
13 For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not.
14 And therefore I have sworn unto the house of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be purged with sacrifice nor offering for ever.
15 And Samuel lay until the morning, and opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel feared to shew Eli the vision.
16 Then Eli called Samuel, and said, Samuel, my son. And he answered, Here *am* I.
17 And he said, What *is* the thing that *the* LORD hath said unto thee? I pray thee hide *it* not from me: God do so to thee, and more also, if thou hide *any* thing from me of all the things that he said unto thee.
18 And Samuel told him every whit, and hid nothing from him. And he said, It *is* the LORD: let him do what seemeth him good.

The Lord's Prophet

19 And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground.
20 And all Israel from Dan even to Beersheba knew that Samuel *was* established *to be* a prophet of the LORD.
21 And the LORD appeared again in Shiloh: for the LORD revealed himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the LORD.

War with the Philistines

4 And the word of Samuel came to all Israel. Now Israel went out against the Philistines to battle, and pitched beside Eben-ezer: and the Philistines pitched in Aphek.
2 And the Philistines put themselves in array against Israel: and when they joined battle, Israel was smitten before the Philistines: and they slew of the army in the field about four thousand men.

The Ark of the Covenant

3 And when the people were come into the camp, the elders of Israel said, Wherefore hath the LORD smitten us to day before the Philistines? Let us fetch the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of Shiloh unto us, that, when it cometh among us, it may save us out of the hand of our enemies.
4 So the people sent to Shiloh, that they might bring from thence the ark of the covenant of the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth *between* the cherubims: and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, *were* there with the ark of the covenant of God.
5 And when the ark of the covenant of the LORD came into the camp, all Israel shouted with a great shout, so that the earth rang again.
6 And when the Philistines heard the noise of the shout, they said, What *meaneth* the noise of this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews? And they understood that the ark of the LORD was come into the camp.
7 And the Philistines were afraid, for they said, God is come into the camp. And they said, Woe unto us! for there hath not been such a thing heretofore.
8 Woe unto us! who shall deliver us out of

3:10 hear

(Heb. *shama`*) (Gen. 3:10; Ex. 2:15; Is. 6:9) H8085: The Hebrew word translated *hears* also means "to listen" or "to obey." This important Old Testament word appears over 1,100 times. It implies that the listener is giving his or her total attention to the one who is speaking. In some cases, the word connotes more than listening and indicates obedience to what has been said. Abraham was blessed not only for hearing, but for obeying God's voice (see Gen. 22:18 where the word is translated *obeyed*). In the present passage Samuel is listening for God's word and is determined to obey it. This young man is an example of the kind of person God delights to use—one who is always ready to receive His Word and follow it.

3:11 ear ▸ *see Ezek. 44:5.*
3:15 morning ▸ *see Jer. 21:12.*
3:15 door ▸ *see Is. 57:8.*
3:15 vision ▸ *see Dan. 10:7.*
3:20 prophet ▸ *see Jer. 37:6.*
3:21 Shiloh ▸ *see Jer. 26:9.*
4:2 array ▸ *see 1 Chr. 19:9.*
4:3 ark ▸ *see 2 Sam. 15:24.*
4:6 shout ▸ *see Ezra 3:11.*

the hand of these mighty Gods? these *are* the Gods that smote the Egyptians with all the plagues in the wilderness.
9 Be strong, and quit yourselves like men, O ye Philistines, that ye be not servants unto the Hebrews, as they have been to you: quit yourselves like men, and fight.

Philistines Capture the Ark

10 And the Philistines fought, and Israel was smitten, and they fled every man into his tent: and there was a very great slaughter; for there fell of Israel thirty thousand footmen.
11 And the ark of God was taken; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were slain.
12 And there ran a man of Benjamin out of the army, and came to Shiloh the same day with his clothes rent, and with earth upon his head.
13 And when he came, lo, Eli sat upon a seat by the wayside watching: for his heart trembled for the ark of God. And when the man came into the city, and told *it,* all the city cried out.
14 And when Eli heard the noise of the crying, he said, What *meaneth* the noise of this tumult? And the man came in hastily, and told Eli.
15 Now Eli was ninety and eight years old; and his eyes were dim, that he could not see.
16 And the man said unto Eli, I *am* he that came out of the army, and I fled to day out of the army. And he said, What is there done, my son?
17 And the messenger answered and said, Israel is fled before the Philistines, and there hath been also a great slaughter among the people, and thy two sons also, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the ark of God is taken.

The Death of Eli

18 And it came to pass, when he made mention of the ark of God, that he fell from off the seat backward by the side of the gate, and his neck brake, and he died: for he was an old man, and heavy. And he had judged Israel forty years.

The Glory Departs

19 And his daughter in law, Phinehas' wife, was with child, *near* to be delivered: and when she heard the tidings that the ark of God was taken, and that her father in law and her husband were dead, she bowed herself and travailed; for her pains came upon her.
20 And about the time of her death the women that stood by her said unto her, Fear not; for thou hast born a son. But she answered not, neither did she regard *it.*
21 And she named the child I-chabod, saying, The glory is departed from Israel: because the ark of God was taken, and because of her father in law and her husband.
22 And she said, The glory is departed from Israel: for the ark of God is taken.

Dagon Destroyed

5 And the Philistines took the ark of God, and brought it from Eben-ezer unto Ashdod.
2 When the Philistines took the ark of God, they brought it into the house of Dagon, and set it by Dagon.
3 And when they of Ashdod arose early on the morrow, behold, Dagon *was* fallen upon his face to the earth before the ark of the LORD. And they took Dagon, and set him in his place again.
4 And when they arose early on the morrow morning, behold, Dagon *was* fallen upon his face to the ground before the ark of the LORD; and the head of Dagon and both the palms of his hands *were* cut off upon the threshold; only *the stump of* Dagon was left to him.
5 Therefore neither the priests of Dagon, nor any that come into Dagon's house, tread on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod unto this day.

4:16 army

(Heb. *ma`arakah*) (Ex. 39:37; 1 Sam. 17:10) H4634: The word *ma`arakah* captures the idea of something lined up in order. So, in the instructions for building the tabernacle the lamps were "set in order" (Ex. 39:37), and the twelve cakes of bread were "set . . . in two rows" (Lev. 24:6). Gideon was likewise encouraged by God to make an altar "in the ordered place" (Judg. 6:26). Such usage carries over to military formations where armies lined up in order to fight (as here). The word can also refer to armies in general, as when Goliath defied "the armies of Israel" (1 Sam. 17:10).

4:17 messenger ▸ *see Is. 61:1.*

Ashdod Afflicted

6 But the hand of the LORD was heavy upon them of Ashdod, and he destroyed them, and smote them with emerods, *even* Ashdod and the coasts thereof.
7 And when the men of Ashdod saw that *it was* so, they said, The ark of the God of Israel shall not abide with us: for his hand is sore upon us, and upon Dagon our god.
8 They sent therefore and gathered all the lords of the Philistines unto them, and said, What shall we do with the ark of the God of Israel? And they answered, Let the ark of the God of Israel be carried about unto Gath. And they carried the ark of the God of Israel about *thither.*

Gath Afflicted

9 And it was *so,* that, after they had carried it about, the hand of the LORD was against the city with a very great destruction: and he smote the men of the city, both small and great, and they had emerods in their secret parts.

Ekron Afflicted

10 Therefore they sent the ark of God to Ekron. And it came to pass, as the ark of God came to Ekron, that the Ekronites cried out, saying, They have brought about the ark of the God of Israel to us, to slay us and our people.
11 So they sent and gathered together all the lords of the Philistines, and said, Send away the ark of the God of Israel, and let it go again to his own place, that it slay us not, and our people: for there was a deadly destruction throughout all the city; the hand of God was very heavy there.
12 And the men that died not were smitten with the emerods: and the cry of the city went up to heaven.

The Philistines Return the Ark

6 And the ark of the LORD was in the country of the Philistines seven months.
2 And the Philistines called for the priests and the diviners, saying, What shall we do to the ark of the LORD? tell us wherewith we shall send it to his place.
3 And they said, If ye send away the ark of the God of Israel, send it not empty; but in any wise return him a trespass offering: then ye shall be healed, and it shall be known to you why his hand is not removed from you.
4 Then said they, What *shall be* the trespass offering which we shall return to him? They answered, Five golden emerods, and five golden mice, *according to* the number of the lords of the Philistines: for one plague *was* on you all, and on your lords.
5 Wherefore ye shall make images of your emerods, and images of your mice that mar the land; and ye shall give glory unto the God of Israel: peradventure he will lighten his hand from off you, and from off your gods, and from off your land.
6 Wherefore then do ye harden your hearts, as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? when he had wrought wonderfully among them, did they not let the people go, and they departed?

A Cart for the Ark

7 Now therefore make a new cart, and take two milch kine, on which there hath come no yoke, and tie the kine to the cart, and bring their calves home from them:
8 And take the ark of the LORD, and lay it upon the cart; and put the jewels of gold,

5:7 sore

(Heb. *qashah*) (Gen. 35:16; Deut. 10:16) H7185: Here translated "sore," the word captures several slightly different meanings. So, Rachel had "hard" labor (Gen. 35:16). In other words, her child's birth was very difficult, ultimately resulting in her death. Pharaoh's heart was "hardened" (Ex. 7:3), leading to the plagues, the death of his son, and the destruction of Egypt. Elijah warned Elisha that following in his footsteps would be a "hard thing" (2 Kin. 2:10). Later, the Israelites would be referred to as "stiffnecked" (2 Chr. 30:8) for rejecting God. In other words, they were hardened completely against God; a path that leads to calamity ("mischief," Prov. 28:14).

6:2 diviner ▸ *see Is. 44:25.*
6:4 Philistine ▸ *see 2 Sam. 5:17.*

6:7 kine

(Heb. *parah*) (Gen. 41:26, 27; 1 Sam. 6:12) H6510: A *parah* is a female cow, compared to the Hebrew *par* (H6499), which is a bull. Although almost always used in the literal sense, the cows ("kine") in Pharaoh's dream symbolized seven years of famine eating up seven years of plenty (Gen. 41:26, 27). The *parah* were an important part of the sacrificial system for the Israelites, providing

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which ye return him *for* a trespass offering, in a coffer by the side thereof; and send it away, that it may go.
9 And see, if it goeth up by the way of his own coast to Beth-shemesh, *then* he hath done us this great evil: but if not, then we shall know that *it is* not his hand *that* smote us; it *was* a chance *that* happened to us.
10 And the men did so; and took two milch kine, and tied them to the cart, and shut up their calves at home:
11 And they laid the ark of the LORD upon the cart, and the coffer with the mice of gold and the images of their emerods.
12 And the kine took the straight way to the way of Beth-shemesh, *and* went along the highway, lowing as they went, and turned not aside *to* the right hand or *to* the left; and the lords of the Philistines went after them unto the border of Beth-shemesh.
13 And *they of* Beth-shemesh *were* reaping their wheat harvest in the valley: and they lifted up their eyes, and saw the ark, and rejoiced to see *it*.

Offerings to the Lord

14 And the cart came into the field of Joshua, a Beth-shemite, and stood there, where *there was* a great stone: and they clave the wood of the cart, and offered the kine a burnt offering unto the LORD.
15 And the Levites took down the ark of the LORD, and the coffer that *was* with it, wherein the jewels of gold *were,* and put *them* on the great stone: and the men of Beth-shemesh offered burnt offerings and sacrificed sacrifices the same day unto the LORD.
16 And when the five lords of the Philistines had seen *it,* they returned to Ekron the same day.
17 And these *are* the golden emerods which the Philistines returned *for* a trespass offering unto the LORD; for Ashdod one, for Gaza one, for Askelon one, for Gath one, for Ekron one;
18 And the golden mice, *according to* the number of all the cities of the Philistines *belonging* to the five lords, *both* of fenced cities, and of country villages, even unto the great *stone of* Abel, whereon they set down the ark of the LORD: *which stone remaineth* unto this day in the field of Joshua, the Beth-shemite.

The Men of Beth-shemesh Smitten

19 And he smote the men of Beth-shemesh, because they had looked into the ark of the LORD, even he smote of the people fifty thousand and threescore and ten men: and the people lamented, because the LORD had smitten *many* of the people with a great slaughter.
20 And the men of Beth-shemesh said, Who is able to stand before this holy LORD God? and to whom shall he go up from us?
21 And they sent messengers to the inhabitants of Kirjath-jearim, saying, The Philistines have brought again the ark of the LORD; come ye down, *and* fetch it up to you.

Abinadab's Care of the Ark

7 And the men of Kirjath-jearim came, and fetched up the ark of the LORD, and brought it into the house of Abinadab in the hill, and sanctified Eleazar his son to keep the ark of the LORD.
2 And it came to pass, while the ark abode in Kirjath-jearim, that the time was long; for it was twenty years: and all the house of Israel lamented after the LORD.
3 And Samuel spake unto all the house of Israel, saying, If ye do return unto the LORD with all your hearts, *then* put away the strange gods and Ashtaroth from among you, and prepare your hearts unto the LORD, and serve him only: and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.
4 Then the children of Israel did put away Baalim and Ashtaroth, and served the LORD only.
5 And Samuel said, Gather all Israel to Mizpeh, and I will pray for you unto the LORD.
6 And they gathered together to Mizpeh, and drew water, and poured *it* out before the LORD, and fasted on that day, and said there, We have sinned against the LORD.

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a way for the people to be purified (Num. 19:2, 9). The cows used for transporting the ark should have instinctively turned to follow their calves, but instead were compelled by God to head to Beth-shemesh (1 Sam. 6:12), where they were sacrificed (1 Sam. 6:14).

6:12 kine ▸ *see 1 Sam. 6:7.*
6:12 straight ▸ *see Prov. 3:6.*

And Samuel judged the children of Israel in Mizpeh.

Preparation for Battle

7 And when the Philistines heard that the children of Israel were gathered together to Mizpeh, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the children of Israel heard *it,* they were afraid of the Philistines.
8 And the children of Israel said to Samuel, Cease not to cry unto the LORD our God for us, that he will save us out of the hand of the Philistines.
9 And Samuel took a sucking lamb, and offered *it for* a burnt offering wholly unto the LORD: and Samuel cried unto the LORD for Israel; and the LORD heard him.
10 And as Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel: but the LORD thundered with a great thunder on that day upon the Philistines, and discomfited them; and they were smitten before Israel.

Philistines Subdued

11 And the men of Israel went out of Mizpeh, and pursued the Philistines, and smote them, until *they came* under Beth-car.
12 Then Samuel took a stone, and set *it* between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Eben-ezer, saying, Hitherto hath the LORD helped us.
13 So the Philistines were subdued, and they came no more into the coast of Israel: and the hand of the LORD was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel.
14 And the cities which the Philistines had taken from Israel were restored to Israel, from Ekron even unto Gath; and the coasts thereof did Israel deliver out of the hands of the Philistines. And there was peace between Israel and the Amorites.

Samuel Judge of Israel

15 And Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life.
16 And he went from year to year in circuit to Beth-el, and Gilgal, and Mizpeh, and judged Israel in all those places.
17 And his return *was* to Ramah; for there *was* his house; and there he judged Israel; and there he built an altar unto the LORD.

Israel's Demand for a King

8 And it came to pass, when Samuel was old, that he made his sons judges over Israel.
2 Now the name of his firstborn was Joel; and the name of his second, Abiah: *they were* judges in Beer-sheba.
3 And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment.
4 Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah,
5 And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.
6 But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the LORD.
7 And the LORD said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them.
8 According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even unto this day, wherewith they have forsaken me, and served other gods, so do they also unto thee.
9 Now therefore hearken unto their voice: howbeit yet protest solemnly unto them, and shew them the manner of the king that shall reign over them.

7:7 gather together

(Heb. *qabats*) (Deut. 13:16; Ezra 10:1) H6908: As the children of Israel gathered together at Mizpah, so too would the Philistines gather together for war against Israel later (1 Sam. 28:1). The people are described as gathering up food (as under Joseph, Gen. 41:35) and gathering plunder to burn it (Deut. 13:16). The Lord promised to gather together people into one place after being spread about in exile (Deut. 30:3; Jer. 29:14). And thus, the word also refers to the gathering itself, as when Ezra gathered together "a very great congregation of men and women and children" (Ezra 10:1). More poetically, the heart of a sinful man "gathers iniquity to itself" (Ps. 41:6), and to gather together possessions means to achieve great wealth (Prov. 28:8).

7:10 discomfit ▸ *see 2 Chr. 15:6.*
7:15 judge ▸ *see Judg. 2:16.*
8:9 protest ▸ *see Job 29:11.*

Samuel Warns Israel

10 And Samuel told all the words of the LORD unto the people that asked of him a king.
11 And he said, This will be the manner of the king that shall reign over you: He will take your sons, and appoint *them* for himself, for his chariots, and *to be* his horsemen; and *some* shall run before his chariots.
12 And he will appoint him captains over thousands, and captains over fifties; and *will set them* to ear his ground, and to reap his harvest, and to make his instruments of war, and instruments of his chariots.
13 And he will take your daughters *to be* confectionaries, and *to be* cooks, and *to be* bakers.
14 And he will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your oliveyards, *even* the best *of them,* and give *them* to his servants.
15 And he will take the tenth of your seed, and of your vineyards, and give to his officers, and to his servants.
16 And he will take your menservants, and your maidservants, and your goodliest young men, and your asses, and put *them* to his work.
17 He will take the tenth of your sheep: and ye shall be his servants.
18 And ye shall cry out in that day because of your king which ye shall have chosen you; and the LORD will not hear you in that day.

Israel Repeats the Demand for a King

19 Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, Nay; but we will have a king over us;
20 That we also may be like all the nations; and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles.
21 And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he rehearsed them in the ears of the LORD.
22 And the LORD said to Samuel, Hearken unto their voice, and make them a king. And Samuel said unto the men of Israel, Go ye every man unto his city.

Saul to Be Chosen as King

9 Now there was a man of Benjamin, whose name *was* Kish, the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Bechorath, the son of Aphiah, a Benjamite, a mighty man of power.
2 And he had a son, whose name *was* Saul, a choice young man, and a goodly: and *there was* not among the children of Israel a goodlier person than he: from his shoulders and upward *he was* higher than any of the people.
3 And the asses of Kish Saul's father were lost. And Kish said to Saul his son, Take now one of the servants with thee, and arise, go seek the asses.
4 And he passed through mount Ephraim, and passed through the land of Shalisha, but they found *them* not: then they passed through the land of Shalim, and *there they were* not: and he passed through the land of the Benjamites, but they found *them* not.
5 *And* when they were come to the land of Zuph, Saul said to his servant that *was* with him, Come, and let us return; lest my father leave *caring* for the asses, and take thought for us.

The Servant's Advice

6 And he said unto him, Behold now, *there is* in this city a man of God, and *he is* an honourable man; all that he saith cometh surely to pass: now let us go thither; peradventure he can shew us our way that we should go.
7 Then said Saul to his servant, But, behold, *if* we go, what shall we bring the man? for the bread is spent in our vessels, and *there is* not a present to bring to the man of God: what have we?

8:11 horseman ▸ *see Ezra 8:22.*
8:11 run ▸ *see Song 1:4.*

8:14 take

(Heb. *laqach*) (Gen. 2:21; 19:14) H3947: The Hebrew word *laqach* can have a variety of meanings. Here the word describes an almost aggressive snatching away, emphasizing the potential for oppression under a king. Yet the Lord is also described as taking one of Adam's ribs to make Eve (Gen. 2:21), as Adam himself was taken from the dust of the ground (Gen. 3:19). Enoch was mysteriously taken away by God (Gen. 5:24), and Lot warned "his sons in law, which married [*laqach*] his daughters" (Gen. 19:14).

8:20 king ▸ *see 1 Sam. 10:24.*
9:6 man ▸ *see Is. 32:2.*

8 And the servant answered Saul again, and said, Behold, I have here at hand the fourth part of a shekel of silver: *that* will I give to the man of God, to tell us our way.
9 (Beforetime in Israel, when a man went to enquire of God, thus he spake, Come, and let us go to the seer: for *he that is* now *called* a Prophet was beforetime called a Seer.)
10 Then said Saul to his servant, Well said; come, let us go. So they went unto the city where the man of God *was*.

Maidens Give Directions

11 *And* as they went up the hill to the city, they found young maidens going out to draw water, and said unto them, Is the seer here?
12 And they answered them, and said, He is; behold, *he is* before you: make haste now, for he came to day to the city; for *there is* a sacrifice of the people to day in the high place:
13 As soon as ye be come into the city, ye shall straightway find him, before he go up to the high place to eat: for the people will not eat until he come, because he doth bless the sacrifice; *and* afterwards they eat that be bidden. Now therefore get you up; for about this time ye shall find him.

Samuel and Saul Meet

14 And they went up into the city: *and* when they were come into the city, behold, Samuel came out against them, for to go up to the high place.
15 Now the LORD had told Samuel in his ear a day before Saul came, saying,
16 To morrow about this time I will send thee a man out of the land of Benjamin, and thou shalt anoint him *to be* captain over my people Israel, that he may save my people out of the hand of the Philistines: for I have looked upon my people, because their cry is come unto me.
17 And when Samuel saw Saul, the LORD said unto him, Behold the man whom I spake to thee of! this same shall reign over my people.
18 Then Saul drew near to Samuel in the gate, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, where the seer's house *is*.
19 And Samuel answered Saul, and said, I *am* the seer: go up before me unto the high place; for ye shall eat with me to day, and to morrow I will let thee go, and will tell thee all that *is* in thine heart.

Israel's Desire for Saul

20 And as for thine asses that were lost three days ago, set not thy mind on them; for they are found. And on whom *is* all the desire of Israel? *Is it* not on thee, and on all thy father's house?
21 And Saul answered and said, *Am* not I a Benjamite, of the smallest of the tribes of Israel? and my family the least of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin? wherefore then speakest thou so to me?
22 And Samuel took Saul and his servant, and brought them into the parlour, and made them sit in the chiefest place among them that were bidden, which *were* about thirty persons.
23 And Samuel said unto the cook, Bring the portion which I gave thee, of which I said unto thee, Set it by thee.
24 And the cook took up the shoulder, and *that* which *was* upon it, and set *it* before Saul. And *Samuel* said, Behold that which is left! set *it* before thee, *and* eat: for unto this time hath it been kept for thee since I said, I have invited the people. So Saul did eat with Samuel that day.
25 And when they were come down from the high place into the city, *Samuel* communed with Saul upon the top of the house.
26 And they arose early: and it came to pass about the spring of the day, that Samuel called Saul to the top of the house, saying, Up, that I may send thee away. And Saul arose, and they went out both of them, he and Samuel, abroad.
27 *And* as they were going down to the end of the city, Samuel said to Saul, Bid the servant pass on before us, (and he passed on,)

9:21 least

(Heb. *tsa`ir*) (Gen. 25:23; 48:14; Ps. 68:27) H6810: This term describes that which is little, few, or (more often) young. Frequently, as here, it is used in a comparative or superlative sense (Gen. 19:31–38; 43:33; Josh. 6:26; Jer. 49:20). This adjective is derived from a verb meaning "to be(come) trifling or insignificant," and it clearly retains this nuance in numerous instances (Judg. 6:15; Ps. 119:141; Is. 60:22; Mic. 5:2). In a society that honors age, the young Elihu did not think of himself as wise like the older men (Job 32:6, 7), and the old patriarch Job lamented that he was mocked by young men whose fathers he had disdained (Job 30:1).

but stand thou still a while, that I may shew thee the word of God.

Saul's Anointing

10 Then Samuel took a vial of oil, and poured *it* upon his head, and kissed him, and said, *Is it* not because the LORD hath anointed thee *to be* captain over his inheritance?

Samuel's Instructions to Saul

2 When thou art departed from me to day, then thou shalt find two men by Rachel's sepulchre in the border of Benjamin at Zelzah; and they will say unto thee, The asses which thou wentest to seek are found: and, lo, thy father hath left the care of the asses, and sorroweth for you, saying, What shall I do for my son?
3 Then shalt thou go on forward from thence, and thou shalt come to the plain of Tabor, and there shall meet thee three men going up to God to Beth-el, one carrying three kids, and another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a bottle of wine:
4 And they will salute thee, and give thee two *loaves* of bread; which thou shalt receive of their hands.
5 After that thou shalt come to the hill of God, where *is* the garrison of the Philistines: and it shall come to pass, when thou art come thither to the city, that thou shalt meet a company of prophets coming down from the high place with a psaltery, and a tabret, and a pipe, and a harp, before them; and they shall prophesy:
6 And the Spirit of the LORD will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man.
7 And let it be, when these signs are come unto thee, *that* thou do as occasion serve thee; for God *is* with thee.
8 And thou shalt go down before me to Gilgal; and, behold, I will come down unto thee, to offer burnt offerings, *and* to sacrifice sacrifices of peace offerings: seven days shalt thou tarry, till I come to thee, and shew thee what thou shalt do.

The Signs Fulfilled

9 And it was *so,* that when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, God gave him another heart: and all those signs came to pass that day.
10 And when they came thither to the hill, behold, a company of prophets met him; and the Spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied among them.
11 And it came to pass, when all that knew him beforetime saw that, behold, he prophesied among the prophets, then the people said one to another, What *is* this *that* is come unto the son of Kish? *Is* Saul also among the prophets?
12 And one of the same place answered and said, But who *is* their father? Therefore it became a proverb, *Is* Saul also among the prophets?
13 And when he had made an end of prophesying, he came to the high place.
14 And Saul's uncle said unto him and to his servant, Whither went ye? And he said, To seek the asses: and when we saw that *they were* no where, we came to Samuel.
15 And Saul's uncle said, Tell me, I pray thee, what Samuel said unto you.
16 And Saul said unto his uncle, He told us plainly that the asses were found. But of the matter of the kingdom, whereof Samuel spake, he told him not.

Israel Gathers at Mizpeh

17 And Samuel called the people together unto the LORD to Mizpeh;
18 And said unto the children of Israel, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I brought up Israel out of Egypt, and delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all kingdoms, *and* of them that oppressed you:
19 And ye have this day rejected your God, who himself saved you out of all your adversities and your tribulations; and ye have said unto him, *Nay,* but set a king over us. Now therefore present yourselves before the LORD by your tribes, and by your thousands.

Saul Chosen by Lot

20 And when Samuel had caused all the tribes of Israel to come near, the tribe of Benjamin was taken.

10:1 head ▸ *see Gen. 3:15.*
10:1 captain ▸ *see 1 Kin. 14:7.*
10:12 proverb ▸ *see Prov. 10:1.*
10:18 deliver ▸ *see Ex. 3:8.*

21 When he had caused the tribe of Benjamin to come near by their families, the family of Matri was taken, and Saul the son of Kish was taken: and when they sought him, he could not be found.
22 Therefore they enquired of the LORD further, if the man should yet come thither. And the LORD answered, Behold, he hath hid himself among the stuff.
23 And they ran and fetched him thence: and when he stood among the people, he was higher than any of the people from his shoulders and upward.
24 And Samuel said to all the people, See ye him whom the LORD hath chosen, that *there is* none like him among all the people? And all the people shouted, and said, God save the king.
25 Then Samuel told the people the manner of the kingdom, and wrote *it* in a book, and laid *it* up before the LORD. And Samuel sent all the people away, every man to his house.
26 And Saul also went home to Gibeah; and there went with him a band of men, whose hearts God had touched.
27 But the children of Belial said, How shall this man save us? And they despised him, and brought him no presents. But he held his peace.

The Ammonites' Covenant Conditions

11 Then Nahash the Ammonite came up, and encamped against Jabesh-gilead: and all the men of Jabesh said unto Nahash, Make a covenant with us, and we will serve thee.
2 And Nahash the Ammonite answered them, On this *condition* will I make *a covenant* with you, that I may thrust out all your right eyes, and lay it *for* a reproach upon all Israel.
3 And the elders of Jabesh said unto him, Give us seven days' respite, that we may send messengers unto all the coasts of Israel: and then, if *there be* no man to save us, we will come out to thee.
4 Then came the messengers to Gibeah of Saul, and told the tidings in the ears of the people: and all the people lifted up their voices, and wept.
5 And, behold, Saul came after the herd out of the field; and Saul said, What *aileth* the people that they weep? And they told him the tidings of the men of Jabesh.
6 And the Spirit of God came upon Saul when he heard those tidings, and his anger was kindled greatly.
7 And he took a yoke of oxen, and hewed them in pieces, and sent *them* throughout all the coasts of Israel by the hands of messengers, saying, Whosoever cometh not forth after Saul and after Samuel, so shall it be done unto his oxen. And the fear of the LORD fell on the people, and they came out with one consent.
8 And when he numbered them in Bezek, the children of Israel were three hundred thousand, and the men of Judah thirty thousand.
9 And they said unto the messengers that came, Thus shall ye say unto the men of Jabesh-gilead, To morrow, by *that time* the sun be hot, ye shall have help. And the

10:24 king

(Heb. *melek*) (Deut. 17:14; 1 Sam. 8:20) H4428: The term *king* may describe a petty ruler of a small city (Josh. 10:3) or a monarch of a vast empire (Esth. 1:1–5). An ancient king's jurisdiction included the military (1 Sam. 8:20), the economy (1 Kin. 10:26–29), international diplomacy (1 Kin. 5:1–11), and the legal system (2 Sam. 8:15). He also functioned as a spiritual leader (2 Kin. 23:1–24), although Israel's kings were prohibited from some priestly functions (1 Sam. 13:9–14). The Bible presents David as an example of the righteous king who set his heart on faithfully serving God (Acts 13:22). God's promise to give David an everlasting kingdom (2 Sam. 7:16) has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ, whose human ancestry is through the royal family of David (Luke 2:4).

11:2 reproach ▸ *see Ps. 15:3.*

11:7 yoke

(Heb. *tsemed*) (1 Kin. 19:19; Is. 21:7; Jer. 51:23) H6776: A yoke or pair of oxen was used to plow land or pull a cart. This word is only used of a pair of animals, not people or things. The Law of Moses forbade unevenly yoking different animals together (Deut. 22:10) because the work could not be shared evenly, and Paul used this image of believers and unbelievers in 2 Corinthians 6:14. Saul's object lesson of cutting up the oxen invoked a spirit of fear among the people and achieved its desired result of rallying the troops against the enemy.

messengers came and shewed *it* to the men of Jabesh; and they were glad.
10 Therefore the men of Jabesh said, To morrow we will come out unto you, and ye shall do with us all that seemeth good unto you.

The Ammonites Defeated

11 And it was *so* on the morrow, that Saul put the people in three companies; and they came into the midst of the host in the morning watch, and slew the Ammonites until the heat of the day: and it came to pass, that they which remained were scattered, so that two of them were not left together.

Saul Made King

12 And the people said unto Samuel, Who *is* he that said, Shall Saul reign over us? bring the men, that we may put them to death.
13 And Saul said, There shall not a man be put to death this day: for to day the LORD hath wrought salvation in Israel.
14 Then said Samuel to the people, Come, and let us go to Gilgal, and renew the kingdom there.
15 And all the people went to Gilgal; and there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal; and there they sacrificed sacrifices of peace offerings before the LORD; and there Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced greatly.

Samuel a Just Judge

12 And Samuel said unto all Israel, Behold, I have hearkened unto your voice in all that ye said unto me, and have made a king over you.
2 And now, behold, the king walketh before you: and I am old and grayheaded; and, behold, my sons *are* with you: and I have walked before you from my childhood unto this day.
3 Behold, here I *am:* witness against me before the LORD, and before his anointed: whose ox have I taken? or whose ass have I taken? or whom have I defrauded? whom have I oppressed? or of whose hand have I received *any* bribe to blind mine eyes therewith? and I will restore it you.
4 And they said, Thou hast not defrauded us, nor oppressed us, neither hast thou taken ought of any man's hand.
5 And he said unto them, The LORD *is* witness against you, and his anointed *is* witness this day, that ye have not found ought in my hand. And they answered, *He is* witness.

A Reminder of Deliverance

6 And Samuel said unto the people, *It is* the LORD that advanced Moses and Aaron, and that brought your fathers up out of the land of Egypt.
7 Now therefore stand still, that I may reason with you before the LORD of all the righteous acts of the LORD, which he did to you and to your fathers.
8 When Jacob was come into Egypt, and your fathers cried unto the LORD, then the LORD sent Moses and Aaron, which brought forth your fathers out of Egypt, and made them dwell in this place.
9 And when they forgat the LORD their God, he sold them into the hand of Sisera, captain of the host of Hazor, and into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the king of Moab, and they fought against them.
10 And they cried unto the LORD, and said, We have sinned, because we have forsaken the LORD, and have served Baalim and Ashtaroth: but now deliver us out of the hand of our enemies, and we will serve thee.
11 And the LORD sent Jerub-baal, and Bedan, and Jephthah, and Samuel, and delivered you out of the hand of your enemies on every side, and ye dwelled safe.
12 And when ye saw that Nahash the king of the children of Ammon came against you, ye said unto me, Nay; but a king shall reign over us: when the LORD your God *was* your king.
13 Now therefore behold the king whom ye have chosen, *and* whom ye have desired! and, behold, the LORD hath set a king over you.

12:3 witness

(Heb. *`anah*) (Gen. 18:27; Job 40:2; Ps. 143:1; Jer. 14:7) H6030: This word for *witness* also means "to answer, to sing, to call, or to read." It is used for anyone who answers solemnly and with a loud voice, such as an oracle of God, a judge delivering a sentence, or a witness giving evidence. Perhaps the most famous use of this word is in Job 40, when God asks Job who will answer him, and Job replies, "What shall I answer thee? I will lay mine hand upon my mouth. Once have I spoken; but I will not answer: yea, twice; but I will proceed no further" (Job 40:4, 5).

Israel Urged to Serve God

14 If ye will fear the LORD, and serve him, and obey his voice, and not rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then shall both ye and also the king that reigneth over you continue following the LORD your God:
15 But if ye will not obey the voice of the LORD, but rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then shall the hand of the LORD be against you, as *it was* against your fathers.
16 Now therefore stand and see this great thing, which the LORD will do before your eyes.
17 *Is it* not wheat harvest to day? I will call unto the LORD, and he shall send thunder and rain; that ye may perceive and see that your wickedness *is* great, which ye have done in the sight of the LORD, in asking you a king.
18 So Samuel called unto the LORD; and the LORD sent thunder and rain that day: and all the people greatly feared the LORD and Samuel.
19 And all the people said unto Samuel, Pray for thy servants unto the LORD thy God, that we die not: for we have added unto all our sins *this* evil, to ask us a king.

God Will Not Forsake His People

20 And Samuel said unto the people, Fear not: ye have done all this wickedness: yet turn not aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart;
21 And turn ye not aside: for *then should ye go* after vain *things,* which cannot profit nor deliver; for they *are* vain.
22 For the LORD will not forsake his people for his great name's sake: because it hath pleased the LORD to make you his people.
23 Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way:
24 Only fear the LORD, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great *things* he hath done for you.
25 But if ye shall still do wickedly, ye shall be consumed, both ye and your king.

Saul's Three Thousand Men

13 Saul reigned one year; and when he had reigned two years over Israel,
2 Saul chose him three thousand *men* of Israel; *whereof* two thousand were with Saul in Michmash and in mount Beth-el, and a thousand were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin: and the rest of the people he sent every man to his tent.
3 And Jonathan smote the garrison of the Philistines that *was* in Geba, and the Philistines heard *of it.* And Saul blew the trumpet throughout all the land, saying, Let the Hebrews hear.
4 And all Israel heard say *that* Saul had smitten a garrison of the Philistines, and *that* Israel also was had in abomination with the Philistines. And the people were called together after Saul to Gilgal.
5 And the Philistines gathered themselves together to fight with Israel, thirty thousand chariots, and six thousand horsemen, and people as the sand which *is* on the sea shore in multitude: and they came up, and pitched in Michmash, eastward from Beth-aven.
6 When the men of Israel saw that they were in a strait, (for the people were distressed,) then the people did hide themselves in caves, and in thickets, and in rocks, and in high places, and in pits.
7 And *some of* the Hebrews went over Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead. As for Saul, he *was* yet in Gilgal, and all the people followed him trembling.

Saul's Burnt Offering

8 And he tarried seven days, according to the set time that Samuel *had appointed:* but Samuel came not to Gilgal; and the people were scattered from him.
9 And Saul said, Bring hither a burnt

12:21 vain ▸ *see Is. 45:18.*

13:7 follow

(Heb. *'achar*) (Gen. 15:1; Eccl. 7:14; Is. 43:10) H0310: Meaning "after," "behind," or "following," this word can be used as a preposition, an adverb, or a conjunction. The root word means "delay, hesitate, or hinder." God used this word to emphasize His preeminence in Isaiah 43:10: "Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me." As is evident from the way the people followed Saul in this verse, we can follow after joyfully and willingly, or with fear and trepidation.

offering to me, and peace offerings. And he offered the burnt offering.
10 And it came to pass, that as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might salute him.
11 And Samuel said, What hast thou done? And Saul said, Because I saw that the people were scattered from me, and *that* thou camest not within the days appointed, and *that* the Philistines gathered themselves together at Michmash;
12 Therefore said I, The Philistines will come down now upon me to Gilgal, and I have not made supplication unto the LORD: I forced myself therefore, and offered a burnt offering.

Saul's Kingdom to End

13 And Samuel said to Saul, Thou hast done foolishly: thou hast not kept the commandment of the LORD thy God, which he commanded thee: for now would the LORD have established thy kingdom upon Israel for ever.
14 But now thy kingdom shall not continue: the LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart, and the LORD hath commanded him *to be* captain over his people, because thou hast not kept *that* which the LORD commanded thee.
15 And Samuel arose, and gat him up from Gilgal unto Gibeah of Benjamin. And Saul numbered the people *that were* present with him, about six hundred men.
16 And Saul, and Jonathan his son, and the people *that were* present with them, abode in Gibeah of Benjamin: but the Philistines encamped in Michmash.
17 And the spoilers came out of the camp of the Philistines in three companies: one company turned unto the way *that leadeth to* Ophrah, unto the land of Shual:
18 And another company turned the way *to* Beth-horon: and another company turned *to* the way of the border that looketh to the valley of Zeboim toward the wilderness.
19 Now there was no smith found throughout all the land of Israel: for the Philistines said, Lest the Hebrews make *them* swords or spears:
20 But all the Israelites went down to the Philistines, to sharpen every man his share, and his coulter, and his axe, and his mattock.
21 Yet they had a file for the mattocks, and for the coulters, and for the forks, and for the axes, and to sharpen the goads.
22 So it came to pass in the day of battle, that there was neither sword nor spear found in the hand of any of the people that *were* with Saul and Jonathan: but with Saul and with Jonathan his son was there found.
23 And the garrison of the Philistines went out to the passage of Michmash.

Jonathan's Plan

14 Now it came to pass upon a day, that Jonathan the son of Saul said unto the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over to the Philistines' garrison, that *is* on the other side. But he told not his father.
2 And Saul tarried in the uttermost part of Gibeah under a pomegranate tree which *is* in Migron: and the people that *were* with him *were* about six hundred men;
3 And Ahiah, the son of Ahitub, I-chabod's brother, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eli, the LORD's priest in Shiloh, wearing an ephod. And the people knew not that Jonathan was gone.
4 And between the passages, by which Jonathan sought to go over unto the Philistines' garrison, *there was* a sharp rock on the one side, and a sharp rock on the other side: and the name of the one *was* Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh.
5 The forefront of the one *was* situate northward over against Michmash, and the other southward over against Gibeah.
6 And Jonathan said to the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over

13:14 heart ▸ *see 1 Chr. 22:7.*

14:6 armour

(Heb. *keli*) (Gen. 45:20; Ezra 8:28; Is. 54:17) H3627: This word can be used to refer to any type of tool or implement that serves a specific purpose: articles of worship (Ezra 1:7), jewelry (Ex. 3:22), clothing (Deut. 22:5; Is. 61:10), yokes for oxen (2 Sam. 24:22), sailing vessels (Is. 18:2), musical instruments (2 Chr. 34:12), instruments of judgment—weapons in a figurative sense (Is. 13:5; Jer. 50:25), literal weapons (Judg. 18:11, 16), and the tools of a shepherd (Zech. 11:15). Even people can be vessels—"I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind: I am like a broken vessel" (Ps. 31:12).

unto the garrison of these uncircumcised: it may be that the LORD will work for us: for *there is* no restraint to the LORD to save by many or by few.
7 And his armourbearer said unto him, Do all that *is* in thine heart: turn thee; behold, I *am* with thee according to thy heart.
8 Then said Jonathan, Behold, we will pass over unto *these* men, and we will discover ourselves unto them.
9 If they say thus unto us, Tarry until we come to you; then we will stand still in our place, and will not go up unto them.
10 But if they say thus, Come up unto us; then we will go up: for the LORD hath delivered them into our hand: and this *shall be* a sign unto us.

Jonathan Enters the Garrison

11 And both of them discovered themselves unto the garrison of the Philistines: and the Philistines said, Behold, the Hebrews come forth out of the holes where they had hid themselves.
12 And the men of the garrison answered Jonathan and his armourbearer, and said, Come up to us, and we will shew you a thing. And Jonathan said unto his armourbearer, Come up after me: for the LORD hath delivered them into the hand of Israel.

Philistines Slaughtered

13 And Jonathan climbed up upon his hands and upon his feet, and his armourbearer after him: and they fell before Jonathan; and his armourbearer slew after him.
14 And that first slaughter, which Jonathan and his armourbearer made, was about twenty men, within as it were an half acre of land, *which* a yoke *of oxen might plow.*
15 And there was trembling in the host, in the field, and among all the people: the garrison, and the spoilers, they also trembled, and the earth quaked: so it was a very great trembling.
16 And the watchmen of Saul in Gibeah of Benjamin looked; and, behold, the multitude melted away, and they went on beating down *one another.*
17 Then said Saul unto the people that *were* with him, Number now, and see who is gone from us. And when they had numbered, behold, Jonathan and his armourbearer *were* not *there.*
18 And Saul said unto Ahiah, Bring hither the ark of God. For the ark of God was at that time with the children of Israel.

Israel Enters Battle

19 And it came to pass, while Saul talked unto the priest, that the noise that *was* in the host of the Philistines went on and increased: and Saul said unto the priest, Withdraw thine hand.
20 And Saul and all the people that *were* with him assembled themselves, and they came to the battle: and, behold, every man's sword was against his fellow, *and there was* a very great discomfiture.
21 Moreover the Hebrews *that* were with the Philistines before that time, which went up with them into the camp *from the country* round about, even they also *turned* to be with the Israelites that *were* with Saul and Jonathan.
22 Likewise all the men of Israel which had hid themselves in mount Ephraim, *when* they heard that the Philistines fled, even they also followed hard after them in the battle.
23 So the LORD saved Israel that day: and the battle passed over unto Beth-aven.

Saul's Oath

24 And the men of Israel were distressed that day: for Saul had adjured the people, saying, Cursed *be* the man that eateth *any* food until evening, that I may be avenged on mine enemies. So none of the people tasted *any* food.
25 And all *they of* the land came to a wood; and there was honey upon the ground.
26 And when the people were come into the wood, behold, the honey dropped; but no man put his hand to his mouth: for the people feared the oath.
27 But Jonathan heard not when his father charged the people with the oath: wherefore he put forth the end of the rod that *was* in his hand, and dipped it in an honeycomb, and put his hand to his mouth; and his eyes were enlightened.
28 Then answered one of the people, and said, Thy father straitly charged the people

14:14 acre ▸ *see Ps. 129:3.*
14:16 watchman ▸ *see Ezek. 33:2.*
14:24 taste ▸ *see Ps. 34:8.*

with an oath, saying, Cursed *be* the man that eateth *any* food this day. And the people were faint.
29 Then said Jonathan, My father hath troubled the land: see, I pray you, how mine eyes have been enlightened, because I tasted a little of this honey.
30 How much more, if haply the people had eaten freely to day of the spoil of their enemies which they found? for had there not been now a much greater slaughter among the Philistines?

Israel Sins

31 And they smote the Philistines that day from Michmash to Aijalon: and the people were very faint.
32 And the people flew upon the spoil, and took sheep, and oxen, and calves, and slew *them* on the ground: and the people did eat *them* with the blood.
33 Then they told Saul, saying, Behold, the people sin against the LORD, in that they eat with the blood. And he said, Ye have transgressed: roll a great stone unto me this day.
34 And Saul said, Disperse yourselves among the people, and say unto them, Bring me hither every man his ox, and every man his sheep, and slay *them* here, and eat; and sin not against the LORD in eating with the blood. And all the people brought every man his ox with him that night, and slew *them* there.
35 And Saul built an altar unto the LORD: the same was the first altar that he built unto the LORD.
36 And Saul said, Let us go down after the Philistines by night, and spoil them until the morning light, and let us not leave a man of them. And they said, Do whatsoever seemeth good unto thee. Then said the priest, Let us draw near hither unto God.
37 And Saul asked counsel of God, Shall I go down after the Philistines? wilt thou deliver them into the hand of Israel? But he answered him not that day.

Drawing Lots

38 And Saul said, Draw ye near hither, all the chief of the people: and know and see wherein this sin hath been this day.
39 For, *as* the LORD liveth, which saveth Israel, though it be in Jonathan my son, he shall surely die. But *there was* not a man among all the people *that* answered him.
40 Then said he unto all Israel, Be ye on one side, and I and Jonathan my son will be on the other side. And the people said unto Saul, Do what seemeth good unto thee.
41 Therefore Saul said unto the LORD God of Israel, Give a perfect *lot.* And Saul and Jonathan were taken: but the people escaped.
42 And Saul said, Cast *lots* between me and Jonathan my son. And Jonathan was taken.
43 Then Saul said to Jonathan, Tell me what thou hast done. And Jonathan told him, and said, I did but taste a little honey with the end of the rod that *was* in mine hand, *and,* lo, I must die.
44 And Saul answered, God do so and more also: for thou shalt surely die, Jonathan.
45 And the people said unto Saul, Shall Jonathan die, who hath wrought this great salvation in Israel? God forbid: *as* the LORD liveth, there shall not one hair of his head fall to the ground; for he hath wrought with God this day. So the people rescued Jonathan, that he died not.
46 Then Saul went up from following the Philistines: and the Philistines went to their own place.

Saul's Victorious Battles

47 So Saul took the kingdom over Israel, and fought against all his enemies on every side, against Moab, and against the children of Ammon, and against Edom, and against the kings of Zobah, and against the Philistines: and whithersoever he turned himself, he vexed *them.*
48 And he gathered an host, and smote the Amalekites, and delivered Israel out of the hands of them that spoiled them.
49 Now the sons of Saul were Jonathan, and Ishui, and Melchi-shua: and the names of his two daughters *were these;* the name of the firstborn Merab, and the name of the younger Michal:
50 And the name of Saul's wife *was* Ahinoam, the daughter of Ahimaaz: and the name of the captain of his host *was* Abner, the son of Ner, Saul's uncle.
51 And Kish *was* the father of Saul; and Ner the father of Abner *was* the son of Abiel.

14:50 uncle ▸ *see Song 4:16.*

52 And there was sore war against the Philistines all the days of Saul: and when Saul saw any strong man, or any valiant man, he took him unto him.

Saul Destroys the Amalekites

15 Samuel also said unto Saul, The LORD sent me to anoint thee *to be* king over his people, over Israel: now therefore hearken thou unto the voice of the words of the LORD.
2 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I remember *that* which Amalek did to Israel, how he laid *wait* for him in the way, when he came up from Egypt.
3 Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass.
4 And Saul gathered the people together, and numbered them in Telaim, two hundred thousand footmen, and ten thousand men of Judah.
5 And Saul came to a city of Amalek, and laid wait in the valley.
6 And Saul said unto the Kenites, Go, depart, get you down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them: for ye shewed kindness to all the children of Israel, when they came up out of Egypt. So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites.
7 And Saul smote the Amalekites from Havilah *until* thou comest to Shur, that *is* over against Egypt.
8 And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword.
9 But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all *that was* good, and would not utterly destroy them: but every thing *that was* vile and refuse, that they destroyed utterly.
10 Then came the word of the LORD unto Samuel, saying,
11 It repenteth me that I have set up Saul *to be* king: for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments. And it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the LORD all night.
12 And when Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning, it was told Samuel, saying, Saul came to Carmel, and, behold, he set him up a place, and is gone about, and passed on, and gone down to Gilgal.

Samuel Rebukes Saul

13 And Samuel came to Saul: and Saul said unto him, Blessed *be* thou of the LORD: I have performed the commandment of the LORD.
14 And Samuel said, What *meaneth* then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?
15 And Saul said, They have brought them from the Amalekites: for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed.
16 Then Samuel said unto Saul, Stay, and I will tell thee what the LORD hath said to me this night. And he said unto him, Say on.
17 And Samuel said, When thou *wast* little in thine own sight, *wast* thou not *made* the head of the tribes of Israel, and the LORD anointed thee king over Israel?
18 And the LORD sent thee on a journey, and said, Go and utterly destroy the sinners the Amalekites, and fight against them until they be consumed.
19 Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of the LORD, but didst fly upon the spoil, and didst evil in the sight of the LORD?
20 And Saul said unto Samuel, Yea, I have

15:3 suckling ▸ *see 1 Sam. 22:19.*
15:9 spare ▸ *see 2 Sam. 21:7.*

15:9 destroyed utterly

(Heb. *charam*) (Ex. 22:20; Deut. 13:15; Josh. 6:18) H2763: In the ancient world, anything sacred or defiled was considered inappropriate for common use. This Hebrew verb refers to the "setting apart" of inappropriate things, usually because of defilement associated with idol worship. According to Deuteronomy 13:12–15, Israel was to destroy everyone and everything that was wicked enough to be considered defiled. Violation of this command cost Achan his life (Josh. 7) and Saul his throne (15:9–11). Paul reminds us that we are all wicked, and as a result are defiled and deserve destruction. Yet God in His mercy has chosen to save those who place their trust in Jesus (Rom. 3:10–26).

15:15 the rest ▸ *see Is. 4:3.*
15:18 sinner ▸ *see Gen. 13:13.*
15:18 consume ▸ *see Ps. 90:7.*

obeyed the voice of the LORD, and have gone the way which the LORD sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites.
21 But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God in Gilgal.
22 And Samuel said, Hath the LORD *as great* delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey *is* better than sacrifice, *and* to hearken than the fat of rams.
23 For rebellion *is as* the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness *is as* iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from *being* king.
24 And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD, and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice.
25 Now therefore, I pray thee, pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD.

God Rejects Saul

26 And Samuel said unto Saul, I will not return with thee: for thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD hath rejected thee from being king over Israel.
27 And as Samuel turned about to go away, he laid hold upon the skirt of his mantle, and it rent.
28 And Samuel said unto him, The LORD hath rent the kingdom of Israel from thee this day, and hath given it to a neighbour of thine, *that is* better than thou.
29 And also the Strength of Israel will not lie nor repent: for he *is* not a man, that he should repent.
30 Then he said, I have sinned: *yet* honour me now, I pray thee, before the elders of my people, and before Israel, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD thy God.
31 So Samuel turned again after Saul; and Saul worshipped the LORD.

Agag Killed by Samuel

32 Then said Samuel, Bring ye hither to me Agag the king of the Amalekites. And Agag came unto him delicately. And Agag said, Surely the bitterness of death is past.
33 And Samuel said, As thy sword hath made women childless, so shall thy mother be childless among women. And Samuel hewed Agag in pieces before the LORD in Gilgal.
34 Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house to Gibeah of Saul.
35 And Samuel came no more to see Saul until the day of his death: nevertheless Samuel mourned for Saul: and the LORD repented that he had made Saul king over Israel.

A New King

16 And the LORD said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Beth-lehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons.
2 And Samuel said, How can I go? if Saul hear *it,* he will kill me. And the LORD said, Take an heifer with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to the LORD.
3 And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will shew thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me *him* whom I name unto thee.
4 And Samuel did that which the LORD spake, and came to Beth-lehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, Comest thou peaceably?
5 And he said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice unto the LORD: sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice.

The Sons of Jesse

6 And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the LORD's anointed *is* before him.
7 But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for *the* LORD *seeth* not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.
8 Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this.

15:22 delight ▸ *see 1 Kin. 10:13.*
15:22 hearken ▸ *see Ps. 142:6.*
15:23 rebellion ▸ *see Ezek. 12:2.*
15:23 witchcraft ▸ *see Deut. 18:10.*
15:28 neighbour ▸ *see Prov. 18:24.*

9 Then Jesse made Shammah to pass by. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this.
10 Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, The LORD hath not chosen these.
11 And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all *thy* children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither.
12 And he sent, and brought him in. Now he *was* ruddy, *and* withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this *is* he.

Samuel Anoints David

13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

An Evil Spirit Troubles Saul

14 But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him.
15 And Saul's servants said unto him, Behold now, an evil spirit from God troubleth thee.
16 Let our lord now command thy servants, *which are* before thee, to seek out a man, *who is* a cunning player on an harp: and it shall come to pass, when the evil spirit from God is upon thee, that he shall play with his hand, and thou shalt be well.
17 And Saul said unto his servants, Provide me now a man that can play well, and bring *him* to me.
18 Then answered one of the servants, and said, Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Beth-lehemite, *that is* cunning in playing, and a mighty valiant man, and a man of war, and prudent in matters, and a comely person, and the LORD *is* with him.

Saul Summons David

19 Wherefore Saul sent messengers unto Jesse, and said, Send me David thy son, which *is* with the sheep.
20 And Jesse took an ass *laden* with bread, and a bottle of wine, and a kid, and sent *them* by David his son unto Saul.
21 And David came to Saul, and stood before him: and he loved him greatly; and he became his armourbearer.
22 And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, Let David, I pray thee, stand before me; for he hath found favour in my sight.
23 And it came to pass, when the *evil* spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took an harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.

A Battle with the Philistines

17 Now the Philistines gathered together their armies to battle, and were gathered together at Shochoh, which *belongeth* to Judah, and pitched between Shochoh and Azekah, in Ephes-dammim.
2 And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and pitched by the valley of Elah, and set the battle in array against the Philistines.
3 And the Philistines stood on a mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side: and *there was* a valley between them.

Goliath Challenges Israel

4 And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height *was* six cubits and a span.
5 And *he had* an helmet of brass upon his

16:12 ruddy ▸ *see Song 6:4.*
16:12 goodly ▸ *see Gen. 16:13.*
16:13 oil ▸ *see Ps. 92:10.*
16:14 depart ▸ *see Num. 12:10.*

16:16 harp

(Heb. *kinnor*) (Gen. 4:21; 1 Chr. 13:8; Ps. 57:8) H3658: The harp is a musical instrument, one which David excelled at playing. It was used in worship, both in times of joy (Is. 5:12) and of sorrow (Job 30:31). Harps were used to accompany singing (Ps. 33:2; 43:4; 71:22) and sometimes prophesying (1 Sam. 10:5). The psalmist urges, "Sing to the LORD with the harp; with the harp, and the voice of a psalm" (Ps. 98:5). The root word means "twang." It is clear from the use of the harp to calm Saul that even in the ancient world the restorative effects of music were well known.

17:4 Philistine ▸ *see 2 Sam. 5:17.*
17:4 cubit ▸ *see Ezek. 41:8.*

head, and he *was* armed with a coat of mail; and the weight of the coat *was* five thousand shekels of brass.
6 And *he had* greaves of brass upon his legs, and a target of brass between his shoulders.
7 And the staff of his spear *was* like a weaver's beam; and his spear's head *weighed* six hundred shekels of iron: and one bearing a shield went before him.
8 And he stood and cried unto the armies of Israel, and said unto them, Why are ye come out to set *your* battle in array? *am* not I a Philistine, and ye servants to Saul? choose you a man for you, and let him come down to me.
9 If he be able to fight with me, and to kill me, then will we be your servants: but if I prevail against him, and kill him, then shall ye be our servants, and serve us.
10 And the Philistine said, I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together.
11 When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid.
12 Now David *was* the son of that Ephrathite of Beth-lehem-judah, whose name *was* Jesse; and he had eight sons: and the man went among men *for* an old man in the days of Saul.
13 And the three eldest sons of Jesse went *and* followed Saul to the battle: and the names of his three sons that went to the battle *were* Eliab the firstborn, and next unto him Abinadab, and the third Shammah.
14 And David *was* the youngest: and the three eldest followed Saul.
15 But David went and returned from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Beth-lehem.
16 And the Philistine drew near morning and evening, and presented himself forty days.

David's Errand

17 And Jesse said unto David his son, Take now for thy brethren an ephah of this parched *corn,* and these ten loaves, and run to the camp to thy brethren;
18 And carry these ten cheeses unto the captain of *their* thousand, and look how thy brethren fare, and take their pledge.
19 Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, *were* in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines.
20 And David rose up early in the morning, and left the sheep with a keeper, and took, and went, as Jesse had commanded him; and he came to the trench, as the host was going forth to the fight, and shouted for the battle.
21 For Israel and the Philistines had put the battle in array, army against army.
22 And David left his carriage in the hand of the keeper of the carriage, and ran into the army, and came and saluted his brethren.

David Hears Goliath's Challenge

23 And as he talked with them, behold, there came up the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, out of the armies of the Philistines, and spake according to the same words: and David heard *them.*
24 And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him, and were sore afraid.
25 And the men of Israel said, Have ye seen this man that is come up? surely to defy Israel is he come up: and it shall be, *that* the man who killeth him, the king will enrich him with great riches, and will give him his daughter, and make his father's house free in Israel.
26 And David spake to the men that stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproach from Israel? for who *is* this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?
27 And the people answered him after this manner, saying, So shall it be done to the man that killeth him.
28 And Eliab his eldest brother heard when

17:10 defy

(Heb. *charaph*) (Ps. 69:9; Prov. 14:31; Is. 37:23; Zeph. 2:10) H2778: From a root meaning "to gather, to pluck off," this word is also translated "reproach" or "taunt." It can also mean to scorn or count something as of little value (Judg. 5:18). Most uses of this word refer to blaspheming God, either through rebellion or arrogance. In his reply to the taunting Goliath, David used the word *cherpah*, derived from this word: "What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproach [*cherpah*] from Israel? for who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy [*charaph*] the armies of the living God?" (1 Sam. 17:26).

17:10 army ▸ *see 1 Sam. 4:16.*

he spake unto the men; and Eliab's anger was kindled against David, and he said, Why camest thou down hither? and with whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know thy pride, and the naughtiness of thine heart; for thou art come down that thou mightest see the battle.
29 And David said, What have I now done? *Is there* not a cause?
30 And he turned from him toward another, and spake after the same manner: and the people answered him again after the former manner.

Saul Sends for David

31 And when the words were heard which David spake, they rehearsed *them* before Saul: and he sent for him.
32 And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine.
33 And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou *art but* a youth, and he a man of war from his youth.
34 And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock:
35 And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered *it* out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught *him* by his beard, and smote him, and slew him.
36 Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God.
37 David said moreover, The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee.

David Dons Saul's Armour

38 And Saul armed David with his armour, and he put an helmet of brass upon his head; also he armed him with a coat of mail.
39 And David girded his sword upon his armour, and he assayed to go; for he had not proved *it*. And David said unto Saul, I cannot go with these; for I have not proved *them*. And David put them off him.

David Arms Himself

40 And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his sling *was* in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine.
41 And the Philistine came on and drew near unto David; and the man that bare the shield *went* before him.
42 And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he disdained him: for he was *but* a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance.
43 And the Philistine said unto David, *Am* I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.
44 And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field.

The Lord Will Smite Goliath

45 Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.
46 This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcases of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.
47 And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle *is* the LORD's, and he will give you into our hands.

The Slaying of Goliath

48 And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came and drew nigh to meet David, that David hasted, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine.
49 And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang *it*, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth.
50 So David prevailed over the Philistine

17:37 bear ▸ *see Prov. 17:12.*
17:43 dog ▸ *see Ps. 59:6.*
17:49 smite ▸ *see Gen. 19:11.*
17:49 forehead ▸ *see Ezek. 3:8.*

with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him; but *there was* no sword in the hand of David.
51 Therefore David ran, and stood upon the Philistine, and took his sword, and drew it out of the sheath thereof, and slew him, and cut off his head therewith. And when the Philistines saw their champion was dead, they fled.
52 And the men of Israel and of Judah arose, and shouted, and pursued the Philistines, until thou come to the valley, and to the gates of Ekron. And the wounded of the Philistines fell down by the way to Shaaraim, even unto Gath, and unto Ekron.
53 And the children of Israel returned from chasing after the Philistines, and they spoiled their tents.
54 And David took the head of the Philistine, and brought it to Jerusalem; but he put his armour in his tent.

Whose Son Is This?

55 And when Saul saw David go forth against the Philistine, he said unto Abner, the captain of the host, Abner, whose son *is* this youth? And Abner said, *As* thy soul liveth, O king, I cannot tell.
56 And the king said, Enquire thou whose son the stripling *is*.
57 And as David returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, Abner took him, and brought him before Saul with the head of the Philistine in his hand.
58 And Saul said to him, Whose son *art* thou, *thou* young man? And David answered, *I am* the son of thy servant Jesse the Beth-lehemite.

A Covenant of Souls

18 And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.
2 And Saul took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his father's house.
3 Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul.
4 And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that *was* upon him, and gave it to David, and his garments, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle.

Saul Jealous of David

5 And David went out whithersoever Saul sent him, *and* behaved himself wisely: and Saul set him over the men of war, and he was accepted in the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of Saul's servants.
6 And it came to pass as they came, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, that the women came out of all cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet king Saul, with tabrets, with joy, and with instruments of musick.
7 And the women answered *one another* as they played, and said, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands.
8 And Saul was very wroth, and the saying displeased him; and he said, They have ascribed unto David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed *but* thousands: and *what* can he have more but the kingdom?
9 And Saul eyed David from that day and forward.

Saul Tries to Kill David

10 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house: and David played with his hand, as at other times: and *there was* a javelin in Saul's hand.
11 And Saul cast the javelin; for he said, I will smite David even to the wall *with it*. And David avoided out of his presence twice.

17:51 head ▸ *see Gen. 3:15.*
18:6 sing ▸ *see Ps. 149:1.*

18:6 dancing

(Heb. *mecholah*) (1 Sam. 21:11; 29:5) H4246: The verbal root of this Hebrew word means "to whirl" or "to move in a circle." This is probably indicative of the type of dancing described here. When this word is used, there is regularly an association with joy, sometimes contrasted with mourning (Ps. 30:11; Jer. 31:4, 13; Lam. 5:15). Singing and playing instruments (especially the tambourine) are often mentioned in connection with dancing (Ex. 15:20; Judg. 11:34; Ps. 150:4). Although women usually do the dancing, men are also said to dance (Jer. 31:13). The ancient Israelites danced to celebrate the victories that God had given them (18:6; Ex. 15:20; Judg. 11:34). This was an exuberant expression of praise for their Creator and Deliverer (Ps. 149:3; 150:4; Jer. 31:4).

18:7 play ▸ *see Eccl. 3:4.*

12 And Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with him, and was departed from Saul.
13 Therefore Saul removed him from him, and made him his captain over a thousand; and he went out and came in before the people.
14 And David behaved himself wisely in all his ways; and the LORD *was* with him.
15 Wherefore when Saul saw that he behaved himself very wisely, he was afraid of him.
16 But all Israel and Judah loved David, because he went out and came in before them.

Saul's Daughter Given to David

17 And Saul said to David, Behold my elder daughter Merab, her will I give thee to wife: only be thou valiant for me, and fight the LORD's battles. For Saul said, Let not mine hand be upon him, but let the hand of the Philistines be upon him.
18 And David said unto Saul, Who *am* I? and what *is* my life, *or* my father's family in Israel, that I should be son in law to the king?
19 But it came to pass at the time when Merab Saul's daughter should have been given to David, that she was given unto Adriel the Meholathite to wife.
20 And Michal Saul's daughter loved David: and they told Saul, and the thing pleased him.
21 And Saul said, I will give him her, that she may be a snare to him, and that the hand of the Philistines may be against him. Wherefore Saul said to David, Thou shalt this day be my son in law in *the one of* the twain.
22 And Saul commanded his servants, *saying,* Commune with David secretly, and say, Behold, the king hath delight in thee, and all his servants love thee: now therefore be the king's son in law.
23 And Saul's servants spake those words in the ears of David. And David said, Seemeth it to you *a* light *thing* to be a king's son in law, seeing that I *am* a poor man, and lightly esteemed?
24 And the servants of Saul told him, saying, On this manner spake David.
25 And Saul said, Thus shall ye say to David, The king desireth not any dowry, but an hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to be avenged of the king's enemies. But Saul thought to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines.
26 And when his servants told David these words, it pleased David well to be the king's son in law: and the days were not expired.

Two Hundred Philistines Slain

27 Wherefore David arose and went, he and his men, and slew of the Philistines two hundred men; and David brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full tale to the king, that he might be the king's son in law. And Saul gave him Michal his daughter to wife.
28 And Saul saw and knew that the LORD *was* with David, and *that* Michal Saul's daughter loved him.
29 And Saul was yet the more afraid of David; and Saul became David's enemy continually.
30 Then the princes of the Philistines went forth: and it came to pass, after they went forth, *that* David behaved himself more wisely than all the servants of Saul; so that his name was much set by.

Saul Wants David Killed

19 And Saul spake to Jonathan his son, and to all his servants, that they should kill David.
2 But Jonathan Saul's son delighted much in David: and Jonathan told David, saying, Saul my father seeketh to kill thee: now therefore, I pray thee, take heed to thyself until the morning, and abide in a secret *place,* and hide thyself:
3 And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where thou *art,* and I will commune with my father of thee; and what I see, that I will tell thee.
4 And Jonathan spake good of David unto Saul his father, and said unto him, Let not the king sin against his servant, against David; because he hath not sinned against thee, and because his works *have been* to thee-ward very good:
5 For he did put his life in his hand, and slew the Philistine, and the LORD wrought a great salvation for all Israel: thou sawest *it,* and didst rejoice: wherefore then wilt thou

18:27 hundred ▸ *see 1 Chr. 27:1.*
19:5 salvation ▸ *see Judg. 15:18.*

sin against innocent blood, to slay David without a cause?
6 And Saul hearkened unto the voice of Jonathan: and Saul sware, *As* the LORD liveth, he shall not be slain.
7 And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan shewed him all those things. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence, as in times past.
8 And there was war again: and David went out, and fought with the Philistines, and slew them with a great slaughter; and they fled from him.

Saul Tries to Kill David

9 And the evil spirit from the LORD was upon Saul, as he sat in his house with his javelin in his hand: and David played with *his* hand.
10 And Saul sought to smite David even to the wall with the javelin; but he slipped away out of Saul's presence, and he smote the javelin into the wall: and David fled, and escaped that night.
11 Saul also sent messengers unto David's house, to watch him, and to slay him in the morning: and Michal David's wife told him, saying, If thou save not thy life to night, to morrow thou shalt be slain.

Michal's Deception

12 So Michal let David down through a window: and he went, and fled, and escaped.
13 And Michal took an image, and laid *it* in the bed, and put a pillow of goats' *hair* for his bolster, and covered *it* with a cloth.
14 And when Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, He *is* sick.
15 And Saul sent the messengers *again* to see David, saying, Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may slay him.
16 And when the messengers were come in, behold, *there was* an image in the bed, with a pillow of goats' *hair* for his bolster.
17 And Saul said unto Michal, Why hast thou deceived me so, and sent away mine enemy, that he is escaped? And Michal answered Saul, He said unto me, Let me go; why should I kill thee?
18 So David fled, and escaped, and came to Samuel to Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and dwelt in Naioth.
19 And it was told Saul, saying, Behold, David *is* at Naioth in Ramah.
20 And Saul sent messengers to take David: and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing *as* appointed over them, the Spirit of God was upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied.
21 And when it was told Saul, he sent other messengers, and they prophesied likewise. And Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they prophesied also.

Saul Prophesies

22 Then went he also to Ramah, and came to a great well that *is* in Sechu: and he asked and said, Where *are* Samuel and David? And *one* said, Behold, *they be* at Naioth in Ramah.
23 And he went thither to Naioth in Ramah: and the Spirit of God was upon him also, and he went on, and prophesied, until he came to Naioth in Ramah.
24 And he stripped off his clothes also, and prophesied before Samuel in like manner, and lay down naked all that day and all that night. Wherefore they say, *Is* Saul also among the prophets?

19:5 without a cause ▸ *see Ps. 119:161.*
19:10 escape ▸ *see Jer. 48:8.*
19:12 flee ▸ *see 1 Sam. 20:1.*
19:13 bed ▸ *see 2 Kin. 1:4.*

19:20 prophesy

(Heb. *naba'*) (Num. 11:25; 2 Chr. 18:9; Jer. 23:21; Amos 7:15) H5012: The Hebrew word is derived from a root that means "to flow" or "pour forth." When applied to speech, it is used exclusively of a prophet from whose mouth pours forth the words of God. The verb can be set in the imperative ("prophesy, O son of man"—Ezek. 11:4), the simple past tense ("Jeremiah prophesied these things"—Jer. 20:1), the future tense ("thou shalt prophesy"—1 Sam. 10:6), the present tense ("wherefore dost thou prophesy"—Jer. 32:3), the negative present tense ("he doth not prophesy good concerning me"—1 Kin. 22:8), and as a gerund ("when he had made an end of prophesying"—1 Sam. 10:13).

19:24 naked ▸ *see Is. 20:3.*

Jonathan's Disbelief

20 And David fled from Naioth in Ramah, and came and said before Jonathan, What have I done? what *is* mine iniquity? and what *is* my sin before thy father, that he seeketh my life?
2 And he said unto him, God forbid; thou shalt not die: behold, my father will do nothing either great or small, but that he will shew it me: and why should my father hide this thing from me? it *is* not *so.*
3 And David sware moreover, and said, Thy father certainly knoweth that I have found grace in thine eyes; and he saith, Let not Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved: but truly *as* the LORD liveth, and *as* thy soul liveth, *there is* but a step between me and death.

David's Plan

4 Then said Jonathan unto David, Whatsoever thy soul desireth, I will even do *it* for thee.
5 And David said unto Jonathan, Behold, to morrow *is* the new moon, and I should not fail to sit with the king at meat: but let me go, that I may hide myself in the field unto the third *day* at even.
6 If thy father at all miss me, then say, David earnestly asked *leave* of me that he might run to Beth-lehem his city: for *there is* a yearly sacrifice there for all the family.
7 If he say thus, *It is* well; thy servant shall have peace: but if he be very wroth, *then* be sure that evil is determined by him.
8 Therefore thou shalt deal kindly with thy servant; for thou hast brought thy servant into a covenant of the LORD with thee: notwithstanding, if there be in me iniquity, slay me thyself; for why shouldest thou bring me to thy father?
9 And Jonathan said, Far be it from thee: for if I knew certainly that evil were determined by my father to come upon thee, then would not I tell it thee?
10 Then said David to Jonathan, Who shall tell me? or what *if* thy father answer thee roughly?
11 And Jonathan said unto David, Come, and let us go out into the field. And they went out both of them into the field.
12 And Jonathan said unto David, O LORD God of Israel, when I have sounded my father about to morrow any time, *or* the third *day,* and, behold, *if there be* good toward David, and I then send not unto thee, and shew it thee;
13 The LORD do so and much more to Jonathan: but if it please my father *to do* thee evil, then I will shew it thee, and send thee away, that thou mayest go in peace: and the LORD be with thee, as he hath been with my father.

Jonathan's Covenant with David

14 And thou shalt not only while yet I live shew me the kindness of the LORD, that I die not:
15 But *also* thou shalt not cut off thy kindness from my house for ever: no, not when the LORD hath cut off the enemies of David every one from the face of the earth.
16 So Jonathan made *a covenant* with the house of David, *saying,* Let the LORD even require *it* at the hand of David's enemies.
17 And Jonathan caused David to swear again, because he loved him: for he loved him as he loved his own soul.
18 Then Jonathan said to David, To morrow *is* the new moon: and thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be empty.
19 And *when* thou hast stayed three days, *then* thou shalt go down quickly, and come to the place where thou didst hide thyself when the business was *in hand,* and shalt remain by the stone Ezel.
20 And I will shoot three arrows on the side *thereof,* as though I shot at a mark.
21 And, behold, I will send a lad, *saying,* Go, find out the arrows. If I expressly say unto the lad, Behold, the arrows *are* on this side of thee, take them; then come thou: for *there is* peace to thee, and no hurt; *as* the LORD liveth.

20:1 flee

(Heb. *barach*) (Gen. 16:6; 1 Sam. 19:12; 2 Sam. 13:38; Jon. 4:2) H1272: The literal meaning of the word is "to pass through" (see Ex. 36:33), but it is nearly always rendered as a form of the verb "to flee" (e.g., Gen. 31:22—"had fled"; Job 9:25—"flee away"; Job 20:24—"shall flee"). Isaiah 48:20 sets it in the imperative ("flee ye from the Chaldeans"), and Psalm 139:7 uses it in a figurative inquiry ("Whither shall I flee from thy presence?"). Alternately, Nehemiah 13:28 uses the word in a more active sense ("chased," i.e., caused to flee).

20:3 swear ▸ *see Deut. 1:8.*

22 But if I say thus unto the young man, Behold, the arrows *are* beyond thee; go thy way: for the LORD hath sent thee away.
23 And *as touching* the matter which thou and I have spoken of, behold, the LORD *be* between thee and me for ever.

Saul Questions David's Absence

24 So David hid himself in the field: and when the new moon was come, the king sat him down to eat meat.
25 And the king sat upon his seat, as at other times, *even* upon a seat by the wall: and Jonathan arose, and Abner sat by Saul's side, and David's place was empty.
26 Nevertheless Saul spake not any thing that day: for he thought, Something hath befallen him, he *is* not clean; surely he *is* not clean.
27 And it came to pass on the morrow, *which was* the second *day* of the month, that David's place was empty: and Saul said unto Jonathan his son, Wherefore cometh not the son of Jesse to meat, neither yesterday, nor to day?
28 And Jonathan answered Saul, David earnestly asked *leave* of me *to go* to Bethlehem:
29 And he said, Let me go, I pray thee; for our family hath a sacrifice in the city; and my brother, he hath commanded me *to be there:* and now, if I have found favour in thine eyes, let me get away, I pray thee, and see my brethren. Therefore he cometh not unto the king's table.

Saul's Anger

30 Then Saul's anger was kindled against Jonathan, and he said unto him, Thou son of the perverse rebellious *woman,* do not I know that thou hast chosen the son of Jesse to thine own confusion, and unto the confusion of thy mother's nakedness?
31 For as long as the son of Jesse liveth upon the ground, thou shalt not be established, nor thy kingdom. Wherefore now send and fetch him unto me, for he shall surely die.
32 And Jonathan answered Saul his father, and said unto him, Wherefore shall he be slain? what hath he done?
33 And Saul cast a javelin at him to smite him: whereby Jonathan knew that it was determined of his father to slay David.
34 So Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, and did eat no meat the second day of the month: for he was grieved for David, because his father had done him shame.

Jonathan's Signal

35 And it came to pass in the morning, that Jonathan went out into the field at the time appointed with David, and a little lad with him.
36 And he said unto his lad, Run, find out now the arrows which I shoot. *And* as the lad ran, he shot an arrow beyond him.
37 And when the lad was come to the place of the arrow which Jonathan had shot, Jonathan cried after the lad, and said, *Is* not the arrow beyond thee?
38 And Jonathan cried after the lad, Make speed, haste, stay not. And Jonathan's lad gathered up the arrows, and came to his master.
39 But the lad knew not any thing: only Jonathan and David knew the matter.
40 And Jonathan gave his artillery unto his lad, and said unto him, Go, carry *them* to the city.
41 *And* as soon as the lad was gone, David arose out of *a place* toward the south, and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed himself three times: and they kissed one another, and wept one with another, until David exceeded.
42 And Jonathan said to David, Go in peace, forasmuch as we have sworn both of us in the name of the LORD, saying, The LORD be between me and thee, and between my seed and thy seed for ever. And he arose and departed: and Jonathan went into the city.

David Deceives Ahimelech

21 Then came David to Nob to Ahimelech the priest: and Ahimelech was afraid at the meeting of David, and said unto him, Why *art* thou alone, and no man with thee?
2 And David said unto Ahimelech the priest, The king hath commanded me a business, and hath said unto me, Let no man know any thing of the business whereabout I send thee, and what I have commanded thee: and I have appointed *my* servants to such and such a place.
3 Now therefore what is under thine hand?

20:34 fierce ▸ *see Deut. 29:24.*
20:36 arrow ▸ *see Ps. 58:7.*

give *me* five *loaves of* bread in mine hand, or what there is present.
4 And the priest answered David, and said, *There is* no common bread under mine hand, but there is hallowed bread; if the young men have kept themselves at least from women.
5 And David answered the priest, and said unto him, Of a truth women *have been* kept from us about these three days, since I came out, and the vessels of the young men are holy, and *the bread is* in a manner common, yea, though it were sanctified this day in the vessel.
6 So the priest gave him hallowed *bread:* for there was no bread there but the shewbread, that was taken from before the LORD, to put hot bread in the day when it was taken away.
7 Now a certain man of the servants of Saul *was* there that day, detained before the LORD; and his name *was* Doeg, an Edomite, the chiefest of the herdmen that *belonged* to Saul.

David Given Goliath's Sword

8 And David said unto Ahimelech, And is there not here under thine hand spear or sword? for I have neither brought my sword nor my weapons with me, because the king's business required haste.
9 And the priest said, The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom thou slewest in the valley of Elah, behold, it *is here* wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod: if thou wilt take that, take *it:* for *there is* no other save that here. And David said, *There is* none like that; give it me.

David's Flight to Gath

10 And David arose, and fled that day for fear of Saul, and went to Achish the king of Gath.
11 And the servants of Achish said unto him, *Is* not this David the king of the land? did they not sing one to another of him in dances, saying, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands?
12 And David laid up these words in his heart, and was sore afraid of Achish the king of Gath.
13 And he changed his behaviour before them, and feigned himself mad in their hands, and scrabbled on the doors of the gate, and let his spittle fall down upon his beard.
14 Then said Achish unto his servants, Lo, ye see the man is mad: wherefore *then* have ye brought him to me?
15 Have I need of mad men, that ye have brought this *fellow* to play the mad man in my presence? shall this *fellow* come into my house?

David's Four Hundred Men

22 David therefore departed thence, and escaped to the cave Adullam: and when his brethren and all his father's house heard *it,* they went down thither to him.
2 And every one *that was* in distress, and every one that *was* in debt, and every one *that was* discontented, gathered themselves unto him; and he became a captain over them: and there were with him about four hundred men.
3 And David went thence to Mizpeh of Moab: and he said unto the king of Moab, Let my father and my mother, I pray thee, come forth, *and be* with you, till I know what God will do for me.
4 And he brought them before the king of Moab: and they dwelt with him all the while that David was in the hold.
5 And the prophet Gad said unto David, Abide not in the hold; depart, and get thee into the land of Judah. Then David departed, and came into the forest of Hareth.

Saul Rebukes His Servants

6 When Saul heard that David was discovered, and the men that *were* with him, (now Saul abode in Gibeah under a tree in Ramah,

21:3 bread

(Heb. *lechem*) (Gen. 3:19; Deut. 29:6; Ruth 1:6; Prov. 9:17) H3899: The term is generally rendered "bread" but can also be used more generically to mean "food" (Job 24:5; Ps. 136:25; Prov. 31:14). The word is often used metaphorically, as Deuteronomy 8:9, (to indicate a land of plenty—"a land wherein you will eat bread without scarceness"), or Psalm 127:2 ("bread of sorrows"). It is used in Exodus to represent both the miraculous bread sent from God to provide for the Israelites in the wilderness (Ex. 16:15) and the special bread set aside as an offering to the Lord ("shewbread"—Ex. 25:30; Ex. 35:13).

21:11 dance ▸ *see 1 Sam. 18:6.*
22:2 distress ▸ *see Deut. 28:55.*

having his spear in his hand, and all his servants *were* standing about him;)
7 Then Saul said unto his servants that stood about him, Hear now, ye Benjamites; will the son of Jesse give every one of you fields and vineyards, *and* make you all captains of thousands, and captains of hundreds;
8 That all of you have conspired against me, and *there is* none that sheweth me that my son hath made a league with the son of Jesse, and *there is* none of you that is sorry for me, or sheweth unto me that my son hath stirred up my servant against me, to lie in wait, as at this day?
9 Then answered Doeg the Edomite, which was set over the servants of Saul, and said, I saw the son of Jesse coming to Nob, to Ahimelech the son of Ahitub.
10 And he enquired of the LORD for him, and gave him victuals, and gave him the sword of Goliath the Philistine.
11 Then the king sent to call Ahimelech the priest, the son of Ahitub, and all his father's house, the priests that *were* in Nob: and they came all of them to the king.
12 And Saul said, Hear now, thou son of Ahitub. And he answered, Here I *am,* my lord.

Ahimelech Accused of Conspiracy

13 And Saul said unto him, Why have ye conspired against me, thou and the son of Jesse, in that thou hast given him bread, and a sword, and hast enquired of God for him, that he should rise against me, to lie in wait, as at this day?
14 Then Ahimelech answered the king, and said, And who *is so* faithful among all thy servants as David, which is the king's son in law, and goeth at thy bidding, and is honourable in thine house?
15 Did I then begin to enquire of God for him? be it far from me: let not the king impute *any* thing unto his servant, *nor* to all the house of my father: for thy servant knew nothing of all this, less or more.
16 And the king said, Thou shalt surely die, Ahimelech, thou, and all thy father's house.

Saul Orders Priests Slain

17 And the king said unto the footmen that stood about him, Turn, and slay the priests of the LORD; because their hand also *is* with David, and because they knew when he fled, and did not shew it to me. But the servants of the king would not put forth their hand to fall upon the priests of the LORD.
18 And the king said to Doeg, Turn thou, and fall upon the priests. And Doeg the Edomite turned, and he fell upon the priests, and slew on that day fourscore and five persons that did wear a linen ephod.
19 And Nob, the city of the priests, smote he with the edge of the sword, both men and women, children and sucklings, and oxen, and asses, and sheep, with the edge of the sword.

Abiathar Escapes

20 And one of the sons of Ahimelech the son of Ahitub, named Abiathar, escaped, and fled after David.
21 And Abiathar shewed David that Saul had slain the LORD's priests.
22 And David said unto Abiathar, I knew *it* that day, when Doeg the Edomite *was* there, that he would surely tell Saul: I have occasioned *the death* of all the persons of thy father's house.
23 Abide thou with me, fear not: for he that seeketh my life seeketh thy life: but with me thou *shalt be* in safeguard.

David Goes to Save Keilah

23 Then they told David, saying, Behold, the Philistines fight against Keilah, and they rob the threshingfloors.
2 Therefore David enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go and smite these Philistines? And the LORD said unto David, Go, and smite the Philistines, and save Keilah.
3 And David's men said unto him, Behold, we be afraid here in Judah: how much more

22:19 suckling

(Heb. *yanaq*) (Num. 11:12; Deut. 32:25; 1 Sam. 15:3; Is. 11:8) H3243: The Hebrew word means literally "to suck" and is used most often of sucking at a mother's breast. Thus the word is often rendered as the verb "give suck" (1 Sam. 1:23; Gen. 21:7; 1 Kin. 3:21) but can be used in other contexts (Deut. 32:13—"suck honey out of the rock") or figuratively (Job 20:16—"suck the poison of asps"; see also Isaiah 60:16—"suck the milk of the Gentiles, and shalt suck the breast of kings"). When set as a noun, it can refer either to a nursing infant or to a nurse (Gen. 24:59; 2 Chr. 22:11).

then if we come to Keilah against the armies of the Philistines?
4 Then David enquired of the LORD yet again. And the LORD answered him and said, Arise, go down to Keilah; for I will deliver the Philistines into thine hand.
5 So David and his men went to Keilah, and fought with the Philistines, and brought away their cattle, and smote them with a great slaughter. So David saved the inhabitants of Keilah.
6 And it came to pass, when Abiathar the son of Ahimelech fled to David to Keilah, *that* he came down *with* an ephod in his hand.
7 And it was told Saul that David was come to Keilah. And Saul said, God hath delivered him into mine hand; for he is shut in, by entering into a town that hath gates and bars.
8 And Saul called all the people together to war, to go down to Keilah, to besiege David and his men.

David Seeks the Lord's Guidance

9 And David knew that Saul secretly practised mischief against him; and he said to Abiathar the priest, Bring hither the ephod.
10 Then said David, O LORD God of Israel, thy servant hath certainly heard that Saul seeketh to come to Keilah, to destroy the city for my sake.
11 Will the men of Keilah deliver me up into his hand? will Saul come down, as thy servant hath heard? O LORD God of Israel, I beseech thee, tell thy servant. And the LORD said, He will come down.
12 Then said David, Will the men of Keilah deliver me and my men into the hand of Saul? And the LORD said, They will deliver *thee* up.

David Flees to the Wilderness

13 Then David and his men, *which were* about six hundred, arose and departed out of Keilah, and went whithersoever they could go. And it was told Saul that David was escaped from Keilah; and he forbare to go forth.
14 And David abode in the wilderness in strong holds, and remained in a mountain in the wilderness of Ziph. And Saul sought him every day, but God delivered him not into his hand.
15 And David saw that Saul was come out to seek his life: and David *was* in the wilderness of Ziph in a wood.
16 And Jonathan Saul's son arose, and went to David into the wood, and strengthened his hand in God.
17 And he said unto him, Fear not: for the hand of Saul my father shall not find thee; and thou shalt be king over Israel, and I shall be next unto thee; and that also Saul my father knoweth.
18 And they two made a covenant before the LORD: and David abode in the wood, and Jonathan went to his house.
19 Then came up the Ziphites to Saul to Gibeah, saying, Doth not David hide himself with us in strong holds in the wood, in the hill of Hachilah, which *is* on the south of Jeshimon?
20 Now therefore, O king, come down according to all the desire of thy soul to come down; and our part *shall be* to deliver him into the king's hand.
21 And Saul said, Blessed *be* ye of the LORD; for ye have compassion on me.
22 Go, I pray you, prepare yet, and know and see his place where his haunt is, *and* who hath seen him there: for it is told me *that* he dealeth very subtilly.
23 See therefore, and take knowledge of all the lurking places where he hideth himself, and come ye again to me with the certainty, and I will go with you: and it shall come to pass, if he be in the land, that I will search him out throughout all the thousands of Judah.

23:8 besiege ▸ *see Jer. 39:1.*

23:11 come down

(Heb. *yarad*) (Gen. 15:11; Job 17:16; Is. 14:11) H3381: This very common verb means "to go or come down." It is used of Moses going down the mountain (Ex. 19:14), Jonah going down into the ship (Jon. 1:3), and Abraham going down to Egypt (Gen. 12:10). Since Jerusalem is elevated, leaving it is described as going down. Figuratively, the violent dealings of the wicked come down upon their own heads (Ps. 7:16), and the words of a talebearer go down into the listener's belly (Prov. 8:18). Most importantly, God Himself is said to come down—to show Himself (Ex. 19:11), to bring judgment (Gen. 11:7), and to bring deliverance (Ex. 3:8).

23:15 wood ▸ *see Is. 17:9.*

24 And they arose, and went to Ziph before Saul: but David and his men *were* in the wilderness of Maon, in the plain on the south of Jeshimon.

David in the Wilderness of Maon

25 Saul also and his men went to seek *him.* And they told David: wherefore he came down into a rock, and abode in the wilderness of Maon. And when Saul heard *that,* he pursued after David in the wilderness of Maon.
26 And Saul went on this side of the mountain, and David and his men on that side of the mountain: and David made haste to get away for fear of Saul; for Saul and his men compassed David and his men round about to take them.
27 But there came a messenger unto Saul, saying, Haste thee, and come; for the Philistines have invaded the land.
28 Wherefore Saul returned from pursuing after David, and went against the Philistines: therefore they called that place Selahammahlekoth.
29 And David went up from thence, and dwelt in strong holds at En-gedi.

David Refuses to Slay Saul

24 And it came to pass, when Saul was returned from following the Philistines, that it was told him, saying, Behold, David *is* in the wilderness of En-gedi.
2 Then Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and went to seek David and his men upon the rocks of the wild goats.
3 And he came to the sheepcotes by the way, where *was* a cave; and Saul went in to cover his feet: and David and his men remained in the sides of the cave.
4 And the men of David said unto him, Behold the day of which the LORD said unto thee, Behold, I will deliver thine enemy into thine hand, that thou mayest do to him as it shall seem good unto thee. Then David arose, and cut off the skirt of Saul's robe privily.
5 And it came to pass afterward, that David's heart smote him, because he had cut off Saul's skirt.
6 And he said unto his men, The LORD forbid that I should do this thing unto my master, the LORD's anointed, to stretch forth mine hand against him, seeing he *is* the anointed of the LORD.
7 So David stayed his servants with these words, and suffered them not to rise against Saul. But Saul rose up out of the cave, and went on *his* way.
8 David also arose afterward, and went out of the cave, and cried after Saul, saying, My lord the king. And when Saul looked behind him, David stooped with his face to the earth, and bowed himself.

David's Loyalty to Saul

9 And David said to Saul, Wherefore hearest thou men's words, saying, Behold, David seeketh thy hurt?
10 Behold, this day thine eyes have seen how that the LORD had delivered thee to day into mine hand in the cave: and *some* bade *me* kill thee: but *mine eye* spared thee; and I said, I will not put forth mine hand against my lord; for he *is* the LORD's anointed.
11 Moreover, my father, see, yea, see the skirt of thy robe in my hand: for in that I cut off the skirt of thy robe, and killed thee not, know thou and see that *there is* neither evil nor transgression in mine hand, and I have not sinned against thee; yet thou huntest my soul to take it.
12 The LORD judge between me and thee, and the LORD avenge me of thee: but mine hand shall not be upon thee.
13 As saith the proverb of the ancients, Wickedness proceedeth from the wicked: but mine hand shall not be upon thee.
14 After whom is the king of Israel come

24:3 cave

(Heb. *me`arah*) (Gen. 23:9; 1 Kin. 18:4) H4631: Most commonly in the Old Testament, caves are mentioned as places to hide or seek refuge (1 Kin. 19:9; Is. 2:19). David is known to have composed two psalms while hiding himself within a cave (see the titles of Psalms 57 and 142). Caves can be places to live in—as with Lot and his daughters (Gen. 19:30) or wild animals (Is. 32:14). Conversely, caves may function as graves. Abraham buried his wife with honor at great expense in one (Gen. 23:9), and in another, Joshua unceremoniously and cheaply disposed of the bodies of five Amorite kings he had just defeated in battle (Josh. 10:27).

24:12 avenge ▸ *see Num. 31:2.*
24:13 proverb ▸ *see Prov. 10:1.*
24:13 proceed ▸ *see Num. 32:24.*

out? after whom dost thou pursue? after a dead dog, after a flea.
15 The LORD therefore be judge, and judge between me and thee, and see, and plead my cause, and deliver me out of thine hand.

Saul Admits His Sin

16 And it came to pass, when David had made an end of speaking these words unto Saul, that Saul said, *Is* this thy voice, my son David? And Saul lifted up his voice, and wept.
17 And he said to David, Thou *art* more righteous than I: for thou hast rewarded me good, whereas I have rewarded thee evil.
18 And thou hast shewed this day how that thou hast dealt well with me: forasmuch as when the LORD had delivered me into thine hand, thou killedst me not.
19 For if a man find his enemy, will he let him go well away? wherefore the LORD reward thee good for that thou hast done unto me this day.

David's Promise to Saul

20 And now, behold, I know well that thou shalt surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in thine hand.
21 Swear now therefore unto me by the LORD, that thou wilt not cut off my seed after me, and that thou wilt not destroy my name out of my father's house.
22 And David sware unto Saul. And Saul went home; but David and his men gat them up unto the hold.

Samuel's Death and Burial

25 And Samuel died; and all the Israelites were gathered together, and lamented him, and buried him in his house at Ramah. And David arose, and went down to the wilderness of Paran.

David's Request to Nabal

2 And *there was* a man in Maon, whose possessions *were* in Carmel; and the man *was* very great, and he had three thousand sheep, and a thousand goats: and he was shearing his sheep in Carmel.
3 Now the name of the man *was* Nabal; and the name of his wife Abigail: and *she was* a woman of good understanding, and of a beautiful countenance: but the man *was* churlish and evil in his doings; and he *was* of the house of Caleb.
4 And David heard in the wilderness that Nabal did shear his sheep.
5 And David sent out ten young men, and David said unto the young men, Get you up to Carmel, and go to Nabal, and greet him in my name:
6 And thus shall ye say to him that liveth *in prosperity,* Peace *be* both to thee, and peace *be* to thine house, and peace *be* unto all that thou hast.
7 And now I have heard that thou hast shearers: now thy shepherds which were with us, we hurt them not, neither was there ought missing unto them, all the while they were in Carmel.
8 Ask thy young men, and they will shew thee. Wherefore let the young men find favour in thine eyes: for we come in a good day: give, I pray thee, whatsoever cometh to thine hand unto thy servants, and to thy son David.
9 And when David's young men came, they spake to Nabal according to all those words in the name of David, and ceased.
10 And Nabal answered David's servants, and said, Who *is* David? and who *is* the son of Jesse? there be many servants now a days that break away every man from his master.
11 Shall I then take my bread, and my water, and my flesh that I have killed for my shearers, and give *it* unto men, whom I know not whence they *be?*
12 So David's young men turned their way, and went again, and came and told him all those sayings.

David's Anger

13 And David said unto his men, Gird ye on every man his sword. And they girded on every man his sword; and David also girded on his sword: and there went up after David about four hundred men; and two hundred abode by the stuff.
14 But one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, saying, Behold, David sent messengers out of the wilderness to salute our master; and he railed on them.
15 But the men *were* very good unto us, and we were not hurt, neither missed we any thing, as long as we were conversant with them, when we were in the fields:

24:17 reward ▸ *see Ps. 131:2.*

16 They were a wall unto us both by night and day, all the while we were with them keeping the sheep.
17 Now therefore know and consider what thou wilt do; for evil is determined against our master, and against all his household: for he *is such* a son of Belial, that *a man* cannot speak to him.

Abigail's Peace Offering

18 Then Abigail made haste, and took two hundred loaves, and two bottles of wine, and five sheep ready dressed, and five measures of parched *corn,* and an hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and laid *them* on asses.
19 And she said unto her servants, Go on before me; behold, I come after you. But she told not her husband Nabal.
20 And it was *so, as* she rode on the ass, that she came down by the covert of the hill, and, behold, David and his men came down against her; and she met them.
21 Now David had said, Surely in vain have I kept all that this *fellow* hath in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that *pertained* unto him: and he hath requited me evil for good.
22 So and more also do God unto the enemies of David, if I leave of all that *pertain* to him by the morning light any that pisseth against the wall.
23 And when Abigail saw David, she hasted, and lighted off the ass, and fell before David on her face, and bowed herself to the ground,
24 And fell at his feet, and said, Upon me, my lord, *upon* me *let this* iniquity *be:* and let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak in thine audience, and hear the words of thine handmaid.
25 Let not my lord, I pray thee, regard this man of Belial, *even* Nabal: for as his name *is,* so *is* he; Nabal *is* his name, and folly *is* with him: but I thine handmaid saw not the young men of my lord, whom thou didst send.
26 Now therefore, my lord, *as* the LORD liveth, and *as* thy soul liveth, seeing the LORD hath withholden thee from coming to *shed* blood, and from avenging thyself with thine own hand, now let thine enemies, and they that seek evil to my lord, be as Nabal.
27 And now this blessing which thine handmaid hath brought unto my lord, let it even be given unto the young men that follow my lord.

Abigail's Request

28 I pray thee, forgive the trespass of thine handmaid: for the LORD will certainly make my lord a sure house; because my lord fighteth the battles of the LORD, and evil hath not been found in thee *all* thy days.
29 Yet a man is risen to pursue thee, and to seek thy soul: but the soul of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of life with the LORD thy God; and the souls of thine enemies, them shall he sling out, *as out* of the middle of a sling.
30 And it shall come to pass, when the LORD shall have done to my lord according to all the good that he hath spoken concerning thee, and shall have appointed thee ruler over Israel;
31 That this shall be no grief unto thee, nor offence of heart unto my lord, either that thou hast shed blood causeless, or that my lord hath avenged himself: but when the LORD shall have dealt well with my lord, then remember thine handmaid.

David Praises Abigail

32 And David said to Abigail, Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel, which sent thee this day to meet me:

25:24 handmaid ▸ *see 1 Sam. 1:11.*
25:25 folly ▸ *see Gen. 34:7.*

25:28 forgive

(Heb. *nasa'*) (Gen. 4:13; Ps. 32:1) H5375: This Hebrew word means basically "to lift up," "to bear," or "to take away." The word can apply to a person lifting up various objects including one's hand in an oath (Ezek. 20:5, 6), one's face to show favor (Num. 6:24–26), and one's voice in sorrow or joy (Gen. 27:38; Is. 24:14). The sense of "bearing" is often used in reference to sin or its punishment. Thus this Hebrew word was used to describe how the scapegoat "bore" the sins of Israel (Lev. 16:22) and how the Suffering Servant would "bear" the sins of the world (Is. 53:12). The idea of "taking away" is also frequently associated with sin. This activity is usually identified as a characteristic of God (Num. 14:18; Mic. 7:18). The New Testament describes God's forgiveness by stating that Jesus both bore our sins and took them away (1 Pet. 2:24; 1 John 3:5).

33 And blessed *be* thy advice, and blessed *be* thou, which hast kept me this day from coming to *shed* blood, and from avenging myself with mine own hand.
34 For in very deed, *as* the LORD God of Israel liveth, which hath kept me back from hurting thee, except thou hadst hasted and come to meet me, surely there had not been left unto Nabal by the morning light any that pisseth against the wall.
35 So David received of her hand *that* which she had brought him, and said unto her, Go up in peace to thine house; see, I have hearkened to thy voice, and have accepted thy person.

The Death of Nabal

36 And Abigail came to Nabal; and, behold, he held a feast in his house, like the feast of a king; and Nabal's heart *was* merry within him, for he *was* very drunken: wherefore she told him nothing, less or more, until the morning light.
37 But it came to pass in the morning, when the wine was gone out of Nabal, and his wife had told him these things, that his heart died within him, and he became *as* a stone.
38 And it came to pass about ten days *after,* that the LORD smote Nabal, that he died.
39 And when David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, Blessed *be* the LORD, that hath pleaded the cause of my reproach from the hand of Nabal, and hath kept his servant from evil: for the LORD hath returned the wickedness of Nabal upon his own head. And David sent and communed with Abigail, to take her to him to wife.
40 And when the servants of David were come to Abigail to Carmel, they spake unto her, saying, David sent us unto thee, to take thee to him to wife.
41 And she arose, and bowed herself on *her* face to the earth, and said, Behold, *let* thine handmaid *be* a servant to wash the feet of the servants of my lord.

The Wives of David

42 And Abigail hasted, and arose, and rode upon an ass, with five damsels of hers that went after her; and she went after the messengers of David, and became his wife.
43 David also took Ahinoam of Jezreel; and they were also both of them his wives.
44 But Saul had given Michal his daughter, David's wife, to Phalti the son of Laish, which *was* of Gallim.

Saul Pursues David

26 And the Ziphites came unto Saul to Gibeah, saying, Doth not David hide himself in the hill of Hachilah, *which is* before Jeshimon?
2 Then Saul arose, and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, having three thousand chosen men of Israel with him, to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph.
3 And Saul pitched in the hill of Hachilah, which *is* before Jeshimon, by the way. But David abode in the wilderness, and he saw that Saul came after him into the wilderness.
4 David therefore sent out spies, and understood that Saul was come in very deed.
5 And David arose, and came to the place where Saul had pitched: and David beheld the place where Saul lay, and Abner the son of Ner, the captain of his host: and Saul lay in the trench, and the people pitched round about him.
6 Then answered David and said to Ahimelech the Hittite, and to Abishai the son of Zeruiah, brother to Joab, saying, Who will go down with me to Saul to the camp? And Abishai said, I will go down with thee.
7 So David and Abishai came to the people by night: and, behold, Saul lay sleeping within the trench, and his spear stuck in the ground at his bolster: but Abner and the people lay round about him.

Abishai Wants Saul's Death

8 Then said Abishai to David, God hath

26:6 camp

(Heb. *machaneh*) (Ex. 14:19; 33:7) H4264: A camp could mean a group of people, such as when Jacob "divided the people that was with him . . . into two bands" (Gen. 32:7). A camp could also refer to a group on the move, as when "the angel of God . . . went before the camp of Israel" (Ex. 14:19), although they were chased by the "host [*machaneh*] of the Egyptians" (Ex. 14:24). The camp was also the physical, but temporary, resting place of a group of people (Ex. 19:17), which meant there was an inside and an outside (Ex. 33:7). Because of the close association with armies, the word could also be used as a synonym for battle, as when the wounded Ahab asked his chariot driver to take him "out of the host" (*machaneh*, 1 Kin. 22:34).

delivered thine enemy into thine hand this day: now therefore let me smite him, I pray thee, with the spear even to the earth at once, and I will not *smite* him the second time.
9 And David said to Abishai, Destroy him not: for who can stretch forth his hand against the LORD's anointed, and be guiltless?
10 David said furthermore, *As* the LORD liveth, the LORD shall smite him; or his day shall come to die; or he shall descend into battle, and perish.
11 The LORD forbid that I should stretch forth mine hand against the LORD's anointed: but, I pray thee, take thou now the spear that *is* at his bolster, and the cruse of water, and let us go.
12 So David took the spear and the cruse of water from Saul's bolster; and they gat them away, and no man saw *it,* nor knew *it,* neither awaked: for they *were* all asleep; because a deep sleep from the LORD was fallen upon them.

David Rebukes Abner

13 Then David went over to the other side, and stood on the top of an hill afar off; a great space *being* between them:
14 And David cried to the people, and to Abner the son of Ner, saying, Answerest thou not, Abner? Then Abner answered and said, Who *art* thou *that* criest to the king?
15 And David said to Abner, *Art* not thou a *valiant* man? and who *is* like to thee in Israel? wherefore then hast thou not kept thy lord the king? for there came one of the people in to destroy the king thy lord.
16 This thing *is* not good that thou hast done. *As* the LORD liveth, ye *are* worthy to die, because ye have not kept your master, the LORD's anointed. And now see where the king's spear *is,* and the cruse of water that *was* at his bolster.

David's Plea

17 And Saul knew David's voice, and said, *Is* this thy voice, my son David? And David said, *It is* my voice, my lord, O king.
18 And he said, Wherefore doth my lord thus pursue after his servant? for what have I done? or what evil *is* in mine hand?
19 Now therefore, I pray thee, let my lord the king hear the words of his servant. If the LORD have stirred thee up against me, let him accept an offering: but if *they be* the children of men, cursed *be* they before the LORD; for they have driven me out this day from abiding in the inheritance of the LORD, saying, Go, serve other gods.
20 Now therefore, let not my blood fall to the earth before the face of the LORD: for the king of Israel is come out to seek a flea, as when one doth hunt a partridge in the mountains.

Saul Repents of His Sin

21 Then said Saul, I have sinned: return, my son David: for I will no more do thee harm, because my soul was precious in thine eyes this day: behold, I have played the fool, and have erred exceedingly.
22 And David answered and said, Behold the king's spear! and let one of the young men come over and fetch it.
23 The LORD render to every man his righteousness and his faithfulness: for the LORD delivered thee into *my* hand to day, but I would not stretch forth mine hand against the LORD's anointed.
24 And, behold, as thy life was much set by this day in mine eyes, so let my life be much set by in the eyes of the LORD, and let him deliver me out of all tribulation.
25 Then Saul said to David, Blessed *be* thou, my son David: thou shalt both do great *things,* and also shalt still prevail. So David went on his way, and Saul returned to his place.

David Flees to Gath

27 And David said in his heart, I shall now perish one day by the hand of Saul: *there is* nothing better for me than that I should speedily escape into the land of the Philistines; and Saul shall despair of me, to seek me any more in any coast of Israel: so shall I escape out of his hand.
2 And David arose, and he passed over with the six hundred men that *were* with him unto Achish, the son of Maoch, king of Gath.
3 And David dwelt with Achish at Gath, he and his men, every man with his household, *even* David with his two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the Carmelitess, Nabal's wife.
4 And it was told Saul that David was fled

27:1 say ▸ *see Is. 31:4.*

to Gath: and he sought no more again for him.
5 And David said unto Achish, If I have now found grace in thine eyes, let them give me a place in some town in the country, that I may dwell there: for why should thy servant dwell in the royal city with thee?
6 Then Achish gave him Ziklag that day: wherefore Ziklag pertaineth unto the kings of Judah unto this day.
7 And the time that David dwelt in the country of the Philistines was a full year and four months.

David's Deception of Achish

8 And David and his men went up, and invaded the Geshurites, and the Gezrites, and the Amalekites: for those *nations were* of old the inhabitants of the land, as thou goest to Shur, even unto the land of Egypt.
9 And David smote the land, and left neither man nor woman alive, and took away the sheep, and the oxen, and the asses, and the camels, and the apparel, and returned, and came to Achish.
10 And Achish said, Whither have ye made a road to day? And David said, Against the south of Judah, and against the south of the Jerahmeelites, and against the south of the Kenites.
11 And David saved neither man nor woman alive, to bring *tidings* to Gath, saying, Lest they should tell on us, saying, So did David, and so *will be* his manner all the while he dwelleth in the country of the Philistines.
12 And Achish believed David, saying, He hath made his people Israel utterly to abhor him; therefore he shall be my servant for ever.

Saul Seeks Advice

28 And it came to pass in those days, that the Philistines gathered their armies together for warfare, to fight with Israel. And Achish said unto David, Know thou assuredly, that thou shalt go out with me to battle, thou and thy men.
2 And David said to Achish, Surely thou shalt know what thy servant can do. And Achish said to David, Therefore will I make thee keeper of mine head for ever.
3 Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him, and buried him in Ramah, even in his own city. And Saul had put away those that had familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land.
4 And the Philistines gathered themselves together, and came and pitched in Shunem: and Saul gathered all Israel together, and they pitched in Gilboa.
5 And when Saul saw the host of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart greatly trembled.
6 And when Saul enquired of the LORD, the LORD answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets.
7 Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and enquire of her. And

27:12 abhor

(Heb. *ba'ash*) (Ex. 16:20; Ps. 38:5) H0887: The word *ba'ash* can mean "to smell terrible," as when the fish in the river Nile died, and "the river stank" (Ex. 7:21), or when the frogs died and piled up in heaps to rot (Ex. 8:14), or when some people tried to keep the manna and "it bred worms and stank" (Ex. 16:20). So, when Israel is described as being "in abomination with the Philistines" (1 Sam. 13:4), it means they were an object of absolute disgust. As the Ammonites later realized that they had become to David (2 Sam. 10:6). The author of Ecclesiastes says that folly can corrupt an otherwise wise man in the same way that dead flies cause ointment to go bad and "send forth a stinking savour" (Eccl. 10:1); a fact David in his sinfulness realized was true of himself (Ps. 38:5).

28:6 enquire

(Heb. *sha'al*) (Judg. 18:5; Job 8:8) H7592: The basic sense of this word is "to ask something of someone." One can ask for an object (1 Sam. 1:20; Ps. 137:3) or for information (Gen. 43:7; Job 38:3). The Hebrew phrase translated "enquired of the LORD" occurs eleven times in the Old Testament, all in Judges and 1 and 2 Samuel (Judg. 20:23; 2 Sam. 2:1). The Hebrew verb itself occurs a total of 172 times in the Old Testament. On three occasions the context indicates the meaning "to lend" (1:28 (twice); 2:20), and in another three passages it means "to borrow" (Ex. 22:14; 2 Kin. 4:3; 6:5). Thus when the children of Israel left Egypt they probably *asked*, not *borrowed*, the goods they took with them (Ex. 3:22; 11:2; 12:35). This Hebrew word is broad enough to encompass the idea of prayer, as in the famous verse: "Pray [ask] for the peace of Jerusalem" (Ps. 122:6).

28:7 familiar spirit ▸ *see 1 Chr. 10:13.*

his servants said to him, Behold, *there is* a woman that hath a familiar spirit at En-dor.
8 And Saul disguised himself, and put on other raiment, and he went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night: and he said, I pray thee, divine unto me by the familiar spirit, and bring me *him* up, whom I shall name unto thee.
9 And the woman said unto him, Behold, thou knowest what Saul hath done, how he hath cut off those that have familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land: wherefore then layest thou a snare for my life, to cause me to die?
10 And Saul sware to her by the LORD, saying, *As* the LORD liveth, there shall no punishment happen to thee for this thing.
11 Then said the woman, Whom shall I bring up unto thee? And he said, Bring me up Samuel.

Samuel's Appearance

12 And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice: and the woman spake to Saul, saying, Why hast thou deceived me? for thou *art* Saul.
13 And the king said unto her, Be not afraid: for what sawest thou? And the woman said unto Saul, I saw gods ascending out of the earth.
14 And he said unto her, What form *is* he of? And she said, An old man cometh up; and he *is* covered with a mantle. And Saul perceived that it *was* Samuel, and he stooped with *his* face to the ground, and bowed himself.

The Fate of Saul

15 And Samuel said to Saul, Why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me up? And Saul answered, I am sore distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and God is departed from me, and answereth me no more, neither by prophets, nor by dreams: therefore I have called thee, that thou mayest make known unto me what I shall do.
16 Then said Samuel, Wherefore then dost thou ask of me, seeing the LORD is departed from thee, and is become thine enemy?
17 And the LORD hath done to him, as he spake by me: for the LORD hath rent the kingdom out of thine hand, and given it to thy neighbour, *even* to David:
18 Because thou obeyedst not the voice of the LORD, nor executedst his fierce wrath upon Amalek, therefore hath the LORD done this thing unto thee this day.
19 Moreover the LORD will also deliver Israel with thee into the hand of the Philistines: and to morrow *shalt* thou and thy sons *be* with me: the LORD also shall deliver the host of Israel into the hand of the Philistines.
20 Then Saul fell straightway all along on the earth, and was sore afraid, because of the words of Samuel: and there was no strength in him; for he had eaten no bread all the day, nor all the night.
21 And the woman came unto Saul, and saw that he was sore troubled, and said unto him, Behold, thine handmaid hath obeyed thy voice, and I have put my life in my hand, and have hearkened unto thy words which thou spakest unto me.
22 Now therefore, I pray thee, hearken thou also unto the voice of thine handmaid, and let me set a morsel of bread before thee; and eat, that thou mayest have strength, when thou goest on thy way.
23 But he refused, and said, I will not eat. But his servants, together with the woman, compelled him; and he hearkened unto their voice. So he arose from the earth, and sat upon the bed.
24 And the woman had a fat calf in the house; and she hasted, and killed it, and took flour, and kneaded *it,* and did bake unleavened bread thereof:
25 And she brought *it* before Saul, and before his servants; and they did eat. Then they rose up, and went away that night.

Princes Distrust David

29 Now the Philistines gathered together all their armies to Aphek: and the Israelites pitched by a fountain which *is* in Jezreel.
2 And the lords of the Philistines passed on by hundreds, and by thousands: but David and his men passed on in the rereward with Achish.
3 Then said the princes of the Philistines, What *do* these Hebrews *here?* And Achish said unto the princes of the Philistines, *Is* not this David, the servant of Saul the king of Israel, which hath been with me these days,

28:8 disguise ▸ *see 2 Chr. 18:29.*
29:2 hundred ▸ *see 1 Chr. 27:1.*

or these years, and I have found no fault in him since he fell *unto me* unto this day?
4 And the princes of the Philistines were wroth with him; and the princes of the Philistines said unto him, Make this fellow return, that he may go again to his place which thou hast appointed him, and let him not go down with us to battle, lest in the battle he be an adversary to us: for wherewith should he reconcile himself unto his master? *should it* not *be* with the heads of these men?
5 *Is* not this David, of whom they sang one to another in dances, saying, Saul slew his thousands, and David his ten thousands?

David Ordered from Battle

6 Then Achish called David, and said unto him, Surely, *as* the LORD liveth, thou hast been upright, and thy going out and thy coming in with me in the host *is* good in my sight: for I have not found evil in thee since the day of thy coming unto me unto this day: nevertheless the lords favour thee not.
7 Wherefore now return, and go in peace, that thou displease not the lords of the Philistines.
8 And David said unto Achish, But what have I done? and what hast thou found in thy servant so long as I have been with thee unto this day, that I may not go fight against the enemies of my lord the king?
9 And Achish answered and said to David, I know that thou *art* good in my sight, as an angel of God: notwithstanding the princes of the Philistines have said, He shall not go up with us to the battle.
10 Wherefore now rise up early in the morning with thy master's servants that are come with thee: and as soon as ye be up early in the morning, and have light, depart.
11 So David and his men rose up early to depart in the morning, to return into the land of the Philistines. And the Philistines went up to Jezreel.

Ziklag Burned and Captives Taken

30 And it came to pass, when David and his men were come to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had invaded the south, and Ziklag, and smitten Ziklag, and burned it with fire;
2 And had taken the women captives, that *were* therein: they slew not any, either great or small, but carried *them* away, and went on their way.
3 So David and his men came to the city, and, behold, *it was* burned with fire; and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, were taken captives.
4 Then David and the people that *were* with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep.
5 And David's two wives were taken captives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite.
6 And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God.
7 And David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech's son, I pray thee, bring me hither the ephod. And Abiathar brought thither the ephod to David.
8 And David enquired at the LORD, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake *them*, and without fail recover *all*.

David's Pursuit

9 So David went, he and the six hundred men that *were* with him, and came to the brook Besor, where those that were left behind stayed.
10 But David pursued, he and four hundred men: for two hundred abode behind, which

29:4 adversary ▸ *see 1 Chr. 21:1.*
29:5 dance ▸ *see 1 Sam. 18:6.*

29:5 thousand

(Heb. *'eleph*) (Ps. 50:10; Mic. 6:7) H0505: This noun represents the number one thousand. While it may denote a literal number (Judg. 20:10) or possibly a round number, it is more often seen as a symbolic number indicating a very large quantity (Deut. 5:9, 10; 2 Sam. 18:12; Ps. 90:4; 2 Pet. 3:8). This word may also indicate a social grouping smaller than a tribe, but larger than a "father's house"; that is, a group roughly equivalent to an extended family (Judg. 6:15; 1 Sam. 10:19). For centuries, scholars have hotly debated the significance of the term "thousand" in the censuses in Numbers 1 and 26, as well as in the Bible's only explicit mentions of the Millennium (Rev. 20:1–6).

were so faint that they could not go over the brook Besor.
11 And they found an Egyptian in the field, and brought him to David, and gave him bread, and he did eat; and they made him drink water;
12 And they gave him a piece of a cake of figs, and two clusters of raisins: and when he had eaten, his spirit came again to him: for he had eaten no bread, nor drunk *any* water, three days and three nights.
13 And David said unto him, To whom *belongest* thou? and whence *art* thou? And he said, I *am* a young man of Egypt, servant to an Amalekite; and my master left me, because three days agone I fell sick.
14 We made an invasion *upon* the south of the Cherethites, and upon *the coast* which *belongeth* to Judah, and upon the south of Caleb; and we burned Ziklag with fire.
15 And David said to him, Canst thou bring me down to this company? And he said, Swear unto me by God, that thou wilt neither kill me, nor deliver me into the hands of my master, and I will bring thee down to this company.

David's Great Victory

16 And when he had brought him down, behold, *they were* spread abroad upon all the earth, eating and drinking, and dancing, because of all the great spoil that they had taken out of the land of the Philistines, and out of the land of Judah.
17 And David smote them from the twilight even unto the evening of the next day: and there escaped not a man of them, save four hundred young men, which rode upon camels, and fled.
18 And David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away: and David rescued his two wives.
19 And there was nothing lacking to them, neither small nor great, neither sons nor daughters, neither spoil, nor any *thing* that they had taken to them: David recovered all.
20 And David took all the flocks and the herds, *which* they drave before those *other* cattle, and said, This *is* David's spoil.

Laws Pertaining to Spoil

21 And David came to the two hundred men, which were so faint that they could not follow David, whom they had made also to abide at the brook Besor: and they went forth to meet David, and to meet the people that *were* with him: and when David came near to the people, he saluted them.
22 Then answered all the wicked men and *men* of Belial, of those that went with David, and said, Because they went not with us, we will not give them *ought* of the spoil that we have recovered, save to every man his wife and his children, that they may lead *them* away, and depart.
23 Then said David, Ye shall not do so, my brethren, with that which the LORD hath given us, who hath preserved us, and delivered the company that came against us into our hand.
24 For who will hearken unto you in this matter? but as his part *is* that goeth down to the battle, so *shall* his part *be* that tarrieth by the stuff: they shall part alike.
25 And it was *so* from that day forward, that he made it a statute and an ordinance for Israel unto this day.
26 And when David came to Ziklag, he sent of the spoil unto the elders of Judah, *even* to his friends, saying, Behold a present for you of the spoil of the enemies of the LORD;
27 To *them* which *were* in Beth-el, and to *them* which *were* in south Ramoth, and to *them* which *were* in Jattir,
28 And to *them* which *were* in Aroer, and to *them* which *were* in Siphmoth, and to *them* which *were* in Eshtemoa,
29 And to *them* which *were* in Rachal, and to *them* which *were* in the cities of the Jerahmeelites, and to *them* which *were* in the cities of the Kenites,
30 And to *them* which *were* in Hormah, and to *them* which *were* in Chor-ashan, and to *them* which *were* in Athach,
31 And to *them* which *were* in Hebron, and

30:22 men of Belial

(Heb. *beliya`al*) (Job 34:18; Prov. 6:12) H1100: This word has the basic sense of "unworthy" and "wicked." In addition to "Belial," there are other renderings such as "evil," "wicked," "ungodly," and "naughty." Such people are said to dig up evil (Prov. 16:27) and to plot wickedness (Nah. 1:11). This word became a proper name for Satan during the intertestamental period; thus Paul asks, "What concord hath Christ with Belial?" (2 Cor. 6:15).

to all the places where David himself and his men were wont to haunt.

Saul's Death

31 Now the Philistines fought against Israel: and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down slain in mount Gilboa.
2 And the Philistines followed hard upon Saul and upon his sons; and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Melchi-shua, Saul's sons.
3 And the battle went sore against Saul, and the archers hit him; and he was sore wounded of the archers.
4 Then said Saul unto his armourbearer, Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised come and thrust me through, and abuse me. But his armourbearer would not; for he was sore afraid. Therefore Saul took a sword, and fell upon it.
5 And when his armourbearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise upon his sword, and died with him.
6 So Saul died, and his three sons, and his armourbearer, and all his men, that same day together.
7 And when the men of Israel that *were* on the other side of the valley, and *they* that *were* on the other side Jordan, saw that the men of Israel fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, they forsook the cities, and fled; and the Philistines came and dwelt in them.

Disrespect for Saul's Body

8 And it came to pass on the morrow, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his three sons fallen in mount Gilboa.
9 And they cut off his head, and stripped off his armour, and sent into the land of the Philistines round about, to publish *it in* the house of their idols, and among the people.
10 And they put his armour in the house of Ashtaroth: and they fastened his body to the wall of Beth-shan.

The Burial of Saul

11 And when the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead heard of that which the Philistines had done to Saul;
12 All the valiant men arose, and went all night, and took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Beth-shan, and came to Jabesh, and burnt them there.
13 And they took their bones, and buried *them* under a tree at Jabesh, and fasted seven days.

31:3 wound

(Heb. *chul*) (Jer. 23:19; Hos. 11:6) H2342: The core of this verb is "to whirl, writhe, shake, or tremble." It is used to denote a type of dancing believed to involve whirling (Judg. 21:21). The pain of childbirth brings on a manner of writhing (Is. 26:17), and perhaps this concept is employed metaphorically (Ps. 90:2; Prov. 8:24, 25). After the rains ceased, Noah anxiously awaited (probably with a measure of nervous jitters) his rereleasing of the dove (Gen. 8:10). More forcefully, Esther trembled at the news her people would be destroyed (Esth. 4:4). Theologically speaking, the Earth quakes at the presence of the Lord (Ps. 97:4; Hab. 3:10), and worship of the Lord is said to involve trembling in extreme awe of Him (Ps. 96:9).

THE SECOND BOOK OF

SAMUEL

THE BOOK OF SECOND SAMUEL records the highlights of David's reign, first over the territory of Judah, and finally over the entire nation of Israel. It traces the ascension of David to the throne, his climactic sins of adultery and murder, and the shattering consequences of those sins upon his family and the nation.

See First Samuel for details on the titles of the books of Samuel. The Hebrew title for both books (originally one) is "Samuel." The Greek title for Second Samuel is *Basileion Beta*, "Second Kingdoms." The Latin title is *Liber II Samuelis*, the "Second Book of Samuel," or simply "Second Samuel."

WATCH WORDS

- **chance** (encounter, either by accident or in a hostile manner)—1:6 (also 18:9)
- **league** (a covenant or agreement between two or more parties)—3:12
- **house** (dynasty—a legacy extending down through generations of descendants)—7:11
- **spare** (act with softness or gentleness)—21:7
- **mighty man** (excellent man)—23:8

News of Saul's Death

1 Now it came to pass after the death of Saul, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Amalekites, and David had abode two days in Ziklag;
2 It came even to pass on the third day, that, behold, a man came out of the camp from Saul with his clothes rent, and earth upon his head: and *so* it was, when he came to David, that he fell to the earth, and did obeisance.
3 And David said unto him, From whence comest thou? And he said unto him, Out of the camp of Israel am I escaped.
4 And David said unto him, How went the matter? I pray thee, tell me. And he answered, That the people are fled from the battle, and many of the people also are fallen and dead; and Saul and Jonathan his son are dead also.
5 And David said unto the young man that told him, How knowest thou that Saul and Jonathan his son be dead?
6 And the young man that told him said, As I happened by chance upon mount Gilboa, behold, Saul leaned upon his spear; and, lo, the chariots and horsemen followed hard after him.
7 And when he looked behind him, he saw me, and called unto me. And I answered, Here *am* I.
8 And he said unto me, Who *art* thou? And I answered him, I *am* an Amalekite.
9 He said unto me again, Stand, I pray thee, upon me, and slay me: for anguish is come upon me, because my life *is* yet whole in me.
10 So I stood upon him, and slew him, because I was sure that he could not live after that he was fallen: and I took the crown that *was* upon his head, and the bracelet that *was* on his arm, and have brought them hither unto my lord.

1:6 chance

(Heb. *qara'*) (Gen. 49:1; 2 Sam. 18:9; Jer. 13:22) H7122: Meaning "to encounter, either by accident or in a hostile manner," this word is sometimes translated "befall." In most cases the chance encounter or event is out of the person's control. Job 4:14 says "Fear came upon [*qara'*] me, and trembling, which made all my bones to shake." Other times the event seems to be a chance meeting but is actually the result of some sinful action: "Because ye have burned incense and because ye have sinned against the LORD, and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD, nor walked in his law, nor in his statutes, nor in his testimonies, therefore this evil has happened unto you, as at this day" (Jer. 44:23).

David Mourns Saul

11 Then David took hold on his clothes, and rent them; and likewise all the men that *were* with him:
12 And they mourned, and wept, and fasted until even, for Saul, and for Jonathan his son, and for the people of the LORD, and for the house of Israel; because they were fallen by the sword.

The Young Man Executed

13 And David said unto the young man that told him, Whence *art* thou? And he answered, I *am* the son of a stranger, an Amalekite.
14 And David said unto him, How wast thou not afraid to stretch forth thine hand to destroy the LORD's anointed?
15 And David called one of the young men, and said, Go near, *and* fall upon him. And he smote him that he died.
16 And David said unto him, Thy blood *be* upon thy head; for thy mouth hath testified against thee, saying, I have slain the LORD's anointed.

A Lamentation for Saul

17 And David lamented with this lamentation over Saul and over Jonathan his son:
18 (Also he bade them teach the children of Judah *the use of* the bow: behold, *it is* written in the book of Jasher.)
19 The beauty of Israel is slain upon thy high places: how are the mighty fallen!
20 Tell *it* not in Gath, publish *it* not in the streets of Askelon; lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice, lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph.
21 Ye mountains of Gilboa, *let there be* no dew, neither *let there be* rain, upon you, nor fields of offerings: for there the shield of the mighty is vilely cast away, the shield of Saul, *as though he had* not *been* anointed with oil.
22 From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan turned not back, and the sword of Saul returned not empty.
23 Saul and Jonathan *were* lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in their death they were not divided: they were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions.
24 Ye daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you in scarlet, with *other* delights, who put on ornaments of gold upon your apparel.
25 How are the mighty fallen in the midst of the battle! O Jonathan, *thou wast* slain in thine high places.
26 I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan: very pleasant hast thou been unto me: thy love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women.
27 How are the mighty fallen, and the weapons of war perished!

David Made King

2 And it came to pass after this, that David enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah? And the LORD said unto him, Go up. And David said, Whither shall I go up? And he said, Unto Hebron.
2 So David went up thither, and his two wives also, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail Nabal's wife the Carmelite.
3 And his men that *were* with him did David bring up, every man with his household: and they dwelt in the cities of Hebron.
4 And the men of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah. And they told David, saying, *That* the men of Jabesh-gilead *were they* that buried Saul.

Jabesh-gilead Blessed

5 And David sent messengers unto the men of Jabesh-gilead, and said unto them, Blessed *be* ye of the LORD, that ye have shewed this kindness unto your lord, *even* unto Saul, and have buried him.
6 And now the LORD shew kindness and truth unto you: and I also will requite you this kindness, because ye have done this thing.
7 Therefore now let your hands be strengthened, and be ye valiant: for your master Saul is dead, and also the house of Judah have anointed me king over them.
8 But Abner the son of Ner, captain of Saul's host, took Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, and brought him over to Mahanaim;
9 And made him king over Gilead, and over the Ashurites, and over Jezreel, and over

1:17 lamentation ▸ *see Ezek. 19:1.*
1:26 pleasant ▸ *see Song 7:6.*
2:5 messenger ▸ *see Zech. 4:1.*

Ephraim, and over Benjamin, and over all Israel.
10 Ish-bosheth Saul's son *was* forty years old when he began to reign over Israel, and reigned two years. But the house of Judah followed David.
11 And the time that David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah was seven years and six months.

David Defeats Israel

12 And Abner the son of Ner, and the servants of Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, went out from Mahanaim to Gibeon.
13 And Joab the son of Zeruiah, and the servants of David, went out, and met together by the pool of Gibeon: and they sat down, the one on the one side of the pool, and the other on the other side of the pool.
14 And Abner said to Joab, Let the young men now arise, and play before us. And Joab said, Let them arise.
15 Then there arose and went over by number twelve of Benjamin, which *pertained* to Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, and twelve of the servants of David.
16 And they caught every one his fellow by the head, and *thrust* his sword in his fellow's side; so they fell down together: wherefore that place was called Helkath-hazzurim, which *is* in Gibeon.
17 And there was a very sore battle that day; and Abner was beaten, and the men of Israel, before the servants of David.
18 And there were three sons of Zeruiah there, Joab, and Abishai, and Asahel: and Asahel *was as* light of foot as a wild roe.
19 And Asahel pursued after Abner; and in going he turned not to the right hand nor to the left from following Abner.
20 Then Abner looked behind him, and said, *Art* thou Asahel? And he answered, I *am*.
21 And Abner said to him, Turn thee aside to thy right hand or to thy left, and lay thee hold on one of the young men, and take thee his armour. But Asahel would not turn aside from following of him.
22 And Abner said again to Asahel, Turn thee aside from following me: wherefore should I smite thee to the ground? how then should I hold up my face to Joab thy brother?

Abner Slays Asahel

23 Howbeit he refused to turn aside: wherefore Abner with the hinder end of the spear smote him under the fifth *rib,* that the spear came out behind him; and he fell down there, and died in the same place: and it came to pass, *that* as many as came to the place where Asahel fell down and died stood still.
24 Joab also and Abishai pursued after Abner: and the sun went down when they were come to the hill of Ammah, that *lieth* before Giah by the way of the wilderness of Gibeon.

A Truce Is Called

25 And the children of Benjamin gathered themselves together after Abner, and became one troop, and stood on the top of an hill.
26 Then Abner called to Joab, and said, Shall the sword devour for ever? knowest thou not that it will be bitterness in the latter end? how long shall it be then, ere thou bid the people return from following their brethren?
27 And Joab said, *As* God liveth, unless thou hadst spoken, surely then in the morning the people had gone up every one from following his brother.
28 So Joab blew a trumpet, and all the people stood still, and pursued after Israel no more, neither fought they any more.
29 And Abner and his men walked all that night through the plain, and passed over Jordan, and went through all Bithron, and they came to Mahanaim.
30 And Joab returned from following Abner: and when he had gathered all the people together, there lacked of David's servants nineteen men and Asahel.
31 But the servants of David had smitten of Benjamin, and of Abner's men, *so that* three hundred and threescore men died.

2:23 still

(Heb. *`amad*) (Josh. 5:13; 10:13; Ps. 1:1; Jer. 6:16) H5975: Variously defined as "to stand, remain, endure, take one's stand," this word can refer to serving (standing before) a king (1 Sam. 16:22); to enduring, as the decrees of God (Ps. 33:11); to standing still (Josh. 10:13); to standing firm in the face of attack (Josh. 21:44); or to making a decree—causing something to stand (Ps. 33:9; 2 Chr. 30:5). One of the most famous usages is Joshua 10:13, when God fought for Israel by making the sun miraculously stand still.

2:25 hill ▸ *see Is. 65:7.*

32 And they took up Asahel, and buried him in the sepulchre of his father, which *was in* Beth-lehem. And Joab and his men went all night, and they came to Hebron at break of day.

Houses of Saul and David

3 Now there was long war between the house of Saul and the house of David: but David waxed stronger and stronger, and the house of Saul waxed weaker and weaker.
2 And unto David were sons born in Hebron: and his firstborn was Amnon, of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess;
3 And his second, Chileab, of Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite; and the third, Absalom the son of Maacah the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur;
4 And the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith; and the fifth, Shephatiah the son of Abital;
5 And the sixth, Ithream, by Eglah David's wife. These were born to David in Hebron.
6 And it came to pass, while there was war between the house of Saul and the house of David, that Abner made himself strong for the house of Saul.
7 And Saul had a concubine, whose name *was* Rizpah, the daughter of Aiah: and *Ish-bosheth* said to Abner, Wherefore hast thou gone in unto my father's concubine?

Abner's Anger

8 Then was Abner very wroth for the words of Ish-bosheth, and said, *Am* I a dog's head, which against Judah do shew kindness this day unto the house of Saul thy father, to his brethren, and to his friends, and have not delivered thee into the hand of David, that thou chargest me to day with a fault concerning this woman?
9 So do God to Abner, and more also, except, as the LORD hath sworn to David, even so I do to him;
10 To translate the kingdom from the house of Saul, and to set up the throne of David over Israel and over Judah, from Dan even to Beer-sheba.
11 And he could not answer Abner a word again, because he feared him.

Abner Seeks an Alliance with David

12 And Abner sent messengers to David on his behalf, saying, Whose *is* the land? saying *also,* Make thy league with me, and, behold, my hand *shall be* with thee, to bring about all Israel unto thee.
13 And he said, Well; I will make a league with thee: but one thing I require of thee, that is, Thou shalt not see my face, except thou first bring Michal Saul's daughter, when thou comest to see my face.
14 And David sent messengers to Ish-bosheth Saul's son, saying, Deliver *me* my wife Michal, which I espoused to me for an hundred foreskins of the Philistines.
15 And Ish-bosheth sent, and took her from *her* husband, *even* from Phaltiel the son of Laish.
16 And her husband went with her along weeping behind her to Bahurim. Then said Abner unto him, Go, return. And he returned.

Israel to Make David King

17 And Abner had communication with the elders of Israel, saying, Ye sought for David in times past *to be* king over you:
18 Now then do *it:* for the LORD hath spoken of David, saying, By the hand of my servant David I will save my people Israel out of the hand of the Philistines, and out of the hand of all their enemies.
19 And Abner also spake in the ears of Benjamin: and Abner went also to speak in the ears of David in Hebron all that seemed good to Israel, and that seemed good to the whole house of Benjamin.
20 So Abner came to David to Hebron, and twenty men with him. And David made

3:12 league

(Heb. *berith*) (Gen. 6:18; 15:18; Ex. 2:24; Jer. 31:31) H1285: Generally, the word translated "league" refers to a covenant or agreement between two or more parties. The term often refers to God's self-imposed obligation to reconcile fallen humanity to Himself. God's redemptive plans throughout history promise salvation and blessing to those who obediently serve Him. God made several covenants with His people in the Old Testament. He made a covenant with Noah after the Flood (Gen. 9:9–17), a covenant with Abraham (Gen. 17:15, 16), and a covenant with David (see 23:5). These covenants prefigure the supreme covenant made through Christ's sacrifice on the Cross. Jesus initiated the New Covenant which Jeremiah foresaw (Jer. 31:31–34).

Abner and the men that *were* with him a feast.
21 And Abner said unto David, I will arise and go, and will gather all Israel unto my lord the king, that they may make a league with thee, and that thou mayest reign over all that thine heart desireth. And David sent Abner away; and he went in peace.

Joab's Anger

22 And, behold, the servants of David and Joab came from *pursuing* a troop, and brought in a great spoil with them: but Abner *was* not with David in Hebron; for he had sent him away, and he was gone in peace.
23 When Joab and all the host that *was* with him were come, they told Joab, saying, Abner the son of Ner came to the king, and he hath sent him away, and he is gone in peace.
24 Then Joab came to the king, and said, What hast thou done? behold, Abner came unto thee; why *is* it *that* thou hast sent him away, and he is quite gone?
25 Thou knowest Abner the son of Ner, that he came to deceive thee, and to know thy going out and thy coming in, and to know all that thou doest.
26 And when Joab was come out from David, he sent messengers after Abner, which brought him again from the well of Sirah: but David knew *it* not.
27 And when Abner was returned to Hebron, Joab took him aside in the gate to speak with him quietly, and smote him there under the fifth *rib,* that he died, for the blood of Asahel his brother.
28 And afterward when David heard *it,* he said, I and my kingdom *are* guiltless before the LORD for ever from the blood of Abner the son of Ner:
29 Let it rest on the head of Joab, and on all his father's house; and let there not fail from the house of Joab one that hath an issue, or that is a leper, or that leaneth on a staff, or that falleth on the sword, or that lacketh bread.
30 So Joab and Abishai his brother slew Abner, because he had slain their brother Asahel at Gibeon in the battle.

David Mourns Abner

31 And David said to Joab, and to all the people that *were* with him, Rend your clothes, and gird you with sackcloth, and mourn before Abner. And king David *himself* followed the bier.
32 And they buried Abner in Hebron: and the king lifted up his voice, and wept at the grave of Abner; and all the people wept.
33 And the king lamented over Abner, and said, Died Abner as a fool dieth?
34 Thy hands *were* not bound, nor thy feet put into fetters: as a man falleth before wicked men, *so* fellest thou. And all the people wept again over him.
35 And when all the people came to cause David to eat meat while it was yet day, David sware, saying, So do God to me, and more also, if I taste bread, or ought else, till the sun be down.
36 And all the people took notice *of it,* and it pleased them: as whatsoever the king did pleased all the people.
37 For all the people and all Israel understood that day that it was not of the king to slay Abner the son of Ner.
38 And the king said unto his servants, Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?
39 And I *am* this day weak, though anointed king; and these men the sons of Zeruiah *be* too hard for me: the LORD shall reward the doer of evil according to his wickedness.

Ish-bosheth Slain

4 And when Saul's son heard that Abner was dead in Hebron, his hands were feeble, and all the Israelites were troubled.
2 And Saul's son had two men *that were* captains of bands: the name of the one *was* Baanah, and the name of the other Rechab, the sons of Rimmon a Beerothite, of the children of Benjamin: (for Beeroth also was reckoned to Benjamin.
3 And the Beerothites fled to Gittaim, and were sojourners there until this day.)
4 And Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son *that was* lame of *his* feet. He was five years old

4:4 lame

(Heb. *nakeh*) (2 Sam. 9:3; Is. 66:2) H5223: This word literally means "stricken" or "smitten." Thus Mephibosheth is described as being stricken in his feet. The word is used only three times, twice of Mephibosheth and in Isaiah 66:2 to refer to a stricken spirit: "But to this man will I look, even

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when the tidings came of Saul and Jonathan out of Jezreel, and his nurse took him up, and fled: and it came to pass, as she made haste to flee, that he fell, and became lame. And his name *was* Mephibosheth.

5 And the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, Rechab and Baanah, went, and came about the heat of the day to the house of Ish-bosheth, who lay on a bed at noon.

6 And they came thither into the midst of the house, *as though* they would have fetched wheat; and they smote him under the fifth *rib:* and Rechab and Baanah his brother escaped.

7 For when they came into the house, he lay on his bed in his bedchamber, and they smote him, and slew him, and beheaded him, and took his head, and gat them away through the plain all night.

8 And they brought the head of Ish-bosheth unto David to Hebron, and said to the king, Behold the head of Ish-bosheth the son of Saul thine enemy, which sought thy life; and the LORD hath avenged my lord the king this day of Saul, and of his seed.

The Death of the Slayers of Ish-bosheth

9 And David answered Rechab and Baanah his brother, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, and said unto them, *As* the LORD liveth, who hath redeemed my soul out of all adversity,

10 When one told me, saying, Behold, Saul is dead, thinking to have brought good tidings, I took hold of him, and slew him in Ziklag, who *thought* that I would have given him a reward for his tidings:

11 How much more, when wicked men have slain a righteous person in his own house upon his bed? shall I not therefore now require his blood of your hand, and take you away from the earth?

12 And David commanded his young men, and they slew them, and cut off their hands and their feet, and hanged *them* up over the pool in Hebron. But they took the head of Ish-bosheth, and buried *it* in the sepulchre of Abner in Hebron.

David Made King of Israel

5 Then came all the tribes of Israel to David unto Hebron, and spake, saying, Behold, we *are* thy bone and thy flesh.

2 Also in time past, when Saul was king over us, thou wast he that leddest out and broughtest in Israel: and the LORD said to thee, Thou shalt feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be a captain over Israel.

3 So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and king David made a league with them in Hebron before the LORD: and they anointed David king over Israel.

4 David *was* thirty years old when he began to reign, *and* he reigned forty years.

5 In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months: and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years over all Israel and Judah.

Jerusalem Conquered

6 And the king and his men went to Jerusalem unto the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land: which spake unto David, saying, Except thou take away the blind and the lame, thou shalt not come in hither: thinking, David cannot come in hither.

7 Nevertheless David took the strong hold of Zion: the same *is* the city of David.

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to him that is poor and of a contrite [*nakeh*] spirit, and trembleth at my word." The more common verb form of this word is used to convey beating, injuring, or killing (Is. 53:4).

5:2 feed ▸ *see Jer. 25:34.*
5:3 anoint ▸ *see Num. 7:1.*

5:5 Jerusalem

(Heb. *yerushalaim*) (Is. 40:2; Zech. 2:12) H3389: The name Jerusalem is related to the word for "peace" (see the psalmist's prayer for "the peace of Jerusalem," Ps. 122:6). During the reign of King David, Jerusalem was made the political and religious capital of Israel and became central to the unfolding of God's redemptive plan. Jerusalem is described variously in the Old Testament as: the city of God (Ps. 87:1–3); the place where God has put His name (2 Kin. 21:4); a place of salvation (Is. 46:13); the throne of God (Jer. 3:17); and a holy city (Is. 52:1). The prophets foresaw an approaching time when Jerusalem would be judged because of its iniquity (Mic. 4:10–12), but in pronouncing judgment they could also see its glorious restoration (Is. 40:2; 44:25–28; Dan. 9:2; Zeph. 3:16–20). This vision of a restored Jerusalem included the hope of a New Jerusalem in which God would gather all His people (Is. 65:17–19; Rev. 21:1, 2).

5:7 strong hold ▸ *see Ps. 91:2.*

8 And David said on that day, Whosoever getteth up to the gutter, and smiteth the Jebusites, and the lame and the blind, *that are* hated of David's soul, *he shall be chief and captain.* Wherefore they said, The blind and the lame shall not come into the house.
9 So David dwelt in the fort, and called it the city of David. And David built round about from Millo and inward.
10 And David went on, and grew great, and the LORD God of hosts *was* with him.
11 And Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and carpenters, and masons: and they built David an house.
12 And David perceived that the LORD had established him king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for his people Israel's sake.

Sons Born to David in Jerusalem

13 And David took *him* more concubines and wives out of Jerusalem, after he was come from Hebron: and there were yet sons and daughters born to David.
14 And these *be* the names of those that were born unto him in Jerusalem; Shammuah, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon,
15 Ibhar also, and Elishua, and Nepheg, and Japhia,
16 And Elishama, and Eliada, and Eliphalet.

Defeat at Rephaim

17 But when the Philistines heard that they had anointed David king over Israel, all the Philistines came up to seek David; and David heard *of it,* and went down to the hold.
18 The Philistines also came and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim.
19 And David enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up to the Philistines? wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? And the LORD said unto David, Go up: for I will doubtless deliver the Philistines into thine hand.
20 And David came to Baal-perazim, and David smote them there, and said, The LORD hath broken forth upon mine enemies before me, as the breach of waters. Therefore he called the name of that place Baal-perazim.
21 And there they left their images, and David and his men burned them.
22 And the Philistines came up yet again, and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim.
23 And when David enquired of the LORD, he said, Thou shalt not go up; *but* fetch a compass behind them, and come upon them over against the mulberry trees.
24 And let it be, when thou hearest the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt bestir thyself: for then shall the LORD go out before thee, to smite the host of the Philistines.
25 And David did so, as the LORD had commanded him; and smote the Philistines from Geba until thou come to Gazer.

Moving the Ark

6 Again, David gathered together all *the* chosen *men* of Israel, thirty thousand.
2 And David arose, and went with all the people that *were* with him from Baale of Judah, to bring up from thence the ark of God, whose name is called by the name of the LORD of hosts that dwelleth *between* the cherubims.
3 And they set the ark of God upon a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab that *was* in Gibeah: and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drave the new cart.
4 And they brought it out of the house of Abinadab which *was* at Gibeah, accompanying the ark of God: and Ahio went before the ark.
5 And David and all the house of Israel played before the LORD on all manner of

5:9 Millo ▸ *see 1 Chr. 11:8.*

5:17 Philistine

(Heb. *pelishti*) (Gen. 26:1; Ex. 13:17; 1 Sam. 6:4; 17:4) H6430: The Philistine people were idol-worshiping warriors who lived on a coastal plain in southern Palestine—part of the land promised to Abraham and his offspring. The Philistines were powerful as far back as Abraham's day (Gen. 21:34). Throughout history they were Israel's main enemy; Israel called them the uncircumcised (Judg. 15:18; 1 Chr. 10:4). David's famous battle against the Philistine Goliath catapulted him to fame, but in an ironic twist he ended up living among the Philistines to escape Saul (1 Sam. 27:2). During his reign, David subdued the Philistines and pushed them into a much smaller area (1 Chr. 18:1).

5:23 fetch a compass ▸ *see Josh. 6:14.*
6:3 drive ▸ *see 1 Chr. 13:7.*
6:5 play ▸ *see Eccl. 3:4.*

instruments made of fir wood, even on harps, and on psalteries, and on timbrels, and on cornets, and on cymbals.
6 And when they came to Nachon's threshingfloor, Uzzah put forth *his hand* to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the oxen shook *it*.
7 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah; and God smote him there for *his* error; and there he died by the ark of God.

The Ark in the House of Obed-edom

8 And David was displeased, because the LORD had made a breach upon Uzzah: and he called the name of the place Perez-uzzah to this day.
9 And David was afraid of the LORD that day, and said, How shall the ark of the LORD come to me?
10 So David would not remove the ark of the LORD unto him into the city of David: but David carried it aside into the house of Obed-edom the Gittite.
11 And the ark of the LORD continued in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months: and the LORD blessed Obed-edom, and all his household.

The Ark Brought to Jerusalem

12 And it was told king David, saying, The LORD hath blessed the house of Obed-edom, and all that *pertaineth* unto him, because of the ark of God. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom into the city of David with gladness.
13 And it was *so,* that when they that bare the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed oxen and fatlings.
14 And David danced before the LORD with all *his* might; and David *was* girded with a linen ephod.
15 So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.
16 And as the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal Saul's daughter looked through a window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

The Ark Placed in the Tabernacle

17 And they brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in his place, in the midst of the tabernacle that David had pitched for it: and David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD.
18 And as soon as David had made an end of offering burnt offerings and peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts.
19 And he dealt among all the people, *even* among the whole multitude of Israel, as well to the women as men, to every one a cake of bread, and a good piece *of flesh,* and a flagon *of wine.* So all the people departed every one to his house.
20 Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, How glorious was the king of Israel to day, who uncovered himself to day in the eyes of the handmaids of his servants, as one of the vain fellows shamelessly uncovereth himself!
21 And David said unto Michal, *It was* before the LORD, which chose me before thy father, and before all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the LORD, over Israel: therefore will I play before the LORD.
22 And I will yet be more vile than thus, and will be base in mine own sight: and of the maidservants which thou hast spoken of, of them shall I be had in honour.
23 Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no child unto the day of her death.

6:6 take hold

(Heb. *'achaz*) (Gen. 25:26; Judg. 16:3; Ps. 73:23; Eccl. 9:12) H0270: "Took hold of" is used both literally, to grab hold of or seize with the hand (Gen. 22:13; Ex. 4:4), and figuratively—as when terror takes hold of someone (Ex. 15:14; Job 21:6). It is a violent word, not just a touch but a grabbing or seizing. It is not stated in the text if the ark was in danger of falling, but whether Uzzah was preventing it from falling or just taking hold of it as a precaution, the use of this word shows that his action was presumptuous and irreverent. The laws surrounding the care and transportation of the ark of the covenant were intended to respect God's holiness, and thus needed to be obeyed completely to avoid serious punishment.

6:14 linen ▸ *see Ezek. 10:6.*
6:14 ephod ▸ *see Ex. 35:27.*
6:15 shouting ▸ *see Ezra 3:11.*
6:19 multitude ▸ *see Ps. 42:4.*
6:22 vile ▸ *see Jer. 8:11.*

A Temple for the Ark

7 And it came to pass, when the king sat in his house, and the LORD had given him rest round about from all his enemies;
2 That the king said unto Nathan the prophet, See now, I dwell in an house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains.
3 And Nathan said to the king, Go, do all that *is* in thine heart; for the LORD *is* with thee.

God's Message to David

4 And it came to pass that night, that the word of the LORD came unto Nathan, saying,
5 Go and tell my servant David, Thus saith the LORD, Shalt thou build me an house for me to dwell in?
6 Whereas I have not dwelt in *any* house since the time that I brought up the children of Israel out of Egypt, even to this day, but have walked in a tent and in a tabernacle.
7 In all *the places* wherein I have walked with all the children of Israel spake I a word with any of the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people Israel, saying, Why build ye not me an house of cedar?
8 Now therefore so shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel:
9 And I was with thee whithersoever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies out of thy sight, and have made thee a great name, like unto the name of the great *men* that *are* in the earth.
10 Moreover I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as beforetime,
11 And as since the time that I commanded judges *to be* over my people Israel, and have caused thee to rest from all thine enemies. Also the LORD telleth thee that he will make thee an house.

David's Kingdom

12 And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.
13 He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever.
14 I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men:
15 But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took *it* from Saul, whom I put away before thee.
16 And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.
17 According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David.
18 Then went king David in, and sat before the LORD, and he said, Who *am* I, O Lord GOD? and what *is* my house, that thou hast brought me hitherto?
19 And this was yet a small thing in thy sight, O Lord GOD; but thou hast spoken also of thy servant's house for a great while to come. And *is* this the manner of man, O Lord GOD?
20 And what can David say more unto thee? for thou, Lord GOD, knowest thy servant.
21 For thy word's sake, and according to thine own heart, hast thou done all these great things, to make thy servant know *them*.

Thanksgiving for God's Greatness

22 Wherefore thou art great, O LORD God:

7:2 cedar ▸ *see Ps. 29:5.*
7:10 plant ▸ *see Jer. 31:28.*

7:11 house

(Heb. *bayith*) (Gen. 17:23; Ex. 40:38) H1004: In this instance, a "house" refers to a dynasty—a legacy extending down through generations of David's descendants. Similarly, Abraham was commanded to circumcise everyone "born in his house" (Gen. 17:23), meaning, not just those who were physically born at that location, but all those in his family, as well as his descendants. The nation of Israel is often referred to as "the house of Israel" (Ex. 40:38), who were taken out of "the house of bondage" by the Lord (Josh. 24:17). And God promised David that his son Solomon would one day "build an house" for God (2 Sam. 7:13), i.e., a temple.

7:12 kingdom ▸ *see Deut. 17:20.*
7:22 great ▸ *see Gen. 48:19.*

for *there is* none like thee, neither *is there any* God beside thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears.
23 And what one nation in the earth *is* like thy people, *even* like Israel, whom God went to redeem for a people to himself, and to make him a name, and to do for you great things and terrible, for thy land, before thy people, which thou redeemedst to thee from Egypt, *from* the nations and their gods?
24 For thou hast confirmed to thyself thy people Israel *to be* a people unto thee for ever: and thou, LORD, art become their God.
25 And now, O LORD God, the word that thou hast spoken concerning thy servant, and concerning his house, establish *it* for ever, and do as thou hast said.
26 And let thy name be magnified for ever, saying, The LORD of hosts *is* the God over Israel: and let the house of thy servant David be established before thee.
27 For thou, O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, hast revealed to thy servant, saying, I will build thee an house: therefore hath thy servant found in his heart to pray this prayer unto thee.
28 And now, O Lord GOD, thou *art* that God, and thy words be true, and thou hast promised this goodness unto thy servant:
29 Therefore now let it please thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may continue for ever before thee: for thou, O Lord GOD, hast spoken *it:* and with thy blessing let the house of thy servant be blessed for ever.

David's Conquests

8 And after this it came to pass, that David smote the Philistines, and subdued them: and David took Metheg-ammah out of the hand of the Philistines.
2 And he smote Moab, and measured them with a line, casting them down to the ground; even with two lines measured he to put to death, and with one full line to keep alive. And *so* the Moabites became David's servants, *and* brought gifts.
3 David smote also Hadadezer, the son of Rehob, king of Zobah, as he went to recover his border at the river Euphrates.
4 And David took from him a thousand *chariots,* and seven hundred horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen: and David houghed all the chariot *horses,* but reserved of them *for* an hundred chariots.
5 And when the Syrians of Damascus came to succour Hadadezer king of Zobah, David slew of the Syrians two and twenty thousand men.
6 Then David put garrisons in Syria of Damascus: and the Syrians became servants to David, *and* brought gifts. And the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went.
7 And David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Jerusalem.
8 And from Betah, and from Berothai, cities of Hadadezer, king David took exceeding much brass.

The King of Hamath Sends Gifts

9 When Toi king of Hamath heard that David had smitten all the host of Hadadezer,
10 Then Toi sent Joram his son unto king David, to salute him, and to bless him, because he had fought against Hadadezer, and smitten him: for Hadadezer had wars with Toi. And *Joram* brought with him vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and vessels of brass:
11 Which also king David did dedicate unto the LORD, with the silver and gold that he had dedicated of all nations which he subdued;
12 Of Syria, and of Moab, and of the children of Ammon, and of the Philistines, and of Amalek, and of the spoil of Hadadezer, son of Rehob, king of Zobah.

David's Name Great

13 And David gat *him* a name when he returned from smiting of the Syrians in the valley of salt, *being* eighteen thousand *men.*
14 And he put garrisons in Edom; throughout all Edom put he garrisons, and all they of Edom became David's servants. And the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went.
15 And David reigned over all Israel; and

7:23 redeem ▸ *see Neh. 1:10.*
8:2 line ▸ *see Josh. 17:5.*
8:6 Syria ▸ *see 2 Kin. 16:5.*
8:6 Damascus ▸ *see 1 Kin. 20:34.*

8:15 reign

(Heb. *malak*) (Gen. 37:8; Ps. 47:8) H4427: As the king, David reigned, or ruled over, all the people of Israel. He had absolute and complete authority

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David executed judgment and justice unto all his people.
16 And Joab the son of Zeruiah *was* over the host; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud *was* recorder;
17 And Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, *were* the priests; and Seraiah *was* the scribe;
18 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada *was over* both the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and David's sons were chief rulers.

David's Kindness

9 And David said, Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may shew him kindness for Jonathan's sake?
2 And *there was* of the house of Saul a servant whose name *was* Ziba. And when they had called him unto David, the king said unto him, *Art* thou Ziba? And he said, Thy servant *is he.*
3 And the king said, *Is* there not yet any of the house of Saul, that I may shew the kindness of God unto him? And Ziba said unto the king, Jonathan hath yet a son, *which is* lame on *his* feet.
4 And the king said unto him, Where *is* he? And Ziba said unto the king, Behold, he *is* in the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, in Lo-debar.

Mephibosheth

5 Then king David sent, and fetched him out of the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, from Lo-debar.
6 Now when Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, was come unto David, he fell on his face, and did reverence. And David said, Mephibosheth. And he answered, Behold thy servant!
7 And David said unto him, Fear not: for I will surely shew thee kindness for Jonathan thy father's sake, and will restore thee all the land of Saul thy father; and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually.
8 And he bowed himself, and said, What *is* thy servant, that thou shouldest look upon such a dead dog as I *am?*

Ziba's Care of Land

9 Then the king called to Ziba, Saul's servant, and said unto him, I have given unto thy master's son all that pertained to Saul and to all his house.
10 Thou therefore, and thy sons, and thy servants, shall till the land for him, and thou shalt bring in *the fruits,* that thy master's son may have food to eat: but Mephibosheth thy master's son shall eat bread alway at my table. Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.
11 Then said Ziba unto the king, According to all that my lord the king hath commanded his servant, so shall thy servant do. As for Mephibosheth, *said the king,* he shall eat at my table, as one of the king's sons.
12 And Mephibosheth had a young son, whose name *was* Micha. And all that dwelt in the house of Ziba *were* servants unto Mephibosheth.
13 So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem: for he did eat continually at the king's table; and was lame on both his feet.

Hanun Shames David's Messengers

10 And it came to pass after this, that the king of the children of Ammon died, and Hanun his son reigned in his stead.

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over the entire nation. It was Joseph's dream of reigning over his brothers that led them to sell him into slavery (Gen. 37:8). Samuel warned the people against appointing a king, but the Lord recognized that in doing so they were rejecting God, not Samuel (1 Sam. 8:7). With such total power often came corruption, as Samuel cautioned (1 Sam. 8:11) and as came to pass (2 Kin. 21:11). Ultimately, of course, "God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness" (Ps. 47:8).

9:3 lame ▸ *see 2 Sam. 4:4.*

9:7 table

(Heb. *shulchan*) (Ex. 25:30; Ps. 23:5) H7979: The altar of the tabernacle was described as a table—a flat piece of wood with legs that would hold the showbread (Ex. 25:30). Later, it came to refer to any kind of setting where food was served. So, when Jonathan disagreed with his father Saul, he "arose from the table in fierce anger" (1 Sam. 20:34). Many years later, Solomon would make a "table of gold" for the temple (1 Kin. 7:48). Here, eating at the king's table symbolized hospitality and friendship with the king (2 Sam. 9:13). God's provision and protection is captured poetically by David, who says, "Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies" (Ps. 23:5).

2 Then said David, I will shew kindness unto Hanun the son of Nahash, as his father shewed kindness unto me. And David sent to comfort him by the hand of his servants for his father. And David's servants came into the land of the children of Ammon.
3 And the princes of the children of Ammon said unto Hanun their lord, Thinkest thou that David doth honour thy father, that he hath sent comforters unto thee? hath not David *rather* sent his servants unto thee, to search the city, and to spy it out, and to overthrow it?
4 Wherefore Hanun took David's servants, and shaved off the one half of their beards, and cut off their garments in the middle, *even* to their buttocks, and sent them away.
5 When they told *it* unto David, he sent to meet them, because the men were greatly ashamed: and the king said, Tarry at Jericho until your beards be grown, and *then* return.

Ammon Prepares for War

6 And when the children of Ammon saw that they stank before David, the children of Ammon sent and hired the Syrians of Beth-rehob, and the Syrians of Zoba, twenty thousand footmen, and of king Maacah a thousand men, and of Ish-tob twelve thousand men.
7 And when David heard of *it,* he sent Joab, and all the host of the mighty men.
8 And the children of Ammon came out, and put the battle in array at the entering in of the gate: and the Syrians of Zoba, and of Rehob, and Ish-tob, and Maacah, *were* by themselves in the field.
9 When Joab saw that the front of the battle was against him before and behind, he chose of all the choice *men* of Israel, and put *them* in array against the Syrians:
10 And the rest of the people he delivered into the hand of Abishai his brother, that he might put *them* in array against the children of Ammon.
11 And he said, If the Syrians be too strong for me, then thou shalt help me: but if the children of Ammon be too strong for thee, then I will come and help thee.
12 Be of good courage, and let us play the men for our people, and for the cities of our God: and the LORD do that which seemeth him good.
13 And Joab drew nigh, and the people that *were* with him, unto the battle against the Syrians: and they fled before him.
14 And when the children of Ammon saw that the Syrians were fled, then fled they also before Abishai, and entered into the city. So Joab returned from the children of Ammon, and came to Jerusalem.
15 And when the Syrians saw that they were smitten before Israel, they gathered themselves together.
16 And Hadarezer sent, and brought out the Syrians that *were* beyond the river: and they came to Helam; and Shobach the captain of the host of Hadarezer *went* before them.

David Defeats Syrians

17 And when it was told David, he gathered all Israel together, and passed over Jordan, and came to Helam. And the Syrians set themselves in array against David, and fought with him.
18 And the Syrians fled before Israel; and David slew *the men of* seven hundred chariots of the Syrians, and forty thousand horsemen, and smote Shobach the captain of their host, who died there.
19 And when all the kings *that were* servants to Hadarezer saw that they were smitten before Israel, they made peace with Israel, and served them. So the Syrians feared to help the children of Ammon any more.

David and Bath-sheba's Sin

11 And it came to pass, after the year was expired, at the time when kings go forth *to battle,* that David sent Joab, and

10:5 ashamed

(Heb. *kalam*) (1 Chr. 19:5; Ps. 35:4) H3637: The servants of David were intentionally made to feel embarrassed and ashamed by Hanun. In cutting their beards and stripping them of clothes, he deliberately made them look ridiculous. As such, David encouraged them to hide in another city before returning (1 Chr. 19:5). Conviction over their idolatry and failure to follow God meant "the priests and the Levites were ashamed" (2 Chr. 30:15), while David prayed that his enemies would be "ashamed and confounded" (Ps. 35:4; 70:2). Solomon warned, "A companion of riotous men shameth his father" (Prov. 28:7).

10:10 array ▸ *see 1 Chr. 19:9.*
10:19 servant ▸ *see Is. 42:1.*

his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried still at Jerusalem.

2 And it came to pass in an evening-tide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman *was* very beautiful to look upon.

3 And David sent and enquired after the woman. And *one* said, *Is* not this Bath-sheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?

4 And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her; for she was purified from her uncleanness: and she returned unto her house.

5 And the woman conceived, and sent and told David, and said, I *am* with child.

6 And David sent to Joab, *saying,* Send me Uriah the Hittite. And Joab sent Uriah to David.

7 And when Uriah was come unto him, David demanded *of him* how Joab did, and how the people did, and how the war prospered.

8 And David said to Uriah, Go down to thy house, and wash thy feet. And Uriah departed out of the king's house, and there followed him a mess *of meat* from the king.

9 But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and went not down to his house.

10 And when they had told David, saying, Uriah went not down unto his house, David said unto Uriah, Camest thou not from *thy* journey? why *then* didst thou not go down unto thine house?

11 And Uriah said unto David, The ark, and Israel, and Judah, abide in tents; and my lord Joab, and the servants of my lord, are encamped in the open fields; shall I then go into mine house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? *as* thou livest, and *as* thy soul liveth, I will not do this thing.

12 And David said to Uriah, Tarry here to day also, and to morrow I will let thee depart. So Uriah abode in Jerusalem that day, and the morrow.

13 And when David had called him, he did eat and drink before him; and he made him drunk: and at even he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but went not down to his house.

The Death of Uriah

14 And it came to pass in the morning, that David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent *it* by the hand of Uriah.

15 And he wrote in the letter, saying, Set ye Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retire ye from him, that he may be smitten, and die.

16 And it came to pass, when Joab observed the city, that he assigned Uriah unto a place where he knew that valiant men *were.*

17 And the men of the city went out, and fought with Joab: and there fell *some* of the people of the servants of David; and Uriah the Hittite died also.

Joab's Message to David

18 Then Joab sent and told David all the things concerning the war;

19 And charged the messenger, saying, When thou hast made an end of telling the matters of the war unto the king,

20 And if so be that the king's wrath arise, and he say unto thee, Wherefore approached ye so nigh unto the city when ye did fight? knew ye not that they would shoot from the wall?

21 Who smote Abimelech the son of Jerubbesheth? did not a woman cast a piece of a millstone upon him from the wall, that he died in Thebez? why went ye nigh the wall?

11:4 uncleanness

(Heb. *tum'ah*) (Lev. 16:16; Ezek. 36:29) H2932: In this instance, "uncleanness" refers to menstruation, making it clear that David had to be the father of Bathsheba's child. However, it can refer to any kind of ritual or religious uncleanness, whether intentional or unintentional, known or unknown (Lev. 5:3). Offerings could be made to cleanse someone of impurity (Lev. 14:19; 15:30), and annually an entire day was set aside for this purpose (Lev. 16:16). Under Hezekiah's reforms, the temple was cleansed of all the "uncleanness" (*tum'ah*) of idol worship (2 Chr. 29:16), and God promised through Ezekiel to one day rescue His people from their "uncleannesses" (Ezek. 36:29).

11:9 door ▸ *see Ps. 24:7.*
11:14 letter ▸ *see 1 Kin. 21:11.*
11:19 matters ▸ *see Jer. 20:8.*

then say thou, Thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.
22 So the messenger went, and came and shewed David all that Joab had sent him for.
23 And the messenger said unto David, Surely the men prevailed against us, and came out unto us into the field, and we were upon them even unto the entering of the gate.
24 And the shooters shot from off the wall upon thy servants; and *some* of the king's servants be dead, and thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.

David's Reply to Joab

25 Then David said unto the messenger, Thus shalt thou say unto Joab, Let not this thing displease thee, for the sword devoureth one as well as another: make thy battle more strong against the city, and overthrow it: and encourage thou him.
26 And when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband.
27 And when the mourning was past, David sent and fetched her to his house, and she became his wife, and bare him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD.

The Parable of the Ewe Lamb

12 And the LORD sent Nathan unto David. And he came unto him, and said unto him, There were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor.
2 The rich *man* had exceeding many flocks and herds:
3 But the poor *man* had nothing, save one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and nourished up: and it grew up together with him, and with his children; it did eat of his own meat, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was unto him as a daughter.
4 And there came a traveller unto the rich man, and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd, to dress for the wayfaring man that was come unto him; but took the poor man's lamb, and dressed it for the man that was come to him.
5 And David's anger was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nathan, *As* the LORD liveth, the man that hath done this *thing* shall surely die:
6 And he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.

Nathan Exposes David's Sin

7 And Nathan said to David, Thou *art* the man. Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I anointed thee king over Israel, and I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul;
8 And I gave thee thy master's house, and thy master's wives into thy bosom, and gave thee the house of Israel and of Judah; and if *that had been* too little, I would moreover have given unto thee such and such things.
9 Wherefore hast thou despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in his sight? thou hast killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife *to be* thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon.
10 Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thine house; because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife.
11 Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will raise up evil against thee out of thine own house, and I will take thy wives before thine eyes, and give *them* unto thy neighbour, and he shall lie with thy wives in the sight of this sun.
12 For thou didst *it* secretly: but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.

David's Repentance

13 And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the LORD. And Nathan said unto David, The LORD also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die.

12:6 lamb

(Heb. *kibsah*) (Lev. 14:10; Num. 6:14) H3535: A *kibsah* is female lamb—a young sheep that is still reliant on its mother. Lepers seeking to be cleansed could offer a sacrifice of "two he lambs without blemish, and one ewe lamb" (Lev. 14:10). Similarly, at the time of completion of their vow, Nazirites were to offer a sacrifice of "one he lamb of the first year without blemish [and] one ewe lamb of the first year without blemish" (Num. 6:14). Here the emphasis is on the difference between the aggressive action of the rich man and the delicate, vulnerable position of the lamb, unable to protect or defend itself. Moreover, the fact that it is a female lamb here perhaps provides a symbolic connection to Bathsheba.

14 Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also *that is* born unto thee shall surely die.
15 And Nathan departed unto his house. And the LORD struck the child that Uriah's wife bare unto David, and it was very sick.
16 David therefore besought God for the child; and David fasted, and went in, and lay all night upon the earth.
17 And the elders of his house arose, *and went* to him, to raise him up from the earth: but he would not, neither did he eat bread with them.

The Death of David's Child

18 And it came to pass on the seventh day, that the child died. And the servants of David feared to tell him that the child was dead: for they said, Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spake unto him, and he would not hearken unto our voice: how will he then vex himself, if we tell him that the child is dead?
19 But when David saw that his servants whispered, David perceived that the child was dead: therefore David said unto his servants, Is the child dead? And they said, He is dead.

David Worships the Lord

20 Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed *himself,* and changed his apparel, and came into the house of the LORD, and worshipped: then he came to his own house; and when he required, they set bread before him, and he did eat.
21 Then said his servants unto him, What thing *is* this that thou hast done? thou didst fast and weep for the child, *while it was* alive; but when the child was dead, thou didst rise and eat bread.
22 And he said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, Who can tell *whether* God will be gracious to me, that the child may live?
23 But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.

Solomon's Birth

24 And David comforted Bath-sheba his wife, and went in unto her, and lay with her: and she bare a son, and he called his name Solomon: and the LORD loved him.
25 And he sent by the hand of Nathan the prophet; and he called his name Jedidiah, because of the LORD.
26 And Joab fought against Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and took the royal city.
27 And Joab sent messengers to David, and said, I have fought against Rabbah, and have taken the city of waters.
28 Now therefore gather the rest of the people together, and encamp against the city, and take it: lest I take the city, and it be called after my name.
29 And David gathered all the people together, and went to Rabbah, and fought against it, and took it.
30 And he took their king's crown from off his head, the weight whereof *was* a talent of gold with the precious stones: and it was *set* on David's head. And he brought forth the spoil of the city in great abundance.
31 And he brought forth the people that *were* therein, and put *them* under saws, and under harrows of iron, and under axes of iron, and made them pass through the brickkiln: and thus did he unto all the cities of the children of Ammon. So David and all the people returned unto Jerusalem.

Amnon's Love for Tamar

13 And it came to pass after this, that Absalom the son of David had a fair sister, whose name *was* Tamar; and Amnon the son of David loved her.
2 And Amnon was so vexed, that he fell

12:19 whisper ▸ *see Ps. 41:7.*
12:23 fast ▸ *see Esth. 4:16.*

12:24 Solomon

(Heb. *shelomoh*) (1 Kin. 1:37; 3:3; 2 Chr. 7:11; 9:22) H8010: The name Solomon comes from the Hebrew *shalom* and means "the peaceful." He was the second son of David by Bathsheba and lived in a time of peace for the Hebrew people. Known most of all for his request for wisdom over power or riches (1 Kings 3:5–15), Solomon was also the one granted the privilege of building the temple (2 Chr. 3:1—4:22). He wrote many proverbs, several psalms, and most likely the books of Song of Solomon and Ecclesiastes. Nevertheless, he had personal shortcomings, including some abuses of power, a fondness for foreign wives who turned his heart away from God (1 Kin. 11:3–6), and a tolerance for idol worship (2 Kin. 23:13, 14).

sick for his sister Tamar; for she *was* a virgin; and Amnon thought it hard for him to do any thing to her.
3 But Amnon had a friend, whose name was Jonadab, the son of Shimeah David's brother: and Jonadab *was* a very subtil man.
4 And he said unto him, Why *art* thou, *being* the king's son, lean from day to day? wilt thou not tell me? And Amnon said unto him, I love Tamar, my brother Absalom's sister.
5 And Jonadab said unto him, Lay thee down on thy bed, and make thyself sick: and when thy father cometh to see thee, say unto him, I pray thee, let my sister Tamar come, and give me meat, and dress the meat in my sight, that I may see *it,* and eat *it* at her hand.

Amnon's Deception

6 So Amnon lay down, and made himself sick: and when the king was come to see him, Amnon said unto the king, I pray thee, let Tamar my sister come, and make me a couple of cakes in my sight, that I may eat at her hand.
7 Then David sent home to Tamar, saying, Go now to thy brother Amnon's house, and dress him meat.
8 So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house; and he was laid down. And she took flour, and kneaded *it,* and made cakes in his sight, and did bake the cakes.
9 And she took a pan, and poured *them* out before him; but he refused to eat. And Amnon said, Have out all men from me. And they went out every man from him.
10 And Amnon said unto Tamar, Bring the meat into the chamber, that I may eat of thine hand. And Tamar took the cakes which she had made, and brought *them* into the chamber to Amnon her brother.

Amnon Forces Tamar

11 And when she had brought *them* unto him to eat, he took hold of her, and said unto her, Come lie with me, my sister.
12 And she answered him, Nay, my brother, do not force me; for no such thing ought to be done in Israel: do not thou this folly.
13 And I, whither shall I cause my shame to go? and as for thee, thou shalt be as one of the fools in Israel. Now therefore, I pray thee, speak unto the king; for he will not withhold me from thee.
14 Howbeit he would not hearken unto her voice: but, being stronger than she, forced her, and lay with her.
15 Then Amnon hated her exceedingly; so that the hatred wherewith he hated her *was* greater than the love wherewith he had loved her. And Amnon said unto her, Arise, be gone.
16 And she said unto him, *There is* no cause: this evil in sending me away *is* greater than the other that thou didst unto me. But he would not hearken unto her.
17 Then he called his servant that ministered unto him, and said, Put now this *woman* out from me, and bolt the door after her.
18 And *she had* a garment of divers colours upon her: for with such robes were the king's daughters *that were* virgins apparelled. Then his servant brought her out, and bolted the door after her.
19 And Tamar put ashes on her head, and rent her garment of divers colours that *was* on her, and laid her hand on her head, and went on crying.

Absalom Bides His Time

20 And Absalom her brother said unto her, Hath Amnon thy brother been with thee? but hold now thy peace, my sister: he *is* thy brother; regard not this thing. So Tamar remained desolate in her brother Absalom's house.
21 But when king David heard of all these things, he was very wroth.
22 And Absalom spake unto his brother Amnon neither good nor bad: for Absalom hated Amnon, because he had forced his sister Tamar.

Absalom's Plan for Revenge

23 And it came to pass after two full years,

13:2 hard ▸ *see Ps. 71:17.*

13:20 hold one's peace

(Heb. *charash*) (Gen. 34:5; Job 33:33; Ps. 35:22) H2790: With a literal meaning of "to cut in or plough," this word is also used to mean "to be silent, speechless, or deaf." In this sense, it means cutting off or blunting the ability to speak or hear. It can refer to fabricating out of metal (1 Kin. 7:14), to holding oxen for plowing (Deut. 22:10), or, as here, to keeping silence (Ps. 35:22). Perhaps the most well-known reference is Exodus 14:14: "The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace."

that Absalom had sheepshearers in Baalhazor, which *is* beside Ephraim: and Absalom invited all the king's sons.
24 And Absalom came to the king, and said, Behold now, thy servant hath sheepshearers; let the king, I beseech thee, and his servants go with thy servant.
25 And the king said to Absalom, Nay, my son, let us not all now go, lest we be chargeable unto thee. And he pressed him: howbeit he would not go, but blessed him.
26 Then said Absalom, If not, I pray thee, let my brother Amnon go with us. And the king said unto him, Why should he go with thee?
27 But Absalom pressed him, that he let Amnon and all the king's sons go with him.
28 Now Absalom had commanded his servants, saying, Mark ye now when Amnon's heart *is* merry with wine, and when I say unto you, Smite Amnon; then kill him, fear not: have not I commanded you? be courageous, and be valiant.
29 And the servants of Absalom did unto Amnon as Absalom had commanded. Then all the king's sons arose, and every man gat him up upon his mule, and fled.

David's Grief

30 And it came to pass, while they were in the way, that tidings came to David, saying, Absalom hath slain all the king's sons, and there is not one of them left.
31 Then the king arose, and tare his garments, and lay on the earth; and all his servants stood by with their clothes rent.
32 And Jonadab, the son of Shimeah David's brother, answered and said, Let not my lord suppose *that* they have slain all the young men the king's sons; for Amnon only is dead: for by the appointment of Absalom this hath been determined from the day that he forced his sister Tamar.
33 Now therefore let not my lord the king take the thing to his heart, to think that all the king's sons are dead: for Amnon only is dead.
34 But Absalom fled. And the young man that kept the watch lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came much people by the way of the hill side behind him.
35 And Jonadab said unto the king, Behold, the king's sons come: as thy servant said, so it is.
36 And it came to pass, as soon as he had made an end of speaking, that, behold, the king's sons came, and lifted up their voice and wept: and the king also and all his servants wept very sore.

Absalom Escapes to Geshur

37 But Absalom fled, and went to Talmai, the son of Ammihud, king of Geshur. And *David* mourned for his son every day.
38 So Absalom fled, and went to Geshur, and was there three years.
39 And *the soul* of king David longed to go forth unto Absalom: for he was comforted concerning Amnon, seeing he was dead.

Joab's Plan

14 Now Joab the son of Zeruiah perceived that the king's heart *was* toward Absalom.
2 And Joab sent to Tekoah, and fetched thence a wise woman, and said unto her, I pray thee, feign thyself to be a mourner, and put on now mourning apparel, and anoint not thyself with oil, but be as a woman that had a long time mourned for the dead:
3 And come to the king, and speak on this manner unto him. So Joab put the words in her mouth.
4 And when the woman of Tekoah spake to the king, she fell on her face to the ground, and did obeisance, and said, Help, O king.
5 And the king said unto her, What aileth thee? And she answered, I *am* indeed a widow woman, and mine husband is dead.
6 And thy handmaid had two sons, and they two strove together in the field, and *there was* none to part them, but the one smote the other, and slew him.
7 And, behold, the whole family is risen against thine handmaid, and they said, Deliver him that smote his brother, that we may kill him, for the life of his brother whom he slew; and we will destroy the heir also: and so they shall quench my coal which is left, and shall not leave to my husband *neither* name nor remainder upon the earth.
8 And the king said unto the woman, Go to thine house, and I will give charge concerning thee.
9 And the woman of Tekoah said unto the king, My lord, O king, the iniquity *be* on me,

13:38 flee ▸ *see 1 Sam. 20:1.*

and on my father's house: and the king and his throne *be* guiltless.
10 And the king said, Whosoever saith *ought* unto thee, bring him to me, and he shall not touch thee any more.
11 Then said she, I pray thee, let the king remember the LORD thy God, that thou wouldest not suffer the revengers of blood to destroy any more, lest they destroy my son. And he said, As the LORD liveth, there shall not one hair of thy son fall to the earth.

A Plea for Absalom's Return

12 Then the woman said, Let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak *one* word unto my lord the king. And he said, Say on.
13 And the woman said, Wherefore then hast thou thought such a thing against the people of God? for the king doth speak this thing as one which is faulty, in that the king doth not fetch home again his banished.
14 For we must needs die, and *are* as water spilt on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again; neither doth God respect *any* person: yet doth he devise means, that his banished be not expelled from him.
15 Now therefore that I am come to speak of this thing unto my lord the king, *it is* because the people have made me afraid: and thy handmaid said, I will now speak unto the king; it may be that the king will perform the request of his handmaid.
16 For the king will hear, to deliver his handmaid out of the hand of the man *that would* destroy me and my son together out of the inheritance of God.
17 Then thine handmaid said, The word of my lord the king shall now be comfortable: for as an angel of God, so *is* my lord the king to discern good and bad: therefore the LORD thy God will be with thee.

David Perceives Joab's Plan

18 Then the king answered and said unto the woman, Hide not from me, I pray thee, the thing that I shall ask thee. And the woman said, Let my lord the king now speak.
19 And the king said, *Is not* the hand of Joab with thee in all this? And the woman answered and said, *As* thy soul liveth, my lord the king, none can turn to the right hand or to the left from ought that my lord the king hath spoken: for thy servant Joab, he bade me, and he put all these words in the mouth of thine handmaid:
20 To fetch about this form of speech hath thy servant Joab done this thing: and my lord *is* wise, according to the wisdom of an angel of God, to know all *things* that *are* in the earth.
21 And the king said unto Joab, Behold now, I have done this thing: go therefore, bring the young man Absalom again.
22 And Joab fell to the ground on his face, and bowed himself, and thanked the king: and Joab said, To day thy servant knoweth that I have found grace in thy sight, my lord, O king, in that the king hath fulfilled the request of his servant.

Absalom's Return

23 So Joab arose and went to Geshur, and brought Absalom to Jerusalem.
24 And the king said, Let him turn to his own house, and let him not see my face. So Absalom returned to his own house, and saw not the king's face.
25 But in all Israel there was none to be so much praised as Absalom for his beauty: from the sole of his foot even to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him.
26 And when he polled his head, (for it was at every year's end that he polled *it:* because *the hair* was heavy on him, therefore he polled it:) he weighed the hair of his head at two hundred shekels after the king's weight.
27 And unto Absalom there were born three sons, and one daughter, whose name *was* Tamar: she was a woman of a fair countenance.
28 So Absalom dwelt two full years in Jerusalem, and saw not the king's face.
29 Therefore Absalom sent for Joab, to have

14:25 foot

(Heb. *regel*) (Ex. 3:5; Ps. 121:3; Is. 52:7; Hab. 3:19) H7272: From the root meaning "to move," this word is used both literally—for the body part below the ankles (Deut. 8:4)—and figuratively. To follow someone's footsteps is to imitate him or her (Job 23:11; Ps. 119:105). To be surefooted is to be protected and have a sense of purpose (Hab. 3:19). Feet can be restrained or allowed to wander, representing lifestyle choices (Jer. 14:10). Defeated enemies are said to be crushed underfoot (Lam. 3:34). Most importantly, the Son of God has the entire earth under His feet (Is. 66:1).

sent him to the king; but he would not come to him: and when he sent again the second time, he would not come.
30 Therefore he said unto his servants, See, Joab's field is near mine, and he hath barley there; go and set it on fire. And Absalom's servants set the field on fire.
31 Then Joab arose, and came to Absalom unto *his* house, and said unto him, Wherefore have thy servants set my field on fire?
32 And Absalom answered Joab, Behold, I sent unto thee, saying, Come hither, that I may send thee to the king, to say, Wherefore am I come from Geshur? it *had been* good for me *to have been* there still: now therefore let me see the king's face; and if there be *any* iniquity in me, let him kill me.
33 So Joab came to the king, and told him: and when he had called for Absalom, he came to the king, and bowed himself on his face to the ground before the king: and the king kissed Absalom.

Absalom Wins the Hearts of Israel

15 And it came to pass after this, that Absalom prepared him chariots and horses, and fifty men to run before him.
2 And Absalom rose up early, and stood beside the way of the gate: and it was so, that when any man that had a controversy came to the king for judgment, then Absalom called unto him, and said, Of what city *art* thou? And he said, Thy servant *is* of one of the tribes of Israel.
3 And Absalom said unto him, See, thy matters *are* good and right; but *there is* no man *deputed* of the king to hear thee.
4 Absalom said moreover, Oh that I were made judge in the land, that every man which hath any suit or cause might come unto me, and I would do him justice!
5 And it was *so,* that when any man came nigh *to him* to do him obeisance, he put forth his hand, and took him, and kissed him.
6 And on this manner did Absalom to all Israel that came to the king for judgment: so Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.

Absalom Deceives David

7 And it came to pass after forty years, that Absalom said unto the king, I pray thee, let me go and pay my vow, which I have vowed unto the LORD, in Hebron.
8 For thy servant vowed a vow while I abode at Geshur in Syria, saying, If the LORD shall bring me again indeed to Jerusalem, then I will serve the LORD.
9 And the king said unto him, Go in peace. So he arose, and went to Hebron.
10 But Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, As soon as ye hear the sound of the trumpet, then ye shall say, Absalom reigneth in Hebron.
11 And with Absalom went two hundred men out of Jerusalem, *that were* called; and they went in their simplicity, and they knew not any thing.
12 And Absalom sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counsellor, from his city, *even* from Giloh, while he offered sacrifices. And the conspiracy was strong; for the people increased continually with Absalom.

David and His Household Flee

13 And there came a messenger to David, saying, The hearts of the men of Israel are after Absalom.
14 And David said unto all his servants that *were* with him at Jerusalem, Arise, and let us flee; for we shall not *else* escape from Absalom: make speed to depart, lest he overtake us suddenly, and bring evil upon us, and smite the city with the edge of the sword.
15 And the king's servants said unto the king, Behold, thy servants *are ready to do* whatsoever my lord the king shall appoint.
16 And the king went forth, and all his household after him. And the king left ten women, *which were* concubines, to keep the house.
17 And the king went forth, and all the people after him, and tarried in a place that was far off.
18 And all his servants passed on beside him; and all the Cherethites, and all the Pelethites, and all the Gittites, six hundred men which came after him from Gath, passed on before the king.

Ittai's Loyalty to David

19 Then said the king to Ittai the Gittite,

14:33 kiss ▸ *see Song 8:1.*
15:1 chariot ▸ *see 2 Kin. 5:26.*
15:5 kiss ▸ *see Song 8:1.*
15:12 conspiracy ▸ *see Jer. 11:9.*
15:13 messenger ▸ *see Is. 3:9.*
15:17 far off ▸ *see Is. 8:9.*

Wherefore goest thou also with us? return to thy place, and abide with the king: for thou *art* a stranger, and also an exile.
20 Whereas thou camest *but* yesterday, should I this day make thee go up and down with us? seeing I go whither I may, return thou, and take back thy brethren: mercy and truth *be* with thee.
21 And Ittai answered the king, and said, *As* the LORD liveth, and *as* my lord the king liveth, surely in what place my lord the king shall be, whether in death or life, even there also will thy servant be.
22 And David said to Ittai, Go and pass over. And Ittai the Gittite passed over, and all his men, and all the little ones that *were* with him.
23 And all the country wept with a loud voice, and all the people passed over: the king also himself passed over the brook Kidron, and all the people passed over, toward the way of the wilderness.

The Ark Sent to Jerusalem

24 And lo Zadok also, and all the Levites *were* with him, bearing the ark of the covenant of God: and they set down the ark of God; and Abiathar went up, until all the people had done passing out of the city.
25 And the king said unto Zadok, Carry back the ark of God into the city: if I shall find favour in the eyes of the LORD, he will bring me again, and shew me *both* it, and his habitation:
26 But if he thus say, I have no delight in thee; behold, *here am* I, let him do to me as seemeth good unto him.
27 The king said also unto Zadok the priest, *Art not* thou a seer? return into the city in peace, and your two sons with you, Ahimaaz thy son, and Jonathan the son of Abiathar.
28 See, I will tarry in the plain of the wilderness, until there come word from you to certify me.
29 Zadok therefore and Abiathar carried the ark of God again to Jerusalem: and they tarried there.
30 And David went up by the ascent of *mount* Olivet, and wept as he went up, and had his head covered, and he went barefoot: and all the people that *was* with him covered every man his head, and they went up, weeping as they went up.
31 And *one* told David, saying, Ahithophel *is* among the conspirators with Absalom. And David said, O LORD, I pray thee, turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness.

Hushai to Be a Spy

32 And it came to pass, that *when* David was come to the top *of the mount,* where he worshipped God, behold, Hushai the Archite came to meet him with his coat rent, and earth upon his head:
33 Unto whom David said, If thou passest on with me, then thou shalt be a burden unto me:
34 But if thou return to the city, and say unto Absalom, I will be thy servant, O king; *as* I *have been* thy father's servant hitherto, so *will* I now also *be* thy servant: then mayest thou for me defeat the counsel of Ahithophel.
35 And *hast thou* not there with thee Zadok and Abiathar the priests? therefore it shall be, *that* what thing soever thou shalt hear out of the king's house, thou shalt tell *it* to Zadok and Abiathar the priests.
36 Behold, *they have* there with them their two sons, Ahimaaz Zadok's *son,* and Jonathan Abiathar's *son;* and by them ye shall send unto me every thing that ye can hear.
37 So Hushai David's friend came into the city, and Absalom came into Jerusalem.

Ziba Deceives David

16 And when David was a little past the top *of the hill,* behold, Ziba the servant

15:24 ark

(Heb. *'aron*) (Ex. 25:10; 1 Sam. 4:3) H0727: This Hebrew word can be translated chest (2 Kin. 12:9) or sarcophagus (Gen. 50:26), but usually appears in the phrase *'aron haberith*, which means "ark of the covenant." The ark was a wooden chest overlaid with gold (Ex. 25:10–22), housing the Ten Commandments (Ex. 40:20), Aaron's staff, and a pot of manna (Heb. 9:4). It sat in the Most Holy Place as a reminder of Israel's covenant with God and His presence among them. When the Israelites became careless with the ark (1 Sam. 4:1–11), God allowed it to be captured in order to demonstrate that His covenant relationship with them transcended symbols and superstitions. What He required was continual obedience to His covenant and a contrite heart surrendered to Him (Ps. 51:17; Is. 57:15).

15:28 plain ▸ *see Num. 36:13.*

of Mephibosheth met him, with a couple of asses saddled, and upon them two hundred *loaves* of bread, and an hundred bunches of raisins, and an hundred of summer fruits, and a bottle of wine.
2 And the king said unto Ziba, What meanest thou by these? And Ziba said, The asses *be* for the king's household to ride on; and the bread and summer fruit for the young men to eat; and the wine, that such as be faint in the wilderness may drink.
3 And the king said, And where *is* thy master's son? And Ziba said unto the king, Behold, he abideth at Jerusalem: for he said, To day shall the house of Israel restore me the kingdom of my father.
4 Then said the king to Ziba, Behold, thine *are* all that *pertained* unto Mephibosheth. And Ziba said, I humbly beseech thee *that* I may find grace in thy sight, my lord, O king.

David Cursed by Shimei

5 And when king David came to Bahurim, behold, thence came out a man of the family of the house of Saul, whose name *was* Shimei, the son of Gera: he came forth, and cursed still as he came.
6 And he cast stones at David, and at all the servants of king David: and all the people and all the mighty men *were* on his right hand and on his left.
7 And thus said Shimei when he cursed, Come out, come out, thou bloody man, and thou man of Belial:
8 The LORD hath returned upon thee all the blood of the house of Saul, in whose stead thou hast reigned; and the LORD hath delivered the kingdom into the hand of Absalom thy son: and, behold, thou *art taken* in thy mischief, because thou *art* a bloody man.

David Refuses to Kill Shimei

9 Then said Abishai the son of Zeruiah unto the king, Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? let me go over, I pray thee, and take off his head.
10 And the king said, What have I to do with you, ye sons of Zeruiah? so let him curse, because the LORD hath said unto him, Curse David. Who shall then say, Wherefore hast thou done so?
11 And David said to Abishai, and to all his servants, Behold, my son, which came forth of my bowels, seeketh my life: how much more now *may this* Benjamite *do it?* let him alone, and let him curse; for the LORD hath bidden him.
12 It may be that the LORD will look on mine affliction, and that the LORD will requite me good for his cursing this day.
13 And as David and his men went by the way, Shimei went along on the hill's side over against him, and cursed as he went, and threw stones at him, and cast dust.
14 And the king, and all the people that *were* with him, came weary, and refreshed themselves there.
15 And Absalom, and all the people the men of Israel, came to Jerusalem, and Ahithophel with him.
16 And it came to pass, when Hushai the Archite, David's friend, was come unto Absalom, that Hushai said unto Absalom, God save the king, God save the king.
17 And Absalom said to Hushai, *Is* this thy kindness to thy friend? why wentest thou not with thy friend?
18 And Hushai said unto Absalom, Nay; but whom the LORD, and this people, and all the men of Israel, choose, his will I be, and with him will I abide.
19 And again, whom should I serve? *should I* not *serve* in the presence of his son? as I have served in thy father's presence, so will I be in thy presence.

Ahithophel's Counsel

20 Then said Absalom to Ahithophel, Give counsel among you what we shall do.
21 And Ahithophel said unto Absalom, Go in unto thy father's concubines, which he hath left to keep the house; and all Israel shall hear that thou art abhorred of thy father: then shall the hands of all that *are* with thee be strong.

16:14 weary

(Heb. *`ayeph*) (Gen. 25:30; Is. 28:12; Jer. 31:25) H5889: The Hebrew word is derived from a similar word meaning "languid"; it applies to someone who is worn out from a journey (Judg. 8:4) or from hard labor (Gen. 25:29). The term can also be translated "faint" (Judg. 8:5; Is. 29:8) or "thirsty" (as Ps. 63:1—"a dry and thirsty land"). In addition to people, the term can be applied to the soul (Prov. 25:25; Jer. 31:25) and animals (Is. 46:1).

22 So they spread Absalom a tent upon the top of the house; and Absalom went in unto his father's concubines in the sight of all Israel.
23 And the counsel of Ahithophel, which he counselled in those days, *was* as if a man had enquired at the oracle of God: so *was* all the counsel of Ahithophel both with David and with Absalom.

Ahithophel to Pursue David

17 Moreover Ahithophel said unto Absalom, Let me now choose out twelve thousand men, and I will arise and pursue after David this night:
2 And I will come upon him while he *is* weary and weak handed, and will make him afraid: and all the people that *are* with him shall flee; and I will smite the king only:
3 And I will bring back all the people unto thee: the man whom thou seekest *is* as if all returned: *so* all the people shall be in peace.
4 And the saying pleased Absalom well, and all the elders of Israel.

Hushai's Counsel

5 Then said Absalom, Call now Hushai the Archite also, and let us hear likewise what he saith.
6 And when Hushai was come to Absalom, Absalom spake unto him, saying, Ahithophel hath spoken after this manner: shall we do *after* his saying? if not; speak thou.
7 And Hushai said unto Absalom, The counsel that Ahithophel hath given *is* not good at this time.
8 For, said Hushai, thou knowest thy father and his men, that they *be* mighty men, and they *be* chafed in their minds, as a bear robbed of her whelps in the field: and thy father *is* a man of war, and will not lodge with the people.
9 Behold, he *is* hid now in some pit, or in some *other* place: and it will come to pass, when some of them be overthrown at the first, that whosoever heareth it will say, There is a slaughter among the people that follow Absalom.
10 And he also *that is* valiant, whose heart *is* as the heart of a lion, shall utterly melt: for all Israel knoweth that thy father *is* a mighty man, and *they* which *be* with him *are* valiant men.
11 Therefore I counsel that all Israel be generally gathered unto thee, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, as the sand that *is* by the sea for multitude; and that thou go to battle in thine own person.
12 So shall we come upon him in some place where he shall be found, and we will light upon him as the dew falleth on the ground: and of him and of all the men that *are* with him there shall not be left so much as one.
13 Moreover, if he be gotten into a city, then shall all Israel bring ropes to that city, and we will draw it into the river, until there be not one small stone found there.

Absalom Prefers Hushai's Plan

14 And Absalom and all the men of Israel said, The counsel of Hushai the Archite *is* better than the counsel of Ahithophel. For the LORD had appointed to defeat the good counsel of Ahithophel, to the intent that the LORD might bring evil upon Absalom.
15 Then said Hushai unto Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, Thus and thus did Ahithophel counsel Absalom and the elders of Israel; and thus and thus have I counselled.
16 Now therefore send quickly, and tell David, saying, Lodge not this night in the plains of the wilderness, but speedily pass over; lest the king be swallowed up, and all the people that *are* with him.

Jonathan and Ahimaaz Hide

17 Now Jonathan and Ahimaaz stayed by

17:7 counsel

(Heb. *`etsah*) (Job 38:2; Ps. 1:1; Prov. 8:14) H6098: This Hebrew term has two primary meanings: "advice" and "plan." Both senses are used of God (Jer. 32:19; Is. 5:19) and man (2 Kin. 18:20; Prov. 20:5). While the counsel of the Lord stands forever, He brings the counsel of the nations to nothing (Ps. 33:10, 11; Prov. 21:30). One of the psalmists prayed to be guided by God's counsel, a prayer not made by the rebellious people of Isaiah's day (Ps. 73:24; Is. 30:1). The Hebrew kings typically sought counsel from advisors who were old, experienced, and wise; however, Rehoboam tragically sought out the counsel of his peers (1 Kin. 12:8, 13; Ezek. 7:26). Solomon describes those who heed counsel as being wise (Prov. 12:15; 19:20), and the psalmists proclaimed their reliance on God's counsel (Ps. 16:7; 73:24).

17:8 bear ▸ *see Prov. 17:12.*
17:11 battle ▸ *see Zech. 14:3.*

En-rogel; for they might not be seen to come into the city: and a wench went and told them; and they went and told king David.
18 Nevertheless a lad saw them, and told Absalom: but they went both of them away quickly, and came to a man's house in Bahurim, which had a well in his court; whither they went down.
19 And the woman took and spread a covering over the well's mouth, and spread ground corn thereon; and the thing was not known.
20 And when Absalom's servants came to the woman to the house, they said, Where *is* Ahimaaz and Jonathan? And the woman said unto them, They be gone over the brook of water. And when they had sought and could not find *them,* they returned to Jerusalem.
21 And it came to pass, after they were departed, that they came up out of the well, and went and told king David, and said unto David, Arise, and pass quickly over the water: for thus hath Ahithophel counselled against you.
22 Then David arose, and all the people that *were* with him, and they passed over Jordan: by the morning light there lacked not one of them that was not gone over Jordan.

The Death of Ahithophel

23 And when Ahithophel saw that his counsel was not followed, he saddled *his* ass, and arose, and gat him home to his house, to his city, and put his household in order, and hanged himself, and died, and was buried in the sepulchre of his father.
24 Then David came to Mahanaim. And Absalom passed over Jordan, he and all the men of Israel with him.
25 And Absalom made Amasa captain of the host instead of Joab: which Amasa *was* a man's son, whose name *was* Ithra an Israelite, that went in to Abigail the daughter of Nahash, sister to Zeruiah Joab's mother.
26 So Israel and Absalom pitched in the land of Gilead.
27 And it came to pass, when David was come to Mahanaim, that Shobi the son of Nahash of Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and Machir the son of Ammiel of Lo-debar, and Barzillai the Gileadite of Rogelim,
28 Brought beds, and basons, and earthen vessels, and wheat, and barley, and flour, and parched *corn,* and beans, and lentiles, and parched *pulse,*
29 And honey, and butter, and sheep, and cheese of kine, for David, and for the people that *were* with him, to eat: for they said, The people *is* hungry, and weary, and thirsty, in the wilderness.

David Prepares His Forces

18 And David numbered the people that *were* with him, and set captains of thousands and captains of hundreds over them.
2 And David sent forth a third part of the people under the hand of Joab, and a third part under the hand of Abishai the son of Zeruiah, Joab's brother, and a third part under the hand of Ittai the Gittite. And the king said unto the people, I will surely go forth with you myself also.
3 But the people answered, Thou shalt not go forth: for if we flee away, they will not care for us; neither if half of us die, will they care for us: but now *thou art* worth ten thousand of us: therefore now *it is* better that thou succour us out of the city.
4 And the king said unto them, What seemeth you best I will do. And the king stood by the gate side, and all the people came out by hundreds and by thousands.
5 And the king commanded Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, *Deal* gently for my sake with the young man, *even* with Absalom. And all the people heard when the king gave all the captains charge concerning Absalom.

David's Forces Win the Battle

6 So the people went out into the field against Israel: and the battle was in the wood of Ephraim;
7 Where the people of Israel were slain before the servants of David, and there was there a great slaughter that day of twenty thousand *men.*
8 For the battle was there scattered over the face of all the country: and the wood devoured more people that day than the sword devoured.
9 And Absalom met the servants of David.

17:19 covering ▸ *see Is. 22:8.*
18:9 meet ▸ *see 2 Sam. 1:6.*

And Absalom rode upon a mule, and the mule went under the thick boughs of a great oak, and his head caught hold of the oak, and he was taken up between the heaven and the earth; and the mule that *was* under him went away.

Joab Told of Absalom's Plight

10 And a certain man saw *it,* and told Joab, and said, Behold, I saw Absalom hanged in an oak.
11 And Joab said unto the man that told him, And, behold, thou sawest *him,* and why didst thou not smite him there to the ground? and I would have given thee ten *shekels* of silver, and a girdle.
12 And the man said unto Joab, Though I should receive a thousand *shekels* of silver in mine hand, *yet* would I not put forth mine hand against the king's son: for in our hearing the king charged thee and Abishai and Ittai, saying, Beware that none *touch* the young man Absalom.
13 Otherwise I should have wrought falsehood against mine own life: for there is no matter hid from the king, and thou thyself wouldest have set thyself against *me.*
14 Then said Joab, I may not tarry thus with thee. And he took three darts in his hand, and thrust them through the heart of Absalom, while he *was* yet alive in the midst of the oak.
15 And ten young men that bare Joab's armour compassed about and smote Absalom, and slew him.
16 And Joab blew the trumpet, and the people returned from pursuing after Israel: for Joab held back the people.
17 And they took Absalom, and cast him into a great pit in the wood, and laid a very great heap of stones upon him: and all Israel fled every one to his tent.
18 Now Absalom in his lifetime had taken and reared up for himself a pillar, which *is* in the king's dale: for he said, I have no son to keep my name in remembrance: and he called the pillar after his own name: and it is called unto this day, Absalom's place.

Ahimaaz's Request

19 Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok, Let me now run, and bear the king tidings, how that the LORD hath avenged him of his enemies.
20 And Joab said unto him, Thou shalt not bear tidings this day, but thou shalt bear tidings another day: but this day thou shalt bear no tidings, because the king's son is dead.
21 Then said Joab to Cushi, Go tell the king what thou hast seen. And Cushi bowed himself unto Joab, and ran.
22 Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok yet again to Joab, But howsoever, let me, I pray thee, also run after Cushi. And Joab said, Wherefore wilt thou run, my son, seeing that thou hast no tidings ready?
23 But howsoever, *said he,* let me run. And he said unto him, Run. Then Ahimaaz ran by the way of the plain, and overran Cushi.

News from Ahimaaz and Cushi

24 And David sat between the two gates: and the watchman went up to the roof over the gate unto the wall, and lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold a man running alone.
25 And the watchman cried, and told the king. And the king said, If he *be* alone, *there is* tidings in his mouth. And he came apace, and drew near.
26 And the watchman saw another man running: and the watchman called unto the porter, and said, Behold *another* man running alone. And the king said, He also bringeth tidings.
27 And the watchman said, Me thinketh the running of the foremost is like the running of Ahimaaz the son of Zadok. And the king said, He *is* a good man, and cometh with good tidings.
28 And Ahimaaz called, and said unto the king, All is well. And he fell down to the earth upon his face before the king, and said, Blessed *be* the LORD thy God, which hath delivered up the men that lifted up their hand against my lord the king.
29 And the king said, Is the young man

18:18 pillar

(Heb. *matstsebeth*) (Gen. 35:14; 35:20) H4678: This uncommon Hebrew term appears only six times in four verses. It refers to a monument but can also mean "trunk" or "stump," as of a tree (Is. 6:13). Note, however, that this is neither the word used in Isaiah 11:1 ("the stem of Jesse"—H1503) nor the one that appears in Genesis 19:26 ("pillar of salt"—H5333).

Absalom safe? And Ahimaaz answered, When Joab sent the king's servant, and *me* thy servant, I saw a great tumult, but I knew not what *it was*.
30 And the king said *unto him,* Turn aside, *and* stand here. And he turned aside, and stood still.
31 And, behold, Cushi came; and Cushi said, Tidings, my lord the king: for the LORD hath avenged thee this day of all them that rose up against thee.
32 And the king said unto Cushi, *Is* the young man Absalom safe? And Cushi answered, The enemies of my lord the king, and all that rise against thee to do *thee* hurt, be as *that* young man *is*.
33 And the king was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept: and as he went, thus he said, O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!

Victory Turned to Mourning

19 And it was told Joab, Behold, the king weepeth and mourneth for Absalom.
2 And the victory that day was *turned* into mourning unto all the people: for the people heard say that day how the king was grieved for his son.
3 And the people gat them by stealth that day into the city, as people being ashamed steal away when they flee in battle.
4 But the king covered his face, and the king cried with a loud voice, O my son Absalom, O Absalom, my son, my son!
5 And Joab came into the house to the king, and said, Thou hast shamed this day the faces of all thy servants, which this day have saved thy life, and the lives of thy sons and of thy daughters, and the lives of thy wives, and the lives of thy concubines;
6 In that thou lovest thine enemies, and hatest thy friends. For thou hast declared this day, that thou regardest neither princes nor servants: for this day I perceive, that if Absalom had lived, and all we had died this day, then it had pleased thee well.
7 Now therefore arise, go forth, and speak comfortably unto thy servants: for I swear by the LORD, if thou go not forth, there will not tarry one with thee this night: and that will be worse unto thee than all the evil that befell thee from thy youth until now.
8 Then the king arose, and sat in the gate. And they told unto all the people, saying, Behold, the king doth sit in the gate. And all the people came before the king: for Israel had fled every man to his tent.

Israel Wants David as King

9 And all the people were at strife throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, The king saved us out of the hand of our enemies, and he delivered us out of the hand of the Philistines; and now he is fled out of the land for Absalom.
10 And Absalom, whom we anointed over us, is dead in battle. Now therefore why speak ye not a word of bringing the king back?
11 And king David sent to Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, saying, Speak unto the elders of Judah, saying, Why are ye the last to bring the king back to his house? seeing the speech of all Israel is come to the king, *even* to his house.
12 Ye *are* my brethren, ye *are* my bones and my flesh: wherefore then are ye the last to bring back the king?
13 And say ye to Amasa, *Art* thou not of my bone, and of my flesh? God do so to me, and more also, if thou be not captain of the host before me continually in the room of Joab.
14 And he bowed the heart of all the men of Judah, even as *the heart of* one man; so that they sent *this word* unto the king, Return thou, and all thy servants.
15 So the king returned, and came to Jordan. And Judah came to Gilgal, to go to meet the king, to conduct the king over Jordan.

Shimei's Repentance

16 And Shimei the son of Gera, a Benjamite, which *was* of Bahurim, hasted and came

19:6 die

(Heb. *muth*) (Gen. 5:5; Deut. 10:6; 34:5; Job 42:17) H4191: Many ancient languages, including Hebrew, use the same word to describe both killing and death. Thus *muth*, though most often rendered "die" (Job 36:14; Ps. 118:17), can also be translated "slay" (Deut. 9:28; Ps. 34:21), and "dead" (Lam. 3:6). The term can describe natural death (Gen. 5:8), violent or premature death (Job 1:19), execution (Jer. 38:15), or death by the hand of God (Is. 65:15). It can also be used of the death of animals (Eccl. 9:4) as well as figuratively (1 Sam. 25:37).

down with the men of Judah to meet king David.
17 And *there were* a thousand men of Benjamin with him, and Ziba the servant of the house of Saul, and his fifteen sons and his twenty servants with him; and they went over Jordan before the king.
18 And there went over a ferry boat to carry over the king's household, and to do what he thought good. And Shimei the son of Gera fell down before the king, as he was come over Jordan;
19 And said unto the king, Let not my lord impute iniquity unto me, neither do thou remember that which thy servant did perversely the day that my lord the king went out of Jerusalem, that the king should take it to his heart.
20 For thy servant doth know that I have sinned: therefore, behold, I am come the first this day of all the house of Joseph to go down to meet my lord the king.
21 But Abishai the son of Zeruiah answered and said, Shall not Shimei be put to death for this, because he cursed the LORD's anointed?
22 And David said, What have I to do with you, ye sons of Zeruiah, that ye should this day be adversaries unto me? shall there any man be put to death this day in Israel? for do not I know that I *am* this day king over Israel?
23 Therefore the king said unto Shimei, Thou shalt not die. And the king sware unto him.

Mephibosheth's Faithfulness

24 And Mephibosheth the son of Saul came down to meet the king, and had neither dressed his feet, nor trimmed his beard, nor washed his clothes, from the day the king departed until the day he came *again* in peace.
25 And it came to pass, when he was come to Jerusalem to meet the king, that the king said unto him, Wherefore wentest not thou with me, Mephibosheth?
26 And he answered, My lord, O king, my servant deceived me: for thy servant said, I will saddle me an ass, that I may ride thereon, and go to the king; because thy servant *is* lame.
27 And he hath slandered thy servant unto my lord the king; but my lord the king *is* as an angel of God: do therefore *what is* good in thine eyes.
28 For all *of* my father's house were but dead men before my lord the king: yet didst thou set thy servant among them that did eat at thine own table. What right therefore have I yet to cry any more unto the king?
29 And the king said unto him, Why speakest thou any more of thy matters? I have said, Thou and Ziba divide the land.
30 And Mephibosheth said unto the king, Yea, let him take all, forasmuch as my lord the king is come again in peace unto his own house.

David Escorted Over Jordan

31 And Barzillai the Gileadite came down from Rogelim, and went over Jordan with the king, to conduct him over Jordan.
32 Now Barzillai was a very aged man, *even* fourscore years old: and he had provided the king of sustenance while he lay at Mahanaim; for he *was* a very great man.
33 And the king said unto Barzillai, Come thou over with me, and I will feed thee with me in Jerusalem.
34 And Barzillai said unto the king, How long have I to live, that I should go up with the king unto Jerusalem?
35 I *am* this day fourscore years old: *and* can I discern between good and evil? can thy servant taste what I eat or what I drink? can I hear any more the voice of singing men and singing women? wherefore then should thy servant be yet a burden unto my lord the king?
36 Thy servant will go a little way over Jordan with the king: and why should the king recompense it me with such a reward?
37 Let thy servant, I pray thee, turn back again, that I may die in mine own city, *and be buried* by the grave of my father and of my mother. But behold thy servant Chimham; let him go over with my lord the king; and do to him what shall seem good unto thee.
38 And the king answered, Chimham shall go over with me, and I will do to him that which shall seem good unto thee: and whatsoever thou shalt require of me, *that* will I do for thee.
39 And all the people went over Jordan. And when the king was come over, the king kissed Barzillai, and blessed him; and he returned unto his own place.
40 Then the king went on to Gilgal, and Chimham went on with him: and all the

people of Judah conducted the king, and also half the people of Israel.

Israel and Judah Quarrel

41 And, behold, all the men of Israel came to the king, and said unto the king, Why have our brethren the men of Judah stolen thee away, and have brought the king, and his household, and all David's men with him, over Jordan?
42 And all the men of Judah answered the men of Israel, Because the king *is* near of kin to us: wherefore then be ye angry for this matter? have we eaten at all of the king's *cost?* or hath he given us any gift?
43 And the men of Israel answered the men of Judah, and said, We have ten parts in the king, and we have also more *right* in David than ye: why then did ye despise us, that our advice should not be first had in bringing back our king? And the words of the men of Judah were fiercer than the words of the men of Israel.

Israel Follows Sheba

20 And there happened to be there a man of Belial, whose name *was* Sheba, the son of Bichri, a Benjamite: and he blew a trumpet, and said, We have no part in David, neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse: every man to his tents, O Israel.
2 So every man of Israel went up from after David, *and* followed Sheba the son of Bichri: but the men of Judah clave unto their king, from Jordan even to Jerusalem.
3 And David came to his house at Jerusalem; and the king took the ten women *his* concubines, whom he had left to keep the house, and put them in ward, and fed them, but went not in unto them. So they were shut up unto the day of their death, living in widowhood.
4 Then said the king to Amasa, Assemble me the men of Judah within three days, and be thou here present.
5 So Amasa went to assemble *the men of* Judah: but he tarried longer than the set time which he had appointed him.

David's Forces Pursue Sheba

6 And David said to Abishai, Now shall Sheba the son of Bichri do us more harm than *did* Absalom: take thou thy lord's servants, and pursue after him, lest he get him fenced cities, and escape us.
7 And there went out after him Joab's men, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, and all the mighty men: and they went out of Jerusalem, to pursue after Sheba the son of Bichri.
8 When they *were* at the great stone which *is* in Gibeon, Amasa went before them. And Joab's garment that he had put on was girded unto him, and upon it a girdle *with* a sword fastened upon his loins in the sheath thereof; and as he went forth it fell out.

The Death of Amasa

9 And Joab said to Amasa, *Art* thou in health, my brother? And Joab took Amasa by the beard with the right hand to kiss him.
10 But Amasa took no heed to the sword that *was* in Joab's hand: so he smote him therewith in the fifth *rib,* and shed out his bowels to the ground, and struck him not again; and he died. So Joab and Abishai his brother pursued after Sheba the son of Bichri.
11 And one of Joab's men stood by him, and said, He that favoureth Joab, and he that *is* for David, *let him go* after Joab.
12 And Amasa wallowed in blood in the midst of the highway. And when the man saw that all the people stood still, he removed Amasa out of the highway into the field, and cast a cloth upon him, when he saw that every one that came by him stood still.
13 When he was removed out of the highway, all the people went on after Joab, to pursue after Sheba the son of Bichri.

Sheba Found in Abel

14 And he went through all the tribes of

19:41 stolen away ▸ *see Deut. 24:7.*

20:1 tent

(Heb. *'ohel*) (Gen. 13:5; Ps. 69:25; Jer. 6:3) H0168: The word can be used to refer to an actual tent, as used by the nomadic tribes of the Old Testament (Gen. 4:20; Judg. 4:17) or in a more general sense, meaning dwelling place or land (as Gen. 9:27—"the tents of Shem"). The same word can be used of a house (Ps. 132:3) or a domicile of any kind (Job 8:22). Very often, especially in Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy, the word refers to the tabernacle, the holy tent where God dwelt among His people (Ex. 33:9).

20:9 kiss ▸ *see Song 8:1.*

Israel unto Abel, and to Beth-maachah, and all the Berites: and they were gathered together, and went also after him.
15 And they came and besieged him in Abel of Beth-maachah, and they cast up a bank against the city, and it stood in the trench: and all the people that *were* with Joab battered the wall, to throw it down.
16 Then cried a wise woman out of the city, Hear, hear; say, I pray you, unto Joab, Come near hither, that I may speak with thee.
17 And when he was come near unto her, the woman said, *Art* thou Joab? And he answered, I *am he.* Then she said unto him, Hear the words of thine handmaid. And he answered, I do hear.
18 Then she spake, saying, They were wont to speak in old time, saying, They shall surely ask *counsel* at Abel: and so they ended *the matter.*
19 I *am one of them that are* peaceable *and* faithful in Israel: thou seekest to destroy a city and a mother in Israel: why wilt thou swallow up the inheritance of the LORD?
20 And Joab answered and said, Far be it, far be it from me, that I should swallow up or destroy.
21 The matter *is* not so: but a man of mount Ephraim, Sheba the son of Bichri by name, hath lifted up his hand against the king, *even* against David: deliver him only, and I will depart from the city. And the woman said unto Joab, Behold, his head shall be thrown to thee over the wall.

Sheba Beheaded

22 Then the woman went unto all the people in her wisdom. And they cut off the head of Sheba the son of Bichri, and cast *it* out to Joab. And he blew a trumpet, and they retired from the city, every man to his tent. And Joab returned to Jerusalem unto the king.

David's Kingdom Leaders

23 Now Joab *was* over all the host of Israel: and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada *was* over the Cherethites and over the Pelethites:
24 And Adoram *was* over the tribute: and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud *was* recorder:
25 And Sheva *was* scribe: and Zadok and Abiathar *were* the priests:
26 And Ira also the Jairite was a chief ruler about David.

Three Years of Famine

21 Then there was a famine in the days of David three years, year after year; and David enquired of the LORD. And the LORD answered, *It is* for Saul, and for *his* bloody house, because he slew the Gibeonites.
2 And the king called the Gibeonites, and said unto them; (now the Gibeonites *were* not of the children of Israel, but of the remnant of the Amorites; and the children of Israel had sworn unto them: and Saul sought to slay them in his zeal to the children of Israel and Judah.)
3 Wherefore David said unto the Gibeonites, What shall I do for you? and wherewith shall I make the atonement, that ye may bless the inheritance of the LORD?
4 And the Gibeonites said unto him, We will have no silver nor gold of Saul, nor of his house; neither for us shalt thou kill any man in Israel. And he said, What ye shall say, *that* will I do for you.
5 And they answered the king, The man that consumed us, and that devised against us *that* we should be destroyed from remaining in any of the coasts of Israel,
6 Let seven men of his sons be delivered unto us, and we will hang them up unto the LORD in Gibeah of Saul, *whom* the LORD did choose. And the king said, I will give *them.*
7 But the king spared Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan the son of Saul, because of the LORD's oath that *was* between them, between David and Jonathan the son of Saul.
8 But the king took the two sons of Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, whom she bare unto Saul, Armoni and Mephibosheth; and the five sons of Michal the daughter of Saul,

21:2 zeal ▸ *see Zech. 8:2.*
21:3 make atonement ▸ *see Lev. 9:7.*
21:4 gold ▸ *see 1 Kin. 6:20.*

21:7 spare

(Heb. *chamal*) (1 Sam. 15:9; Is. 30:14; Mal. 3:17) H2550: The Hebrew word carries the sense of softness or gentleness, from which comes the meaning "have compassion" (1 Sam. 23:21; 2 Chr. 36:15; Ezek. 16:5). A similar rendering is "pity" (Jer. 15:5; Joel 2:18). In Jeremiah 50:14 the translation is "spare," not in the sense of keeping or delivering from harm, as here (see also Prov. 6:34; Jer. 51:3), but of dispensing frugally or sparingly (used in the negative—"spare no arrows").

whom she brought up for Adriel the son of Barzillai the Meholathite:
9 And he delivered them into the hands of the Gibeonites, and they hanged them in the hill before the LORD: and they fell *all* seven together, and were put to death in the days of harvest, in the first *days,* in the beginning of barley harvest.
10 And Rizpah the daughter of Aiah took sackcloth, and spread it for her upon the rock, from the beginning of harvest until water dropped upon them out of heaven, and suffered neither the birds of the air to rest on them by day, nor the beasts of the field by night.
11 And it was told David what Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, the concubine of Saul, had done.

Saul and His Sons Buried

12 And David went and took the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son from the men of Jabesh-gilead, which had stolen them from the street of Beth-shan, where the Philistines had hanged them, when the Philistines had slain Saul in Gilboa:
13 And he brought up from thence the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son; and they gathered the bones of them that were hanged.
14 And the bones of Saul and Jonathan his son buried they in the country of Benjamin in Zelah, in the sepulchre of Kish his father: and they performed all that the king commanded. And after that God was intreated for the land.
15 Moreover the Philistines had yet war again with Israel; and David went down, and his servants with him, and fought against the Philistines: and David waxed faint.

The Slaying of the Philistine Giants

16 And Ishbi-benob, which *was* of the sons of the giant, the weight of whose spear *weighed* three hundred *shekels* of brass in weight, he being girded with a new *sword,* thought to have slain David.
17 But Abishai the son of Zeruiah succoured him, and smote the Philistine, and killed him. Then the men of David sware unto him, saying, Thou shalt go no more out with us to battle, that thou quench not the light of Israel.
18 And it came to pass after this, that there was again a battle with the Philistines at Gob: then Sibbechai the Hushathite slew Saph, which *was* of the sons of the giant.
19 And there was again a battle in Gob with the Philistines, where Elhanan the son of Jaare-oregim, a Beth-lehemite, slew *the brother of* Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear *was* like a weaver's beam.
20 And there was yet a battle in Gath, where was a man of *great* stature, that had on every hand six fingers, and on every foot six toes, four and twenty in number; and he also was born to the giant.
21 And when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimeah the brother of David slew him.
22 These four were born to the giant in Gath, and fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

David's Song of Praise

22 And David spake unto the LORD the words of this song in the day *that* the LORD had delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul:
2 And he said, The LORD *is* my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer;
3 The God of my rock; in him will I trust: *he is* my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my saviour; thou savest me from violence.
4 I will call on the LORD, *who is* worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.
5 When the waves of death compassed me, the floods of ungodly men made me afraid;
6 The sorrows of hell compassed me about; the snares of death prevented me;

21:16 giant ▸ *see Josh. 12:4.*
22:2 rock ▸ *see Num. 20:10.*
22:3 shield ▸ *see Ps. 18:30.*
22:3 refuge ▸ *see Ps. 48:3.*
22:6 hell ▸ *see Job 26:6.*

22:6 prevent

(Heb. *qadam*) (2 Sam. 22:19; Job 30:27; Ps. 18:18; Amos 9:10) H6923: The root word means to precede (Job 41:11) or come before (2 Kin. 19:32), from which is derived the rendering "meet" (Deut. 23:4) along with the more active "disappoint" (Ps. 17:13). In Job 3:12, the sense is somewhat different: "Why did the knees prevent me"

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Praise for Deliverance

7 In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried to my God: and he did hear my voice out of his temple, and my cry *did enter* into his ears.
8 Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations of heaven moved and shook, because he was wroth.
9 There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it.
10 He bowed the heavens also, and came down; and darkness *was* under his feet.
11 And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: and he was seen upon the wings of the wind.
12 And he made darkness pavilions round about him, dark waters, *and* thick clouds of the skies.
13 Through the brightness before him were coals of fire kindled.
14 The LORD thundered from heaven, and the most High uttered his voice.
15 And he sent out arrows, and scattered them; lightning, and discomfited them.
16 And the channels of the sea appeared, the foundations of the world were discovered, at the rebuking of the LORD, at the blast of the breath of his nostrils.
17 He sent from above, he took me; he drew me out of many waters;
18 He delivered me from my strong enemy, *and* from them that hated me: for they were too strong for me.
19 They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the LORD was my stay.

Praise for Judgment

20 He brought me forth also into a large place: he delivered me, because he delighted in me.
21 The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness: according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me.
22 For I have kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God.
23 For all his judgments *were* before me: and *as for* his statutes, I did not depart from them.
24 I was also upright before him, and have kept myself from mine iniquity.
25 Therefore the LORD hath recompensed me according to my righteousness; according to my cleanness in his eye sight.

Praise for Mercy

26 With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful, *and* with the upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright.
27 With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and with the froward thou wilt shew thyself unsavoury.
28 And the afflicted people thou wilt save: but thine eyes *are* upon the haughty, *that* thou mayest bring *them* down.
29 For thou *art* my lamp, O LORD: and the LORD will lighten my darkness.
30 For by thee I have run through a troop: by my God have I leaped over a wall.
31 *As for* God, his way *is* perfect; the word of the LORD *is* tried: he *is* a buckler to all them that trust in him.
32 For who *is* God, save the LORD? and who *is* a rock, save our God?

Praise for Strength

33 God *is* my strength *and* power: and he maketh my way perfect.
34 He maketh my feet like hinds' *feet:* and setteth me upon my high places.
35 He teacheth my hands to war; so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.
36 Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy gentleness hath made me great.
37 Thou hast enlarged my steps under me; so that my feet did not slip.

Praise for Vengeance

38 I have pursued mine enemies, and destroyed them; and turned not again until I had consumed them.
39 And I have consumed them, and wounded them, that they could not arise: yea, they are fallen under my feet.
40 For thou hast girded me with strength

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(the knees belonging to the person delivering Job from his mother's womb; thus "prevent" here means "meet," as "why did the knees meet me?"). A well-known usage of the rendering "come before" is in Psalm 95:2—"Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving."

22:17 from above ▸ *see Ps. 148:1.*
22:17 draw ▸ *see Ex. 2:10.*
22:19 prevent ▸ *see 2 Sam. 22:6.*
22:30 leap ▸ *see Song 2:8.*

to battle: them that rose up against me hast thou subdued under me.
41 Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies, that I might destroy them that hate me.
42 They looked, but *there was* none to save; *even* unto the LORD, but he answered them not.
43 Then did I beat them as small as the dust of the earth, I did stamp them as the mire of the street, *and* did spread them abroad.
44 Thou also hast delivered me from the strivings of my people, thou hast kept me *to be* head of the heathen: a people *which* I knew not shall serve me.
45 Strangers shall submit themselves unto me: as soon as they hear, they shall be obedient unto me.
46 Strangers shall fade away, and they shall be afraid out of their close places.
47 The LORD liveth; and blessed *be* my rock; and exalted be the God of the rock of my salvation.
48 It *is* God that avengeth me, and that bringeth down the people under me,
49 And that bringeth me forth from mine enemies: thou also hast lifted me up on high above them that rose up against me: thou hast delivered me from the violent man.

Praise to the Lord

50 Therefore I will give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the heathen, and I will sing praises unto thy name.
51 *He is* the tower of salvation for his king: and sheweth mercy to his anointed, unto David, and to his seed for evermore.

The Last Words of David

23 Now these *be* the last words of David. David the son of Jesse said, and the man *who was* raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet psalmist of Israel, said,
2 The Spirit of the LORD spake by me, and his word *was* in my tongue.
3 The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spake to me, He that ruleth over men *must be* just, ruling in the fear of God.
4 And *he shall be* as the light of the morning, *when* the sun riseth, *even* a morning without clouds; *as* the tender grass *springing* out of the earth by clear shining after rain.
5 Although my house *be* not so with God; yet he hath made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all *things,* and sure: for *this is* all my salvation, and all *my* desire, although he make *it* not to grow.
6 But *the sons* of Belial *shall be* all of them as thorns thrust away, because they cannot be taken with hands:
7 But the man *that* shall touch them must be fenced with iron and the staff of a spear; and they shall be utterly burned with fire in the *same* place.

David's Mighty Men

8 These *be* the names of the mighty men whom David had: The Tachmonite that sat in the seat, chief among the captains; the same *was* Adino the Eznite: *he lift up his spear* against eight hundred, whom he slew at one time.
9 And after him *was* Eleazar the son of Dodo the Ahohite, *one* of the three mighty men with David, when they defied the Philistines *that* were there gathered together to battle, and the men of Israel were gone away:
10 He arose, and smote the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand clave unto the sword: and the LORD wrought a great victory that day; and the people returned after him only to spoil.
11 And after him *was* Shammah the son of Agee the Hararite. And the Philistines were gathered together into a troop, where was a piece of ground full of lentiles: and the people fled from the Philistines.
12 But he stood in the midst of the ground, and defended it, and slew the Philistines: and the LORD wrought a great victory.
13 And three of the thirty chief went down,

22:50 sing praise ▸ *see Judg. 5:3.*
23:3 rule ▸ *see Gen. 37:8.*

23:8 mighty man

(Heb. *gibbor*) (Joel 3:9) H1368: This word emphasizes excellence. In the Old Testament, it is used for the excellence of a lion (Prov. 30:30), of good or bad men (Gen. 10:9; 1 Chr. 19:8), of giants (Gen. 6:4), of angels (Ps. 103:20), or even God (Deut. 10:17; Neh. 9:32). The phrase "mighty God" is used three times in the Old Testament, including Isaiah's messianic prophecy of the birth of Jesus (Is. 9:6; 10:21; Jer. 32:18). The Scriptures state that the mighty man is not victorious because of his strength (Ps. 33:16) but because of his understanding and knowledge of the Lord (Jer. 9:23, 24).

and came to David in the harvest time unto the cave of Adullam: and the troop of the Philistines pitched in the valley of Rephaim.
14 And David *was* then in an hold, and the garrison of the Philistines *was* then *in* Beth-lehem.
15 And David longed, and said, Oh that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Beth-lehem, which *is* by the gate!
16 And the three mighty men brake through the host of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Beth-lehem, that *was* by the gate, and took *it,* and brought *it* to David: nevertheless he would not drink thereof, but poured it out unto the LORD.
17 And he said, Be it far from me, O LORD, that I should do this: *is not this* the blood of the men that went in jeopardy of their lives? therefore he would not drink it. These things did these three mighty men.
18 And Abishai, the brother of Joab, the son of Zeruiah, was chief among three. And he lifted up his spear against three hundred, *and* slew *them,* and had the name among three.
19 Was he not most honourable of three? therefore he was their captain: howbeit he attained not unto the *first* three.
20 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man, of Kabzeel, who had done many acts, he slew two lionlike men of Moab: he went down also and slew a lion in the midst of a pit in time of snow:
21 And he slew an Egyptian, a goodly man: and the Egyptian had a spear in his hand; but he went down to him with a staff, and plucked the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and slew him with his own spear.
22 These *things* did Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and had the name among three mighty men.
23 He was more honourable than the thirty, but he attained not to the *first* three. And David set him over his guard.
24 Asahel the brother of Joab *was* one of the thirty; Elhanan the son of Dodo of Beth-lehem,
25 Shammah the Harodite, Elika the Harodite,
26 Helez the Paltite, Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite,
27 Abiezer the Anethothite, Mebunnai the Hushathite,
28 Zalmon the Ahohite, Maharai the Netophathite,
29 Heleb the son of Baanah, a Netophathite, Ittai the son of Ribai out of Gibeah of the children of Benjamin,
30 Benaiah the Pirathonite, Hiddai of the brooks of Gaash,
31 Abi-albon the Arbathite, Azmaveth the Barhumite,
32 Eliahba the Shaalbonite, of the sons of Jashen, Jonathan,
33 Shammah the Hararite, Ahiam the son of Sharar the Hararite,
34 Eliphelet the son of Ahasbai, the son of the Maachathite, Eliam the son of Ahithophel the Gilonite,
35 Hezrai the Carmelite, Paarai the Arbite,
36 Igal the son of Nathan of Zobah, Bani the Gadite,
37 Zelek the Ammonite, Nahari the Beerothite, armourbearer to Joab the son of Zeruiah,
38 Ira an Ithrite, Gareb an Ithrite,
39 Uriah the Hittite: thirty and seven in all.

The Numbering of Israel and Judah

24 And again the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he moved David against them to say, Go, number Israel and Judah.
2 For the king said to Joab the captain of the host, which *was* with him, Go now through all the tribes of Israel, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, and number ye the people, that I may know the number of the people.
3 And Joab said unto the king, Now the LORD thy God add unto the people, how many soever they be, an hundredfold, and that the eyes of my lord the king may see *it:* but why doth my lord the king delight in this thing?
4 Notwithstanding the king's word prevailed against Joab, and against the captains of the host. And Joab and the captains of the host went out from the presence of the king, to number the people of Israel.
5 And they passed over Jordan, and pitched in Aroer, on the right side of the city that *lieth* in the midst of the river of Gad, and toward Jazer:
6 Then they came to Gilead, and to the land of Tahtim-hodshi; and they came to Dan-jaan, and about to Zidon,
7 And came to the strong hold of Tyre, and to all the cities of the Hivites, and of the

Canaanites: and they went out to the south of Judah, *even* to Beer-sheba.
8 So when they had gone through all the land, they came to Jerusalem at the end of nine months and twenty days.
9 And Joab gave up the sum of the number of the people unto the king: and there were in Israel eight hundred thousand valiant men that drew the sword; and the men of Judah *were* five hundred thousand men.

David's Repentance

10 And David's heart smote him after that he had numbered the people. And David said unto the LORD, I have sinned greatly in that I have done: and now, I beseech thee, O LORD, take away the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly.
11 For when David was up in the morning, the word of the LORD came unto the prophet Gad, David's seer, saying,
12 Go and say unto David, Thus saith the LORD, I offer thee three *things;* choose thee one of them, that I may *do it* unto thee.
13 So Gad came to David, and told him, and said unto him, Shall seven years of famine come unto thee in thy land? or wilt thou flee three months before thine enemies, while they pursue thee? or that there be three days' pestilence in thy land? now advise, and see what answer I shall return to him that sent me.
14 And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let us fall now into the hand of the LORD; for his mercies *are* great: and let me not fall into the hand of man.
15 So the LORD sent a pestilence upon Israel from the morning even to the time appointed: and there died of the people from Dan even to Beer-sheba seventy thousand men.

Jerusalem Spared

16 And when the angel stretched out his hand upon Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed the people, It is enough: stay now thine hand. And the angel of the LORD was by the threshingplace of Araunah the Jebusite.
17 And David spake unto the LORD when he saw the angel that smote the people, and said, Lo, I have sinned, and I have done wickedly: but these sheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, be against me, and against my father's house.

Purchase of Araunah's Threshingfloor

18 And Gad came that day to David, and said unto him, Go up, rear an altar unto the LORD in the threshingfloor of Araunah the Jebusite.
19 And David, according to the saying of Gad, went up as the LORD commanded.
20 And Araunah looked, and saw the king and his servants coming on toward him: and Araunah went out, and bowed himself before the king on his face upon the ground.
21 And Araunah said, Wherefore is my lord the king come to his servant? And David said, To buy the threshingfloor of thee, to build an altar unto the LORD, that the plague may be stayed from the people.
22 And Araunah said unto David, Let my lord the king take and offer up what *seemeth* good unto him: behold, *here be* oxen for burnt sacrifice, and threshing instruments and *other* instruments of the oxen for wood.
23 All these *things* did Araunah, *as* a king, give unto the king. And Araunah said unto the king, The LORD thy God accept thee.
24 And the king said unto Araunah, Nay; but I will surely buy *it* of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the LORD my God of that which doth cost me nothing. So David bought the threshingfloor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.
25 And David built there an altar unto the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the LORD was intreated for the land, and the plague was stayed from Israel.

24:9 draw

(Heb. *shalaph*) (Judg. 8:10; 20:17; 1 Chr. 21:5) H8025: The Hebrew root means to pull up or to pull out; thus the common rendering "draw" ("drew" in the past tense or "drawn" as the past participle) as a sword from its sheath (Num. 22:23; Josh. 5:13). In Ruth 4:7, 8, the word is used of a shoe being removed from the foot. Job 20:25 conveys a somewhat more graphic image, as it is flesh, not a sheath, from which the sword is being removed ("It is drawn, and cometh out of the body; yea, the glittering point cometh out of his gall").

24:10 iniquity ▸ *see Ps. 130:3.*
24:16 angel ▸ *see Zech. 4:1.*
24:21 threshingfloor ▸ *see Ruth 3:3.*
24:25 plague ▸ *see Num. 25:9.*

THE FIRST BOOK OF THE

KINGS

THE FIRST HALF OF FIRST Kings traces the life of Solomon. Under his leadership Israel rises to the peak of her size and glory. Solomon's great accomplishments, including the unsurpassed splendor of the temple which he constructs in Jerusalem, bring him worldwide fame and respect. However, Solomon's zeal for God diminishes in his later years, as pagan wives turn his heart away from worship in the temple of God. As a result, the king with the divided heart leaves behind a divided kingdom. For the next century, the Book of First Kings traces the twin histories of two sets of kings and two nations of disobedient people who are growing indifferent to God's prophets and precepts.

Like the two books of Samuel, the two books of Kings were originally one in the Hebrew Bible. The original title was *Melechim*, "Kings," taken from the first word in 1:1, *Vehamelech*, "Now king." The Septuagint artificially divided the book of Kings in the middle of the story of Ahaziah into two books. It called the books of Samuel "First and Second Kingdoms" and the books of Kings "Third and Fourth Kingdoms." The Septuagint may have divided Samuel, Kings, and Chronicles into two books each because the Greek required a greater amount of scroll space than did the Hebrew. The Latin title for these books is *Liber Regum Tertius et Quartus*, "Third and Fourth Books of Kings."

WATCH WORDS

- **understanding** (discernment)—4:29
- **supplication** (petition for favor or mercy)—8:28
- **desire** (something delightful, precious, worthy of being pursued)—10:13
- **name** (mark of a person's identification, character, position, or destiny)—18:24 (also 8:20)
- **throw down** (destroy)—19:14 (also 19:10)

Declining Strength

1 Now king David was old *and* stricken in years; and they covered him with clothes, but he gat no heat.
2 Wherefore his servants said unto him, Let there be sought for my lord the king a young virgin: and let her stand before the king, and let her cherish him, and let her lie in thy bosom, that my lord the king may get heat.
3 So they sought for a fair damsel throughout all the coasts of Israel, and found Abishag a Shunammite, and brought her to the king.
4 And the damsel *was* very fair, and cherished the king, and ministered to him: but the king knew her not.

Adonijah Exalts Himself

5 Then Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, I will be king: and he prepared him chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him.
6 And his father had not displeased him at any time in saying, Why hast thou done so? and he also *was a* very goodly *man;* and *his mother* bare him after Absalom.
7 And he conferred with Joab the son of Zeruiah, and with Abiathar the priest: and they following Adonijah helped *him.*
8 But Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and Nathan the prophet, and Shimei, and Rei, and the mighty men which *belonged* to David, were not with Adonijah.
9 And Adonijah slew sheep and oxen and fat cattle by the stone of Zoheleth, which *is*

1:2 cherish ▸ *see Job 35:3.*

by En-rogel, and called all his brethren the king's sons, and all the men of Judah the king's servants:
10 But Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah, and the mighty men, and Solomon his brother, he called not.

Nathan's Counsel

11 Wherefore Nathan spake unto Bath-sheba the mother of Solomon, saying, Hast thou not heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith doth reign, and David our lord knoweth *it* not?
12 Now therefore come, let me, I pray thee, give thee counsel, that thou mayest save thine own life, and the life of thy son Solomon.
13 Go and get thee in unto king David, and say unto him, Didst not thou, my lord, O king, swear unto thine handmaid, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne? why then doth Adonijah reign?
14 Behold, while thou yet talkest there with the king, I also will come in after thee, and confirm thy words.

David Reminded of His Oath

15 And Bath-sheba went in unto the king into the chamber: and the king was very old; and Abishag the Shunammite ministered unto the king.
16 And Bath-sheba bowed, and did obeisance unto the king. And the king said, What wouldest thou?
17 And she said unto him, My lord, thou swarest by the LORD thy God unto thine handmaid, *saying,* Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne.
18 And now, behold, Adonijah reigneth; and now, my lord the king, thou knowest *it* not:
19 And he hath slain oxen and fat cattle and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the sons of the king, and Abiathar the priest, and Joab the captain of the host: but Solomon thy servant hath he not called.
20 And thou, my lord, O king, the eyes of all Israel *are* upon thee, that thou shouldest tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him.
21 Otherwise it shall come to pass, when my lord the king shall sleep with his fathers, that I and my son Solomon shall be counted offenders.
22 And, lo, while she yet talked with the king, Nathan the prophet also came in.
23 And they told the king, saying, Behold Nathan the prophet. And when he was come in before the king, he bowed himself before the king with his face to the ground.
24 And Nathan said, My lord, O king, hast thou said, Adonijah shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne?
25 For he is gone down this day, and hath slain oxen and fat cattle and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the king's sons, and the captains of the host, and Abiathar the priest; and, behold, they eat and drink before him, and say, God save king Adonijah.
26 But me, *even* me thy servant, and Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and thy servant Solomon, hath he not called.
27 Is this thing done by my lord the king, and thou hast not shewed *it* unto thy servant, who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?
28 Then king David answered and said, Call me Bath-sheba. And she came into the king's presence, and stood before the king.
29 And the king sware, and said, *As* the LORD liveth, that hath redeemed my soul out of all distress,
30 Even as I sware unto thee by the LORD God of Israel, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne in my stead; even so will I certainly do this day.
31 Then Bath-sheba bowed with *her* face to the earth, and did reverence to the king, and said, Let my lord king David live for ever.

Solomon Anointed King

32 And king David said, Call me Zadok the

1:12 counsel

(Heb. *ya`ats*) (Ex. 18:19; 2 Chr. 22:3) H3289: Jethro is described as giving Moses good "counsel," namely, that he should appoint elders to help govern the people (Ex. 18:19). Similarly, the elders advised King Rehoboam well in how to lead the people, although he rejected their advice and listened to his friends instead (1 Kin. 12:8). King Ahaziah's mother "was his counsellor to do wickedly" (2 Chr. 22:3), leading him astray, and the people of Judah with him. David's enemies consult or plan together against him (Ps. 71:10), but the Lord promises to guide those who follow Him (Ps. 32:8).

priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada. And they came before the king.
33 The king also said unto them, Take with you the servants of your lord, and cause Solomon my son to ride upon mine own mule, and bring him down to Gihon:
34 And let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him there king over Israel: and blow ye with the trumpet, and say, God save king Solomon.
35 Then ye shall come up after him, that he may come and sit upon my throne; for he shall be king in my stead: and I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and over Judah.
36 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king, and said, Amen: the LORD God of my lord the king say so *too.*
37 As the LORD hath been with my lord the king, even so be he with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord king David.
38 So Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, went down, and caused Solomon to ride upon king David's mule, and brought him to Gihon.
39 And Zadok the priest took an horn of oil out of the tabernacle, and anointed Solomon. And they blew the trumpet; and all the people said, God save king Solomon.
40 And all the people came up after him, and the people piped with pipes, and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth rent with the sound of them.

Adonijah Receives the News

41 And Adonijah and all the guests that *were* with him heard *it* as they had made an end of eating. And when Joab heard the sound of the trumpet, he said, Wherefore *is this* noise of the city being in an uproar?
42 And while he yet spake, behold, Jonathan the son of Abiathar the priest came: and Adonijah said unto him, Come in; for thou *art* a valiant man, and bringest good tidings.
43 And Jonathan answered and said to Adonijah, Verily our lord king David hath made Solomon king.
44 And the king hath sent with him Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, and they have caused him to ride upon the king's mule:
45 And Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet have anointed him king in Gihon: and they are come up from thence rejoicing, so that the city rang again. This *is* the noise that ye have heard.
46 And also Solomon sitteth on the throne of the kingdom.
47 And moreover the king's servants came to bless our lord king David, saying, God make the name of Solomon better than thy name, and make his throne greater than thy throne. And the king bowed himself upon the bed.
48 And also thus said the king, Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel, which hath given *one* to sit on my throne this day, mine eyes even seeing *it.*
49 And all the guests that *were* with Adonijah were afraid, and rose up, and went every man his way.

Adonijah Takes Refuge

50 And Adonijah feared because of Solomon, and arose, and went, and caught hold on the horns of the altar.
51 And it was told Solomon, saying, Behold, Adonijah feareth king Solomon: for, lo, he hath caught hold on the horns of the altar, saying, Let king Solomon swear unto me to day that he will not slay his servant with the sword.
52 And Solomon said, If he will shew himself a worthy man, there shall not an hair of him fall to the earth: but if wickedness shall be found in him, he shall die.
53 So king Solomon sent, and they brought him down from the altar. And he came and bowed himself to king Solomon: and Solomon said unto him, Go to thine house.

David's Advice to Solomon

2 Now the days of David drew nigh that he should die; and he charged Solomon his son, saying,
2 I go the way of all the earth: be thou strong therefore, and shew thyself a man;

1:37 Solomon ▸ *see 2 Sam. 12:24.*
1:37 great ▸ *see Gen. 48:19.*
2:1 son ▸ *see 1 Chr. 4:1.*
2:2 man ▸ *see Is. 32:2.*

3 And keep the charge of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself:
4 That the LORD may continue his word which he spake concerning me, saying, If thy children take heed to their way, to walk before me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail thee (said he) a man on the throne of Israel.
5 Moreover thou knowest also what Joab the son of Zeruiah did to me, *and* what he did to the two captains of the hosts of Israel, unto Abner the son of Ner, and unto Amasa the son of Jether, whom he slew, and shed the blood of war in peace, and put the blood of war upon his girdle that *was* about his loins, and in his shoes that *were* on his feet.
6 Do therefore according to thy wisdom, and let not his hoar head go down to the grave in peace.
7 But shew kindness unto the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them be of those that eat at thy table: for so they came to me when I fled because of Absalom thy brother.
8 And, behold, *thou hast* with thee Shimei the son of Gera, a Benjamite of Bahurim, which cursed me with a grievous curse in the day when I went to Mahanaim: but he came down to meet me at Jordan, and I sware to him by the LORD, saying, I will not put thee to death with the sword.
9 Now therefore hold him not guiltless: for thou *art* a wise man, and knowest what thou oughtest to do unto him; but his hoar head bring thou down to the grave with blood.

David's Reign and Death

10 So David slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David.
11 And the days that David reigned over Israel *were* forty years: seven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three years reigned he in Jerusalem.

Solomon's Kingdom Established

12 Then sat Solomon upon the throne of David his father; and his kingdom was established greatly.
13 And Adonijah the son of Haggith came to Bath-sheba the mother of Solomon. And she said, Comest thou peaceably? And he said, Peaceably.
14 He said moreover, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And she said, Say on.
15 And he said, Thou knowest that the kingdom was mine, and *that* all Israel set their faces on me, that I should reign: howbeit the kingdom is turned about, and is become my brother's: for it was his from the LORD.
16 And now I ask one petition of thee, deny me not. And she said unto him, Say on.
17 And he said, Speak, I pray thee, unto Solomon the king, (for he will not say thee nay,) that he give me Abishag the Shunammite to wife.
18 And Bath-sheba said, Well; I will speak for thee unto the king.
19 Bath-sheba therefore went unto king Solomon, to speak unto him for Adonijah. And the king rose up to meet her, and bowed himself unto her, and sat down on his throne, and caused a seat to be set for the king's mother; and she sat on his right hand.
20 Then she said, I desire one small petition of thee; *I pray thee,* say me not nay. And the king said unto her, Ask on, my mother: for I will not say thee nay.
21 And she said, Let Abishag the Shunammite be given to Adonijah thy brother to wife.

Adonijah's Death

22 And king Solomon answered and said unto his mother, And why dost thou ask Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? ask for him the kingdom also; for he *is* mine elder brother; even for him, and for Abiathar the priest, and for Joab the son of Zeruiah.
23 Then king Solomon sware by the LORD, saying, God do so to me, and more also, if Adonijah have not spoken this word against his own life.
24 Now therefore, *as* the LORD liveth, which hath established me, and set me on the throne of David my father, and who hath made me an house, as he promised, Adonijah shall be put to death this day.
25 And king Solomon sent by the hand of Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; and he fell upon him that he died.

2:10 sleep ▸ *see 1 Kin. 15:8.*

Abiathar Banished; Joab Executed

26 And unto Abiathar the priest said the king, Get thee to Anathoth, unto thine own fields; for thou *art* worthy of death: but I will not at this time put thee to death, because thou barest the ark of the Lord GOD before David my father, and because thou hast been afflicted in all wherein my father was afflicted.
27 So Solomon thrust out Abiathar from being priest unto the LORD; that he might fulfil the word of the LORD, which he spake concerning the house of Eli in Shiloh.
28 Then tidings came to Joab: for Joab had turned after Adonijah, though he turned not after Absalom. And Joab fled unto the tabernacle of the LORD, and caught hold on the horns of the altar.
29 And it was told king Solomon that Joab was fled unto the tabernacle of the LORD; and, behold, *he is* by the altar. Then Solomon sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, saying, Go, fall upon him.
30 And Benaiah came to the tabernacle of the LORD, and said unto him, Thus saith the king, Come forth. And he said, Nay; but I will die here. And Benaiah brought the king word again, saying, Thus said Joab, and thus he answered me.
31 And the king said unto him, Do as he hath said, and fall upon him, and bury him; that thou mayest take away the innocent blood, which Joab shed, from me, and from the house of my father.
32 And the LORD shall return his blood upon his own head, who fell upon two men more righteous and better than he, and slew them with the sword, my father David not knowing *thereof, to wit,* Abner the son of Ner, captain of the host of Israel, and Amasa the son of Jether, captain of the host of Judah.
33 Their blood shall therefore return upon the head of Joab, and upon the head of his seed for ever: but upon David, and upon his seed, and upon his house, and upon his throne, shall there be peace for ever from the LORD.
34 So Benaiah the son of Jehoiada went up, and fell upon him, and slew him: and he was buried in his own house in the wilderness.
35 And the king put Benaiah the son of Jehoiada in his room over the host: and Zadok the priest did the king put in the room of Abiathar.

Shimei Dwells in Jerusalem

36 And the king sent and called for Shimei, and said unto him, Build thee an house in Jerusalem, and dwell there, and go not forth thence any whither.
37 For it shall be, *that* on the day thou goest out, and passest over the brook Kidron, thou shalt know for certain that thou shalt surely die: thy blood shall be upon thine own head.
38 And Shimei said unto the king, The saying *is* good: as my lord the king hath said, so will thy servant do. And Shimei dwelt in Jerusalem many days.
39 And it came to pass at the end of three years, that two of the servants of Shimei ran away unto Achish son of Maachah king of Gath. And they told Shimei, saying, Behold, thy servants *be* in Gath.
40 And Shimei arose, and saddled his ass, and went to Gath to Achish to seek his servants: and Shimei went, and brought his servants from Gath.
41 And it was told Solomon that Shimei had gone from Jerusalem to Gath, and was come again.
42 And the king sent and called for Shimei, and said unto him, Did I not make thee to swear by the LORD, and protested unto thee, saying, Know for a certain, on the day thou goest out, and walkest abroad any whither, that thou shalt surely die? and thou saidst unto me, The word *that* I have heard *is* good.
43 Why then hast thou not kept the oath of the LORD, and the commandment that I have charged thee with?

2:40 ass

(Heb. *chamor*) (Gen. 22:3; Zech. 9:9) H2543: Donkeys or asses, while similar to horses, are smaller, and are very common in the Middle East. They were used for carrying people, such as when Abraham and Isaac travelled to the mountain (Gen. 22:3), or Moses went back to Egypt with his wife and sons (Ex. 4:20). They were also helpful in transporting heavy loads, such as the grain Joseph's brothers carried back to Israel (Gen. 42:26). Therefore, a man's wealth was often counted in donkeys (Gen. 30:43), such that we are commanded not to covet even our neighbor's donkey (Deut. 5:21). The messianic prophecy of Zechariah 9:9 looks forward to a time when a King would come, riding on a donkey—a prophecy fulfilled during the triumphal entry of Jesus (Matt. 21:5).

44 The king said moreover to Shimei, Thou knowest all the wickedness which thine heart is privy to, that thou didst to David my father: therefore the LORD shall return thy wickedness upon thine own head;
45 And king Solomon *shall be* blessed, and the throne of David shall be established before the LORD for ever.

Shimei's Death Ordered

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

In League with Pharaoh

3 And Solomon made affinity with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and took Pharaoh's daughter, and brought her into the city of David, until he had made an end of building his own house, and the house of the LORD, and the wall of Jerusalem round about.
2 Only the people sacrificed in high places, because there was no house built unto the name of the LORD, until those days.
3 And Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of David his father: only he sacrificed and burnt incense in high places.
4 And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there; for that *was* the great high place: a thousand burnt offerings did Solomon offer upon that altar.
5 In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee.

Solomon Asks for Wisdom

6 And Solomon said, Thou hast shewed unto thy servant David my father great mercy, according as he walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee; and thou hast kept for him this great kindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as *it is* this day.
7 And now, O LORD my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and I *am but* a little child: I know not *how* to go out or come in.
8 And thy servant *is* in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude.
9 Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?
10 And the speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing.
11 And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment;
12 Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee.
13 And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honour: so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days.
14 And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then I will lengthen thy days.
15 And Solomon awoke; and, behold, *it was* a dream. And he came to Jerusalem, and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings, and offered peace offerings, and made a feast to all his servants.

A Dead and a Living Child

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

2:46 hand ▸ *see 2 Kin. 10:24.*
3:3 Solomon ▸ *see 2 Sam. 12:24.*
3:9 understanding ▸ *see Neh. 8:8.*

3:16 harlot

(Heb. *zonah*) (Lev 20:6; Deut. 23:18; Hos. 1:2) H2181: A harlot was a woman who sold her body to men for a living. This was a despised profession, and money earned through this profession was unacceptable to God (Deut. 23:18). Since prostitution was considered to be completely contrary to the way God had created men and women to live, the term was often used to describe the person who rejected God and turned to idols. Hence the warning, "And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a whoring [*zanah*] after them, I will even set my face against that soul and will cut him off

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17 And the one woman said, O my lord, I and this woman dwell in one house; and I was delivered of a child with her in the house.
18 And it came to pass the third day after that I was delivered, that this woman was delivered also: and we *were* together; *there was* no stranger with us in the house, save we two in the house.
19 And this woman's child died in the night; because she overlaid it.
20 And she arose at midnight, and took my son from beside me, while thine handmaid slept, and laid it in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom.
21 And when I rose in the morning to give my child suck, behold, it was dead: but when I had considered it in the morning, behold, it was not my son, which I did bear.
22 And the other woman said, Nay; but the living *is* my son, and the dead *is* thy son. And this said, No; but the dead *is* thy son, and the living *is* my son. Thus they spake before the king.

Solomon's Wise Decision

23 Then said the king, The one saith, This *is* my son that liveth, and thy son *is* the dead: and the other saith, Nay; but thy son *is* the dead, and my son *is* the living.
24 And the king said, Bring me a sword. And they brought a sword before the king.
25 And the king said, Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other.
26 Then spake the woman whose the living child *was* unto the king, for her bowels yearned upon her son, and she said, O my lord, give her the living child, and in no wise slay it. But the other said, Let it be neither mine nor thine, *but* divide *it*.
27 Then the king answered and said, Give her the living child, and in no wise slay it: she *is* the mother thereof.
28 And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had judged; and they feared the king: for they saw that the wisdom of God *was* in him, to do judgment.

Solomon's Princes

4 So king Solomon was king over all Israel.
2 And these *were* the princes which he had; Azariah the son of Zadok the priest,
3 Elihoreph and Ahiah, the sons of Shisha, scribes; Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud, the recorder.
4 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada *was* over the host: and Zadok and Abiathar *were* the priests:
5 And Azariah the son of Nathan *was* over the officers: and Zabud the son of Nathan *was* principal officer, *and* the king's friend:
6 And Ahishar *was* over the household: and Adoniram the son of Abda *was* over the tribute.

Solomon's Twelve Officers

7 And Solomon had twelve officers over all Israel, which provided victuals for the king and his household: each man his month in a year made provision.
8 And these *are* their names: The son of Hur, in mount Ephraim:
9 The son of Dekar, in Makaz, and in Shaalbim, and Beth-shemesh, and Elon-beth-hanan:
10 The son of Hesed, in Aruboth; to him *pertained* Sochoh, and all the land of Hepher:
11 The son of Abinadab, in all the region of Dor; which had Taphath the daughter of Solomon to wife:
12 Baana the son of Ahilud; *to him pertained* Taanach and Megiddo, and all Beth-shean, which *is* by Zartanah beneath Jezreel, from Beth-shean to Abel-meholah, *even* unto *the place that is* beyond Jokneam:
13 The son of Geber, in Ramoth-gilead; to him *pertained* the towns of Jair the son of Manasseh, which *are* in Gilead; to him *also pertained* the region of Argob, which *is* in Bashan, threescore great cities with walls and brasen bars:
14 Ahinadab the son of Iddo *had* Mahanaim:
15 Ahimaaz *was* in Naphtali; he also took Basmath the daughter of Solomon to wife:
16 Baanah the son of Hushai *was* in Asher and in Aloth:

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from among his people" (Lev. 20:6). The people did not listen, however, and "went a whoring after the gods of the people of the land" (1 Chr. 5:25). Proverbs warns extensively of the dangers of the harlot (Prov. 6:26; 23:27), and the image was used repeatedly by the prophets (Hos. 1:2).

4:13 town ▸ *see 1 Chr. 2:23.*

17 Jehoshaphat the son of Paruah, in Issachar:
18 Shimei the son of Elah, in Benjamin:
19 Geber the son of Uri *was* in the country of Gilead, *in* the country of Sihon king of the Amorites, and of Og king of Bashan; and *he was* the only officer which *was* in the land.
20 Judah and Israel *were* many, as the sand which *is* by the sea in multitude, eating and drinking, and making merry.
21 And Solomon reigned over all kingdoms from the river unto the land of the Philistines, and unto the border of Egypt: they brought presents, and served Solomon all the days of his life.

Daily Provisions

22 And Solomon's provision for one day was thirty measures of fine flour, and threescore measures of meal,
23 Ten fat oxen, and twenty oxen out of the pastures, and an hundred sheep, beside harts, and roebucks, and fallowdeer, and fatted fowl.
24 For he had dominion over all *the region* on this side the river, from Tiphsah even to Azzah, over all the kings on this side the river: and he had peace on all sides round about him.
25 And Judah and Israel dwelt safely, every man under his vine and under his fig tree, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, all the days of Solomon.
26 And Solomon had forty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen.
27 And those officers provided victual for king Solomon, and for all that came unto king Solomon's table, every man in his month: they lacked nothing.
28 Barley also and straw for the horses and dromedaries brought they unto the place where *the officers* were, every man according to his charge.

Wisdom and Greatness

29 And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that *is* on the sea shore.
30 And Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east country, and all the wisdom of Egypt.
31 For he was wiser than all men; than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, and Chalcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol: and his fame was in all nations round about.
32 And he spake three thousand proverbs: and his songs were a thousand and five.
33 And he spake of trees, from the cedar tree that *is* in Lebanon even unto the hyssop that springeth out of the wall: he spake also of beasts, and of fowl, and of creeping things, and of fishes.
34 And there came of all people to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all kings of the earth, which had heard of his wisdom.

Hiram Sends Emissaries

5 And Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants unto Solomon; for he had heard that they had anointed him king in the room of his father: for Hiram was ever a lover of David.
2 And Solomon sent to Hiram, saying,
3 Thou knowest how that David my father could not build an house unto the name of the LORD his God for the wars which were about him on every side, until the LORD put them under the soles of his feet.
4 But now the LORD my God hath given me rest on every side, *so that there is* neither adversary nor evil occurrent.
5 And, behold, I purpose to build an house unto the name of the LORD my God, as the LORD spake unto David my father, saying, Thy son, whom I will set upon thy throne in

4:24 dominion ▸ *see Ps. 72:8.*
4:26 chariot ▸ *see 2 Kin. 5:26.*
4:29 wisdom ▸ *see Prov. 3:13.*

4:29 understanding

(Heb. *tebunah*) (Job 12:13; Prov. 3:13; 21:30) H8394: The verbal root of this noun means "to distinguish" or "to discern." Thus this noun conveys the idea of discernment. The Hebrew word is directly connected to the idea of wisdom in 22 passages, including Proverbs 8 where they are both personified (Ex. 31:3; Prov. 8:1; 10:23). Due to its close association with wisdom, the word occurs often in Proverbs. Solomon contrasted *understanding* with folly (Prov. 14:29; 15:21; 18:2). He also exhorted his son to apply his heart to understanding (Prov. 2:2). Ultimately all discernment is from the Lord (Prov. 2:6), whose wisdom is infinite (Ps. 147:5; Is. 40:28).

thy room, he shall build an house unto my name.
6 Now therefore command thou that they hew me cedar trees out of Lebanon; and my servants shall be with thy servants: and unto thee will I give hire for thy servants according to all that thou shalt appoint: for thou knowest that *there is* not among us any that can skill to hew timber like unto the Sidonians.

Hiram to Help Build the Temple

7 And it came to pass, when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly, and said, Blessed *be* the LORD this day, which hath given unto David a wise son over this great people.
8 And Hiram sent to Solomon, saying, I have considered the things which thou sentest to me for: *and* I will do all thy desire concerning timber of cedar, and concerning timber of fir.
9 My servants shall bring *them* down from Lebanon unto the sea: and I will convey them by sea in floats unto the place that thou shalt appoint me, and will cause them to be discharged there, and thou shalt receive *them:* and thou shalt accomplish my desire, in giving food for my household.
10 So Hiram gave Solomon cedar trees and fir trees *according to* all his desire.
11 And Solomon gave Hiram twenty thousand measures of wheat *for* food to his household, and twenty measures of pure oil: thus gave Solomon to Hiram year by year.
12 And the LORD gave Solomon wisdom, as he promised him: and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon; and they two made a league together.

Levy of Men

13 And king Solomon raised a levy out of all Israel; and the levy was thirty thousand men.
14 And he sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand a month by courses: a month they were in Lebanon, *and* two months at home: and Adoniram *was* over the levy.
15 And Solomon had threescore and ten thousand that bare burdens, and fourscore thousand hewers in the mountains;
16 Beside the chief of Solomon's officers which *were* over the work, three thousand and three hundred, which ruled over the people that wrought in the work.
17 And the king commanded, and they brought great stones, costly stones, *and* hewed stones, to lay the foundation of the house.
18 And Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders did hew *them,* and the stonesquarers: so they prepared timber and stones to build the house.

Construction of the Temple

6 And it came to pass in the four hundred and eightieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month Zif, which *is* the second month, that he began to build the house of the LORD.
2 And the house which king Solomon built for the LORD, the length thereof *was* threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty *cubits,* and the height thereof thirty cubits.
3 And the porch before the temple of the house, twenty cubits *was* the length thereof, according to the breadth of the house; *and* ten cubits *was* the breadth thereof before the house.
4 And for the house he made windows of narrow lights.
5 And against the wall of the house he built chambers round about, *against* the walls of the house round about, *both* of the temple and of the oracle: and he made chambers round about:

5:8 fir ▸ *see Hos. 14:8.*

5:17 stone

(Heb. *'eben*) (Gen. 35:14; 2 Kin. 12:12) H0068: The stones that littered the landscape of the ancient Middle East were used in numerous ways. They were the building material for houses, city walls, and fortifications (1 Kin. 5:17; 2 Kin. 12:12). Stones were also used for religious purposes, to build sacred pillars (Gen. 35:14) and altars (Deut. 27:5). Sometimes stones were piled up as a memorial that marked the site of a divine revelation (Gen. 28:18, 22) or a significant event in the life of an individual (Gen. 31:46) or a nation. Because a stone was commonly used as a foundation for a structure, God Himself was called the "Stone of Israel" (Gen. 49:24). But Isaiah also described the Lord as "a stone of stumbling" for those Israelites who rejected Him (Is. 8:14). These same images were applied to Jesus Christ in the New Testament (Is. 28:16; 1 Pet. 2:4–8).

6 The nethermost chamber *was* five cubits broad, and the middle *was* six cubits broad, and the third *was* seven cubits broad: for without *in the wall* of the house he made narrowed rests round about, that *the beams* should not be fastened in the walls of the house.
7 And the house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither: so that there was neither hammer nor axe *nor* any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building.
8 The door for the middle chamber *was* in the right side of the house: and they went up with winding stairs into the middle *chamber,* and out of the middle into the third.
9 So he built the house, and finished it; and covered the house with beams and boards of cedar.
10 And *then* he built chambers against all the house, five cubits high: and they rested on the house with timber of cedar.

A Covenant Reminder

11 And the word of the LORD came to Solomon, saying,
12 *Concerning* this house which thou art in building, if thou wilt walk in my statutes, and execute my judgments, and keep all my commandments to walk in them; then will I perform my word with thee, which I spake unto David thy father:
13 And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake my people Israel.
14 So Solomon built the house, and finished it.
15 And he built the walls of the house within with boards of cedar, both the floor of the house, and the walls of the cieling: *and* he covered *them* on the inside with wood, and covered the floor of the house with planks of fir.
16 And he built twenty cubits on the sides of the house, both the floor and the walls with boards of cedar: he even built *them* for it within, *even* for the oracle, *even* for the most holy *place.*
17 And the house, that *is,* the temple before it, was forty cubits *long.*
18 And the cedar of the house within *was* carved with knops and open flowers: all *was* cedar; there was no stone seen.
19 And the oracle he prepared in the house within, to set there the ark of the covenant of the LORD.
20 And the oracle in the forepart *was* twenty cubits in length, and twenty cubits in breadth, and twenty cubits in the height thereof: and he overlaid it with pure gold; and *so* covered the altar *which was of* cedar.

The House Overlaid with Gold

21 So Solomon overlaid the house within with pure gold: and he made a partition by the chains of gold before the oracle; and he overlaid it with gold.
22 And the whole house he overlaid with gold, until he had finished all the house: also the whole altar that *was* by the oracle he overlaid with gold.

The Cherubims

23 And within the oracle he made two cherubims *of* olive tree, *each* ten cubits high.
24 And five cubits *was* the one wing of the cherub, and five cubits the other wing of the cherub: from the uttermost part of the one wing unto the uttermost part of the other *were* ten cubits.
25 And the other cherub *was* ten cubits: both the cherubims *were* of one measure and one size.
26 The height of the one cherub *was* ten cubits, and so *was it* of the other cherub.
27 And he set the cherubims within the inner house: and they stretched forth the wings of the cherubims, so that the wing of

6:18 cedar ▸ *see Ps. 29:5.*

6:20 gold

(Heb. *zahab*) (2 Sam. 21:4; 2 Chr. 9:1, 9; Job 23:10) H2091: This word almost always denotes the substance of gold, although occasionally it represents an alloy of gold (10:16) or the color gold (Zech. 4:12). Gold symbolized wealth and was quite often mentioned along with silver, both of which were abundant during Solomon's reign (Gen. 13:2; 2 Chr. 1:15; Ezek. 16:13). In the Old Testament, most references to gold relate to the tabernacle or to Solomon's temple and palace (Ex. 25:3; 2 Chr. 2:7; 9:13–27). Although gold was valued highly, and continues to be, the Scripture asserts that certain qualities are to be valued more: wisdom (Job 28:17), loving favor (Prov. 22:1), and the judgments, law, and commandments of the Lord (Ps. 19:9, 10; 119:72, 127).

the one touched the *one* wall, and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall; and their wings touched one another in the midst of the house.
28 And he overlaid the cherubims with gold.

The Walls, Floors, and Doors

29 And he carved all the walls of the house round about with carved figures of cherubims and palm trees and open flowers, within and without.
30 And the floor of the house he overlaid with gold, within and without.
31 And for the entering of the oracle he made doors *of* olive tree: the lintel *and* side posts *were* a fifth part *of the wall.*
32 The two doors also *were of* olive tree; and he carved upon them carvings of cherubims and palm trees and open flowers, and overlaid *them* with gold, and spread gold upon the cherubims, and upon the palm trees.
33 So also made he for the door of the temple posts *of* olive tree, a fourth part *of the wall.*
34 And the two doors *were of* fir tree: the two leaves of the one door *were* folding, and the two leaves of the other door *were* folding.
35 And he carved *thereon* cherubims and palm trees and open flowers: and covered *them* with gold fitted upon the carved work.

The Inner Court

36 And he built the inner court with three rows of hewed stone, and a row of cedar beams.
37 In the fourth year was the foundation of the house of the LORD laid, in the month Zif:
38 And in the eleventh year, in the month Bul, which *is* the eighth month, was the house finished throughout all the parts thereof, and according to all the fashion of it. So was he seven years in building it.

A House for Solomon

7 But Solomon was building his own house thirteen years, and he finished all his house.
2 He built also the house of the forest of Lebanon; the length thereof *was* an hundred cubits, and the breadth thereof fifty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits, upon four rows of cedar pillars, with cedar beams upon the pillars.
3 And *it was* covered with cedar above upon the beams, that *lay* on forty five pillars, fifteen *in* a row.
4 And *there were* windows *in* three rows, and light *was* against light *in* three ranks.
5 And all the doors and posts *were* square, with the windows: and light *was* against light *in* three ranks.
6 And he made a porch of pillars; the length thereof *was* fifty cubits, and the breadth thereof thirty cubits: and the porch *was* before them: and the *other* pillars and the thick beam *were* before them.
7 Then he made a porch for the throne where he might judge, *even* the porch of judgment: and *it was* covered with cedar from one side of the floor to the other.
8 And his house where he dwelt *had* another court within the porch, *which* was of the like work. Solomon made also an house for Pharaoh's daughter, whom he had taken *to wife,* like unto this porch.

Costly Stones

9 All these *were of* costly stones, according to the measures of hewed stones, sawed with saws, within and without, even from the foundation unto the coping, and *so* on the outside toward the great court.
10 And the foundation *was of* costly stones, even great stones, stones of ten cubits, and stones of eight cubits.
11 And above *were* costly stones, after the measures of hewed stones, and cedars.
12 And the great court round about *was* with three rows of hewed stones, and a row of cedar beams, both for the inner court of the house of the LORD, and for the porch of the house.

7:7 judgment ▸ *see Ps. 9:16.*

7:9 costly

(Heb. *yaqar*) (1 Chr. 20:2; Ps. 116:15; Prov. 3:15; Is. 28:16) H3368: This word for costly can also mean "precious, prized, valuable, rare, or splendid." The root word means "heavy." It is used to describe precious gems or stones such as marble cut for building. Used more figuratively, it also means honorable (Ps. 45:9), and rare (1 Sam. 3:1). The most notable use of this word is in the Isaiah 28:16 prophecy of Christ: "Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste."

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

Two Pillars of Brass

15 For he cast two pillars of brass, of eighteen cubits high apiece: and a line of twelve cubits did compass either of them about.
16 And he made two chapiters *of* molten brass, to set upon the tops of the pillars: the height of the one chapiter *was* five cubits, and the height of the other chapiter *was* five cubits:
17 *And* nets of checker work, and wreaths of chain work, for the chapiters which *were* upon the top of the pillars; seven for the one chapiter, and seven for the other chapiter.
18 And he made the pillars, and two rows round about upon the one network, to cover the chapiters that *were* upon the top, with pomegranates: and so did he for the other chapiter.
19 And the chapiters that *were* upon the top of the pillars *were* of lily work in the porch, four cubits.
20 And the chapiters upon the two pillars *had pomegranates* also above, over against the belly which *was* by the network: and the pomegranates *were* two hundred in rows round about upon the other chapiter.
21 And he set up the pillars in the porch of the temple: and he set up the right pillar, and called the name thereof Jachin: and he set up the left pillar, and called the name thereof Boaz.
22 And upon the top of the pillars *was* lily work: so was the work of the pillars finished.

The Molten Sea

23 And he made a molten sea, ten cubits from the one brim to the other: *it was* round all about, and his height *was* five cubits: and a line of thirty cubits did compass it round about.
24 And under the brim of it round about *there were* knops compassing it, ten in a cubit, compassing the sea round about: the knops *were* cast in two rows, when it was cast.
25 It stood upon twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east: and the sea *was set* above upon them, and all their hinder parts *were* inward.
26 And it *was* an hand breadth thick, and the brim thereof was wrought like the brim of a cup, with flowers of lilies: it contained two thousand baths.

Ten Bases of Brass

27 And he made ten bases of brass; four cubits *was* the length of one base, and four cubits the breadth thereof, and three cubits the height of it.
28 And the work of the bases *was* on this *manner:* they had borders, and the borders *were* between the ledges:
29 And on the borders that *were* between the ledges *were* lions, oxen, and cherubims: and upon the ledges *there was* a base above: and beneath the lions and oxen *were* certain additions made of thin work.
30 And every base had four brasen wheels, and plates of brass: and the four corners thereof had undersetters: under the laver *were* undersetters molten, at the side of every addition.
31 And the mouth of it within the chapiter and above *was* a cubit: but the mouth thereof *was* round *after* the work of the base, a cubit and an half: and also upon the mouth of it *were* gravings with their borders, foursquare, not round.
32 And under the borders *were* four wheels; and the axletrees of the wheels *were joined* to the base: and the height of a wheel *was* a cubit and half a cubit.
33 And the work of the wheels *was* like the work of a chariot wheel: their axletrees, and their naves, and their felloes, and their spokes, *were* all molten.
34 And *there were* four undersetters to the four corners of one base: *and* the undersetters *were* of the very base itself.
35 And in the top of the base *was there* a round compass of half a cubit high: and on

7:17 chain ▸ *see 2 Chr. 3:16.*
7:20 belly ▸ *see Job 3:10.*
7:23 sea ▸ *see 2 Chr. 4:2.*
7:26 hand breadth ▸ *see Ps. 39:5.*

the top of the base the ledges thereof and the borders thereof *were* of the same.
36 For on the plates of the ledges thereof, and on the borders thereof, he graved cherubims, lions, and palm trees, according to the proportion of every one, and additions round about.
37 After this *manner* he made the ten bases: all of them had one casting, one measure, *and* one size.

Works of Brass

38 Then made he ten lavers of brass: one laver contained forty baths: *and* every laver was four cubits: *and* upon every one of the ten bases one laver.
39 And he put five bases on the right side of the house, and five on the left side of the house: and he set the sea on the right side of the house eastward over against the south.
40 And Hiram made the lavers, and the shovels, and the basons. So Hiram made an end of doing all the work that he made king Solomon for the house of the LORD:
41 The two pillars, and the *two* bowls of the chapiters that *were* on the top of the two pillars; and the two networks, to cover the two bowls of the chapiters which *were* upon the top of the pillars;
42 And four hundred pomegranates for the two networks, *even* two rows of pomegranates for one network, to cover the two bowls of the chapiters that *were* upon the pillars;
43 And the ten bases, and ten lavers on the bases;
44 And one sea, and twelve oxen under the sea;
45 And the pots, and the shovels, and the basons: and all these vessels, which Hiram made to king Solomon for the house of the LORD, *were of* bright brass.
46 In the plain of Jordan did the king cast them, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zarthan.
47 And Solomon left all the vessels *unweighed,* because they were exceeding many: neither was the weight of the brass found out.

Works of Gold

48 And Solomon made all the vessels that *pertained* unto the house of the LORD: the altar of gold, and the table of gold, whereupon the shewbread *was,*
49 And the candlesticks of pure gold, five on the right *side,* and five on the left, before the oracle, with the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs *of* gold,
50 And the bowls, and the snuffers, and the basons, and the spoons, and the censers *of* pure gold; and the hinges *of* gold, *both* for the doors of the inner house, the most holy *place, and* for the doors of the house, *to wit,* of the temple.
51 So was ended all the work that king Solomon made for the house of the LORD. And Solomon brought in the things which David his father had dedicated; *even* the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, did he put among the treasures of the house of the LORD.

The Ark Brought from the City of David

8 Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto king Solomon in Jerusalem, that they might bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which *is* Zion.
2 And all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto king Solomon at the feast in the month Ethanim, which *is* the seventh month.
3 And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the ark.
4 And they brought up the ark of the LORD, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that *were* in the tabernacle, even those did the priests and the Levites bring up.
5 And king Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel, that were assembled unto him, *were* with him before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen, that could not be told nor numbered for multitude.

The Ark in the Most Holy Place

6 And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD unto his place, into the oracle of the house, to the most holy *place, even* under the wings of the cherubims.
7 For the cherubims spread forth *their* two wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubims covered the ark and the staves thereof above.

7:41 bowl ▸ *see Judg. 1:15.*
7:51 treasure ▸ *see Ps. 33:7.*

8 And they drew out the staves, that the ends of the staves were seen out in the holy *place* before the oracle, and they were not seen without: and there they are unto this day.
9 *There was* nothing in the ark save the two tables of stone, which Moses put there at Horeb, when the LORD made *a covenant* with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.

The Glory of the Lord

10 And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy *place,* that the cloud filled the house of the LORD,
11 So that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of the LORD.

Solomon's Speech to Israel

12 Then spake Solomon, The LORD said that he would dwell in the thick darkness.
13 I have surely built thee an house to dwell in, a settled place for thee to abide in for ever.
14 And the king turned his face about, and blessed all the congregation of Israel: (and all the congregation of Israel stood;)
15 And he said, Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel, which spake with his mouth unto David my father, and hath with his hand fulfilled *it,* saying,
16 Since the day that I brought forth my people Israel out of Egypt, I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel to build an house, that my name might be therein; but I chose David to be over my people Israel.
17 And it was in the heart of David my father to build an house for the name of the LORD God of Israel.
18 And the LORD said unto David my father, Whereas it was in thine heart to build an house unto my name, thou didst well that it was in thine heart.
19 Nevertheless thou shalt not build the house; but thy son that shall come forth out of thy loins, he shall build the house unto my name.
20 And the LORD hath performed his word that he spake, and I am risen up in the room of David my father, and sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised, and have built an house for the name of the LORD God of Israel.
21 And I have set there a place for the ark, wherein *is* the covenant of the LORD, which he made with our fathers, when he brought them out of the land of Egypt.

Solomon's Prayer to God

22 And Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven:
23 And he said, LORD God of Israel, *there is* no God like thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, who keepest covenant and mercy with thy servants that walk before thee with all their heart:
24 Who hast kept with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him: thou spakest also with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled *it* with thine hand, as *it is* this day.
25 Therefore now, LORD God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him, saying, There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit on the throne of Israel; so that thy children take heed to their way, that they walk before me as thou hast walked before me.
26 And now, O God of Israel, let thy word, I pray thee, be verified, which thou spakest unto thy servant David my father.
27 But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded?

God Asked to Hearken to Israel

28 Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O LORD

8:11 glory ▸ *see Ezek. 43:2.*
8:20 name ▸ *see 1 Kin. 18:24.*

8:28 supplication

(Heb. *techinnah*) (Jer. 42:2, 9; Dan. 9:20) H8467: This word signifies a petition for favor or mercy. Supplication is almost always directed to God; but Jeremiah used the word twice to represent a formal petition he made to a king (Jer. 37:20; 38:26). Of the 24 occurrences of this word in the Old Testament, 13 are in connection with Solomon's prayer dedicating the temple (8:23—9:3; 2 Chr. 6:14–42). Other words with the same root (and indicating supplication) occur seven times in the same context. Supplication is generally a petition for God to be merciful in the impending

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my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer, which thy servant prayeth before thee to day:
29 That thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, *even* toward the place of which thou hast said, My name shall be there: that thou mayest hearken unto the prayer which thy servant shall make toward this place.
30 And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place: and hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place: and when thou hearest, forgive.
31 If any man trespass against his neighbour, and an oath be laid upon him to cause him to swear, and the oath come before thine altar in this house:
32 Then hear thou in heaven, and do, and judge thy servants, condemning the wicked, to bring his way upon his head; and justifying the righteous, to give him according to his righteousness.
33 When thy people Israel be smitten down before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee, and shall turn again to thee, and confess thy name, and pray, and make supplication unto thee in this house:
34 Then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and bring them again unto the land which thou gavest unto their fathers.
35 When heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou afflictest them:
36 Then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Israel, that thou teach them the good way wherein they should walk, and give rain upon thy land, which thou hast given to thy people for an inheritance.
37 If there be in the land famine, if there be pestilence, blasting, mildew, locust, *or* if there be caterpiller; if their enemy besiege them in the land of their cities; whatsoever plague, whatsoever sickness *there be;*
38 What prayer and supplication soever be *made* by any man, *or* by all thy people Israel, which shall know every man the plague of his own heart, and spread forth his hands toward this house:
39 Then hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to his ways, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou, *even* thou only, knowest the hearts of all the children of men;)
40 That they may fear thee all the days that they live in the land which thou gavest unto our fathers.
41 Moreover concerning a stranger, that *is* not of thy people Israel, but cometh out of a far country for thy name's sake;
42 (For they shall hear of thy great name, and of thy strong hand, and of thy stretched out arm;) when he shall come and pray toward this house;
43 Hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for: that all people of the earth may know thy name, to fear thee, as *do* thy people Israel; and that they may know that this house, which I have builded, is called by thy name.
44 If thy people go out to battle against their enemy, whithersoever thou shalt send them, and shall pray unto the LORD toward the city which thou hast chosen, and *toward* the house that I have built for thy name:
45 Then hear thou in heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause.
46 If they sin against thee, (for *there is* no man that sinneth not,) and thou be angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy, so that they carry them away captives unto the land of the enemy, far or near;
47 *Yet* if they shall bethink themselves in the land whither they were carried captives, and repent, and make supplication unto thee in the land of them that carried them captives, saying, We have sinned, and have done perversely, we have committed wickedness;
48 And *so* return unto thee with all their heart, and with all their soul, in the land of their enemies, which led them away captive, and pray unto thee toward their land, which

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distress; thus personal enemies are cited on several occasions (Ps. 55:1–3; 119:70; Jer. 36:7). The Bible specifically records that God heard the supplications of David (Ps. 6:9), Solomon (9:3), and of wicked King Manasseh, who humbled himself before God (2 Chr. 33:12, 13).

8:44 pray ▸ *see 2 Chr. 7:14.*

thou gavest unto their fathers, the city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name:
49 Then hear thou their prayer and their supplication in heaven thy dwelling place, and maintain their cause,
50 And forgive thy people that have sinned against thee, and all their transgressions wherein they have transgressed against thee, and give them compassion before them who carried them captive, that they may have compassion on them:

God's Inheritance

51 For they *be* thy people, and thine inheritance, which thou broughtest forth out of Egypt, from the midst of the furnace of iron:
52 That thine eyes may be open unto the supplication of thy servant, and unto the supplication of thy people Israel, to hearken unto them in all that they call for unto thee.
53 For thou didst separate them from among all the people of the earth, *to be* thine inheritance, as thou spakest by the hand of Moses thy servant, when thou broughtest our fathers out of Egypt, O Lord God.

Solomon Blesses the People

54 And it was *so,* that when Solomon had made an end of praying all this prayer and supplication unto the Lord, he arose from before the altar of the Lord, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up to heaven.
55 And he stood, and blessed all the congregation of Israel with a loud voice, saying,
56 Blessed *be* the Lord, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant.
57 The Lord our God be with us, as he was with our fathers: let him not leave us, nor forsake us:
58 That he may incline our hearts unto him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and his statutes, and his judgments, which he commanded our fathers.
59 And let these my words, wherewith I have made supplication before the Lord, be nigh unto the Lord our God day and night, that he maintain the cause of his servant, and the cause of his people Israel at all times, as the matter shall require:
60 That all the people of the earth may know that the Lord *is* God, *and that there is* none else.
61 Let your heart therefore be perfect with the Lord our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day.

Solomon Dedicates the Temple

62 And the king, and all Israel with him, offered sacrifice before the Lord.
63 And Solomon offered a sacrifice of peace offerings, which he offered unto the Lord, two and twenty thousand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the children of Israel dedicated the house of the Lord.
64 The same day did the king hallow the middle of the court that *was* before the house of the Lord: for there he offered burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings: because the brasen altar that *was* before the Lord *was* too little to receive the burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings.
65 And at that time Solomon held a feast, and all Israel with him, a great congregation, from the entering in of Hamath unto the river of Egypt, before the Lord our God, seven days and seven days, *even* fourteen days.
66 On the eighth day he sent the people away: and they blessed the king, and went unto their tents joyful and glad of heart for all the goodness that the Lord had done for David his servant, and for Israel his people.

The Second Appearance of the Lord

9 And it came to pass, when Solomon had finished the building of the house of the Lord, and the king's house, and all Solomon's desire which he was pleased to do,
2 That the Lord appeared to Solomon the second time, as he had appeared unto him at Gibeon.
3 And the Lord said unto him, I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication, that thou hast made before me: I have hallowed

8:50 compassion ▸ *see Is. 63:7.*
8:56 rest ▸ *see Is. 28:12.*
8:61 perfect ▸ *see 2 Chr. 19:9.*

this house, which thou hast built, to put my name there for ever; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.
4 And if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded thee, *and* wilt keep my statutes and my judgments:
5 Then I will establish the throne of thy kingdom upon Israel for ever, as I promised to David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man upon the throne of Israel.

Disobedience Will Cut Off Israel

6 *But* if ye shall at all turn from following me, ye or your children, and will not keep my commandments *and* my statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods, and worship them:
7 Then will I cut off Israel out of the land which I have given them; and this house, which I have hallowed for my name, will I cast out of my sight; and Israel shall be a proverb and a byword among all people:
8 And at this house, *which* is high, every one that passeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss; and they shall say, Why hath the LORD done thus unto this land, and to this house?
9 And they shall answer, Because they forsook the LORD their God, who brought forth their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and have taken hold upon other gods, and have worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath the LORD brought upon them all this evil.

Gifts of Solomon and Hiram

10 And it came to pass at the end of twenty years, when Solomon had built the two houses, the house of the LORD, and the king's house,
11 (*Now* Hiram the king of Tyre had furnished Solomon with cedar trees and fir trees, and with gold, according to all his desire,) that then king Solomon gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee.
12 And Hiram came out from Tyre to see the cities which Solomon had given him; and they pleased him not.
13 And he said, What cities *are* these which thou hast given me, my brother? And he called them the land of Cabul unto this day.
14 And Hiram sent to the king sixscore talents of gold.
15 And this *is* the reason of the levy which king Solomon raised; for to build the house of the LORD, and his own house, and Millo, and the wall of Jerusalem, and Hazor, and Megiddo, and Gezer.
16 *For* Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up, and taken Gezer, and burnt it with fire, and slain the Canaanites that dwelt in the city, and given it *for* a present unto his daughter, Solomon's wife.
17 And Solomon built Gezer, and Beth-horon the nether,
18 And Baalath, and Tadmor in the wilderness, in the land,
19 And all the cities of store that Solomon had, and cities for his chariots, and cities for his horsemen, and that which Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion.
20 *And* all the people *that were* left of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, which *were* not of the children of Israel,
21 Their children that were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel also were not able utterly to destroy, upon those did Solomon levy a tribute of bondservice unto this day.

Duties of the Children of Israel

22 But of the children of Israel did Solomon make no bondmen: but they *were* men of war, and his servants, and his princes, and his captains, and rulers of his chariots, and his horsemen.
23 These *were* the chief of the officers that *were* over Solomon's work, five hundred and fifty, which bare rule over the people that wrought in the work.
24 But Pharaoh's daughter came up out of the city of David unto her house which

9:8 astonish ▸ *see Jer. 19:8.*
9:15 Millo ▸ *see 1 Chr. 11:8.*

9:17 nether

(Heb. *tachton*) (Josh. 18:13; 1 Chr. 7:24; Is. 22:9) H8481: This word comes from a root meaning "the under part, beneath." All 13 uses of this form of the word are directional, referring to parts of buildings or geographical borders.

Solomon had built for her: then did he build Millo.
25 And three times in a year did Solomon offer burnt offerings and peace offerings upon the altar which he built unto the LORD, and he burnt incense upon the altar that *was* before the LORD. So he finished the house.

Solomon's Navy

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

The Queen of Sheba Visits Solomon

10 And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to prove him with hard questions.
2 And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bare spices, and very much gold, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart.
3 And Solomon told her all her questions: there was not *any* thing hid from the king, which he told her not.
4 And when the queen of Sheba had seen all Solomon's wisdom, and the house that he had built,
5 And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, and his cupbearers, and his ascent by which he went up unto the house of the LORD; there was no more spirit in her.
6 And she said to the king, It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thy acts and of thy wisdom.
7 Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen *it:* and, behold, the half was not told me: thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard.
8 Happy *are* thy men, happy *are* these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, *and* that hear thy wisdom.
9 Blessed be the LORD thy God, which delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel: because the LORD loved Israel for ever, therefore made he thee king, to do judgment and justice.
10 And she gave the king an hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices very great store, and precious stones: there came no more such abundance of spices as these which the queen of Sheba gave to king Solomon.
11 And the navy also of Hiram, that brought gold from Ophir, brought in from Ophir great plenty of almug trees, and precious stones.
12 And the king made of the almug trees pillars for the house of the LORD, and for the king's house, harps also and psalteries for singers: there came no such almug trees, nor were seen unto this day.
13 And king Solomon gave unto the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatsoever she asked, beside *that* which Solomon gave her of his royal bounty. So she turned and went to her own country, she and her servants.

9:24 Millo ▸ *see 1 Chr. 11:8.*

9:26 Edom

(Heb. *'edom*) (Num. 20:21; Judg. 11:17; 2 Kin. 8:20; Ps. 137:7) H0123: *Edom* (from the word meaning "red, ruddy") was the name given to Esau after he sold his birthright for a pot of red stew (Gen. 25:30). It came to refer to his descendants, who lived in a wild, mountainous area. The Edomites were not hospitable to Israel (Num. 20:18; Judg. 11:17), but due to their close blood ties were still protected under the law given to Moses (Deut. 23:7, 8). After Edom revolted against Judah (2 Kin. 8:20), committed idolatry, and made war against Israel, they were cursed by God (e.g., Ezek. 25:12–14; Amos 1:11; Obad. 1:18; Mal. 1:3, 4).

10:6 true ▸ *see Ps. 86:11.*

10:13 desire

(Heb. *chephets*) (1 Sam. 15:22; Ps. 1:2; Prov. 3:15; Is. 53:10) H2656: The noun form of desire references something that is "delightful, precious, worthy of being pursued." In Scripture it is used of God's delight in the sacrifice of obedience (1 Sam. 15:22); the desire for nice things (1 Kin. 5:10; 2 Chr. 9:12); delight over God's law and wisdom (Ps. 1:2; Prov. 8:11); delight over the right words (Eccl. 12:10); and God's pleasure in His perfect will (Is. 46:10). It is to our eternal benefit that "it pleased [*chephets*] the LORD to bruise Him" (Is. 53:10).

Solomon's Gold

14 Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred threescore and six talents of gold,
15 Beside *that he had* of the merchantmen, and of the traffick of the spice merchants, and of all the kings of Arabia, and of the governors of the country.
16 And king Solomon made two hundred targets *of* beaten gold: six hundred *shekels* of gold went to one target.
17 And *he made* three hundred shields *of* beaten gold; three pound of gold went to one shield: and the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon.
18 Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with the best gold.
19 The throne had six steps, and the top of the throne *was* round behind: and *there were* stays on either side on the place of the seat, and two lions stood beside the stays.
20 And twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other upon the six steps: there was not the like made in any kingdom.
21 And all king Solomon's drinking vessels *were of* gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon *were of* pure gold; none *were of* silver: it was nothing accounted of in the days of Solomon.
22 For the king had at sea a navy of Tharshish with the navy of Hiram: once in three years came the navy of Tharshish, bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks.

Solomon's Vast Wealth

23 So king Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth for riches and for wisdom.
24 And all the earth sought to Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart.
25 And they brought every man his present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and garments, and armour, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year.
26 And Solomon gathered together chariots and horsemen: and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, whom he bestowed in the cities for chariots, and with the king at Jerusalem.
27 And the king made silver *to be* in Jerusalem as stones, and cedars made he *to be* as the sycomore trees that *are* in the vale, for abundance.
28 And Solomon had horses brought out of Egypt, and linen yarn: the king's merchants received the linen yarn at a price.
29 And a chariot came up and went out of Egypt for six hundred *shekels* of silver, and an horse for an hundred and fifty: and so for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, did they bring *them* out by their means.

Solomon's Foreign Wives

11 But king Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, *and* Hittites;
2 Of the nations *concerning* which the LORD said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: *for* surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: Solomon clave unto these in love.
3 And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart.

Solomon's Idolatry

4 For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, *that* his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as *was* the heart of David his father.
5 For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites.
6 And Solomon did evil in the sight of the

10:14 talent ▸ *see 2 Chr. 27:5.*
10:22 navy of Tharshish ▸ *see Ps. 48:7.*
11:4 perfect ▸ *see 2 Chr. 19:9.*

11:5 Ashtoreth

(Heb. *`ashtoreth*) (1 Kin. 11:33; 2 Kin. 23:13) H6253: Worshiped primarily by the Phoenicians, the goddess Ashtoreth gets her name from the word for "star" and was associated with a fertility cult. Some think she was the moon goddess. She was the supreme goddess of Canaan and the female counterpart of Baal. The worship of Ashtoreth seems to have always been accompanied by sexual worship. This word is only used three times in Scripture, and it is the singular form of the Hebrew *`ashtaroth* (H6252; 1 Sam. 7:3, 4).

11:5 abomination ▸ *see Ezek. 20:7.*

LORD, and went not fully after the LORD, as *did* David his father.
7 Then did Solomon build an high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that *is* before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon.
8 And likewise did he for all his strange wives, which burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods.

God's Anger

9 And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the LORD God of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice,
10 And had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which the LORD commanded.
11 Wherefore the LORD said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as this is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant.
12 Notwithstanding in thy days I will not do it for David thy father's sake: *but* I will rend it out of the hand of thy son.
13 Howbeit I will not rend away all the kingdom; *but* will give one tribe to thy son for David my servant's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake which I have chosen.

Solomon's Adversaries

14 And the LORD stirred up an adversary unto Solomon, Hadad the Edomite: he *was* of the king's seed in Edom.
15 For it came to pass, when David was in Edom, and Joab the captain of the host was gone up to bury the slain, after he had smitten every male in Edom;
16 (For six months did Joab remain there with all Israel, until he had cut off every male in Edom:)
17 That Hadad fled, he and certain Edomites of his father's servants with him, to go into Egypt; Hadad *being* yet a little child.
18 And they arose out of Midian, and came to Paran: and they took men with them out of Paran, and they came to Egypt, unto Pharaoh king of Egypt; which gave him an house, and appointed him victuals, and gave him land.
19 And Hadad found great favour in the sight of Pharaoh, so that he gave him to wife the sister of his own wife, the sister of Tahpenes the queen.
20 And the sister of Tahpenes bare him Genubath his son, whom Tahpenes weaned in Pharaoh's house: and Genubath was in Pharaoh's household among the sons of Pharaoh.
21 And when Hadad heard in Egypt that David slept with his fathers, and that Joab the captain of the host was dead, Hadad said to Pharaoh, Let me depart, that I may go to mine own country.
22 Then Pharaoh said unto him, But what hast thou lacked with me, that, behold, thou seekest to go to thine own country? And he answered, Nothing: howbeit let me go in any wise.
23 And God stirred him up *another* adversary, Rezon the son of Eliadah, which fled from his lord Hadadezer king of Zobah:
24 And he gathered men unto him, and became captain over a band, when David slew them *of Zobah:* and they went to Damascus, and dwelt therein, and reigned in Damascus.
25 And he was an adversary to Israel all the days of Solomon, beside the mischief that Hadad *did:* and he abhorred Israel, and reigned over Syria.
26 And Jeroboam the son of Nebat, an Ephrathite of Zereda, Solomon's servant, whose mother's name *was* Zeruah, a widow woman, even he lifted up *his* hand against the king.
27 And this *was* the cause that he lifted up *his* hand against the king: Solomon built Millo, *and* repaired the breaches of the city of David his father.
28 And the man Jeroboam *was* a mighty man of valour: and Solomon seeing the young man that he was industrious, he made him ruler over all the charge of the house of Joseph.
29 And it came to pass at that time when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him in the way; and he had clad himself with a new garment; and they two *were* alone in the field:
30 And Ahijah caught the new garment that *was* on him, and rent it *in* twelve pieces:

11:7 high place ▸ *see 2 Kin. 14:4.*

31 And he said to Jeroboam, Take thee ten pieces: for thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to thee:
32 (But he shall have one tribe for my servant David's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel:)
33 Because that they have forsaken me, and have worshipped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the god of the children of Ammon, and have not walked in my ways, to do *that which is* right in mine eyes, and *to keep* my statutes and my judgments, as *did* David his father.
34 Howbeit I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand: but I will make him prince all the days of his life for David my servant's sake, whom I chose, because he kept my commandments and my statutes:
35 But I will take the kingdom out of his son's hand, and will give it unto thee, *even* ten tribes.
36 And unto his son will I give one tribe, that David my servant may have a light alway before me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen me to put my name there.
37 And I will take thee, and thou shalt reign according to all that thy soul desireth, and shalt be king over Israel.
38 And it shall be, if thou wilt hearken unto all that I command thee, and wilt walk in my ways, and do *that is* right in my sight, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did; that I will be with thee, and build thee a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel unto thee.
39 And I will for this afflict the seed of David, but not for ever.
40 Solomon sought therefore to kill Jeroboam. And Jeroboam arose, and fled into Egypt, unto Shishak king of Egypt, and was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.

Solomon's Death and Burial

41 And the rest of the acts of Solomon, and all that he did, and his wisdom, *are* they not written in the book of the acts of Solomon?
42 And the time that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel *was* forty years.
43 And Solomon slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David his father: and Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead.

Rehoboam as King

12 And Rehoboam went to Shechem: for all Israel were come to Shechem to make him king.
2 And it came to pass, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who was yet in Egypt, heard *of it,* (for he was fled from the presence of king Solomon, and Jeroboam dwelt in Egypt;)
3 That they sent and called him. And Jeroboam and all the congregation of Israel came, and spake unto Rehoboam, saying,
4 Thy father made our yoke grievous: now therefore make thou the grievous service of thy father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will serve thee.
5 And he said unto them, Depart yet *for* three days, then come again to me. And the people departed.
6 And king Rehoboam consulted with the old men, that stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, and said, How do ye advise that I may answer this people?
7 And they spake unto him, saying, If thou wilt be a servant unto this people this day, and wilt serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be thy servants for ever.
8 But he forsook the counsel of the old men, which they had given him, and consulted with the young men that were grown up with him, *and* which stood before him:
9 And he said unto them, What counsel

11:33 Ashtoreth ▸ *see 1 Kin. 11:5.*
11:39 afflict ▸ *see Judg. 16:6.*

12:4 yoke

(Heb. *ʿol*) (Deut. 28:48; 1 Kin. 12:10; Jer. 30:8; Hos. 11:4) H5923: A yoke is a curved piece of wood put on animals (usually oxen) to enable them to pull or draw a plow together during planting. Used figuratively, the image is associated with work, particularly servitude (Lev. 26:13). This image is what Jesus had in mind when he said, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matt. 11:29, 30).

12:4 grievous ▸ *see Ezek 2:4.*
12:8 old men ▸ *see Ps. 119:100.*

give ye that we may answer this people, who have spoken to me, saying, Make the yoke which thy father did put upon us lighter?
10 And the young men that were grown up with him spake unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou speak unto this people that spake unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou *it* lighter unto us; thus shalt thou say unto them, My little *finger* shall be thicker than my father's loins.
11 And now whereas my father did lade you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke: my father hath chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

Rehoboam Increases Burdens

12 So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king had appointed, saying, Come to me again the third day.
13 And the king answered the people roughly, and forsook the old men's counsel that they gave him;
14 And spake to them after the counsel of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, and I will add to your yoke: my father *also* chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.
15 Wherefore the king hearkened not unto the people; for the cause was from the LORD, that he might perform his saying, which the LORD spake by Ahijah the Shilonite unto Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

Ten Tribes Rebel

16 So when all Israel saw that the king hearkened not unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? neither *have we* inheritance in the son of Jesse: to your tents, O Israel: now see to thine own house, David. So Israel departed unto their tents.
17 But *as for* the children of Israel which dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.
18 Then king Rehoboam sent Adoram, who *was* over the tribute; and all Israel stoned him with stones, that he died. Therefore king Rehoboam made speed to get him up to his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem.
19 So Israel rebelled against the house of David unto this day.

Jeroboam Made King

20 And it came to pass, when all Israel heard that Jeroboam was come again, that they sent and called him unto the congregation, and made him king over all Israel: there was none that followed the house of David, but the tribe of Judah only.
21 And when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he assembled all the house of Judah, with the tribe of Benjamin, an hundred and fourscore thousand chosen men, which were warriors, to fight against the house of Israel, to bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam the son of Solomon.
22 But the word of God came unto Shemaiah the man of God, saying,
23 Speak unto Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and unto all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and to the remnant of the people, saying,
24 Thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren the children of Israel: return every man to his house; for this thing is from me. They hearkened therefore to the word of the LORD, and returned to depart, according to the word of the LORD.

Jeroboam's Golden Calves

25 Then Jeroboam built Shechem in mount Ephraim, and dwelt therein; and went out from thence, and built Penuel.
26 And Jeroboam said in his heart, Now shall the kingdom return to the house of David:
27 If this people go up to do sacrifice in the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, then shall the heart of this people turn again unto their lord, *even* unto Rehoboam king of Judah, and they shall kill me, and go again to Rehoboam king of Judah.
28 Whereupon the king took counsel, and made two calves *of* gold, and said unto them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.
29 And he set the one in Beth-el, and the other put he in Dan.
30 And this thing became a sin: for the people went *to worship* before the one, *even* unto Dan.
31 And he made an house of high places, and made priests of the lowest of the people, which were not of the sons of Levi.

12:10 yoke ▸ *see 1 Kin. 12:4.*

32 And Jeroboam ordained a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like unto the feast that *is* in Judah, and he offered upon the altar. So did he in Beth-el, sacrificing unto the calves that he had made: and he placed in Beth-el the priests of the high places which he had made.
33 So he offered upon the altar which he had made in Beth-el the fifteenth day of the eighth month, *even* in the month which he had devised of his own heart; and ordained a feast unto the children of Israel: and he offered upon the altar, and burnt incense.

God's Message to Jeroboam

13 And, behold, there came a man of God out of Judah by the word of the LORD unto Beth-el: and Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense.
2 And he cried against the altar in the word of the LORD, and said, O altar, altar, thus saith the LORD; Behold, a child shall be born unto the house of David, Josiah by name; and upon thee shall he offer the priests of the high places that burn incense upon thee, and men's bones shall be burnt upon thee.
3 And he gave a sign the same day, saying, This *is* the sign which the LORD hath spoken; Behold, the altar shall be rent, and the ashes that *are* upon it shall be poured out.

Jeroboam's Withered Hand

4 And it came to pass, when king Jeroboam heard the saying of the man of God, which had cried against the altar in Beth-el, that he put forth his hand from the altar, saying, Lay hold on him. And his hand, which he put forth against him, dried up, so that he could not pull it in again to him.
5 The altar also was rent, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of the LORD.
6 And the king answered and said unto the man of God, Intreat now the face of the LORD thy God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me again. And the man of God besought the LORD, and the king's hand was restored him again, and became as *it was* before.

The King's Offer Refused

7 And the king said unto the man of God, Come home with me, and refresh thyself, and I will give thee a reward.
8 And the man of God said unto the king, If thou wilt give me half thine house, I will not go in with thee, neither will I eat bread nor drink water in this place:
9 For so was it charged me by the word of the LORD, saying, Eat no bread, nor drink water, nor turn again by the same way that thou camest.
10 So he went another way, and returned not by the way that he came to Beth-el.
11 Now there dwelt an old prophet in Beth-el; and his sons came and told him all the works that the man of God had done that day in Beth-el: the words which he had spoken unto the king, them they told also to their father.
12 And their father said unto them, What way went he? For his sons had seen what way the man of God went, which came from Judah.
13 And he said unto his sons, Saddle me the ass. So they saddled him the ass: and he rode thereon,
14 And went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak: and he said unto him, *Art* thou the man of God that camest from Judah? And he said, I *am*.
15 Then he said unto him, Come home with me, and eat bread.
16 And he said, I may not return with thee, nor go in with thee: neither will I eat bread nor drink water with thee in this place:
17 For it was said to me by the word of the LORD, Thou shalt eat no bread nor drink

13:3 sign ▸ *see Zech. 3:8.*

13:5 pour out

(Heb. *shapnak*) (Ex. 4:9; 1 Sam. 1:15; Ps. 42:4) H8210: As the ashes poured out of the broken altar onto the ground, so, too, might water be poured onto dry land (Ex. 4:9) or blood poured "beside the bottom of the altar" (Ex. 29:12). Hannah told Eli that she "poured out [her] soul before the LORD" (1 Sam. 1:15), as did Job (Job 30:16) and the sons of Korah (Ps. 42:4). The evil King Manasseh "shed innocent blood very much" (2 Kin. 21:16), and even David was prevented from building the temple because he had "shed blood" (1 Chr. 28:3). The Lord is asked to "pour out . . . indignation" upon enemies (Ps. 69:24; 79:6).

water there, nor turn again to go by the way that thou camest.
18 He said unto him, I *am* a prophet also as thou *art;* and an angel spake unto me by the word of the LORD, saying, Bring him back with thee into thine house, that he may eat bread and drink water. *But* he lied unto him.
19 So he went back with him, and did eat bread in his house, and drank water.

The Disobedience of the Prophet

20 And it came to pass, as they sat at the table, that the word of the LORD came unto the prophet that brought him back:
21 And he cried unto the man of God that came from Judah, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Forasmuch as thou hast disobeyed the mouth of the LORD, and hast not kept the commandment which the LORD thy God commanded thee,
22 But camest back, and hast eaten bread and drunk water in the place, of the which *the* LORD did say to thee, Eat no bread, and drink no water; thy carcase shall not come unto the sepulchre of thy fathers.
23 And it came to pass, after he had eaten bread, and after he had drunk, that he saddled for him the ass, *to wit,* for the prophet whom he had brought back.
24 And when he was gone, a lion met him by the way, and slew him: and his carcase was cast in the way, and the ass stood by it, the lion also stood by the carcase.
25 And, behold, men passed by, and saw the carcase cast in the way, and the lion standing by the carcase: and they came and told *it* in the city where the old prophet dwelt.
26 And when the prophet that brought him back from the way heard *thereof,* he said, It *is* the man of God, who was disobedient unto the word of the LORD: therefore the LORD hath delivered him unto the lion, which hath torn him, and slain him, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake unto him.
27 And he spake to his sons, saying, Saddle me the ass. And they saddled *him.*
28 And he went and found his carcase cast in the way, and the ass and the lion standing by the carcase: the lion had not eaten the carcase, nor torn the ass.

The Prophet's Burial

29 And the prophet took up the carcase of the man of God, and laid it upon the ass, and brought it back: and the old prophet came to the city, to mourn and to bury him.
30 And he laid his carcase in his own grave; and they mourned over him, *saying,* Alas, my brother!
31 And it came to pass, after he had buried him, that he spake to his sons, saying, When I am dead, then bury me in the sepulchre wherein the man of God *is* buried; lay my bones beside his bones:
32 For the saying which he cried by the word of the LORD against the altar in Beth-el, and against all the houses of the high places which *are* in the cities of Samaria, shall surely come to pass.

Jeroboam Continues to Sin

33 After this thing Jeroboam returned not from his evil way, but made again of the lowest of the people priests of the high places: whosoever would, he consecrated him, and he became *one* of the priests of the high places.
34 And this thing became sin unto the house of Jeroboam, even to cut *it* off, and to destroy *it* from off the face of the earth.

The Illness of Jeroboam's Son

14 At that time Abijah the son of Jeroboam fell sick.
2 And Jeroboam said to his wife, Arise, I pray thee, and disguise thyself, that thou be not known to be the wife of Jeroboam; and get thee to Shiloh: behold, there *is* Ahijah the prophet, which told me that *I should be* king over this people.
3 And take with thee ten loaves, and cracknels, and a cruse of honey, and go to him: he shall tell thee what shall become of the child.
4 And Jeroboam's wife did so, and arose, and went to Shiloh, and came to the house of Ahijah. But Ahijah could not see; for his eyes were set by reason of his age.
5 And the LORD said unto Ahijah, Behold, the wife of Jeroboam cometh to ask a thing of thee for her son; for he *is* sick: thus and thus shalt thou say unto her: for it shall be, when she cometh in, that she shall feign herself *to be* another *woman.*
6 And it was *so,* when Ahijah heard the sound of her feet, as she came in at the door, that he said, Come in, thou wife of Jeroboam; why feignest thou thyself *to be* another? for I *am* sent to thee *with* heavy *tidings.*

The Fate of Jeroboam

7 Go, tell Jeroboam, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Forasmuch as I exalted thee from among the people, and made thee prince over my people Israel,
8 And rent the kingdom away from the house of David, and gave it thee: and *yet* thou hast not been as my servant David, who kept my commandments, and who followed me with all his heart, to do *that* only *which was* right in mine eyes;
9 But hast done evil above all that were before thee: for thou hast gone and made thee other gods, and molten images, to provoke me to anger, and hast cast me behind thy back:
10 Therefore, behold, I will bring evil upon the house of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam him that pisseth against the wall, *and* him that is shut up and left in Israel, and will take away the remnant of the house of Jeroboam, as a man taketh away dung, till it be all gone.
11 Him that dieth of Jeroboam in the city shall the dogs eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat: for the LORD hath spoken *it*.
12 Arise thou therefore, get thee to thine own house: *and* when thy feet enter into the city, the child shall die.
13 And all Israel shall mourn for him, and bury him: for he only of Jeroboam shall come to the grave, because in him there is found *some* good thing toward the LORD God of Israel in the house of Jeroboam.
14 Moreover the LORD shall raise him up a king over Israel, who shall cut off the house of Jeroboam that day: but what? even now.

The Fate of Israel

15 For the LORD shall smite Israel, as a reed is shaken in the water, and he shall root up Israel out of this good land, which he gave to their fathers, and shall scatter them beyond the river, because they have made their groves, provoking the LORD to anger.
16 And he shall give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, who did sin, and who made Israel to sin.
17 And Jeroboam's wife arose, and departed, and came to Tirzah: *and* when she came to the threshold of the door, the child died;
18 And they buried him; and all Israel mourned for him, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by the hand of his servant Ahijah the prophet.

Jeroboam's Reign and Death

19 And the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, how he warred, and how he reigned, behold, they *are* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.
20 And the days which Jeroboam reigned *were* two and twenty years: and he slept with his fathers, and Nadab his son reigned in his stead.

Rehoboam's Reign in Judah

21 And Rehoboam the son of Solomon reigned in Judah. Rehoboam *was* forty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the LORD did choose out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there. And his mother's name *was* Naamah an Ammonitess.
22 And Judah did evil in the sight of the LORD, and they provoked him to jealousy with their sins which they had committed, above all that their fathers had done.
23 For they also built them high places, and images, and groves, on every high hill, and under every green tree.
24 And there were also sodomites in the land: *and* they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.

Shishak Raids Jerusalem

25 And it came to pass in the fifth year of

14:7 prince

(Heb. *nagid*) (1 Sam. 10:1; 2 Chr. 11:11) H5057: This word is most frequently used to describe the king of a country, although it can also refer to other kinds of leaders. So, David was chosen as "captain over . . . Israel" (1 Sam. 9:16) and anointed as such by Samuel (1 Sam. 10:1). Later, Saul is replaced as "captain" because he failed to do what the Lord commanded him to do (1 Sam. 13:14). Rehoboam fortified his kingdom by putting "captains" in the strongholds as leaders of armed men (2 Chr. 11:11). Azariah became the "ruler over the house of God"; in other words, the high priest (1 Chr. 9:11). And Johoiada is described as "the leader of the Aaronites" (1 Chr. 12:27). Whatever the position, Proverbs warns, "A prince that wanteth understanding is also a great oppressor" (Prov. 28:16).

king Rehoboam, *that* Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem:
26 And he took away the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house; he even took away all: and he took away all the shields of gold which Solomon had made.
27 And king Rehoboam made in their stead brasen shields, and committed *them* unto the hands of the chief of the guard, which kept the door of the king's house.
28 And it was *so,* when the king went into the house of the LORD, that the guard bare them, and brought them back into the guard chamber.

Rehoboam's Death

29 Now the rest of the acts of Rehoboam, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?
30 And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all *their* days.
31 And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And his mother's name *was* Naamah an Ammonitess. And Abijam his son reigned in his stead.

Abijam's Reign Over Judah

15 Now in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam the son of Nebat reigned Abijam over Judah.
2 Three years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom.
3 And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father.
4 Nevertheless for David's sake did the LORD his God give him a lamp in Jerusalem, to set up his son after him, and to establish Jerusalem:
5 Because David did *that which was* right in the eyes of the LORD, and turned not aside from any *thing* that he commanded him all the days of his life, save only in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.
6 And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the days of his life.

Abijam's Death

7 Now the rest of the acts of Abijam, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? And there was war between Abijam and Jeroboam.
8 And Abijam slept with his fathers; and they buried him in the city of David: and Asa his son reigned in his stead.

Asa Follows the Lord

9 And in the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Israel reigned Asa over Judah.
10 And forty and one years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom.
11 And Asa did *that which was* right in the eyes of the LORD, as *did* David his father.
12 And he took away the sodomites out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made.
13 And also Maachah his mother, even her he removed from *being* queen, because she had made an idol in a grove; and Asa destroyed her idol, and burnt *it* by the brook Kidron.
14 But the high places were not removed: nevertheless Asa's heart was perfect with the LORD all his days.
15 And he brought in the things which his father had dedicated, and the things which himself had dedicated, into the house of the LORD, silver, and gold, and vessels.
16 And there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days.
17 And Baasha king of Israel went up against Judah, and built Ramah, that he might not suffer any to go out or come in to Asa king of Judah.

15:8 sleep

(Heb. *shakab*) (Ex. 22:16; 1 Kin. 2:10) H7901: Here the word "sleep" is a euphemism for Abijam's death, as when Jacob spoke of his own death (Gen. 47:30), or David died (1 Kings 2:10). The word *shakab* can refer to sleeping (Gen. 19:4; 1 Sam 26:7), but it more often describes sexual intercourse (Gen. 19:32; 34:2; 35:22; Lev. 15:18). Indeed, the Law had many regulations about "lying" with a virgin (Ex. 22:16), as well as prohibitions against lying with an animal (Ex. 22:19), with someone of the same sex (Lev. 18:22), or with a family member (Lev. 20:20; Deut. 27:20). In a play on words, Uriah is described as sleeping (*shakab*) at the door of the king's house (2 Sam. 11:9), whereas David lay (*shakab*) with Uriah's wife Bathsheba (2 Sam. 11:4).

Treasures Sent to Ben-hadad

18 Then Asa took all the silver and the gold *that were* left in the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house, and delivered them into the hand of his servants: and king Asa sent them to Ben-hadad, the son of Tabrimon, the son of Hezion, king of Syria, that dwelt at Damascus, saying,
19 *There is* a league between me and thee, *and* between my father and thy father: behold, I have sent unto thee a present of silver and gold; come and break thy league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me.
20 So Ben-hadad hearkened unto king Asa, and sent the captains of the hosts which he had against the cities of Israel, and smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abel-beth-maachah, and all Cinneroth, with all the land of Naphtali.
21 And it came to pass, when Baasha heard *thereof,* that he left off building of Ramah, and dwelt in Tirzah.
22 Then king Asa made a proclamation throughout all Judah; none *was* exempted: and they took away the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Baasha had builded; and king Asa built with them Geba of Benjamin, and Mizpah.

Asa's Death

23 The rest of all the acts of Asa, and all his might, and all that he did, and the cities which he built, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? Nevertheless in the time of his old age he was diseased in his feet.
24 And Asa slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead.

Nadab's Reign and Death

25 And Nadab the son of Jeroboam began to reign over Israel in the second year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned over Israel two years.
26 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin.
27 And Baasha the son of Ahijah, of the house of Issachar, conspired against him; and Baasha smote him at Gibbethon, which *belonged* to the Philistines; for Nadab and all Israel laid siege to Gibbethon.
28 Even in the third year of Asa king of Judah did Baasha slay him, and reigned in his stead.
29 And it came to pass, when he reigned, *that* he smote all the house of Jeroboam; he left not to Jeroboam any that breathed, until he had destroyed him, according unto the saying of the LORD, which he spake by his servant Ahijah the Shilonite:
30 Because of the sins of Jeroboam which he sinned, and which he made Israel sin, by his provocation wherewith he provoked the LORD God of Israel to anger.
31 Now the rest of the acts of Nadab, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?
32 And there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days.

Baasha's Reign

33 In the third year of Asa king of Judah began Baasha the son of Ahijah to reign over all Israel in Tirzah, twenty and four years.
34 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin.

Jehu's Prophecy

16 Then the word of the LORD came to Jehu the son of Hanani against Baasha, saying,
2 Forasmuch as I exalted thee out of the dust, and made thee prince over my people Israel; and thou hast walked in the way of Jeroboam, and hast made my people Israel to sin, to provoke me to anger with their sins;

16:2 provoke to anger

(Heb. *cha`as*) (Deut. 32:21; Eccl. 7:9) H3707: This Hebrew word is used almost exclusively to talk of the people provoking the Lord to anger, whether because they acted "corruptly" (Deut. 4:25), or worshiped idols (Deut. 32:21; 1 Kin. 14:15), or burned incense on high places (2 Kin. 17:11). The Lord's anger is justified because of the sins of the people. They are the ones who caused His righteous anger. The word is occasionally used to refer to ordinary people, such as when Hannah was "provoked" (aggravated, pained, tormented) by Elkanah's other wife (1 Sam. 1:6), or Sanballat "took great indignation" because the Jews

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

Baasha's Death

5 Now the rest of the acts of Baasha, and what he did, and his might, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?
6 So Baasha slept with his fathers, and was buried in Tirzah: and Elah his son reigned in his stead.
7 And also by the hand of the prophet Jehu the son of Hanani came the word of the LORD against Baasha, and against his house, even for all the evil that he did in the sight of the LORD, in provoking him to anger with the work of his hands, in being like the house of Jeroboam; and because he killed him.

Elah's Reign and Death

8 In the twenty and sixth year of Asa king of Judah began Elah the son of Baasha to reign over Israel in Tirzah, two years.
9 And his servant Zimri, captain of half *his* chariots, conspired against him, as he was in Tirzah, drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza steward of *his* house in Tirzah.
10 And Zimri went in and smote him, and killed him, in the twenty and seventh year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned in his stead.

Zimri's Reign and Death

11 And it came to pass, when he began to reign, as soon as he sat on his throne, *that* he slew all the house of Baasha: he left him not one that pisseth against a wall, neither of his kinsfolks, nor of his friends.
12 Thus did Zimri destroy all the house of Baasha, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake against Baasha by Jehu the prophet,
13 For all the sins of Baasha, and the sins of Elah his son, by which they sinned, and by which they made Israel to sin, in provoking the LORD God of Israel to anger with their vanities.
14 Now the rest of the acts of Elah, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?
15 In the twenty and seventh year of Asa king of Judah did Zimri reign seven days in Tirzah. And the people *were* encamped against Gibbethon, which *belonged* to the Philistines.
16 And the people *that were* encamped heard say, Zimri hath conspired, and hath also slain the king: wherefore all Israel made Omri, the captain of the host, king over Israel that day in the camp.
17 And Omri went up from Gibbethon, and all Israel with him, and they besieged Tirzah.
18 And it came to pass, when Zimri saw that the city was taken, that he went into the palace of the king's house, and burnt the king's house over him with fire, and died,
19 For his sins which he sinned in doing evil in the sight of the LORD, in walking in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin which he did, to make Israel to sin.
20 Now the rest of the acts of Zimri, and his treason that he wrought, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

Omri's Reign

21 Then were the people of Israel divided into two parts: half of the people followed Tibni the son of Ginath, to make him king; and half followed Omri.
22 But the people that followed Omri prevailed against the people that followed Tibni the son of Ginath: so Tibni died, and Omri reigned.
23 In the thirty and first year of Asa king of Judah began Omri to reign over Israel, twelve years: six years reigned he in Tirzah.
24 And he bought the hill Samaria of Shemer for two talents of silver, and built on the hill, and called the name of the city which he built, after the name of Shemer, owner of the hill, Samaria.
25 But Omri wrought evil in the eyes of the LORD, and did worse than all that *were* before him.
26 For he walked in all the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sin wherewith he

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were rebuilding the wall (Neh. 4:1). However, the author of Ecclesiastes warns, "Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools" (Eccl. 7:9).

made Israel to sin, to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger with their vanities.
27 Now the rest of the acts of Omri which he did, and his might that he shewed, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?
28 So Omri slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria: and Ahab his son reigned in his stead.

Ahab's Reign and Sins

29 And in the thirty and eighth year of Asa king of Judah began Ahab the son of Omri to reign over Israel: and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty and two years.
30 And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD above all that *were* before him.
31 And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshipped him.
32 And he reared up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria.
33 And Ahab made a grove; and Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him.

Jericho Rebuilt

34 In his days did Hiel the Beth-elite build Jericho: he laid the foundation thereof in Abiram his firstborn, and set up the gates thereof in his youngest *son* Segub, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by Joshua the son of Nun.

Elijah's Prophecy

17 And Elijah the Tishbite, *who was* of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, *As* the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.
2 And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying,
3 Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that *is* before Jordan.
4 And it shall be, *that* thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there.
5 So he went and did according unto the word of the LORD: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that *is* before Jordan.
6 And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook.
7 And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.

A Widow Feeds Elijah

8 And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying,
9 Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which *belongeth* to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee.

16:31 light thing ▸ *see Jer. 8:11.*
16:31 Jezebel ▸ *see 1 Kin. 19:2.*

16:31 Baal

(Heb. *ba`al*) (Judg. 2:13; 2 Kin. 10:20) H1168: Baal was a pagan god of storms and fertility, worshiped throughout the ancient Middle East because of his association with powerful forces. His name literally means "Owner," "Master," or "Husband." In Canaanite literature, Baal is often associated with the fertility goddess Asherah, whose sacred Asherah poles are mentioned numerous times in the Old Testament (2 Kin. 21:7). Worship of these pagan deities involved self-mutilation, ritual prostitution, and infant sacrifice. Despite these despicable practices, the Israelites themselves adopted Baal worship—a factor which eventually led to God's punishment (Judg. 2:11–15; Jer. 19:4–6).

17:4 raven ▸ *see Ps. 147:9.*

17:9 widow woman

(Heb. *'almanah*) (Ex. 22:24; Ps. 68:5; Prov. 15:25; Zech. 7:10) H0490: Usually used in reference to a woman whose husband has died, this word is also used to describe a nation in desolation: "How doth the city sit solitary, that was full of people! how is she become like a widow" (Lam. 1:1). Widows are often paired with orphans in Scripture, and the two vulnerable groups were given special attention and protection in Mosaic law (Ex. 22:22; Deut. 14:29; 24:17, 19). Though they were marginalized and helpless in the ancient world, God lavished particular love on widows: "A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, is God in his holy habitation" (Ps. 68:5).

17:9 sustain ▸ *see Ps. 55:22.*

10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman *was* there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.
11 And as she was going to fetch *it,* he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand.
12 And she said, *As* the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I *am* gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.
13 And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go *and* do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring *it* unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son.
14 For thus saith the LORD God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day *that* the LORD sendeth rain upon the earth.
15 And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat *many* days.
16 *And* the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by Elijah.

Elijah's Prayer

17 And it came to pass after these things, *that* the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so sore, that there was no breath left in him.
18 And she said unto Elijah, What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? art thou come unto me to call my sin to remembrance, and to slay my son?
19 And he said unto her, Give me thy son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into a loft, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed.
20 And he cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, hast thou also brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son?
21 And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again.
22 And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived.
23 And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the house, and delivered him unto his mother: and Elijah said, See, thy son liveth.
24 And the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know that thou *art* a man of God, *and* that the word of the LORD in thy mouth *is* truth.

God Will Send Rain

18 And it came to pass *after* many days, that the word of the LORD came to Elijah in the third year, saying, Go, shew thyself unto Ahab; and I will send rain upon the earth.
2 And Elijah went to shew himself unto Ahab. And *there was* a sore famine in Samaria.

Obadiah and Ahab's Search

3 And Ahab called Obadiah, which *was* the governor of *his* house. (Now Obadiah feared the LORD greatly:
4 For it was *so,* when Jezebel cut off the prophets of the LORD, that Obadiah took an hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water.)
5 And Ahab said unto Obadiah, Go into the land, unto all fountains of water, and unto all brooks: peradventure we may find grass to save the horses and mules alive, that we lose not all the beasts.
6 So they divided the land between them to pass throughout it: Ahab went one way by himself, and Obadiah went another way by himself.

Obadiah and Elijah

7 And as Obadiah was in the way, behold, Elijah met him: and he knew him, and fell on his face, and said, *Art* thou that my lord Elijah?
8 And he answered him, I *am:* go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah *is here.*
9 And he said, What have I sinned, that thou wouldest deliver thy servant into the hand of Ahab, to slay me?
10 *As* the LORD thy God liveth, there is no nation or kingdom, whither my lord hath not sent to seek thee: and when they said, *He*

17:19 loft ▸ *see Neh. 3:32.*
18:4 cave ▸ *see 1 Sam. 24:3.*
18:7 know ▸ *see Gen. 42:8.*

is not *there;* he took an oath of the kingdom and nation, that they found thee not.
11 And now thou sayest, Go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah *is here.*
12 And it shall come to pass, *as soon as* I am gone from thee, that the Spirit of the LORD shall carry thee whither I know not; and *so* when I come and tell Ahab, and he cannot find thee, he shall slay me: but I thy servant fear the LORD from my youth.
13 Was it not told my lord what I did when Jezebel slew the prophets of the LORD, how I hid an hundred men of the LORD's prophets by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water?
14 And now thou sayest, Go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah *is here:* and he shall slay me.
15 And Elijah said, *As* the LORD of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, I will surely shew myself unto him to day.
16 So Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and told him: and Ahab went to meet Elijah.

Ahab and Elijah

17 And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, *Art* thou he that troubleth Israel?
18 And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the LORD, and thou hast followed Baalim.
19 Now therefore send, *and* gather to me all Israel unto mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the groves four hundred, which eat at Jezebel's table.
20 So Ahab sent unto all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto mount Carmel.

Elijah's Challenge

21 And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD *be* God, follow him: but if Baal, *then* follow him. And the people answered him not a word.
22 Then said Elijah unto the people, I, *even* I only, remain a prophet of the LORD; but Baal's prophets *are* four hundred and fifty men.
23 Let them therefore give us two bullocks; and let them choose one bullock for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay *it* on wood, and put no fire *under:* and I will dress the other bullock, and lay *it* on wood, and put no fire *under:*
24 And call ye on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the LORD: and the God that answereth by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken.

The Sacrifice of Baal's Prophets

25 And Elijah said unto the prophets of Baal, Choose you one bullock for yourselves, and dress *it* first; for ye *are* many; and call on the name of your gods, but put no fire *under.*
26 And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed *it,* and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But *there was* no voice, nor any that answered. And they leaped upon the altar which was made.
27 And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud: for he *is* a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, *or* peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked.
28 And they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their manner with knives and lancets, till the blood gushed out upon them.
29 And it came to pass, when midday was past, and they prophesied until the *time* of the offering of the *evening* sacrifice, that *there was* neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any that regarded.

The Sacrifice of Elijah

30 And Elijah said unto all the people, Come

18:24 name

(Heb. *shem*) (Ex. 6:3; 1 Kin. 8:20) H8034: The Hebrew word *shem* may be related to a root meaning "to mark," but this is uncertain. In Bible times, a person's name not only served as a means of identification, but it could also describe a person's character, position, or destiny (see 1 Sam. 25:25 for the meaning of Nabal's name, "Fool"). Sometimes a person was renamed, reflecting a change in that person's character or status (see Gen. 35:10). The various names of God are especially important. Each name reveals a particular aspect of His nature (for example, God Most High or the Lord of Hosts). For this reason, His name is to be honored and should never be used irreverently (Ex. 20:7). By sharing His name with Israel, God indicated the intimacy of His covenantal relationship with them (Ex. 3:13–15).

near unto me. And all the people came near unto him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD *that was* broken down.
31 And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the word of the LORD came, saying, Israel shall be thy name:
32 And with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD: and he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two measures of seed.
33 And he put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid *him* on the wood, and said, Fill four barrels with water, and pour *it* on the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood.
34 And he said, Do *it* the second time. And they did *it* the second time. And he said, Do *it* the third time. And they did *it* the third time.
35 And the water ran round about the altar; and he filled the trench also with water.

Elijah's Prayer

36 And it came to pass at *the time of* the offering of the *evening* sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou *art* God in Israel, and *that* I *am* thy servant, and *that* I have done all these things at thy word.
37 Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou *art* the LORD God, and *that* thou hast turned their heart back again.
38 Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that *was* in the trench.
39 And when all the people saw *it,* they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he *is* the God; the LORD, he *is* the God.
40 And Elijah said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there.

An Abundance of Rain

41 And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for *there is* a sound of abundance of rain.
42 So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees,
43 And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, *There is* nothing. And he said, Go again seven times.
44 And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, Prepare *thy chariot,* and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not.
45 And it came to pass in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel.
46 And the hand of the LORD was on Elijah; and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

Elijah's Escape from Jezebel

19 And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword.
2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods do *to me,* and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by to morrow about this time.
3 And when he saw *that,* he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which *belongeth* to Judah, and left his servant there.
4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life; for I *am* not better than my fathers.

18:45 rain ▸ *see Lev. 26:4.*

19:2 Jezebel

(Heb. *'izebel*) (1 Kin. 16:31; 21:23; 2 Kin. 9:10) H0348: The Hebrew root means "chaste" (literally "without cohabitation"), but the name itself means "Baal exalts" or "Baal is husband to." Baal was the name of a deity worshiped by the Phoenicians. Jezebel, the wife of King Ahab and daughter of Ethbaal, king of the Sidonians (1 Kin. 16:31), influenced her husband to institute Baal worship in Israel (1 Kin. 16:33). She also used her royal status to murder Naboth the Jezreelite in order to acquire his vineyard (1 Kin. 21:1–16). As prophesied by Elijah, Jezebel's life came to a violent and dramatic end (2 Kin. 9:35, 36).

5 And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise *and* eat.
6 And he looked, and, behold, *there was* a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again.
7 And the angel of the LORD came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise *and* eat; because the journey *is* too great for thee.
8 And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God.

A Still Small Voice

9 And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the LORD *came* to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah?
10 And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, *even* I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.
11 And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; *but* the LORD *was* not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; *but* the LORD *was* not in the earthquake:
12 And after the earthquake a fire; *but* the LORD *was* not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.
13 And it was *so,* when Elijah heard *it,* that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, *there came* a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah?
14 And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, *even* I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.
15 And the LORD said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael *to be* king over Syria:
16 And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint *to be* king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah shalt thou anoint *to be* prophet in thy room.
17 And it shall come to pass, *that* him that escapeth the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay.
18 Yet I have left *me* seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.

Elisha Follows Elijah

19 So he departed thence, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who *was* plowing *with* twelve yoke *of oxen* before him, and he with the twelfth: and Elijah passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him.
20 And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and *then* I will follow thee. And he said unto him, Go back again: for what have I done to thee?
21 And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him.

Ben-hadad's Message to Ahab

20 And Ben-hadad the king of Syria gathered all his host together: and *there were* thirty and two kings with him,

19:10 jealous ▸ *see Zech. 8:2.*
19:10 throw down ▸ *see 1 Kin. 19:14.*
19:13 face ▸ *see Gen. 33:10.*

19:14 throw down

(Heb. *haras*) (Judg. 6:25; 1 Kin. 19:10) H2040: The Hebrew word means to pull down or destroy. Its root is onomatopoeic. The verb is used of destroying (or destroyed) altars—either altars of God (as here; see also 1 Kin. 18:30) or of other deities (Judg. 6:25)—but also cities (1 Chr. 20:1), foundations (Ps. 11:3), people (Ps. 28:5), walls (Prov. 24:31), and towers (Ezek. 26:4). In Exodus 19:21, the word is translated "break through," as a barrier; other renderings include "ruined" (Ezek. 36:35), "break down" (Jer. 45:4), and "overthrow" (Ex. 23:24).

19:19 yoke ▸ *see 1 Sam. 11:7.*

and horses, and chariots: and he went up and besieged Samaria, and warred against it.
2 And he sent messengers to Ahab king of Israel into the city, and said unto him, Thus saith Ben-hadad,
3 Thy silver and thy gold *is* mine; thy wives also and thy children, *even* the goodliest, *are* mine.
4 And the king of Israel answered and said, My lord, O king, according to thy saying, I *am* thine, and all that I have.
5 And the messengers came again, and said, Thus speaketh Ben-hadad, saying, Although I have sent unto thee, saying, Thou shalt deliver me thy silver, and thy gold, and thy wives, and thy children;
6 Yet I will send my servants unto thee to morrow about this time, and they shall search thine house, and the houses of thy servants; and it shall be, *that* whatsoever is pleasant in thine eyes, they shall put *it* in their hand, and take *it* away.
7 Then the king of Israel called all the elders of the land, and said, Mark, I pray you, and see how this *man* seeketh mischief: for he sent unto me for my wives, and for my children, and for my silver, and for my gold; and I denied him not.
8 And all the elders and all the people said unto him, Hearken not *unto him,* nor consent.

Ahab's Message to Ben-hadad

9 Wherefore he said unto the messengers of Ben-hadad, Tell my lord the king, All that thou didst send for to thy servant at the first I will do: but this thing I may not do. And the messengers departed, and brought him word again.
10 And Ben-hadad sent unto him, and said, The gods do so unto me, and more also, if the dust of Samaria shall suffice for handfuls for all the people that follow me.
11 And the king of Israel answered and said, Tell *him,* Let not him that girdeth on *his harness* boast himself as he that putteth it off.
12 And it came to pass, when *Ben-hadad* heard this message, as he *was* drinking, he and the kings in the pavilions, that he said unto his servants, Set *yourselves in array.* And they set *themselves in array* against the city.

Israel Will Be Victorious

13 And, behold, there came a prophet unto Ahab king of Israel, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Hast thou seen all this great multitude? behold, I will deliver it into thine hand this day; and thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD.
14 And Ahab said, By whom? And he said, Thus saith the LORD, *Even* by the young men of the princes of the provinces. Then he said, Who shall order the battle? And he answered, Thou.
15 Then he numbered the young men of the princes of the provinces, and they were two hundred and thirty two: and after them he numbered all the people, *even* all the children of Israel, *being* seven thousand.
16 And they went out at noon. But Ben-hadad *was* drinking himself drunk in the pavilions, he and the kings, the thirty and two kings that helped him.
17 And the young men of the princes of the provinces went out first; and Ben-hadad sent out, and they told him, saying, There are men come out of Samaria.
18 And he said, Whether they be come out for peace, take them alive; or whether they be come out for war, take them alive.
19 So these young men of the princes of the provinces came out of the city, and the army which followed them.
20 And they slew every one his man: and the Syrians fled; and Israel pursued them: and Ben-hadad the king of Syria escaped on an horse with the horsemen.
21 And the king of Israel went out, and smote the horses and chariots, and slew the Syrians with a great slaughter.
22 And the prophet came to the king of Israel, and said unto him, Go, strengthen thyself, and mark, and see what thou doest: for at the return of the year the king of Syria will come up against thee.

Fighting in the Plain

23 And the servants of the king of Syria said unto him, Their gods *are* gods of the hills; therefore they were stronger than we; but let us fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they.
24 And do this thing, Take the kings away, every man out of his place, and put captains in their rooms:
25 And number thee an army, like the army that thou hast lost, horse for horse, and chariot for chariot: and we will fight against them

in the plain, *and* surely we shall be stronger than they. And he hearkened unto their voice, and did so.
26 And it came to pass at the return of the year, that Ben-hadad numbered the Syrians, and went up to Aphek, to fight against Israel.
27 And the children of Israel were numbered, and were all present, and went against them: and the children of Israel pitched before them like two little flocks of kids; but the Syrians filled the country.

Israel Victorious Again

28 And there came a man of God, and spake unto the king of Israel, and said, Thus saith the LORD, Because the Syrians have said, The LORD *is* God of the hills, but he *is* not God of the valleys, therefore will I deliver all this great multitude into thine hand, and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.
29 And they pitched one over against the other seven days. And *so* it was, that in the seventh day the battle was joined: and the children of Israel slew of the Syrians an hundred thousand footmen in one day.
30 But the rest fled to Aphek, into the city; and *there* a wall fell upon twenty and seven thousand of the men *that were* left. And Ben-hadad fled, and came into the city, into an inner chamber.

A Covenant with Ben-hadad

31 And his servants said unto him, Behold now, we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel *are* merciful kings: let us, I pray thee, put sackcloth on our loins, and ropes upon our heads, and go out to the king of Israel: peradventure he will save thy life.
32 So they girded sackcloth on their loins, and *put* ropes on their heads, and came to the king of Israel, and said, Thy servant Ben-hadad saith, I pray thee, let me live. And he said, *Is* he yet alive? he *is* my brother.
33 Now the men did diligently observe whether *any thing would come* from him, and did hastily catch *it:* and they said, Thy brother Ben-hadad. Then he said, Go ye, bring him. Then Ben-hadad came forth to him; and he caused him to come up into the chariot.
34 And *Ben-hadad* said unto him, The cities, which my father took from thy father, I will restore; and thou shalt make streets for thee in Damascus, as my father made in Samaria. Then *said Ahab,* I will send thee away with this covenant. So he made a covenant with him, and sent him away.

Ahab Rebuked by a Prophet

35 And a certain man of the sons of the prophets said unto his neighbour in the word of the LORD, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man refused to smite him.
36 Then said he unto him, Because thou hast not obeyed the voice of the LORD, behold, as soon as thou art departed from me, a lion shall slay thee. And as soon as he was departed from him, a lion found him, and slew him.
37 Then he found another man, and said, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man smote him, so that in smiting he wounded *him.*
38 So the prophet departed, and waited for the king by the way, and disguised himself with ashes upon his face.
39 And as the king passed by, he cried unto the king: and he said, Thy servant went out into the midst of the battle; and, behold, a man turned aside, and brought a man unto me, and said, Keep this man: if by any means he be missing, then shall thy life be for his life, or else thou shalt pay a talent of silver.
40 And as thy servant was busy here and there, he was gone. And the king of Israel said unto him, So *shall* thy judgment *be;* thyself hast decided *it.*
41 And he hasted, and took the ashes away from his face; and the king of Israel discerned him that he *was* of the prophets.

20:28 Syrians ▸ *see 2 Kin. 16:5.*
20:31 sackcloth ▸ *see Is. 50:3.*

20:34 Damascus

(Heb. *dammeseq*) (Gen. 14:15; 2 Sam. 8:6; Song 7:4; Amos 5:27) H1834: Damascus is the name of the capital of Syria (or Aram), both ancient and modern; the city is one of the oldest continuously populated cities in the world. The Hebrew name literally means "silent is the sackcloth weaver." Enmity existed between Israel and Damascus for much of the northern kingdom's history. Second Kings 13:3 describes God's punishment of Israel by delivering them into the hand of King Hazael of Syria and his son Ben-hadad. According to 2 Chronicles 16:2, Ben-hadad lived in Damascus. The prophet Isaiah declared judgment for Damascus in the form of utter destruction (Is. 17:1).

Judgment on Ahab

42 And he said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Because thou hast let go out of *thy* hand a man whom I appointed to utter destruction, therefore thy life shall go for his life, and thy people for his people.
43 And the king of Israel went to his house heavy and displeased, and came to Samaria.

Naboth Refuses to Sell His Vineyard

21 And it came to pass after these things, *that* Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard, which *was* in Jezreel, hard by the palace of Ahab king of Samaria.
2 And Ahab spake unto Naboth, saying, Give me thy vineyard, that I may have it for a garden of herbs, because it *is* near unto my house: and I will give thee for it a better vineyard than it; *or,* if it seem good to thee, I will give thee the worth of it in money.
3 And Naboth said to Ahab, The LORD forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee.
4 And Ahab came into his house heavy and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him: for he had said, I will not give thee the inheritance of my fathers. And he laid him down upon his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no bread.

Jezebel's Plan

5 But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said unto him, Why is thy spirit so sad, that thou eatest no bread?
6 And he said unto her, Because I spake unto Naboth the Jezreelite, and said unto him, Give me thy vineyard for money; or else, if it please thee, I will give thee *another* vineyard for it: and he answered, I will not give thee my vineyard.
7 And Jezebel his wife said unto him, Dost thou now govern the kingdom of Israel? arise, *and* eat bread, and let thine heart be merry: I will give thee the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.
8 So she wrote letters in Ahab's name, and sealed *them* with his seal, and sent the letters unto the elders and to the nobles that *were* in his city, dwelling with Naboth.
9 And she wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people:
10 And set two men, sons of Belial, before him, to bear witness against him, saying, Thou didst blaspheme God and the king. And *then* carry him out, and stone him, that he may die.
11 And the men of his city, *even* the elders and the nobles who were the inhabitants in his city, did as Jezebel had sent unto them, *and* as it *was* written in the letters which she had sent unto them.

Naboth Accused and Stoned

12 They proclaimed a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people.
13 And there came in two men, children of Belial, and sat before him: and the men of Belial witnessed against him, *even* against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, Naboth did blaspheme God and the king. Then they carried him forth out of the city, and stoned him with stones, that he died.
14 Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, Naboth is stoned, and is dead.
15 And it came to pass, when Jezebel heard that Naboth was stoned, and was dead, that Jezebel said to Ahab, Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give thee for money: for Naboth is not alive, but dead.
16 And it came to pass, when Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, that Ahab rose up to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it.

God's Message to Ahab

17 And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

21:8 seal ▸ *see Dan. 12:9.*
21:9 fast ▸ *see Jon. 3:5.*

21:11 letter

(Heb. *sepher*) (2 Sam. 11:14; Esth. 9:30; Jer. 29:29) H5612: The Hebrew word refers to the art of writing and reading and is most often rendered "book" (Exod. 32:32; Deut. 31:24; Job 19:23), but can mean writing of various kinds, including laws (Deut. 31:26—"book of the Law"), genealogies (Gen. 5:1—"the book of the generations of Adam"), deeds of purchase (Jer. 32:16), and personal correspondence (2 Kin. 5:5). In Exodus 24:7, the word is used as part of the title for the law of God: "the book of the covenant." In Exodus 32:32, 33, as in Daniel 12:1, the word is used to indicate God's ledger of the righteous.

18 Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, which *is* in Samaria: behold, *he is* in the vineyard of Naboth, whither he is gone down to possess it.
19 And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Hast thou killed, and also taken possession? And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick thy blood, even thine.
20 And Ahab said to Elijah, Hast thou found me, O mine enemy? And he answered, I have found *thee:* because thou hast sold thyself to work evil in the sight of the LORD.
21 Behold, I will bring evil upon thee, and will take away thy posterity, and will cut off from Ahab him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel,
22 And will make thine house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, for the provocation wherewith thou hast provoked *me* to anger, and made Israel to sin.
23 And of Jezebel also spake the LORD, saying, The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel.
24 Him that dieth of Ahab in the city the dogs shall eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat.
25 But there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the LORD, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up.
26 And he did very abominably in following idols, according to all *things* as did the Amorites, whom the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.
27 And it came to pass, when Ahab heard those words, that he rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went softly.
28 And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,
29 Seest thou how Ahab humbleth himself before me? because he humbleth himself before me, I will not bring the evil in his days: *but* in his son's days will I bring the evil upon his house.

Ahab and Jehoshaphat's Forces

22 And they continued three years without war between Syria and Israel.
2 And it came to pass in the third year, that Jehoshaphat the king of Judah came down to the king of Israel.
3 And the king of Israel said unto his servants, Know ye that Ramoth in Gilead *is* ours, and we *be* still, *and* take it not out of the hand of the king of Syria?
4 And he said unto Jehoshaphat, Wilt thou go with me to battle to Ramoth-gilead? And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, I *am* as thou *art,* my people as thy people, my horses as thy horses.
5 And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, Enquire, I pray thee, at the word of the LORD to day.
6 Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall I go against Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for the Lord shall deliver *it* into the hand of the king.
7 And Jehoshaphat said, *Is there* not here a prophet of the LORD besides, that we might enquire of him?
8 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, *There is* yet one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we may enquire of the LORD: but I hate him; for he doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.
9 Then the king of Israel called an officer, and said, Hasten *hither* Micaiah the son of Imlah.

The Counsel of Baal's Prophets

10 And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah sat each on his throne, having put on their robes, in a void place in the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them.
11 And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made him horns of iron: and he said, Thus saith the LORD, With these shalt thou push the Syrians, until thou have consumed them.
12 And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramoth-gilead, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliver *it* into the king's hand.
13 And the messenger that was gone to call Micaiah spake unto him, saying, Behold now, the words of the prophets *declare* good

21:19 lick ▸ *see Judg. 7:5.*
21:23 Jezebel ▸ *see 1 Kin. 19:2.*

unto the king with one mouth: let thy word, I pray thee, be like the word of one of them, and speak *that which is* good.
14 And Micaiah said, *As* the LORD liveth, what the LORD saith unto me, that will I speak.
15 So he came to the king. And the king said unto him, Micaiah, shall we go against Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall we forbear? And he answered him, Go, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliver *it* into the hand of the king.
16 And the king said unto him, How many times shall I adjure thee that thou tell me nothing but *that which is* true in the name of the LORD?

Israel's Fallen Leader

17 And he said, I saw all Israel scattered upon the hills, as sheep that have not a shepherd: and the LORD said, These have no master: let them return every man to his house in peace.
18 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell thee that he would prophesy no good concerning me, but evil?
19 And he said, Hear thou therefore the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left.
20 And the LORD said, Who shall persuade Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead? And one said on this manner, and another said on that manner.
21 And there came forth a spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will persuade him.
22 And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt persuade *him,* and prevail also: go forth, and do so.
23 Now therefore, behold, the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil concerning thee.
24 But Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah went near, and smote Micaiah on the cheek, and said, Which way went the Spirit of the LORD from me to speak unto thee?
25 And Micaiah said, Behold, thou shalt see in that day, when thou shalt go into an inner chamber to hide thyself.
26 And the king of Israel said, Take Micaiah, and carry him back unto Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king's son;
27 And say, Thus saith the king, Put this *fellow* in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until I come in peace.
28 And Micaiah said, If thou return at all in peace, the LORD hath not spoken by me. And he said, Hearken, O people, every one of you.

Ahab Killed in Battle

29 So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth-gilead.
30 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, I will disguise myself, and enter into the battle; but put thou on thy robes. And the king of Israel disguised himself, and went into the battle.
31 But the king of Syria commanded his thirty and two captains that had rule over his chariots, saying, Fight neither with small nor great, save only with the king of Israel.
32 And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, Surely it *is* the king of Israel. And they turned aside to fight against him: and Jehoshaphat cried out.
33 And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots perceived that it *was* not the king of Israel, that they turned back from pursuing him.
34 And a *certain* man drew a bow at a venture, and smote the king of Israel between the joints of the harness: wherefore he said unto the driver of his chariot, Turn thine hand, and carry me out of the host; for I am wounded.
35 And the battle increased that day: and the king was stayed up in his chariot against the Syrians, and died at even: and the blood ran out of the wound into the midst of the chariot.
36 And there went a proclamation throughout the host about the going down of the sun, saying, Every man to his city, and every man to his own country.
37 So the king died, and was brought to Samaria; and they buried the king in Samaria.

22:17 scatter ▸ *see 2 Kin. 25:5.*
22:23 spirit ▸ *see Joel 2:28.*
22:30 disguise ▸ *see 2 Chr. 18:29.*

38 And *one* washed the chariot in the pool of Samaria; and the dogs licked up his blood; and they washed his armour; according unto the word of the LORD which he spake.
39 Now the rest of the acts of Ahab, and all that he did, and the ivory house which he made, and all the cities that he built, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?
40 So Ahab slept with his fathers; and Ahaziah his son reigned in his stead.

Jehoshaphat's Reign and Death

41 And Jehoshaphat the son of Asa began to reign over Judah in the fourth year of Ahab king of Israel.
42 Jehoshaphat *was* thirty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.
43 And he walked in all the ways of Asa his father; he turned not aside from it, doing *that which was* right in the eyes of the LORD: nevertheless the high places were not taken away; *for* the people offered and burnt incense yet in the high places.
44 And Jehoshaphat made peace with the king of Israel.
45 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, and his might that he shewed, and how he warred, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?
46 And the remnant of the sodomites, which remained in the days of his father Asa, he took out of the land.
47 *There was* then no king in Edom: a deputy *was* king.
48 Jehoshaphat made ships of Tharshish to go to Ophir for gold: but they went not; for the ships were broken at Ezion-geber.
49 Then said Ahaziah the son of Ahab unto Jehoshaphat, Let my servants go with thy servants in the ships. But Jehoshaphat would not.
50 And Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Jehoram his son reigned in his stead.

Ahaziah's Reign

51 Ahaziah the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned two years over Israel.
52 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father, and in the way of his mother, and in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin:
53 For he served Baal, and worshipped him, and provoked to anger the LORD God of Israel, according to all that his father had done.

22:38 lick ▸ *see Judg. 7:5.*

22:43 burn incense

(Heb. *qatar*) (Num. 16:40; 2 Chr. 13:11) H6999: This Hebrew word has the basic meaning "to produce smoke." It is used only in reference to religious offerings. The offerings are sometimes made to the Lord and sometimes to other gods (1 Kin. 9:25; 12:33; 2 Kin. 22:17). In the Book of Leviticus, the word is used to speak of true worship that the Lord had ordained. But in the historical books of 1 Kings—2 Chronicles, the word is primarily used for the rituals of false worship. Even many of the "good" kings of Israel failed to abolish improper burning of incense (1 Kin. 22:43; 2 Kin. 12:3; 14:4; 15:4, 35). Jeremiah often used the word to denounce the errors of his people, though he used it once to prophesy of a time when Israel would perpetually worship the true God (Jer. 1:16; 11:13; 33:14–18).

THE SECOND BOOK OF THE

KINGS

THE BOOK OF SECOND KINGS continues the drama begun in First Kings—the tragic history of two nations on a collision course with captivity. The author systematically traces the reigning monarchs of Israel and Judah, first by carrying one nation's history forward, then retracing the same period for the other nation.

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WATCH WORDS

- **good thing** (the best that something has to offer, the full measure of its beauty and truth)—8:9
- **hand** (in addition to the physical appendage, a person's whole being or attitude)—10:24
- **high place** (a sacred area located on top of a ridge)—14:4 (also 23:5)
- **offend** (miss or fall short, especially of a moral requirement)—18:14
- **grove** (the fertility goddess Asherah or objects representing her)—23:6 (also 17:10; 21:7)

God's Message to Elijah and Ahaziah

1 Then Moab rebelled against Israel after the death of Ahab.

2 And Ahaziah fell down through a lattice in his upper chamber that *was* in Samaria, and was sick: and he sent messengers, and said unto them, Go, enquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron whether I shall recover of this disease.

3 But the angel of the LORD said to Elijah the Tishbite, Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say unto them, *Is it* not because *there is* not a God in Israel, *that* ye go to enquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron?

4 Now therefore thus saith the LORD, Thou shalt not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die. And Elijah departed.

5 And when the messengers turned back unto him, he said unto them, Why are ye now turned back?

6 And they said unto him, There came a man up to meet us, and said unto us, Go, turn again unto the king that sent you, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, *Is it* not because *there is* not a God in Israel, *that* thou sendest to enquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron? therefore thou shalt not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die.

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

8 And they answered him, *He was* an hairy

1:4 bed

(Heb. *mittah*) (1 Sam. 19:13) H4296: A *mittah* was the place where people would lie down to sleep. So, when Michal wanted to buy time for David to escape she "took an image, and laid it in the bed, and put a pillow of goats' hair for his bolster, and covered it with a cloth" (1 Sam. 19:13). Jacob is described as dying on his bed (Gen. 49:33), and Saul was so faint from lack of food that he had problems getting out of bed (1 Sam. 28:23), as was Ahab in his depression (1 Kin. 21:4). Because the bed was often the place where someone died, in some contexts it is translated as such, as when Abner died "and King David himself followed the bier" (2 Sam. 3:31).

man, and girt with a girdle of leather about his loins. And he said, It *is* Elijah the Tishbite.

Fire Consumes Two Companies

9 Then the king sent unto him a captain of fifty with his fifty. And he went up to him: and, behold, he sat on the top of an hill. And he spake unto him, Thou man of God, the king hath said, Come down.
10 And Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, If I *be* a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And there came down fire from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty.
11 Again also he sent unto him another captain of fifty with his fifty. And he answered and said unto him, O man of God, thus hath the king said, Come down quickly.
12 And Elijah answered and said unto them, If I *be* a man of God, let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And the fire of God came down from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty.

Third Company Spared

13 And he sent again a captain of the third fifty with his fifty. And the third captain of fifty went up, and came and fell on his knees before Elijah, and besought him, and said unto him, O man of God, I pray thee, let my life, and the life of these fifty thy servants, be precious in thy sight.
14 Behold, there came fire down from heaven, and burnt up the two captains of the former fifties with their fifties: therefore let my life now be precious in thy sight.
15 And the angel of the LORD said unto Elijah, Go down with him: be not afraid of him. And he arose, and went down with him unto the king.

Ahaziah's Death

16 And he said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Forasmuch as thou hast sent messengers to enquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron, *is it* not because *there is* no God in Israel to enquire of his word? therefore thou shalt not come down off that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die.
17 So he died according to the word of the LORD which Elijah had spoken. And Jehoram reigned in his stead in the second year of Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah; because he had no son.
18 Now the rest of the acts of Ahaziah which he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

Elijah and Elisha

2 And it came to pass, when the LORD would take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal.
2 And Elijah said unto Elisha, Tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Beth-el. And Elisha said *unto him, As* the LORD liveth, and *as* thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they went down to Beth-el.
3 And the sons of the prophets that *were* at Beth-el came forth to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he said, Yea, I know *it;* hold ye your peace.

Prophets at Jericho and Jordan

4 And Elijah said unto him, Elisha, tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Jericho. And he said, *As* the LORD liveth, and *as* thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they came to Jericho.
5 And the sons of the prophets that *were* at Jericho came to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he answered, Yea, I know *it;* hold ye your peace.
6 And Elijah said unto him, Tarry, I pray thee, here; for the LORD hath sent me to Jordan. And he said, *As* the LORD liveth, and *as* thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And they two went on.
7 And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood to view afar off: and they two stood by Jordan.
8 And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped *it* together, and smote the waters, and they were divided hither and thither, so that they two went over on dry ground.
9 And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from

1:8 loins ▸ *see Job 40:16.*

thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.
10 And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing: *nevertheless,* if thou see me *when I am* taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be *so.*
11 And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, *there appeared* a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

The Waters Parted by Elisha

12 And Elisha saw *it,* and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces.
13 He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan;
14 And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where *is* the LORD God of Elijah? and when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over.
15 And when the sons of the prophets which *were* to view at Jericho saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha. And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him.

The Search for Elijah

16 And they said unto him, Behold now, there be with thy servants fifty strong men; let them go, we pray thee, and seek thy master: lest peradventure the Spirit of the LORD hath taken him up, and cast him upon some mountain, or into some valley. And he said, Ye shall not send.
17 And when they urged him till he was ashamed, he said, Send. They sent therefore fifty men; and they sought three days, but found him not.
18 And when they came again to him, (for he tarried at Jericho,) he said unto them, Did I not say unto you, Go not?

Jericho's Healing Water

19 And the men of the city said unto Elisha, Behold, I pray thee, the situation of this city *is* pleasant, as my lord seeth: but the water *is* naught, and the ground barren.
20 And he said, Bring me a new cruse, and put salt therein. And they brought *it* to him.
21 And he went forth unto the spring of the waters, and cast the salt in there, and said, Thus saith the LORD, I have healed these waters; there shall not be from thence any more death or barren *land.*
22 So the waters were healed unto this day, according to the saying of Elisha which he spake.
23 And he went up from thence unto Beth-el: and as he was going up by the way, there came forth little children out of the city, and mocked him, and said unto him, Go up, thou bald head; go up, thou bald head.
24 And he turned back, and looked on them, and cursed them in the name of the LORD. And there came forth two she bears out of the wood, and tare forty and two children of them.
25 And he went from thence to mount Carmel, and from thence he returned to Samaria.

Jehoram's Reign

3 Now Jehoram the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned twelve years.
2 And he wrought evil in the sight of the LORD; but not like his father, and like his mother: for he put away the image of Baal that his father had made.
3 Nevertheless he cleaved unto the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which made Israel to sin; he departed not therefrom.

2:9 double
(Heb. *shenayim*) (Gen. 1:16; Judg. 3:16) H8147: The Heb. word *shenayim* refers to the number two and its related concepts. So, God is described as making "two great lights" (Gen. 1:16), but Adam and Eve "were both naked" (Gen. 2:25). Noah was told to bring "two of every sort . . . into the ark" (Gen. 6:19). Moses interrupted two Hebrew men who were fighting (Ex. 2:13), and the instructions for the Passover required them to place blood on the two doorposts (Ex. 12:22). The punishment for stealing required paying back double what was stolen (Ex. 22:9), and Ehud's deadly dagger had two edges (Judg. 3:16). Finally, Ecclesiastes notes that "two are better than one" (Eccl. 4:9).

2:11 chariot ▸ *see Ps. 20:7.*
2:12 horseman ▸ *see Ezra 8:22.*

4 And Mesha king of Moab was a sheepmaster, and rendered unto the king of Israel an hundred thousand lambs, and an hundred thousand rams, with the wool.
5 But it came to pass, when Ahab was dead, that the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel.

Israel, Judah, and Edom

6 And king Jehoram went out of Samaria the same time, and numbered all Israel.
7 And he went and sent to Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, saying, The king of Moab hath rebelled against me: wilt thou go with me against Moab to battle? And he said, I will go up: I *am* as thou *art,* my people as thy people, *and* my horses as thy horses.
8 And he said, Which way shall we go up? And he answered, The way through the wilderness of Edom.
9 So the king of Israel went, and the king of Judah, and the king of Edom: and they fetched a compass of seven days' journey: and there was no water for the host, and for the cattle that followed them.
10 And the king of Israel said, Alas! that the LORD hath called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Moab!
11 But Jehoshaphat said, *Is there* not here a prophet of the LORD, that we may enquire of the LORD by him? And one of the king of Israel's servants answered and said, Here *is* Elisha the son of Shaphat, which poured water on the hands of Elijah.
12 And Jehoshaphat said, The word of the LORD is with him. So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom went down to him.
13 And Elisha said unto the king of Israel, What have I to do with thee? get thee to the prophets of thy father, and to the prophets of thy mother. And the king of Israel said unto him, Nay: for the LORD hath called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Moab.
14 And Elisha said, *As* the LORD of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, surely, were it not that I regard the presence of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would not look toward thee, nor see thee.
15 But now bring me a minstrel. And it came to pass, when the minstrel played, that the hand of the LORD came upon him.

Water Provided

16 And he said, Thus saith the LORD, Make this valley full of ditches.
17 For thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, that ye may drink, both ye, and your cattle, and your beasts.
18 And this is *but* a light thing in the sight of the LORD: he will deliver the Moabites also into your hand.
19 And ye shall smite every fenced city, and every choice city, and shall fell every good tree, and stop all wells of water, and mar every good piece of land with stones.
20 And it came to pass in the morning, when the meat offering was offered, that, behold, there came water by the way of Edom, and the country was filled with water.
21 And when all the Moabites heard that the kings were come up to fight against them, they gathered all that were able to put on armour, and upward, and stood in the border.
22 And they rose up early in the morning, and the sun shone upon the water, and the Moabites saw the water on the other side *as* red as blood:
23 And they said, This *is* blood: the kings are surely slain, and they have smitten one another: now therefore, Moab, to the spoil.
24 And when they came to the camp of Israel, the Israelites rose up and smote the Moabites, so that they fled before them: but they went forward smiting the Moabites, even in *their* country.
25 And they beat down the cities, and on every good piece of land cast every man his stone, and filled it; and they stopped all the wells of water, and felled all the good trees:

3:19 fence

(Heb. *mibtsar*) (Num. 13:19; Jer. 1:18) H4013: A fenced or fortified city was one built up and protected against attack by some kind of defenses, as opposed to a simple camp (Num. 13:19). Fortifications would protect the defenseless, like women and children, against attack (Num. 32:17). As such, fortresses also symbolized the might of men. The prophets spoke of God destroying the people's fortifications as punishment for their sin (Is. 17:3; 25:12), whereas God would strengthen instead the prophets themselves, such as Jeremiah, whom God called "a city defenced and an iron pillar" (Jer. 1:18).

only in Kir-haraseth left they the stones thereof; howbeit the slingers went about *it,* and smote it.

A Burnt Offering

26 And when the king of Moab saw that the battle was too sore for him, he took with him seven hundred men that drew swords, to break through *even* unto the king of Edom: but they could not.
27 Then he took his eldest son that should have reigned in his stead, and offered him *for* a burnt offering upon the wall. And there was great indignation against Israel: and they departed from him, and returned to *their own* land.

Paying a Widow's Debt

4 Now there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets unto Elisha, saying, Thy servant my husband is dead; and thou knowest that thy servant did fear the LORD: and the creditor is come to take unto him my two sons to be bondmen.
2 And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for thee? tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil.
3 Then he said, Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbours, *even* empty vessels; borrow not a few.
4 And when thou art come in, thou shalt shut the door upon thee and upon thy sons, and shalt pour out into all those vessels, and thou shalt set aside that which is full.
5 So she went from him, and shut the door upon her and upon her sons, who brought *the vessels* to her; and she poured out.
6 And it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son, Bring me yet a vessel. And he said unto her, *There is* not a vessel more. And the oil stayed.
7 Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy children of the rest.

The Shunammite Woman's Kindness

8 And it fell on a day, that Elisha passed to Shunem, where *was* a great woman; and she constrained him to eat bread. And *so* it was, *that* as oft as he passed by, he turned in thither to eat bread.
9 And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this *is* an holy man of God, which passeth by us continually.
10 Let us make a little chamber, I pray thee, on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick: and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither.
11 And it fell on a day, that he came thither, and he turned into the chamber, and lay there.
12 And he said to Gehazi his servant, Call this Shunammite. And when he had called her, she stood before him.
13 And he said unto him, Say now unto her, Behold, thou hast been careful for us with all this care; what *is* to be done for thee? wouldest thou be spoken for to the king, or to the captain of the host? And she answered, I dwell among mine own people.
14 And he said, What then *is* to be done for her? And Gehazi answered, Verily she hath no child, and her husband is old.
15 And he said, Call her. And when he had called her, she stood in the door.
16 And he said, About this season, according to the time of life, thou shalt embrace a son. And she said, Nay, my lord, *thou* man of God, do not lie unto thine handmaid.
17 And the woman conceived, and bare a son at that season that Elisha had said unto her, according to the time of life.
18 And when the child was grown, it fell on a day, that he went out to his father to the reapers.
19 And he said unto his father, My head, my head. And he said to a lad, Carry him to his mother.
20 And when he had taken him, and brought

4:7 debt

(Heb. *neshi*) H5386: The Hebrew word *neshi* only appears once in the Old Testament, here in 2 Kings, and refers to money owed to someone else. As a widow, this woman was unable to provide for her family and faced having to sell her sons into slavery. The oil God miraculously provided allowed her to pay whatever money she owed to the "creditor," ensuring freedom for her sons and security for herself. The emphasis here is on God's provision setting His people free. All debts were paid off through this miracle, further securing Elisha's authority as "man of God."

4:15 call ▸ *see Jer. 33:3.*

him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and *then* died.
21 And she went up, and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and shut *the door* upon him, and went out.

The Search for Elisha

22 And she called unto her husband, and said, Send me, I pray thee, one of the young men, and one of the asses, that I may run to the man of God, and come again.
23 And he said, Wherefore wilt thou go to him to day? *it is* neither new moon, nor sabbath. And she said, *It shall be* well.
24 Then she saddled an ass, and said to her servant, Drive, and go forward; slack not *thy* riding for me, except I bid thee.
25 So she went and came unto the man of God to mount Carmel. And it came to pass, when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to Gehazi his servant, Behold, *yonder is* that Shunammite:
26 Run now, I pray thee, to meet her, and say unto her, *Is it* well with thee? *is it* well with thy husband? *is it* well with the child? And she answered, *It is* well.
27 And when she came to the man of God to the hill, she caught him by the feet: but Gehazi came near to thrust her away. And the man of God said, Let her alone; for her soul *is* vexed within her: and the LORD hath hid *it* from me, and hath not told me.
28 Then she said, Did I desire a son of my lord? did I not say, Do not deceive me?
29 Then he said to Gehazi, Gird up thy loins, and take my staff in thine hand, and go thy way: if thou meet any man, salute him not; and if any salute thee, answer him not again: and lay my staff upon the face of the child.

Elisha Returns with the Woman

30 And the mother of the child said, *As* the LORD liveth, and *as* thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And he arose, and followed her.
31 And Gehazi passed on before them, and laid the staff upon the face of the child; but *there was* neither voice, nor hearing. Wherefore he went again to meet him, and told him, saying, The child is not awaked.
32 And when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, *and* laid upon his bed.
33 He went in therefore, and shut the door upon them twain, and prayed unto the LORD.
34 And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands: and he stretched himself upon the child; and the flesh of the child waxed warm.
35 Then he returned, and walked in the house to and fro; and went up, and stretched himself upon him: and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes.
36 And he called Gehazi, and said, Call this Shunammite. So he called her. And when she was come in unto him, he said, Take up thy son.
37 Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the ground, and took up her son, and went out.

The Poisonous Pottage

38 And Elisha came again to Gilgal: and *there was* a dearth in the land; and the sons of the prophets *were* sitting before him: and he said unto his servant, Set on the great pot, and seethe pottage for the sons of the prophets.
39 And one went out into the field to gather herbs, and found a wild vine, and gathered thereof wild gourds his lap full, and came and shred *them* into the pot of pottage: for they knew *them* not.
40 So they poured out for the men to eat. And it came to pass, as they were eating of the pottage, that they cried out, and said, O *thou* man of God, *there is* death in the pot. And they could not eat *thereof.*
41 But he said, Then bring meal. And he cast *it* into the pot; and he said, Pour out for the people, that they may eat. And there was no harm in the pot.

The Twenty Loaves

42 And there came a man from Baal-shalisha, and brought the man of God bread of the firstfruits, twenty loaves of barley, and full ears of corn in the husk thereof. And he said, Give unto the people, that they may eat.
43 And his servitor said, What, should I set this before an hundred men? He said again, Give the people, that they may eat: for thus saith the LORD, They shall eat, and shall leave *thereof.*
44 So he set *it* before them, and they did eat, and left *thereof,* according to the word of the LORD.

Naaman Seeks Healing for His Leprosy

5 Now Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master, and honourable, because by him the LORD had given deliverance unto Syria: he was also a mighty man in valour, *but he was* a leper.
2 And the Syrians had gone out by companies, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maid; and she waited on Naaman's wife.
3 And she said unto her mistress, Would God my lord *were* with the prophet that *is* in Samaria! for he would recover him of his leprosy.
4 And *one* went in, and told his lord, saying, Thus and thus said the maid that *is* of the land of Israel.
5 And the king of Syria said, Go to, go, and I will send a letter unto the king of Israel. And he departed, and took with him ten talents of silver, and six thousand *pieces* of gold, and ten changes of raiment.
6 And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, Now when this letter is come unto thee, behold, I have *therewith* sent Naaman my servant to thee, that thou mayest recover him of his leprosy.
7 And it came to pass, when the king of Israel had read the letter, that he rent his clothes, and said, *Am* I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man doth send unto me to recover a man of his leprosy? wherefore consider, I pray you, and see how he seeketh a quarrel against me.

Naaman Sent to Elisha

8 And it was *so,* when Elisha the man of God had heard that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, Wherefore hast thou rent thy clothes? let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel.
9 So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha.
10 And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean.
11 But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper.
12 *Are* not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage.

Naaman's Leprosy Healed

13 And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, *if* the prophet had bid thee *do some* great thing, wouldest thou not have done *it?* how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean?
14 Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

Elisha Refuses a Gift

15 And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came, and stood before him: and he said, Behold, now I know that *there is* no God in all the earth, but in Israel: now therefore, I pray thee, take a blessing of thy servant.
16 But he said, *As* the LORD liveth, before whom I stand, I will receive none. And he urged him to take *it;* but he refused.
17 And Naaman said, Shall there not then, I pray thee, be given to thy servant two mules' burden of earth? for thy servant will henceforth offer neither burnt offering nor sacrifice unto other gods, but unto the LORD.
18 In this thing the LORD pardon thy servant, *that* when my master goeth into the house of Rimmon to worship there, and he leaneth on my hand, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon: when I bow down myself in the house of Rimmon, the LORD pardon thy servant in this thing.
19 And he said unto him, Go in peace. So he departed from him a little way.

Gehazi's Sin and Punishment

20 But Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, Behold, my master hath spared Naaman this Syrian, in not receiving at his hands that which he brought: but, *as* the

5:3 leprosy ▸ *see Lev. 13:8.*
5:12 rage ▸ *see Ezek. 7:8.*

LORD liveth, I will run after him, and take somewhat of him.
21 So Gehazi followed after Naaman. And when Naaman saw *him* running after him, he lighted down from the chariot to meet him, and said, *Is* all well?
22 And he said, All *is* well. My master hath sent me, saying, Behold, even now there be come to me from mount Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets: give them, I pray thee, a talent of silver, and two changes of garments.
23 And Naaman said, Be content, take two talents. And he urged him, and bound two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of garments, and laid *them* upon two of his servants; and they bare *them* before him.
24 And when he came to the tower, he took *them* from their hand, and bestowed *them* in the house: and he let the men go, and they departed.
25 But he went in, and stood before his master. And Elisha said unto him, Whence *comest thou,* Gehazi? And he said, Thy servant went no whither.
26 And he said unto him, Went not mine heart *with thee,* when the man turned again from his chariot to meet thee? *Is it* a time to receive money, and to receive garments, and oliveyards, and vineyards, and sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and maidservants?
27 The leprosy therefore of Naaman shall cleave unto thee, and unto thy seed for ever. And he went out from his presence a leper *as white* as snow.

An Axe Head Floats

6 And the sons of the prophets said unto Elisha, Behold now, the place where we dwell with thee is too strait for us.
2 Let us go, we pray thee, unto Jordan, and take thence every man a beam, and let us make us a place there, where we may dwell. And he answered, Go ye.
3 And one said, Be content, I pray thee, and go with thy servants. And he answered, I will go.
4 So he went with them. And when they came to Jordan, they cut down wood.
5 But as one was felling a beam, the axe head fell into the water: and he cried, and said, Alas, master! for it was borrowed.
6 And the man of God said, Where fell it? And he shewed him the place. And he cut down a stick, and cast *it* in thither; and the iron did swim.
7 Therefore said he, Take *it* up to thee. And he put out his hand, and took it.

Syria Wars Against Israel

8 Then the king of Syria warred against Israel, and took counsel with his servants, saying, In such and such a place *shall be* my camp.
9 And the man of God sent unto the king of Israel, saying, Beware that thou pass not such a place; for thither the Syrians are come down.
10 And the king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God told him and warned him of, and saved himself there, not once nor twice.
11 Therefore the heart of the king of Syria

5:22 talent ▸ *see 2 Chr. 27:5.*
5:23 talent ▸ *see 2 Chr. 27:5.*

5:26 chariot

(Heb. *merkabah*) (2 Sam. 15:1; 1 Kin. 4:26) H4818: Possession of a chariot symbolized significance and authority. So, as part of his coup, Absalom was quick to provide for himself chariots and horses (2 Sam. 15:1). Likewise, Solomon's wealth was counted, among other things, in the vast number of chariots he possessed (1 Kin. 4:26), some of which cost six hundred shekels of silver (1 Kin. 10:29). Burning chariots symbolized utter destruction of someone's military might (Josh. 11:9). In some cases, chariots were a disadvantage. Both Ahab (1 Kin. 22:35) and Ahaziah (2 Kin. 9:27) were killed in their chariots, and Pharaoh's chariots became stuck as they pursued the Israelites across the Red Sea (Ex. 14:25; 15:4).

6:10 warn

(Heb. *zahar*) (2 Chr. 19:10; Ezek. 3:21) H2094: The kind of warning Elisha gave the king was more than just a general heads-up; it was specific God-given advice that protected him from danger. So, Moses was exhorted by Jethro to "teach them ordinances and laws" (Ex. 18:20)—advice that went beyond mere head knowledge, for, as Jehoshaphat would later note, the goal was to "warn them that lest they trespass not against the LORD, and so wrath come upon you, and upon your brethren" (2 Chr. 19:10). Indeed, David recognized that the purpose of God's law was to warn (guide) His people (Ps. 19:11). Thus, following God's warning leads to life (Ezek. 3:21).

was sore troubled for this thing; and he called his servants, and said unto them, Will ye not shew me which of us *is* for the king of Israel?
12 And one of his servants said, None, my lord, O king: but Elisha, the prophet that *is* in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber.
13 And he said, Go and spy where he *is,* that I may send and fetch him. And it was told him, saying, Behold, *he is* in Dothan.
14 Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about.
15 And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?
16 And he answered, Fear not: for they that *be* with us *are* more than they that *be* with them.
17 And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain *was* full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

Blinded Syrians

18 And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the LORD, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.
19 And Elisha said unto them, This *is* not the way, neither *is* this the city: follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom ye seek. But he led them to Samaria.
20 And it came to pass, when they were come into Samaria, that Elisha said, LORD, open the eyes of these *men,* that they may see. And the LORD opened their eyes, and they saw; and, behold, *they were* in the midst of Samaria.
21 And the king of Israel said unto Elisha, when he saw them, My father, shall I smite *them?* shall I smite *them?*
22 And he answered, Thou shalt not smite *them:* wouldest thou smite those whom thou hast taken captive with thy sword and with thy bow? set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink, and go to their master.
23 And he prepared great provision for them: and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master. So the bands of Syria came no more into the land of Israel.

Samaria Besieged

24 And it came to pass after this, that Benhadad king of Syria gathered all his host, and went up, and besieged Samaria.
25 And there was a great famine in Samaria: and, behold, they besieged it, until an ass's head was *sold* for fourscore *pieces* of silver, and the fourth part of a cab of dove's dung for five *pieces* of silver.
26 And as the king of Israel was passing by upon the wall, there cried a woman unto him, saying, Help, my lord, O king.
27 And he said, If the LORD do not help thee, whence shall I help thee? out of the barnfloor, or out of the winepress?
28 And the king said unto her, What aileth thee? And she answered, This woman said unto me, Give thy son, that we may eat him to day, and we will eat my son to morrow.
29 So we boiled my son, and did eat him: and I said unto her on the next day, Give thy son, that we may eat him: and she hath hid her son.
30 And it came to pass, when the king heard the words of the woman, that he rent his clothes; and he passed by upon the wall, and the people looked, and, behold, *he had* sackcloth within upon his flesh.
31 Then he said, God do so and more also to me, if the head of Elisha the son of Shaphat shall stand on him this day.
32 But Elisha sat in his house, and the elders sat with him; and *the king* sent a man from before him: but ere the messenger came to him, he said to the elders, See ye how this son of a murderer hath sent to take away mine head? look, when the messenger cometh, shut the door, and hold him fast at the door: *is* not the sound of his master's feet behind him?
33 And while he yet talked with them, behold, the messenger came down unto him: and he said, Behold, this evil *is* of the LORD; what should I wait for the LORD any longer?

Prophecy of Plenty

7 Then Elisha said, Hear ye the word of the LORD; Thus saith the LORD, To morrow

6:25 besiege ▸ *see Jer. 39:1.*

about this time *shall* a measure of fine flour *be sold* for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, in the gate of Samaria.
2 Then a lord on whose hand the king leaned answered the man of God, and said, Behold, *if* the LORD would make windows in heaven, might this thing be? And he said, Behold, thou shalt see *it* with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof.

Lepers Find the Camp Deserted

3 And there were four leprous men at the entering in of the gate: and they said one to another, Why sit we here until we die?
4 If we say, We will enter into the city, then the famine *is* in the city, and we shall die there: and if we sit still here, we die also. Now therefore come, and let us fall unto the host of the Syrians: if they save us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die.
5 And they rose up in the twilight, to go unto the camp of the Syrians: and when they were come to the uttermost part of the camp of Syria, behold, *there was* no man there.
6 For the Lord had made the host of the Syrians to hear a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses, *even* the noise of a great host: and they said one to another, Lo, the king of Israel hath hired against us the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians, to come upon us.
7 Wherefore they arose and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, and their horses, and their asses, even the camp as it *was,* and fled for their life.
8 And when these lepers came to the uttermost part of the camp, they went into one tent, and did eat and drink, and carried thence silver, and gold, and raiment, and went and hid *it;* and came again, and entered into another tent, and carried thence *also,* and went and hid *it.*
9 Then they said one to another, We do not well: this day *is* a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, some mischief will come upon us: now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's household.
10 So they came and called unto the porter of the city: and they told them, saying, We came to the camp of the Syrians, and, behold, *there was* no man there, neither voice of man, but horses tied, and asses tied, and the tents as they *were.*
11 And he called the porters; and they told *it* to the king's house within.

The King's Disbelief

12 And the king arose in the night, and said unto his servants, I will now shew you what the Syrians have done to us. They know that we *be* hungry; therefore are they gone out of the camp to hide themselves in the field, saying, When they come out of the city, we shall catch them alive, and get into the city.
13 And one of his servants answered and said, Let *some* take, I pray thee, five of the horses that remain, which are left in the city, (behold, they *are* as all the multitude of Israel that are left in it: behold, *I say,* they *are* even as all the multitude of the Israelites that are consumed:) and let us send and see.
14 They took therefore two chariot horses; and the king sent after the host of the Syrians, saying, Go and see.
15 And they went after them unto Jordan: and, lo, all the way *was* full of garments and vessels, which the Syrians had cast away in their haste. And the messengers returned, and told the king.

The Prophecy Fulfilled

16 And the people went out, and spoiled the tents of the Syrians. So a measure of fine flour was *sold* for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, according to the word of the LORD.
17 And the king appointed the lord on

7:5 uttermost part

(Heb. *qatseh*) (Ps. 46:9; Is. 42:10; 49:6; Jer. 10:13) H7097: This word means "end or extremity," and is particularly used of the outskirts of a place, such as a desert (Ex. 13:20), a camp (Num. 11:1), a country (Is. 5:26), a city (1 Sam. 9:27), or even heaven (Is. 13:5). It can also mean the whole or sum of something (Gen. 47:2; 1 Kin. 9:10). The poetic uses of this word are some of the most beautiful in Scripture. Consider these: "Sing unto the LORD a new song, and his praise from the end of the earth" (Is. 42:10), and "From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I" (Ps. 61:2).

7:6 Syrians ▸ *see 2 Kin. 16:5.*
7:9 tarry ▸ *see Dan. 12:12.*
7:12 catch ▸ *see Gen. 39:12.*

whose hand he leaned to have the charge of the gate: and the people trode upon him in the gate, and he died, as the man of God had said, who spake when the king came down to him.
18 And it came to pass as the man of God had spoken to the king, saying, Two measures of barley for a shekel, and a measure of fine flour for a shekel, shall be to morrow about this time in the gate of Samaria:
19 And that lord answered the man of God, and said, Now, behold, *if* the LORD should make windows in heaven, might such a thing be? And he said, Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof.
20 And so it fell out unto him: for the people trode upon him in the gate, and he died.

Seven Years of Famine

8 Then spake Elisha unto the woman, whose son he had restored to life, saying, Arise, and go thou and thine household, and sojourn wheresoever thou canst sojourn: for the LORD hath called for a famine; and it shall also come upon the land seven years.
2 And the woman arose, and did after the saying of the man of God: and she went with her household, and sojourned in the land of the Philistines seven years.

Land Restored

3 And it came to pass at the seven years' end, that the woman returned out of the land of the Philistines: and she went forth to cry unto the king for her house and for her land.
4 And the king talked with Gehazi the servant of the man of God, saying, Tell me, I pray thee, all the great things that Elisha hath done.
5 And it came to pass, as he was telling the king how he had restored a dead body to life, that, behold, the woman, whose son he had restored to life, cried to the king for her house and for her land. And Gehazi said, My lord, O king, this *is* the woman, and this *is* her son, whom Elisha restored to life.
6 And when the king asked the woman, she told him. So the king appointed unto her a certain officer, saying, Restore all that *was* hers, and all the fruits of the field since the day that she left the land, even until now.

Ben-hadad's Illness

7 And Elisha came to Damascus; and Ben-hadad the king of Syria was sick; and it was told him, saying, The man of God is come hither.
8 And the king said unto Hazael, Take a present in thine hand, and go, meet the man of God, and enquire of the LORD by him, saying, Shall I recover of this disease?
9 So Hazael went to meet him, and took a present with him, even of every good thing of Damascus, forty camels' burden, and came and stood before him, and said, Thy son Ben-hadad king of Syria hath sent me to thee, saying, Shall I recover of this disease?
10 And Elisha said unto him, Go, say unto him, Thou mayest certainly recover: howbeit the LORD hath shewed me that he shall surely die.
11 And he settled his countenance stedfastly, until he was ashamed: and the man of God wept.
12 And Hazael said, Why weepeth my lord? And he answered, Because I know the evil that thou wilt do unto the children of Israel: their strong holds wilt thou set on fire, and their young men wilt thou slay with the sword, and wilt dash their children, and rip up their women with child.
13 And Hazael said, But what, *is* thy servant a dog, that he should do this great thing? And Elisha answered, The LORD hath shewed me that thou *shalt be* king over Syria.

Hazael Murders Ben-hadad

14 So he departed from Elisha, and came to his master; who said to him, What said Elisha to thee? And he answered, He told me *that* thou shouldest surely recover.
15 And it came to pass on the morrow, that he took a thick cloth, and dipped *it* in water, and spread *it* on his face, so that he died: and Hazael reigned in his stead.

8:9 good thing

(Heb. *tub*) (Gen. 45:20; Ex. 33:19; Ps. 25:7; Jer. 31:12) H2898: The "goodness" of something is the best of all it has to offer, the full measure of its beauty and truth. This word is used for the goodness or kindness of God (Ps. 27:13; 145:7; Is. 63:7), as well as the wealth of the land (Gen. 45:20; Jer. 31:12). It is often paired with beauty or bounty. One of the most famous uses of this word is when God told Moses, "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you" (Ex. 33:19).

Jehoram's Reign

16 And in the fifth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel, Jehoshaphat *being* then king of Judah, Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah began to reign.
17 Thirty and two years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem.
18 And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as did the house of Ahab: for the daughter of Ahab was his wife: and he did evil in the sight of the LORD.
19 Yet the LORD would not destroy Judah for David his servant's sake, as he promised him to give him alway a light, *and* to his children.
20 In his days Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah, and made a king over themselves.
21 So Joram went over to Zair, and all the chariots with him: and he rose by night, and smote the Edomites which compassed him about, and the captains of the chariots: and the people fled into their tents.
22 Yet Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah unto this day. Then Libnah revolted at the same time.
23 And the rest of the acts of Joram, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

The Death of Jehoram

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

Ahaziah's Reign

25 In the twelfth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel did Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah begin to reign.
26 Two and twenty years old *was* Ahaziah when he began to reign; and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Athaliah, the daughter of Omri king of Israel.
27 And he walked in the way of the house of Ahab, and did evil in the sight of the LORD, as *did* the house of Ahab: for he *was* the son in law of the house of Ahab.
28 And he went with Joram the son of Ahab to the war against Hazael king of Syria in Ramoth-gilead; and the Syrians wounded Joram.
29 And king Joram went back to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians had given him at Ramah, when he fought against Hazael king of Syria. And Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Joram the son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he was sick.

A Prophet's Mission

9 And Elisha the prophet called one of the children of the prophets, and said unto him, Gird up thy loins, and take this box of oil in thine hand, and go to Ramoth-gilead:
2 And when thou comest thither, look out there Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi, and go in, and make him arise up from among his brethren, and carry him to an inner chamber;
3 Then take the box of oil, and pour *it* on his head, and say, Thus saith the LORD, I have anointed thee king over Israel. Then open the door, and flee, and tarry not.

Jehu Anointed King

4 So the young man, *even* the young man the prophet, went to Ramoth-gilead.
5 And when he came, behold, the captains of the host *were* sitting; and he said, I have an errand to thee, O captain. And Jehu said, Unto which of all us? And he said, To thee, O captain.
6 And he arose, and went into the house; and he poured the oil on his head, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I have anointed thee king over the people of the LORD, *even* over Israel.
7 And thou shalt smite the house of Ahab thy master, that I may avenge the blood of my servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of the LORD, at the hand of Jezebel.
8 For the whole house of Ahab shall perish: and I will cut off from Ahab him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel:
9 And I will make the house of Ahab like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah:
10 And the dogs shall eat Jezebel in the portion of Jezreel, and *there shall be* none to bury *her.* And he opened the door, and fled.

8:20 Edom ▸ *see 1 Kin. 9:26.*
9:10 dog ▸ *see Ps. 59:6.*
9:10 Jezebel ▸ *see 1 Kin. 19:2.*

11 Then Jehu came forth to the servants of his lord: and *one* said unto him, *Is* all well? wherefore came this mad *fellow* to thee? And he said unto them, Ye know the man, and his communication.
12 And they said, *It is* false; tell us now. And he said, Thus and thus spake he to me, saying, Thus saith the LORD, I have anointed thee king over Israel.
13 Then they hasted, and took every man his garment, and put *it* under him on the top of the stairs, and blew with trumpets, saying, Jehu is king.

Jehu's Conspiracy

14 So Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi conspired against Joram. (Now Joram had kept Ramoth-gilead, he and all Israel, because of Hazael king of Syria.
15 But king Joram was returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians had given him, when he fought with Hazael king of Syria.) And Jehu said, If it be your minds, *then* let none go forth *nor* escape out of the city to go to tell *it* in Jezreel.
16 So Jehu rode in a chariot, and went to Jezreel; for Joram lay there. And Ahaziah king of Judah was come down to see Joram.
17 And there stood a watchman on the tower in Jezreel, and he spied the company of Jehu as he came, and said, I see a company. And Joram said, Take an horseman, and send to meet them, and let him say, *Is it* peace?
18 So there went one on horseback to meet him, and said, Thus saith the king, *Is it* peace? And Jehu said, What hast thou to do with peace? turn thee behind me. And the watchman told, saying, The messenger came to them, but he cometh not again.
19 Then he sent out a second on horseback, which came to them, and said, Thus saith the king, *Is it* peace? And Jehu answered, What hast thou to do with peace? turn thee behind me.
20 And the watchman told, saying, He came even unto them, and cometh not again: and the driving *is* like the driving of Jehu the son of Nimshi; for he driveth furiously.
21 And Joram said, Make ready. And his chariot was made ready. And Joram king of Israel and Ahaziah king of Judah went out, each in his chariot, and they went out against Jehu, and met him in the portion of Naboth the Jezreelite.
22 And it came to pass, when Joram saw Jehu, that he said, *Is it* peace, Jehu? And he answered, What peace, so long as the whoredoms of thy mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts *are so* many?
23 And Joram turned his hands, and fled, and said to Ahaziah, *There is* treachery, O Ahaziah.

The Death of Joram

24 And Jehu drew a bow with his full strength, and smote Jehoram between his arms, and the arrow went out at his heart, and he sunk down in his chariot.
25 Then said *Jehu* to Bidkar his captain, Take up, *and* cast him in the portion of the field of Naboth the Jezreelite: for remember how that, when I and thou rode together after Ahab his father, the LORD laid this burden upon him;
26 Surely I have seen yesterday the blood of Naboth, and the blood of his sons, saith the LORD; and I will requite thee in this plat, saith the LORD. Now therefore take *and* cast him into the plat *of ground,* according to the word of the LORD.

The Death of Ahaziah

27 But when Ahaziah the king of Judah saw *this,* he fled by the way of the garden house. And Jehu followed after him, and said, Smite

9:22 witchcraft

(Heb. *kesheph*) (Is. 47:9; Mic. 5:12; Nah. 3:4) H3785: This Hebrew word usually appears along with other words that denote various forms of magic or divination (2 Chr. 33:6; Jer. 27:9; Mic. 5:12). The word used here seems to have the basic sense of "witchcraft" or "sorcery." Sorcerers interpreted dreams, prophesied, and performed miracles (Ex. 7:11; Jer. 27:9; Dan. 2:2). They had access to the royal courts of Egypt, Israel, and Babylon (Ex. 7:11; 2 Kin. 9:22; Dan. 2:2). Sorcery was forbidden in the Law of Moses, with capital punishment prescribed for a sorceress (Ex. 22:18; Deut. 18:10, 11). Many of the Old Testament prophets directly linked divine judgment with sorcery, even expressly citing it as the cause (Is. 47:9; Nah. 3:4; Mal. 3:5). The Lord did not want His people to look to such deceptive sorcerers for direction. Instead He promised to raise up a prophet like Moses, which He did: His Son, Jesus (Deut. 18:10–15; Acts 3:22, 23).

9:25 burden ▸ *see Is. 23:1.*

him also in the chariot. *And they did so* at the going up to Gur, which *is* by Ibleam. And he fled to Megiddo, and died there.
28 And his servants carried him in a chariot to Jerusalem, and buried him in his sepulchre with his fathers in the city of David.
29 And in the eleventh year of Joram the son of Ahab began Ahaziah to reign over Judah.

The Death of Jezebel

30 And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard *of it;* and she painted her face, and tired her head, and looked out at a window.
31 And as Jehu entered in at the gate, she said, *Had* Zimri peace, who slew his master?
32 And he lifted up his face to the window, and said, Who *is* on my side? who? And there looked out to him two *or* three eunuchs.
33 And he said, Throw her down. So they threw her down: and *some* of her blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses: and he trode her under foot.
34 And when he was come in, he did eat and drink, and said, Go, see now this cursed *woman,* and bury her: for she *is* a king's daughter.
35 And they went to bury her: but they found no more of her than the skull, and the feet, and the palms of *her* hands.
36 Wherefore they came again, and told him. And he said, This *is* the word of the LORD, which he spake by his servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, In the portion of Jezreel shall dogs eat the flesh of Jezebel:
37 And the carcase of Jezebel shall be as dung upon the face of the field in the portion of Jezreel; *so* that they shall not say, This *is* Jezebel.

Ahab's Seventy Sons Killed

10 And Ahab had seventy sons in Samaria. And Jehu wrote letters, and sent to Samaria, unto the rulers of Jezreel, to the elders, and to them that brought up Ahab's *children,* saying,
2 Now as soon as this letter cometh to you, seeing your master's sons *are* with you, and *there are* with you chariots and horses, a fenced city also, and armour;
3 Look even out the best and meetest of your master's sons, and set *him* on his father's throne, and fight for your master's house.
4 But they were exceedingly afraid, and said, Behold, two kings stood not before him: how then shall we stand?
5 And he that *was* over the house, and he that *was* over the city, the elders also, and the bringers up *of the children,* sent to Jehu, saying, We *are* thy servants, and will do all that thou shalt bid us; we will not make any king: do thou *that which is* good in thine eyes.
6 Then he wrote a letter the second time to them, saying, If ye *be* mine, and *if* ye will hearken unto my voice, take ye the heads of the men your master's sons, and come to me to Jezreel by to morrow this time. Now the king's sons, *being* seventy persons, *were* with the great men of the city, which brought them up.
7 And it came to pass, when the letter came to them, that they took the king's sons, and slew seventy persons, and put their heads in baskets, and sent him *them* to Jezreel.
8 And there came a messenger, and told him, saying, They have brought the heads of the king's sons. And he said, Lay ye them in two heaps at the entering in of the gate until the morning.
9 And it came to pass in the morning, that he went out, and stood, and said to all the people, Ye *be* righteous: behold, I conspired against my master, and slew him: but who slew all these?
10 Know now that there shall fall unto the earth nothing of the word of the LORD, which the LORD spake concerning the house of Ahab: for the LORD hath done *that* which he spake by his servant Elijah.

Ahab's Family Destroyed

11 So Jehu slew all that remained of the house of Ahab in Jezreel, and all his great men, and his kinsfolks, and his priests, until he left him none remaining.
12 And he arose and departed, and came to Samaria. *And* as he *was* at the shearing house in the way,
13 Jehu met with the brethren of Ahaziah king of Judah, and said, Who *are* ye? And they answered, We *are* the brethren of Ahaziah; and we go down to salute the children of the king and the children of the queen.
14 And he said, Take them alive. And they took them alive, and slew them at the pit of the shearing house, *even* two and forty men; neither left he any of them.

Jehonadab and Jehu's Pact

15 And when he was departed thence, he lighted on Jehonadab the son of Rechab *coming* to meet him: and he saluted him, and said to him, Is thine heart right, as my heart *is* with thy heart? And Jehonadab answered, It is. If it be, give *me* thine hand. And he gave *him* his hand; and he took him up to him into the chariot.
16 And he said, Come with me, and see my zeal for the LORD. So they made him ride in his chariot.
17 And when he came to Samaria, he slew all that remained unto Ahab in Samaria, till he had destroyed him, according to the saying of the LORD, which he spake to Elijah.

Jehu's Deception

18 And Jehu gathered all the people together, and said unto them, Ahab served Baal a little; *but* Jehu shall serve him much.
19 Now therefore call unto me all the prophets of Baal, all his servants, and all his priests; let none be wanting: for I have a great sacrifice *to do* to Baal; whosoever shall be wanting, he shall not live. But Jehu did *it* in subtilty, to the intent that he might destroy the worshippers of Baal.
20 And Jehu said, Proclaim a solemn assembly for Baal. And they proclaimed *it.*
21 And Jehu sent through all Israel: and all the worshippers of Baal came, so that there was not a man left that came not. And they came into the house of Baal; and the house of Baal was full from one end to another.
22 And he said unto him that *was* over the vestry, Bring forth vestments for all the worshippers of Baal. And he brought them forth vestments.
23 And Jehu went, and Jehonadab the son of Rechab, into the house of Baal, and said unto the worshippers of Baal, Search, and look that there be here with you none of the servants of the LORD, but the worshippers of Baal only.

Worshippers Ordered Killed

24 And when they went in to offer sacrifices and burnt offerings, Jehu appointed fourscore men without, and said, *If* any of the men whom I have brought into your hands escape, *he that letteth him go,* his life *shall be* for the life of him.
25 And it came to pass, as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, that Jehu said to the guard and to the captains, Go in, *and* slay them; let none come forth. And they smote them with the edge of the sword; and the guard and the captains cast *them* out, and went to the city of the house of Baal.
26 And they brought forth the images out of the house of Baal, and burned them.
27 And they brake down the image of Baal, and brake down the house of Baal, and made it a draught house unto this day.
28 Thus Jehu destroyed Baal out of Israel.

Jehu's Sins

29 Howbeit *from* the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, Jehu departed not from after them, *to wit,* the golden calves that *were* in Beth-el, and that *were* in Dan.
30 And the LORD said unto Jehu, Because thou hast done well in executing *that which is* right in mine eyes, *and* hast done unto the house of Ahab according to all that *was* in mine heart, thy children of the fourth *generation* shall sit on the throne of Israel.
31 But Jehu took no heed to walk in the law of the LORD God of Israel with all his heart: for he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam, which made Israel to sin.

10:20 Baal ▸ *see 1 Kin. 16:31.*

10:24 hand

(Heb. *yad*) (Ex. 15:9; 18:9, 10; 1 Kin. 2:46) H3027: The Bible speaks often of hands in the literal sense. But because hands are involved in almost all human activity, the word is often used symbolically. Because hands do the will of the entire person, hands may represent someone's whole being (Ps. 24:4; Acts 2:23). The physical position of the hands suggests a person's attitude. Uplifted hands symbolize either praise and petition to God or violence against another person (1 Kin. 11:27; Ps. 63:4; 1 Tim. 1:8). The expression "hand of the LORD" refers to His great power (Deut. 2:15; Ezek. 1:3). Often the emphasis of this expression is on God's power in creation (Ps. 8:6; Is. 64:8). Sometimes His power in judgment is emphasized, especially in the phrase, "His hand is stretched out" (Is. 9:12, 17; see also Ruth 1:13). However, God may also extend His hand to express His mercy and forgiveness (Ps. 37:24).

32 In those days the LORD began to cut Israel short: and Hazael smote them in all the coasts of Israel;
33 From Jordan eastward, all the land of Gilead, the Gadites, and the Reubenites, and the Manassites, from Aroer, which *is* by the river Arnon, even Gilead and Bashan.
34 Now the rest of the acts of Jehu, and all that he did, and all his might, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

The Death of Jehu

35 And Jehu slept with his fathers: and they buried him in Samaria. And Jehoahaz his son reigned in his stead.
36 And the time that Jehu reigned over Israel in Samaria *was* twenty and eight years.

Athaliah's Reign

11 And when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed royal.
2 But Jehosheba, the daughter of king Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons *which were* slain; and they hid him, *even* him and his nurse, in the bedchamber from Athaliah, so that he was not slain.
3 And he was with her hid in the house of the LORD six years. And Athaliah did reign over the land.

The Overthrow of Athaliah

4 And the seventh year Jehoiada sent and fetched the rulers over hundreds, with the captains and the guard, and brought them to him into the house of the LORD, and made a covenant with them, and took an oath of them in the house of the LORD, and shewed them the king's son.
5 And he commanded them, saying, This *is* the thing that ye shall do; A third part of you that enter in on the sabbath shall even be keepers of the watch of the king's house;
6 And a third part *shall be* at the gate of Sur; and a third part at the gate behind the guard: so shall ye keep the watch of the house, that it be not broken down.
7 And two parts of all you that go forth on the sabbath, even they shall keep the watch of the house of the LORD about the king.
8 And ye shall compass the king round about, every man with his weapons in his hand: and he that cometh within the ranges, let him be slain: and be ye with the king as he goeth out and as he cometh in.
9 And the captains over the hundreds did according to all *things* that Jehoiada the priest commanded: and they took every man his men that were to come in on the sabbath, with them that should go out on the sabbath, and came to Jehoiada the priest.
10 And to the captains over hundreds did the priest give king David's spears and shields, that *were* in the temple of the LORD.
11 And the guard stood, every man with his weapons in his hand, round about the king, from the right corner of the temple to the left corner of the temple, *along* by the altar and the temple.

Joash Anointed King

12 And he brought forth the king's son, and put the crown upon him, and *gave him* the testimony; and they made him king, and anointed him; and they clapped their hands, and said, God save the king.
13 And when Athaliah heard the noise of the guard *and* of the people, she came to the people into the temple of the LORD.
14 And when she looked, behold, the king stood by a pillar, as the manner *was,* and the princes and the trumpeters by the king, and all the people of the land rejoiced, and blew with trumpets: and Athaliah rent her clothes, and cried, Treason, Treason.
15 But Jehoiada the priest commanded the captains of the hundreds, the officers of the host, and said unto them, Have her forth without the ranges: and him that followeth her kill with the sword. For the priest had said, Let her not be slain in the house of the LORD.
16 And they laid hands on her; and she went by the way by the which the horses came into the king's house: and there was she slain.

A Covenant Made

17 And Jehoiada made a covenant between the LORD and the king and the people, that they should be the LORD's people; between the king also and the people.
18 And all the people of the land went into the house of Baal, and brake it down; his altars and his images brake they in pieces thoroughly, and slew Mattan the priest of Baal

before the altars. And the priest appointed officers over the house of the LORD.
19 And he took the rulers over hundreds, and the captains, and the guard, and all the people of the land; and they brought down the king from the house of the LORD, and came by the way of the gate of the guard to the king's house. And he sat on the throne of the kings.
20 And all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was in quiet: and they slew Athaliah with the sword *beside* the king's house.
21 Seven years old *was* Jehoash when he began to reign.

Joash's Reign

12 In the seventh year of Jehu Jehoash began to reign; and forty years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Zibiah of Beer-sheba.
2 And Jehoash did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD all his days wherein Jehoiada the priest instructed him.
3 But the high places were not taken away: the people still sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places.
4 And Jehoash said to the priests, All the money of the dedicated things that is brought into the house of the LORD, *even* the money of every one that passeth *the account,* the money that every man is set at, *and* all the money that cometh into any man's heart to bring into the house of the LORD,
5 Let the priests take *it* to them, every man of his acquaintance: and let them repair the breaches of the house, wheresoever any breach shall be found.
6 But it was *so, that* in the three and twentieth year of king Jehoash the priests had not repaired the breaches of the house.
7 Then king Jehoash called for Jehoiada the priest, and the *other* priests, and said unto them, Why repair ye not the breaches of the house? now therefore receive no *more* money of your acquaintance, but deliver it for the breaches of the house.
8 And the priests consented to receive no *more* money of the people, neither to repair the breaches of the house.

A Chest Full of Money

9 But Jehoiada the priest took a chest, and bored a hole in the lid of it, and set it beside the altar, on the right side as one cometh into the house of the LORD: and the priests that kept the door put therein all the money *that was* brought into the house of the LORD.
10 And it was *so,* when they saw that *there was* much money in the chest, that the king's scribe and the high priest came up, and they put up in bags, and told the money that was found in the house of the LORD.
11 And they gave the money, being told, into the hands of them that did the work, that had the oversight of the house of the LORD: and they laid it out to the carpenters and builders, that wrought upon the house of the LORD,
12 And to masons, and hewers of stone, and to buy timber and hewed stone to repair the breaches of the house of the LORD, and for all that was laid out for the house to repair *it.*
13 Howbeit there were not made for the house of the LORD bowls of silver, snuffers, basons, trumpets, any vessels of gold, or vessels of silver, of the money *that was* brought into the house of the LORD:
14 But they gave that to the workmen, and repaired therewith the house of the LORD.
15 Moreover they reckoned not with the men, into whose hand they delivered the

11:20 rejoice

(Heb. *samach*) (1 Chr. 16:31; Ps. 5:11; 46:4; 122:1) H8055: To "rejoice" or "be glad" carries with it the idea of a joyful or cheerful countenance (Prov. 13:9). Rejoicing comes from a happy and contented heart (Ps. 16:9; 19:8). We see many examples of the conqueror rejoicing over his foes (Ps. 35:24; Lam. 2:17). But most often rejoicing is done over a beloved one (Song 1:4; Zech. 2:10) or because of the works and person of God (Ps. 68:3; 70:4). Psalm 32:11 captures the sense of this word well: "Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart."

12:8 breach

(Heb. *bedeq*) (2 Kin. 22:5; Ezek. 27:9, 27) H0919: This word literally means "fissure," or "rent," as of a building. The root word means "to mend, repair." This form of the word is only used ten times, seven of them in this passage. In Ezekiel 27 the same word is translated "calker."

12:11 tell ▸ *see Job 28:25.*
12:12 stone ▸ *see 1 Kin. 5:17.*

money to be bestowed on workmen: for they dealt faithfully.
16 The trespass money and sin money was not brought into the house of the LORD: it was the priests'.
17 Then Hazael king of Syria went up, and fought against Gath, and took it: and Hazael set his face to go up to Jerusalem.
18 And Jehoash king of Judah took all the hallowed things that Jehoshaphat, and Jehoram, and Ahaziah, his fathers, kings of Judah, had dedicated, and his own hallowed things, and all the gold *that was* found in the treasures of the house of the LORD, and in the king's house, and sent *it* to Hazael king of Syria: and he went away from Jerusalem.

The Death of Joash

19 And the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?
20 And his servants arose, and made a conspiracy, and slew Joash in the house of Millo, which goeth down to Silla.
21 For Jozachar the son of Shimeath, and Jehozabad the son of Shomer, his servants, smote him, and he died; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David: and Amaziah his son reigned in his stead.

Jehoahaz's Reign

13 In the three and twentieth year of Joash the son of Ahaziah king of Judah Jehoahaz the son of Jehu began to reign over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* seventeen years.
2 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, and followed the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which made Israel to sin; he departed not therefrom.
3 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he delivered them into the hand of Hazael king of Syria, and into the hand of Ben-hadad the son of Hazael, all *their* days.
4 And Jehoahaz besought the LORD, and the LORD hearkened unto him: for he saw the oppression of Israel, because the king of Syria oppressed them.
5 (And the LORD gave Israel a saviour, so that they went out from under the hand of the Syrians: and the children of Israel dwelt in their tents, as beforetime.
6 Nevertheless they departed not from the sins of the house of Jeroboam, who made Israel sin, *but* walked therein: and there remained the grove also in Samaria.)
7 Neither did he leave of the people to Jehoahaz but fifty horsemen, and ten chariots, and ten thousand footmen; for the king of Syria had destroyed them, and had made them like the dust by threshing.
8 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoahaz, and all that he did, and his might, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?
9 And Jehoahaz slept with his fathers; and they buried him in Samaria: and Joash his son reigned in his stead.

Jehoash's Reign and Death

10 In the thirty and seventh year of Joash king of Judah began Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz to reign over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* sixteen years.
11 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD; he departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel sin: *but* he walked therein.
12 And the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, and his might wherewith he fought against Amaziah king of Judah, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?
13 And Joash slept with his fathers; and Jeroboam sat upon his throne: and Joash was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel.

13:3 anger

(Heb. *'aph*) (Deut. 6:15; Ps. 18:8; Prov. 11:22; 29:8) H0639: Depending upon the context, this word signifies either "nose," "nostril," or "anger" (Gen. 2:7; Prov. 15:1). This term occurs about half of the time with words referring to burning. Thus these figures of speech typically depict anger as the fierce breathing of a person through his nose: literally "a burning nose" (Ex. 32:10–12). Most of the references describe God's anger. God is said to be slow to anger, but can be provoked into exercising judgment (Ps. 103:8; Deut. 4:24, 25). He is compassionate, but His wrath is reserved for those who break His covenant (Deut. 13:17; 29:25–27; Josh. 23:16; Judg. 2:20; Ps. 78:38). Although God's wrath is righteous, human anger is almost always evaluated in negative terms in the Old Testament (Gen. 49:6; Prov. 14:17).

13:7 thresh ▸ *see Is. 28:27.*

Elisha's Prophecy

14 Now Elisha was fallen sick of his sickness whereof he died. And Joash the king of Israel came down unto him, and wept over his face, and said, O my father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof.
15 And Elisha said unto him, Take bow and arrows. And he took unto him bow and arrows.
16 And he said to the king of Israel, Put thine hand upon the bow. And he put his hand *upon it:* and Elisha put his hands upon the king's hands.
17 And he said, Open the window eastward. And he opened *it*. Then Elisha said, Shoot. And he shot. And he said, The arrow of the LORD's deliverance, and the arrow of deliverance from Syria: for thou shalt smite the Syrians in Aphek, till thou have consumed *them*.
18 And he said, Take the arrows. And he took *them*. And he said unto the king of Israel, Smite upon the ground. And he smote thrice, and stayed.
19 And the man of God was wroth with him, and said, Thou shouldest have smitten five or six times; then hadst thou smitten Syria till thou hadst consumed *it:* whereas now thou shalt smite Syria *but* thrice.

The Death of Elisha

20 And Elisha died, and they buried him. And the bands of the Moabites invaded the land at the coming in of the year.
21 And it came to pass, as they were burying a man, that, behold, they spied a band *of men;* and they cast the man into the sepulchre of Elisha: and when the man was let down, and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived, and stood up on his feet.
22 But Hazael king of Syria oppressed Israel all the days of Jehoahaz.
23 And the LORD was gracious unto them, and had compassion on them, and had respect unto them, because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would not destroy them, neither cast he them from his presence as yet.
24 So Hazael king of Syria died; and Ben-hadad his son reigned in his stead.
25 And Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz took again out of the hand of Ben-hadad the son of Hazael the cities, which he had taken out of the hand of Jehoahaz his father by war. Three times did Joash beat him, and recovered the cities of Israel.

Amaziah's Reign

14 In the second year of Joash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel reigned Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah.
2 He was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Jehoaddan of Jerusalem.
3 And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, yet not like David his father: he did according to all things as Joash his father did.
4 Howbeit the high places were not taken away: as yet the people did sacrifice and burnt incense on the high places.
5 And it came to pass, as soon as the kingdom was confirmed in his hand, that he slew his servants which had slain the king his father.
6 But the children of the murderers he slew not: according unto that which is written in the book of the law of Moses, wherein the LORD commanded, saying, The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, nor the children be put to death for the fathers; but every man shall be put to death for his own sin.

13:14 sick ▸ *see Is. 38:9.*
13:15 bow ▸ *see Ps. 44:6.*
13:17 deliverance ▸ *see Judg. 15:18.*

14:4 high place

(Heb. *bamah*) (1 Kin. 11:7; 2 Kin. 23:5; Jer. 19:5) H1116: This word often refers to a sacred area, an open-air sanctuary, located on top of a ridge. Before the temple was built, the Israelites could worship the true God at high places (see Solomon's worship of God at the high place at Gideon, 1 Kin. 3:2–4). But the Israelites soon began worshiping other gods, especially Baal, at these high places, copying the practices of the surrounding nations. The Israelites decorated these hilltops with pagan symbols, sacred pillars, and stones, and these places were rallying points for pagan worship. They often were associated with Israel's religious rebellion and apostasy (1 Kin. 14:23; Jer. 19:5). Thus throughout the Old Testament, the existence of *high places* and the worship that was practiced there were labeled as an affront to God (Ps. 78:58).

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

Amaziah's Message of War

8 Then Amaziah sent messengers to Jehoash, the son of Jehoahaz son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, Come, let us look one another in the face.
9 And Jehoash the king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, The thistle that *was* in Lebanon sent to the cedar that *was* in Lebanon, saying, Give thy daughter to my son to wife: and there passed by a wild beast that *was* in Lebanon, and trode down the thistle.
10 Thou hast indeed smitten Edom, and thine heart hath lifted thee up: glory *of this,* and tarry at home: for why shouldest thou meddle to *thy* hurt, that thou shouldest fall, *even* thou, and Judah with thee?
11 But Amaziah would not hear. Therefore Jehoash king of Israel went up; and he and Amaziah king of Judah looked one another in the face at Beth-shemesh, which *belongeth* to Judah.
12 And Judah was put to the worse before Israel; and they fled every man to their tents.

The Temple Spoiled

13 And Jehoash king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Jehoash the son of Ahaziah, at Beth-shemesh, and came to Jerusalem, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim unto the corner gate, four hundred cubits.
14 And he took all the gold and silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the king's house, and hostages, and returned to Samaria.

The Death of Amaziah

15 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoash which he did, and his might, and how he fought with Amaziah king of Judah, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?
16 And Jehoash slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel; and Jeroboam his son reigned in his stead.
17 And Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived after the death of Jehoash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel fifteen years.
18 And the rest of the acts of Amaziah, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?
19 Now they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem: and he fled to Lachish; but they sent after him to Lachish, and slew him there.
20 And they brought him on horses: and he was buried at Jerusalem with his fathers in the city of David.

Azariah's Reign and Death

21 And all the people of Judah took Azariah, which *was* sixteen years old, and made him king instead of his father Amaziah.
22 He built Elath, and restored it to Judah, after that the king slept with his fathers.

Jeroboam's Reign and Death

23 In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel began to reign in Samaria, *and reigned* forty and one years.
24 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD: he departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.
25 He restored the coast of Israel from the entering of Hamath unto the sea of the plain, according to the word of the LORD God of Israel, which he spake by the hand of his servant Jonah, the son of Amittai, the prophet, which *was* of Gath-hepher.
26 For the LORD saw the affliction of Israel, *that it was* very bitter: for *there was* not any shut up, nor any left, nor any helper for Israel.
27 And the LORD said not that he would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven: but he saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash.
28 Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, and all that he did, and his might, how he warred, and how he recovered Damascus, and Hamath, *which belonged* to Judah, for Israel, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?
29 And Jeroboam slept with his fathers, *even* with the kings of Israel; and Zachariah his son reigned in his stead.

Azariah's Reign

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

2 Sixteen years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned two and fifty years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Jecholiah of Jerusalem.
3 And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah had done;
4 Save that the high places were not removed: the people sacrificed and burnt incense still on the high places.
5 And the LORD smote the king, so that he was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in a several house. And Jotham the king's son *was* over the house, judging the people of the land.
6 And the rest of the acts of Azariah, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?
7 So Azariah slept with his fathers; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David: and Jotham his son reigned in his stead.

Zachariah's Reign

8 In the thirty and eighth year of Azariah king of Judah did Zachariah the son of Jeroboam reign over Israel in Samaria six months.
9 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, as his fathers had done: he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.
10 And Shallum the son of Jabesh conspired against him, and smote him before the people, and slew him, and reigned in his stead.
11 And the rest of the acts of Zachariah, behold, they *are* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.
12 This *was* the word of the LORD which he spake unto Jehu, saying, Thy sons shall sit on the throne of Israel unto the fourth *generation*. And so it came to pass.

Shallum's One-Month Reign

13 Shallum the son of Jabesh began to reign in the nine and thirtieth year of Uzziah king of Judah; and he reigned a full month in Samaria.
14 For Menahem the son of Gadi went up from Tirzah, and came to Samaria, and smote Shallum the son of Jabesh in Samaria, and slew him, and reigned in his stead.
15 And the rest of the acts of Shallum, and his conspiracy which he made, behold, they *are* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

Menahem's Reign

16 Then Menahem smote Tiphsah, and all that *were* therein, and the coasts thereof from Tirzah: because they opened not *to him,* therefore he smote *it; and* all the women therein that were with child he ripped up.
17 In the nine and thirtieth year of Azariah king of Judah began Menahem the son of Gadi to reign over Israel, *and reigned* ten years in Samaria.
18 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD: he departed not all his days from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.
19 *And* Pul the king of Assyria came against the land: and Menahem gave Pul a thousand talents of silver, that his hand might be with him to confirm the kingdom in his hand.
20 And Menahem exacted the money of Israel, *even* of all the mighty men of wealth, of each man fifty shekels of silver, to give to the king of Assyria. So the king of Assyria turned back, and stayed not there in the land.
21 And the rest of the acts of Menahem, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?
22 And Menahem slept with his fathers; and Pekahiah his son reigned in his stead.

Pekahiah's Reign

23 In the fiftieth year of Azariah king of

15:20 silver

(Heb. *keseph*) (Ex. 3:22; 20:23; Ps. 66:10; Mal. 3:3) H3701: Literally "silver," this word is sometimes translated more generally as "money." The root word means "to long for, to yearn after." In the ancient world, silver was weighed out in small unstamped pieces to buy goods and services. Silver was used when Abraham purchased the first parcel of land in the Promised Land (Gen. 23:16) and when Joseph was sold into slavery (Gen. 37:28). The semiprecious metal was also used to make idols (Ps. 115:4). Used metaphorically, the refining process of silver is a picture of the way suffering produces character (Ps. 66:10; Is. 48:10). Because of its material value, silver is also used as an image to demonstrate the value of intangibles such as wisdom (Prov. 16:16) and reputation (Prov. 22:1).

Judah Pekahiah the son of Menahem began to reign over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* two years.
24 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD: he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.
25 But Pekah the son of Remaliah, a captain of his, conspired against him, and smote him in Samaria, in the palace of the king's house, with Argob and Arieh, and with him fifty men of the Gileadites: and he killed him, and reigned in his room.
26 And the rest of the acts of Pekahiah, and all that he did, behold, they *are* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

Pekah's Reign and Death

27 In the two and fiftieth year of Azariah king of Judah Pekah the son of Remaliah began to reign over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* twenty years.
28 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD: he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.
29 In the days of Pekah king of Israel came Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, and took Ijon, and Abel-beth-maachah, and Janoah, and Kedesh, and Hazor, and Gilead, and Galilee, all the land of Naphtali, and carried them captive to Assyria.
30 And Hoshea the son of Elah made a conspiracy against Pekah the son of Remaliah, and smote him, and slew him, and reigned in his stead, in the twentieth year of Jotham the son of Uzziah.
31 And the rest of the acts of Pekah, and all that he did, behold, they *are* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

Jotham's Reign and Death

32 In the second year of Pekah the son of Remaliah king of Israel began Jotham the son of Uzziah king of Judah to reign.
33 Five and twenty years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Jerusha, the daughter of Zadok.
34 And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD: he did according to all that his father Uzziah had done.
35 Howbeit the high places were not removed: the people sacrificed and burned incense still in the high places. He built the higher gate of the house of the LORD.
36 Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?
37 In those days the LORD began to send against Judah Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah.
38 And Jotham slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Ahaz his son reigned in his stead.

Ahaz's Reign

16 In the seventeenth year of Pekah the son of Remaliah Ahaz the son of Jotham king of Judah began to reign.
2 Twenty years old *was* Ahaz when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem, and did not *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD his God, like David his father.
3 But he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, yea, and made his son to pass through the fire, according to the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out from before the children of Israel.
4 And he sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree.
5 Then Rezin king of Syria and Pekah son of Remaliah king of Israel came up to Jerusalem to war: and they besieged Ahaz, but could not overcome *him*.
6 At that time Rezin king of Syria recovered Elath to Syria, and drave the Jews from Elath:

16:5 Syria

(Heb. *'aram*) (Judg. 10:6; 2 Sam. 8:6; 1 Kin. 20:28; 2 Kin. 7:6) H0758: Their name derives from the word meaning "exalted," from the root meaning "to exalt oneself." The Arameans or Syrians descended from the fifth son of Shem, the son of Lot. They were first a nomadic people and were never organized into a large nation but rather made up of smaller tribal groups. Nevertheless, they waged war against Israel many times, with hostilities lasting for 150 years. The most famous of these battles is recorded in 2 Kings 7, when God caused the Syrians to hear the noise of chariots and horses so they fled in terror, leaving their camp and supplies behind for the Israelites to plunder.

and the Syrians came to Elath, and dwelt there unto this day.

Ahaz's Pact

7 So Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, saying, I *am* thy servant and thy son: come up, and save me out of the hand of the king of Syria, and out of the hand of the king of Israel, which rise up against me.
8 And Ahaz took the silver and gold that was found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the king's house, and sent *it for* a present to the king of Assyria.
9 And the king of Assyria hearkened unto him: for the king of Assyria went up against Damascus, and took it, and carried *the people of* it captive to Kir, and slew Rezin.
10 And king Ahaz went to Damascus to meet Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, and saw an altar that *was* at Damascus: and king Ahaz sent to Urijah the priest the fashion of the altar, and the pattern of it, according to all the workmanship thereof.
11 And Urijah the priest built an altar according to all that king Ahaz had sent from Damascus: so Urijah the priest made *it* against king Ahaz came from Damascus.

Ahaz's Sin

12 And when the king was come from Damascus, the king saw the altar: and the king approached to the altar, and offered thereon.
13 And he burnt his burnt offering and his meat offering, and poured his drink offering, and sprinkled the blood of his peace offerings, upon the altar.
14 And he brought also the brasen altar, which *was* before the LORD, from the forefront of the house, from between the altar and the house of the LORD, and put it on the north side of the altar.
15 And king Ahaz commanded Urijah the priest, saying, Upon the great altar burn the morning burnt offering, and the evening meat offering, and the king's burnt sacrifice, and his meat offering, with the burnt offering of all the people of the land, and their meat offering, and their drink offerings; and sprinkle upon it all the blood of the burnt offering, and all the blood of the sacrifice: and the brasen altar shall be for me to enquire *by*.
16 Thus did Urijah the priest, according to all that king Ahaz commanded.
17 And king Ahaz cut off the borders of the bases, and removed the laver from off them; and took down the sea from off the brasen oxen that *were* under it, and put it upon a pavement of stones.
18 And the covert for the sabbath that they had built in the house, and the king's entry without, turned he from the house of the LORD for the king of Assyria.
19 Now the rest of the acts of Ahaz which he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?
20 And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and Hezekiah his son reigned in his stead.

Hoshea's Reign

17 In the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah began Hoshea the son of Elah to reign in Samaria over Israel nine years.
2 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, but not as the kings of Israel that were before him.
3 Against him came up Shalmaneser king of Assyria; and Hoshea became his servant, and gave him presents.
4 And the king of Assyria found conspiracy in Hoshea: for he had sent messengers to So king of Egypt, and brought no present to the king of Assyria, as *he had done* year by year: therefore the king of Assyria shut him up, and bound him in prison.

Israel Captured

5 Then the king of Assyria came up throughout all the land, and went up to Samaria, and besieged it three years.
6 In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away into Assyria, and placed them in Halah and in Habor *by* the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.
7 For *so* it was, that the children of Israel had sinned against the LORD their God, which had brought them up out of the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods,
8 And walked in the statutes of the heathen,

17:4 conspiracy ▸ *see Jer. 11:9.*
17:4 bind ▸ *see Num 30:6.*

whom the LORD cast out from before the children of Israel, and of the kings of Israel, which they had made.
9 And the children of Israel did secretly *those* things that *were* not right against the LORD their God, and they built them high places in all their cities, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city.
10 And they set them up images and groves in every high hill, and under every green tree:
11 And there they burnt incense in all the high places, as *did* the heathen whom the LORD carried away before them; and wrought wicked things to provoke the LORD to anger:
12 For they served idols, whereof the LORD had said unto them, Ye shall not do this thing.

Warnings Not Heeded

13 Yet the LORD testified against Israel, and against Judah, by all the prophets, *and by* all the seers, saying, Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments *and* my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets.
14 Notwithstanding they would not hear, but hardened their necks, like to the neck of their fathers, that did not believe in the LORD their God.
15 And they rejected his statutes, and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and his testimonies which he testified against them; and they followed vanity, and became vain, and went after the heathen that *were* round about them, *concerning* whom the LORD had charged them, that they should not do like them.
16 And they left all the commandments of the LORD their God, and made them molten images, *even* two calves, and made a grove, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served Baal.
17 And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.

Israel Rejected by the Lord

18 Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight: there was none left but the tribe of Judah only.
19 Also Judah kept not the commandments of the LORD their God, but walked in the statutes of Israel which they made.
20 And the LORD rejected all the seed of Israel, and afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of spoilers, until he had cast them out of his sight.
21 For he rent Israel from the house of David; and they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king: and Jeroboam drave Israel from following the LORD, and made them sin a great sin.
22 For the children of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did; they departed not from them;
23 Until the LORD removed Israel out of his sight, as he had said by all his servants the prophets. So was Israel carried away out of their own land to Assyria unto this day.

Strangers Inhabit Samaria

24 And the king of Assyria brought *men* from Babylon, and from Cuthah, and from Ava, and from Hamath, and from Sepharvaim, and placed *them* in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel: and they possessed Samaria, and dwelt in the cities thereof.
25 And *so* it was at the beginning of their dwelling there, *that* they feared not the LORD: therefore the LORD sent lions among them, which slew *some* of them.
26 Wherefore they spake to the king of

17:10 grove ▸ *see 2 Kin. 23:6.*
17:17 divination ▸ *see Deut 18:10.*
17:17 enchantments ▸ *see Gen. 44:15.*

17:20 spoiler

(Heb. *shasah*) (Judg. 2:14; Is. 17:14; Jer. 30:16; Hos. 13:15) H8154: Plundering (or spoiling), the taking of goods by force, was part and parcel of life and especially warfare in the ancient world. Indeed, it was the promise of plundering that motivated men to fight. In the biblical worldview, it was acceptable for God's people to plunder their enemies, for their enemies were enemies of God Himself (Gen. 12:3; Jer. 30:16). However, a portion of the plunder was often devoted to God in recognition that the victory was His (1 Sam. 15:15; 1 Chr. 26:27). "Spoiler" is often used as a metaphor for victor.

17:24 Babylon ▸ *see Jer. 52:31.*

Assyria, saying, The nations which thou hast removed, and placed in the cities of Samaria, know not the manner of the God of the land: therefore he hath sent lions among them, and, behold, they slay them, because they know not the manner of the God of the land.
27 Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying, Carry thither one of the priests whom ye brought from thence; and let them go and dwell there, and let him teach them the manner of the God of the land.
28 Then one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria came and dwelt in Beth-el, and taught them how they should fear the LORD.

Idols in High Places

29 Howbeit every nation made gods of their own, and put *them* in the houses of the high places which the Samaritans had made, every nation in their cities wherein they dwelt.
30 And the men of Babylon made Succoth-benoth, and the men of Cuth made Nergal, and the men of Hamath made Ashima,
31 And the Avites made Nibhaz and Tartak, and the Sepharvites burnt their children in fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim.
32 So they feared the LORD, and made unto themselves of the lowest of them priests of the high places, which sacrificed for them in the houses of the high places.
33 They feared the LORD, and served their own gods, after the manner of the nations whom they carried away from thence.
34 Unto this day they do after the former manners: they fear not the LORD, neither do they after their statutes, or after their ordinances, or after the law and commandment which the LORD commanded the children of Jacob, whom he named Israel;
35 With whom the LORD had made a covenant, and charged them, saying, Ye shall not fear other gods, nor bow yourselves to them, nor serve them, nor sacrifice to them:
36 But the LORD, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt with great power and a stretched out arm, him shall ye fear, and him shall ye worship, and to him shall ye do sacrifice.
37 And the statutes, and the ordinances, and the law, and the commandment, which he wrote for you, ye shall observe to do for evermore; and ye shall not fear other gods.
38 And the covenant that I have made with you ye shall not forget; neither shall ye fear other gods.
39 But the LORD your God ye shall fear; and he shall deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies.
40 Howbeit they did not hearken, but they did after their former manner.
41 So these nations feared the LORD, and served their graven images, both their children, and their children's children: as did their fathers, so do they unto this day.

Hezekiah's Reign

18 Now it came to pass in the third year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, *that* Hezekiah the son of Ahaz king of Judah began to reign.
2 Twenty and five years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also *was* Abi, the daughter of Zachariah.
3 And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that David his father did.
4 He removed the high places, and brake the images, and cut down the groves, and brake in pieces the brasen serpent that Moses had made: for unto those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it: and he called it Nehushtan.
5 He trusted in the LORD God of Israel; so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor *any* that were before him.
6 For he clave to the LORD, *and* departed not from following him, but kept his commandments, which the LORD commanded Moses.
7 And the LORD was with him; *and* he prospered whithersoever he went forth: and he rebelled against the king of Assyria, and served him not.
8 He smote the Philistines, *even* unto Gaza, and the borders thereof, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city.

Samaria Captured

9 And it came to pass in the fourth year of king Hezekiah, which *was* the seventh

17:33 fear ▸ *see Ps. 118:4.*
18:5 trust ▸ *see Ps. 52:7.*
18:6 cleave ▸ *see Josh. 23:8.*

year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, *that* Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up against Samaria, and besieged it.
10 And at the end of three years they took it: *even* in the sixth year of Hezekiah, that *is* the ninth year of Hoshea king of Israel, Samaria was taken.
11 And the king of Assyria did carry away Israel unto Assyria, and put them in Halah and in Habor *by* the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes:
12 Because they obeyed not the voice of the LORD their God, but transgressed his covenant, *and* all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded, and would not hear *them,* nor do *them.*
13 Now in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah did Sennacherib king of Assyria come up against all the fenced cities of Judah, and took them.
14 And Hezekiah king of Judah sent to the king of Assyria to Lachish, saying, I have offended; return from me: that which thou puttest on me will I bear. And the king of Assyria appointed unto Hezekiah king of Judah three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents of gold.
15 And Hezekiah gave *him* all the silver that was found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the king's house.
16 At that time did Hezekiah cut off *the gold from* the doors of the temple of the LORD, and *from* the pillars which Hezekiah king of Judah had overlaid, and gave it to the king of Assyria.

Assyria Taunts Judah

17 And the king of Assyria sent Tartan and Rabsaris and Rab-shakeh from Lachish to king Hezekiah with a great host against Jerusalem. And they went up and came to Jerusalem. And when they were come up, they came and stood by the conduit of the upper pool, which *is* in the highway of the fuller's field.
18 And when they had called to the king, there came out to them Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, which *was* over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder.
19 And Rab-shakeh said unto them, Speak ye now to Hezekiah, Thus saith the great king, the king of Assyria, What confidence *is* this wherein thou trustest?
20 Thou sayest, (but *they are but* vain words,) *I have* counsel and strength for the war. Now on whom dost thou trust, that thou rebellest against me?
21 Now, behold, thou trustest upon the staff of this bruised reed, *even* upon Egypt, on which if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: so *is* Pharaoh king of Egypt unto all that trust on him.
22 But if ye say unto me, We trust in the LORD our God: *is* not that he, whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah hath taken away, and hath said to Judah and Jerusalem, Ye shall worship before this altar in Jerusalem?

Pay Tribute or Be Destroyed

23 Now therefore, I pray thee, give pledges to my lord the king of Assyria, and I will deliver thee two thousand horses, if thou be able on thy part to set riders upon them.
24 How then wilt thou turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put thy trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen?
25 Am I now come up without the LORD against this place to destroy it? The LORD said to me, Go up against this land, and destroy it.
26 Then said Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, and Shebna, and Joah, unto Rab-shakeh, Speak, I pray thee, to thy servants in the Syrian language; for we understand *it:* and talk not with us in the Jews' language

18:14 offend

(Heb. *chata'*) (Lev. 4:27; Judg. 20:16) H2398: The meaning of this verb is "to miss (a target)" or "to fall short (of a goal)." The word expresses this basic meaning in Judges 20:16, where it is translated *miss:* "every one could sling stones at a hair breadth, and not miss." When applied to ethics, the word implies falling short of a moral requirement. The word is the most common Old Testament expression for sin. Several nouns are derived from the verb, including *chet'* "sin" or "guilt" (Is. 53:12), *chatta'* "sinful men" (Num. 32:14), and *chatta't* "sin offering" (Lev. 4:3). In the New Testament, Paul also defined sin as "falling short": "for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). But then Paul offered the perfect remedy for our fallen condition: salvation through Jesus Christ (Rom. 3:24).

in the ears of the people that *are* on the wall.
27 But Rab-shakeh said unto them, Hath my master sent me to thy master, and to thee, to speak these words? *hath he* not *sent me* to the men which sit on the wall, that they may eat their own dung, and drink their own piss with you?
28 Then Rab-shakeh stood and cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language, and spake, saying, Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria:
29 Thus saith the king, Let not Hezekiah deceive you: for he shall not be able to deliver you out of his hand:
30 Neither let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD, saying, The LORD will surely deliver us, and this city shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria.
31 Hearken not to Hezekiah: for thus saith the king of Assyria, Make *an agreement* with me by a present, and come out to me, and *then* eat ye every man of his own vine, and every one of his fig tree, and drink ye every one the waters of his cistern:
32 Until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of corn and wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of oil olive and of honey, that ye may live, and not die: and hearken not unto Hezekiah, when he persuadeth you, saying, The LORD will deliver us.

Assyria Insults the Lord

33 Hath any of the gods of the nations delivered at all his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria?
34 Where *are* the gods of Hamath, and of Arpad? where *are* the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah? have they delivered Samaria out of mine hand?
35 Who *are* they among all the gods of the countries, that have delivered their country out of mine hand, that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem out of mine hand?
36 But the people held their peace, and answered him not a word: for the king's commandment was, saying, Answer him not.
37 Then came Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, which *was* over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder, to Hezekiah with *their* clothes rent, and told him the words of Rab-shakeh.

Hezekiah Seeks Counsel

19 And it came to pass, when king Hezekiah heard *it,* that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD.
2 And he sent Eliakim, which *was* over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz.
3 And they said unto him, Thus saith Hezekiah, This day *is* a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and blasphemy: for the children are come to the birth, and *there is* not strength to bring forth.
4 It may be the LORD thy God will hear all the words of Rab-shakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to reproach the living God; and will reprove the words which the LORD thy God hath heard: wherefore lift up *thy* prayer for the remnant that are left.
5 So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah.
6 And Isaiah said unto them, Thus shall ye say to your master, Thus saith the LORD, Be not afraid of the words which thou hast heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me.
7 Behold, I will send a blast upon him, and he shall hear a rumour, and shall return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.
8 So Rab-shakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah: for he had heard that he was departed from Lachish.
9 And when he heard say of Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, Behold, he is come out to fight against thee: he sent messengers again unto Hezekiah, saying,
10 Thus shall ye speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, Let not thy God in whom thou trustest deceive thee, saying, Jerusalem shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria.
11 Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands, by destroying them utterly: and shalt thou be delivered?
12 Have the gods of the nations delivered them which my fathers have destroyed; *as*

19:2 prophet ▸ *see Jer. 37:6.*
19:3 trouble ▸ *see Ps. 54:7.*
19:3 rebuke ▸ *see Prov. 5:12.*
19:7 rumour ▸ *see Jer. 51:46.*

Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the children of Eden which *were* in Thelasar?
13 Where *is* the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivah?

Hezekiah's Prayer

14 And Hezekiah received the letter of the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went up into the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD.
15 And Hezekiah prayed before the LORD, and said, O LORD God of Israel, which dwellest *between* the cherubims, thou art the God, *even* thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; thou hast made heaven and earth.
16 LORD, bow down thine ear, and hear: open, LORD, thine eyes, and see: and hear the words of Sennacherib, which hath sent him to reproach the living God.
17 Of a truth, LORD, the kings of Assyria have destroyed the nations and their lands,
18 And have cast their gods into the fire: for they *were* no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone: therefore they have destroyed them.
19 Now therefore, O LORD our God, I beseech thee, save thou us out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou *art* the LORD God, *even* thou only.

God's Message to Hezekiah

20 Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, *That* which thou hast prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria I have heard.
21 This *is* the word that the LORD hath spoken concerning him; The virgin the daughter of Zion hath despised thee, *and* laughed thee to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem hath shaken her head at thee.
22 Whom hast thou reproached and blasphemed? and against whom hast thou exalted *thy* voice, and lifted up thine eyes on high? *even* against the Holy *One* of Israel.
23 By thy messengers thou hast reproached the Lord, and hast said, With the multitude of my chariots I am come up to the height of the mountains, to the sides of Lebanon, and will cut down the tall cedar trees thereof, *and* the choice fir trees thereof: and I will enter into the lodgings of his borders, *and into* the forest of his Carmel.
24 I have digged and drunk strange waters, and with the sole of my feet have I dried up all the rivers of besieged places.
25 Hast thou not heard long ago *how* I have done it, *and* of ancient times that I have formed it? now have I brought it to pass, that thou shouldest be to lay waste fenced cities *into* ruinous heaps.
26 Therefore their inhabitants were of small power, they were dismayed and confounded; they were *as* the grass of the field, and *as* the green herb, *as* the grass on the house tops, and *as corn* blasted before it be grown up.
27 But I know thy abode, and thy going out, and thy coming in, and thy rage against me.
28 Because thy rage against me and thy tumult is come up into mine ears, therefore I will put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest.

A Sign from the Lord

29 And this *shall be* a sign unto thee, Ye shall eat this year such things as grow of themselves, and in the second year that which springeth of the same; and in the third year sow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruits thereof.
30 And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall yet again take root downward, and bear fruit upward.
31 For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and they that escape out of mount Zion: the zeal of the LORD *of hosts* shall do this.

19:14 spread

(Heb. *paras*) (Ex. 9:29; Deut. 32:11; Ps. 143:6) H6566: This word can mean "spread out," "stretch," "expand," or "break in pieces." This word is often used to describe prayer—spreading out hands to God (Ex. 9:29; 2 Chr. 6:29) or worship (Ps. 44:20; 143:6). It is also used to describe setting a trap—spreading a net (Ezek. 17:20; Hos. 7:12). In Proverbs 13:16 we see this word used to mean exposing: "a fool layeth open his folly." Finally, in Zechariah 2:6 it is used to mean scattered: "I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the heaven."

19:16 bow down ▸ *see Jer. 7:26.*
19:20 Sennacherib ▸ *see 2 Chr. 32:1.*
19:23 forest ▸ *see Ps. 50:10.*
19:25 heaps ▸ *see Ps. 107:25.*
19:29 sow ▸ *see Hos. 10:12.*
19:31 Zion ▸ *see Ps. 128:5.*

32 Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shield, nor cast a bank against it.
33 By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city, saith the LORD.
34 For I will defend this city, to save it, for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.
35 And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the LORD went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they *were* all dead corpses.
36 So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh.

The Death of Sennacherib

37 And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons smote him with the sword: and they escaped into the land of Armenia. And Esar-haddon his son reigned in his stead.

Hezekiah's Illness

20 In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live.
2 Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto the LORD, saying,
3 I beseech thee, O LORD, remember now how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done *that which is* good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore.

Hezekiah Healed

4 And it came to pass, afore Isaiah was gone out into the middle court, that the word of the LORD came to him, saying,
5 Turn again, and tell Hezekiah the captain of my people, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee: on the third day thou shalt go up unto the house of the LORD.
6 And I will add unto thy days fifteen years; and I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.
7 And Isaiah said, Take a lump of figs. And they took and laid *it* on the boil, and he recovered.

Hezekiah Asks for a Sign

8 And Hezekiah said unto Isaiah, What *shall be* the sign that the LORD will heal me, and that I shall go up into the house of the LORD the third day?
9 And Isaiah said, This sign shalt thou have of the LORD, that the LORD will do the thing that he hath spoken: shall the shadow go forward ten degrees, or go back ten degrees?
10 And Hezekiah answered, It is a light thing for the shadow to go down ten degrees: nay, but let the shadow return backward ten degrees.
11 And Isaiah the prophet cried unto the LORD: and he brought the shadow ten degrees backward, by which it had gone down in the dial of Ahaz.
12 At that time Berodach-baladan, the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present unto Hezekiah: for he had heard that Hezekiah had been sick.
13 And Hezekiah hearkened unto them, and shewed them all the house of his precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and *all* the house of his armour, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah shewed them not.

Isaiah's Appearance and Prophecy

14 Then came Isaiah the prophet unto king

20:7 fig

(Heb. *te'en*) (Gen. 3:7; Amos 4:9; Hab. 3:17) H8384: Figs are a sweet fruit that contain the flower inside. In Palestine, the fruit of the fig tree can be picked for nine or ten months of the year. Figs were associated with the good fruit of the land, particularly the Promised Land (Deut. 8:8; Is. 36:16). Similarly, the absence of figs is a sign of judgment, a symbol of disruption of the natural order (Jer. 8:13; Joel 1:12). Figs were used as a symbol of the nation of Israel (Jer. 24:3; Hos. 9:10). Perhaps the most poignant use of the fig is the expression of faith in Habakkuk 3:17, 18: "Although the fig tree shall not blossom . . . yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation."

Hezekiah, and said unto him, What said these men? and from whence came they unto thee? And Hezekiah said, They are come from a far country, *even* from Babylon.
15 And he said, What have they seen in thine house? And Hezekiah answered, All *the things* that *are* in mine house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shewed them.
16 And Isaiah said unto Hezekiah, Hear the word of the LORD.
17 Behold, the days come, that all that *is* in thine house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store unto this day, shall be carried into Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith the LORD.
18 And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.
19 Then said Hezekiah unto Isaiah, Good *is* the word of the LORD which thou hast spoken. And he said, *Is it* not *good,* if peace and truth be in my days?
20 And the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and all his might, and how he made a pool, and a conduit, and brought water into the city, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?
21 And Hezekiah slept with his fathers: and Manasseh his son reigned in his stead.

Manasseh's Reign

21 Manasseh *was* twelve years old when he began to reign, and reigned fifty and five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Hephzi-bah.
2 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, after the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.
3 For he built up again the high places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; and he reared up altars for Baal, and made a grove, as did Ahab king of Israel; and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them.
4 And he built altars in the house of the LORD, of which the LORD said, In Jerusalem will I put my name.
5 And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD.
6 And he made his son pass through the fire, and observed times, and used enchantments, and dealt with familiar spirits and wizards: he wrought much wickedness in the sight of the LORD, to provoke *him* to anger.
7 And he set a graven image of the grove that he had made in the house, of which the LORD said to David, and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all tribes of Israel, will I put my name for ever:
8 Neither will I make the feet of Israel move any more out of the land which I gave their fathers; only if they will observe to do according to all that I have commanded them, and according to all the law that my servant Moses commanded them.
9 But they hearkened not: and Manasseh seduced them to do more evil than did the nations whom the LORD destroyed before the children of Israel.

Judah's Sin

10 And the LORD spake by his servants the prophets, saying,
11 Because Manasseh king of Judah hath done these abominations, *and* hath done wickedly above all that the Amorites did, which *were* before him, and hath made Judah also to sin with his idols:
12 Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Behold, I *am* bringing *such* evil upon Jerusalem and Judah, that whosoever heareth of it, both his ears shall tingle.
13 And I will stretch over Jerusalem the line of Samaria, and the plummet of the house of Ahab: and I will wipe Jerusalem as *a man* wipeth a dish, wiping *it,* and turning *it* upside down.
14 And I will forsake the remnant of mine inheritance, and deliver them into the hand of their enemies; and they shall become a prey and a spoil to all their enemies;
15 Because they have done *that which was* evil in my sight, and have provoked me to anger, since the day their fathers came forth out of Egypt, even unto this day.
16 Moreover Manasseh shed innocent blood very much, till he had filled Jerusalem from

20:17 lay up ▸ *see Is. 39:6.*
20:18 eunuch ▸ *see Esth. 2:3.*
21:5 court ▸ *see 2 Chr. 23:5.*
21:7 graven image ▸ *see Hab. 2:18.*
21:7 grove ▸ *see 2 Kin. 23:6.*

one end to another; beside his sin wherewith he made Judah to sin, in doing *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD.

The Death of Manasseh

17 Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and all that he did, and his sin that he sinned, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?
18 And Manasseh slept with his fathers, and was buried in the garden of his own house, in the garden of Uzza: and Amon his son reigned in his stead.

The Reign and Death of Amon

19 Amon *was* twenty and two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Meshullemeth, the daughter of Haruz of Jotbah.
20 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, as his father Manasseh did.
21 And he walked in all the way that his father walked in, and served the idols that his father served, and worshipped them:
22 And he forsook the LORD God of his fathers, and walked not in the way of the LORD.
23 And the servants of Amon conspired against him, and slew the king in his own house.
24 And the people of the land slew all them that had conspired against king Amon; and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his stead.
25 Now the rest of the acts of Amon which he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?
26 And he was buried in his sepulchre in the garden of Uzza: and Josiah his son reigned in his stead.

Josiah's Reign

22 Josiah *was* eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty and one years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Jedidah, the daughter of Adaiah of Boscath.
2 And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in all the way of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left.
3 And it came to pass in the eighteenth year of king Josiah, *that* the king sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, the son of Meshullam, the scribe, to the house of the LORD, saying,
4 Go up to Hilkiah the high priest, that he may sum the silver which is brought into the house of the LORD, which the keepers of the door have gathered of the people:
5 And let them deliver it into the hand of the doers of the work, that have the oversight of the house of the LORD: and let them give it to the doers of the work which *is* in the house of the LORD, to repair the breaches of the house,
6 Unto carpenters, and builders, and masons, and to buy timber and hewn stone to repair the house.
7 Howbeit there was no reckoning made with them of the money that was delivered into their hand, because they dealt faithfully.

The Book of the Law Found

8 And Hilkiah the high priest said unto Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book

21:18 garden

(Heb. *gan*) (Gen. 2:8–10; Song 4:15, 16; Jer. 31:12) H1588: Gardens that belonged to kings (2 Kin. 25:4; Neh. 3:15) were actually royal parks. Occasionally, parts of royal gardens might be used for purposes such as vegetable gardens (1 Kin. 21:2) or even burial grounds (2 Kin. 21:18, 26). When ordinary people owned gardens, their main function was to produce food (Num. 24:6; Jer. 29:5). Gardens are spoken of symbolically in the Bible as portraits of happiness and fruitfulness. For example, the lovers in the Song of Solomon compared one another to a garden of delights (Song 4:12; 5:1; 8:13). The Garden of Eden represented God's ideal environment for man. Some of this garden's features, especially its rivers and the Tree of Life, are also used to portray God's final blessings for His people (Ezek. 47:12; Rev. 22:1, 2, 14).

22:5 breach ▸ *see 2 Kin. 12:8.*

22:6 mason

(Heb. *gadar*) (Job 19:8; Lam. 3:7, 9; Hos. 2:6) H1443: Descriptive of the goal of a mason's work, this word means "to wall up, fence off, close off." In most uses, the wall or fence was constructed for safety—either to keep someone from leaving their place of security or to keep the enemy out. In Ezekiel 22:30 this word is used figuratively: "I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it."

of the law in the house of the LORD. And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it.
9 And Shaphan the scribe came to the king, and brought the king word again, and said, Thy servants have gathered the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of them that do the work, that have the oversight of the house of the LORD.
10 And Shaphan the scribe shewed the king, saying, Hilkiah the priest hath delivered me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king.

Josiah Humbles Himself

11 And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the book of the law, that he rent his clothes.
12 And the king commanded Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Achbor the son of Michaiah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asahiah a servant of the king's, saying,
13 Go ye, enquire of the LORD for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that is found: for great *is* the wrath of the LORD that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not hearkened unto the words of this book, to do according unto all that which is written concerning us.
14 So Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asahiah, went unto Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the college;) and they communed with her.

A Prophecy of Wrath

15 And she said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Tell the man that sent you to me,
16 Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, *even* all the words of the book which the king of Judah hath read:
17 Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be kindled against this place, and shall not be quenched.
18 But to the king of Judah which sent you to enquire of the LORD, thus shall ye say to him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, *As touching* the words which thou hast heard;
19 Because thine heart was tender, and thou hast humbled thyself before the LORD, when thou heardest what I spake against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard *thee,* saith the LORD.
20 Behold therefore, I will gather thee unto thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered into thy grave in peace; and thine eyes shall not see all the evil which I will bring upon this place. And they brought the king word again.

The Law Read to the People

23 And the king sent, and they gathered unto him all the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem.
2 And the king went up into the house of the LORD, and all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the people, both small and great: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant which was found in the house of the LORD.
3 And the king stood by a pillar, and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes with all *their* heart and all *their* soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people stood to the covenant.
4 And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and the keepers of the door, to bring forth out of the temple of the LORD all the vessels that were made for Baal, and for the grove, and for all the host of heaven: and he burned them without Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and carried the ashes of them unto Beth-el.
5 And he put down the idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah, and in the places round about Jerusalem; them also that burned incense unto Baal, to the sun, and to the moon, and to the planets, and to all the host of heaven.

23:5 high place ▸ *see 2 Kin. 14:4.*

6 And he brought out the grove from the house of the LORD, without Jerusalem, unto the brook Kidron, and burned it at the brook Kidron, and stamped *it* small to powder, and cast the powder thereof upon the graves of the children of the people.
7 And he brake down the houses of the sodomites, that *were* by the house of the LORD, where the women wove hangings for the grove.
8 And he brought all the priests out of the cities of Judah, and defiled the high places where the priests had burned incense, from Geba to Beer-sheba, and brake down the high places of the gates that *were* in the entering in of the gate of Joshua the governor of the city, which *were* on a man's left hand at the gate of the city.
9 Nevertheless the priests of the high places came not up to the altar of the LORD in Jerusalem, but they did eat of the unleavened bread among their brethren.
10 And he defiled Topheth, which *is* in the valley of the children of Hinnom, that no man might make his son or his daughter to pass through the fire to Molech.
11 And he took away the horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun, at the entering in of the house of the LORD, by the chamber of Nathan-melech the chamberlain, which *was* in the suburbs, and burned the chariots of the sun with fire.
12 And the altars that *were* on the top of the upper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and the altars which Manasseh had made in the two courts of the house of the LORD, did the king beat down, and brake *them* down from thence, and cast the dust of them into the brook Kidron.
13 And the high places that *were* before Jerusalem, which *were* on the right hand of the mount of corruption, which Solomon the king of Israel had builded for Ashtoreth the abomination of the Zidonians, and for Chemosh the abomination of the Moabites, and for Milcom the abomination of the children of Ammon, did the king defile.
14 And he brake in pieces the images, and cut down the groves, and filled their places with the bones of men.
15 Moreover the altar that *was* at Beth-el, *and* the high place which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, had made, both that altar and the high place he brake down, and burned the high place, *and* stamped *it* small to powder, and burned the grove.
16 And as Josiah turned himself, he spied the sepulchres that *were* there in the mount, and sent, and took the bones out of the sepulchres, and burned *them* upon the altar, and polluted it, according to the word of the LORD which the man of God proclaimed, who proclaimed these words.
17 Then he said, What title *is* that that I see? And the men of the city told him, *It is* the sepulchre of the man of God, which came from Judah, and proclaimed these things that thou hast done against the altar of Beth-el.
18 And he said, Let him alone; let no man move his bones. So they let his bones alone, with the bones of the prophet that came out of Samaria.
19 And all the houses also of the high places that *were* in the cities of Samaria, which the kings of Israel had made to provoke *the* LORD to anger, Josiah took away, and did to them according to all the acts that he had done in Beth-el.

23:6 grove

(Heb. *'asherah*) (2 Kin. 17:10; 21:7) H0842: This word is both the name of a Canaanite fertility goddess (Asherah) and the designation of a wooden object representing her. In the Old Testament, the word is rarely used as a proper name (1 Kin. 15:13; 18:19; 2 Kin. 21:7; 23:4); far more often it is used for a carved image (1 Kin. 14:15; 2 Kin. 21:7). Asherahs were placed on hills. Frequently altars and other images were next to these wooden images (1 Kin. 14:23; 2 Chr. 31:1; 33:19). The Lord warned His people before they entered the Promised Land that this false religion would snare them if they did not banish it from the land (Ex. 34:12–16; Deut. 7:2–6; 12:3; 16:21). Nevertheless, the problem persisted during much of the periods of the judges and kings (Judg. 3:7; 1 Kin. 16:33), although occasional reforms did seek to eliminate these images (Judg. 6:25–30; 2 Kin. 18:4). The prophets consistently sounded a clarion call to abandon such false worship, for God's judgment was coming (Is. 17:8; 27:9; Jer. 17:2; Mic. 5:14).

23:11 chamber ▸ *see Jer. 36:21.*
23:12 upper chamber ▸ *see Neh. 3:32.*
23:12 court ▸ *see 2 Chr. 23:5.*
23:13 Ashtoreth ▸ *see 1 Kin. 11:5.*

20 And he slew all the priests of the high places that *were* there upon the altars, and burned men's bones upon them, and returned to Jerusalem.
21 And the king commanded all the people, saying, Keep the passover unto the LORD your God, as *it is* written in the book of this covenant.
22 Surely there was not holden such a passover from the days of the judges that judged Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel, nor of the kings of Judah;
23 But in the eighteenth year of king Josiah, *wherein* this passover was holden to the LORD in Jerusalem.
24 Moreover the *workers with* familiar spirits, and the wizards, and the images, and the idols, and all the abominations that were spied in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, did Josiah put away, that he might perform the words of the law which were written in the book that Hilkiah the priest found in the house of the LORD.
25 And like unto him was there no king before him, that turned to the LORD with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; neither after him arose there *any* like him.

God's Wrath Toward Judah

26 Notwithstanding the LORD turned not from the fierceness of his great wrath, wherewith his anger was kindled against Judah, because of all the provocations that Manasseh had provoked him withal.
27 And the LORD said, I will remove Judah also out of my sight, as I have removed Israel, and will cast off this city Jerusalem which I have chosen, and the house of which I said, My name shall be there.
28 Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?
29 In his days Pharaoh-nechoh king of Egypt went up against the king of Assyria to the river Euphrates: and king Josiah went against him; and he slew him at Megiddo, when he had seen him.
30 And his servants carried him in a chariot dead from Megiddo, and brought him to Jerusalem, and buried him in his own sepulchre. And the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and anointed him, and made him king in his father's stead.

Jehoahaz' Reign and Death

31 Jehoahaz *was* twenty and three years old when he began to reign; and he reigned three months in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.
32 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his fathers had done.
33 And Pharaoh-nechoh put him in bands at Riblah in the land of Hamath, that he might not reign in Jerusalem; and put the land to a tribute of an hundred talents of silver, and a talent of gold.
34 And Pharaoh-nechoh made Eliakim the son of Josiah king in the room of Josiah his father, and turned his name to Jehoiakim, and took Jehoahaz away: and he came to Egypt, and died there.
35 And Jehoiakim gave the silver and the gold to Pharaoh; but he taxed the land to give the money according to the commandment of Pharaoh: he exacted the silver and the gold of the people of the land, of every one according to his taxation, to give *it* unto Pharaoh-nechoh.

Jehoiakim's Reign

36 Jehoiakim *was* twenty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Zebudah, the daughter of Pedaiah of Rumah.
37 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his fathers had done.

Jehoiakim's Rebellion

24 In his days Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up, and Jehoiakim became his servant three years: then he turned and rebelled against him.
2 And the LORD sent against him bands of the Chaldees, and bands of the Syrians, and bands of the Moabites, and bands of the children of Ammon, and sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by his servants the prophets.
3 Surely at the commandment of the LORD came *this* upon Judah, to remove *them* out of

23:24 idol ▸ *see Ezek. 6:4.*

his sight, for the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he did;
4 And also for the innocent blood that he shed: for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood; which the LORD would not pardon.
5 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?
6 So Jehoiakim slept with his fathers: and Jehoiachin his son reigned in his stead.
7 And the king of Egypt came not again any more out of his land: for the king of Babylon had taken from the river of Egypt unto the river Euphrates all that pertained to the king of Egypt.

Jehoiachin's Reign

8 Jehoiachin *was* eighteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem three months. And his mother's name *was* Nehushta, the daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem.
9 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father had done.
10 At that time the servants of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up against Jerusalem, and the city was besieged.
11 And Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came against the city, and his servants did besiege it.
12 And Jehoiachin the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he, and his mother, and his servants, and his princes, and his officers: and the king of Babylon took him in the eighth year of his reign.

Temple Treasures Taken

13 And he carried out thence all the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house, and cut in pieces all the vessels of gold which Solomon king of Israel had made in the temple of the LORD, as the LORD had said.
14 And he carried away all Jerusalem, and all the princes, and all the mighty men of valour, *even* ten thousand captives, and all the craftsmen and smiths: none remained, save the poorest sort of the people of the land.
15 And he carried away Jehoiachin to Babylon, and the king's mother, and the king's wives, and his officers, and the mighty of the land, *those* carried he into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon.
16 And all the men of might, *even* seven thousand, and craftsmen and smiths a thousand, all *that were* strong *and* apt for war, even them the king of Babylon brought captive to Babylon.

Zedekiah's Reign

17 And the king of Babylon made Mattaniah his father's brother king in his stead, and changed his name to Zedekiah.
18 Zedekiah *was* twenty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.
19 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that Jehoiakim had done.
20 For through the anger of the LORD it came to pass in Jerusalem and Judah, until he had cast them out from his presence, that Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

Jerusalem Besieged and Destroyed

25 And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth *day* of the month, *that* Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he, and all his host, against Jerusalem, and pitched against it; and they built forts against it round about.
2 And the city was besieged unto the eleventh year of king Zedekiah.
3 And on the ninth *day* of the *fourth* month the famine prevailed in the city, and there was no bread for the people of the land.

24:10 besiege ▸ *see Ezek. 4:8.*

24:12 prince

(Heb. *sar*) (Ex. 18:25; Job 34:19; Is. 9:6; 49:7) H8269: Translated as "prince" or "captain," this word describes a leader, commander, or person of authority. It can refer to a commander of the army (Gen. 21:22), a cupbearer or chief butler (Gen. 40:9), the head prison guard (Gen. 39:21), a priest (Is. 43:28), the archangels (princes of angels—Dan. 10:13), and of course, the son of a king (Ex. 2:14; Num. 22:8). The most important prince of all is the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ (Is. 9:6).

24:13 treasure ▸ *see Ps. 33:7.*

4 And the city was broken up, and all the men of war *fled* by night by the way of the gate between two walls, which *is* by the king's garden: (now the Chaldees *were* against the city round about:) and *the king* went the way toward the plain.
5 And the army of the Chaldees pursued after the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jericho: and all his army were scattered from him.
6 So they took the king, and brought him up to the king of Babylon to Riblah; and they gave judgment upon him.
7 And they slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him with fetters of brass, and carried him to Babylon.
8 And in the fifth month, on the seventh *day* of the month, which *is* the nineteenth year of king Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, came Nebuzar-adan, captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, unto Jerusalem:
9 And he burnt the house of the LORD, and the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem, and every great *man's* house burnt he with fire.
10 And all the army of the Chaldees, that *were with* the captain of the guard, brake down the walls of Jerusalem round about.
11 Now the rest of the people *that were* left in the city, and the fugitives that fell away to the king of Babylon, with the remnant of the multitude, did Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard carry away.
12 But the captain of the guard left of the poor of the land *to be* vinedressers and husbandmen.

Vessels Carried to Babylon

13 And the pillars of brass that *were* in the house of the LORD, and the bases, and the brasen sea that *was* in the house of the LORD, did the Chaldees break in pieces, and carried the brass of them to Babylon.
14 And the pots, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the spoons, and all the vessels of brass wherewith they ministered, took they away.
15 And the firepans, and the bowls, *and* such things as *were* of gold, *in* gold, and of silver, *in* silver, the captain of the guard took away.
16 The two pillars, one sea, and the bases which Solomon had made for the house of the LORD; the brass of all these vessels was without weight.
17 The height of the one pillar *was* eighteen cubits, and the chapiter upon it *was* brass: and the height of the chapiter three cubits; and the wreathen work, and pomegranates upon the chapiter round about, all of brass: and like unto these had the second pillar with wreathen work.

Priests and Officers Killed

18 And the captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three keepers of the door:
19 And out of the city he took an officer that was set over the men of war, and five men of them that were in the king's presence, which were found in the city, and the principal scribe of the host, which mustered the people of the land, and threescore men of the people of the land *that were* found in the city:
20 And Nebuzar-adan captain of the guard took these, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah:
21 And the king of Babylon smote them, and slew them at Riblah in the land of Hamath. So Judah was carried away out of their land.
22 And *as for* the people that remained in the land of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had left, even over them he made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, ruler.
23 And when all the captains of the armies, they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah governor, there came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Ishmael

25:5 scatter

(Heb. *puts*) (Gen. 11:4, 8; 1 Kin. 22:17; Neh. 1:8; Ezek. 28:25) H6327: The literal definition of this word is "to break or dash in pieces." It is usually translated as "scatter" or "disperse." Throughout the Old Testament, the prophesied punishment for disobeying the covenant was that the nation of Israel would be scattered, but always with the promise that they will one day be gathered back: "As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day" (Ezek. 34:12).

25:10 Chaldee ▸ *see Jer. 41:18.*

the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan the son of Careah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth the Netophathite, and Jaazaniah the son of a Maachathite, they and their men.
24 And Gedaliah sware to them, and to their men, and said unto them, Fear not to be the servants of the Chaldees: dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon; and it shall be well with you.
25 But it came to pass in the seventh month, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the seed royal, came, and ten men with him, and smote Gedaliah, that he died, and the Jews and the Chaldees that were with him at Mizpah.
26 And all the people, both small and great, and the captains of the armies, arose, and came to Egypt: for they were afraid of the Chaldees.

Evil-merodach's Kindness

27 And it came to pass in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the seven and twentieth *day* of the month, *that* Evil-merodach king of Babylon in the year that he began to reign did lift up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah out of prison;
28 And he spake kindly to him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings that *were* with him in Babylon;
29 And changed his prison garments: and he did eat bread continually before him all the days of his life.
30 And his allowance *was* a continual allowance given him of the king, a daily rate for every day, all the days of his life.

THE FIRST BOOK OF THE

CHRONICLES

THE BOOKS OF FIRST AND Second Chronicles cover the same period of Jewish history described in Second Samuel through Second Kings, but the perspective is different. These books are no mere repetition of the same material, but rather form a divine editorial on the history of God's people. While Second Samuel and First and Second Kings give a political history of Israel and Judah, First and Second Chronicles present a religious history of the Davidic dynasty of Judah. The former are written from a prophetic and moral viewpoint, and the latter from a priestly and spiritual perspective. The Book of First Chronicles begins with the royal line of David and then traces the spiritual significance of David's righteous reign.

The books of First and Second Chronicles were originally one continuous work in the Hebrew. The title was *Dibere Hayyamim*, meaning "The Words [accounts, events] of the Days." The equivalent meaning today would be "The Events of the Times." Chronicles was divided into two parts in the third-century B.C. Greek translation of the Hebrew Bible (the Septuagint). At that time it was given the name *Paraleipomenon*, "Of Things Omitted," referring to the things omitted from Samuel and Kings. Some copies add the phrase, *Basileon Iouda*, "Concerning the Kings of Judah." The first book of Chronicles was called *Paraleipomenon Primus*, "The First Book of Things Omitted." The name "Chronicles" comes from Jerome in his Latin Vulgate Bible (A.D. 385–405): *Chronicorum Liber*. He meant his title in the sense of the "Chronicles of the Whole of Sacred History."

WATCH WORDS

- **generations** (line of descent)—5:7
- **genealogy** (tribal pedigree)—7:5 (also 9:1)
- **peace** (completeness and well-being, a perfect whole)—12:18
- **minister** (serve)—16:4
- **number** (quantity of items counted)—25:7

Generations from Adam to Abraham

1 Adam, Sheth, Enosh,
2 Kenan, Mahalaleel, Jered,
3 Henoch, Methuselah, Lamech,
4 Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.
5 The sons of Japheth; Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras.
6 And the sons of Gomer; Ashchenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah.
7 And the sons of Javan; Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim.
8 The sons of Ham; Cush, and Mizraim, Put, and Canaan.

1:3 Methuselah ▸ *see Gen. 5:21.*

1:5 Japheth

(Heb. *yepheth*) (Gen. 5:32; 9:27) H3315: Japheth was one of Noah's three sons, and brother to Shem and Ham (Gen. 5:32). Along with his brother Shem, he honored his father and was blessed as a result (Gen. 9:23, 27). He was married before the Flood (Gen. 7:13), and afterward had seven sons: "Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras" (Gen. 10:2). The genealogy of Genesis reveals that "by these were the isles of the Gentiles divided in their lands" (Gen. 10:5).

9 And the sons of Cush; Seba, and Havilah, and Sabta, and Raamah, and Sabtecha. And the sons of Raamah; Sheba, and Dedan.
10 And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be mighty upon the earth.
11 And Mizraim begat Ludim, and Anamim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim,
12 And Pathrusim, and Casluhim, (of whom came the Philistines,) and Caphthorim.
13 And Canaan begat Zidon his firstborn, and Heth,
14 The Jebusite also, and the Amorite, and the Girgashite,
15 And the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite,
16 And the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite.
17 The sons of Shem; Elam, and Asshur, and Arphaxad, and Lud, and Aram, and Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Meshech.
18 And Arphaxad begat Shelah, and Shelah begat Eber.
19 And unto Eber were born two sons: the name of the one *was* Peleg; because in his days the earth was divided: and his brother's name *was* Joktan.
20 And Joktan begat Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah,
21 Hadoram also, and Uzal, and Diklah,
22 And Ebal, and Abimael, and Sheba,
23 And Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab. All these *were* the sons of Joktan.
24 Shem, Arphaxad, Shelah,
25 Eber, Peleg, Reu,
26 Serug, Nahor, Terah,
27 Abram; the same *is* Abraham.
28 The sons of Abraham; Isaac, and Ishmael.

Ishmael's Descendants

29 These *are* their generations: The firstborn of Ishmael, Nebaioth; then Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam,
30 Mishma, and Dumah, Massa, Hadad, and Tema,
31 Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. These are the sons of Ishmael.

Keturah's Sons

32 Now the sons of Keturah, Abraham's concubine: she bare Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah. And the sons of Jokshan; Sheba, and Dedan.
33 And the sons of Midian; Ephah, and Epher, and Henoch, and Abida, and Eldaah. All these *are* the sons of Keturah.

Isaac's Family

34 And Abraham begat Isaac. The sons of Isaac; Esau and Israel.
35 The sons of Esau; Eliphaz, Reuel, and Jeush, and Jaalam, and Korah.
36 The sons of Eliphaz; Teman, and Omar, Zephi, and Gatam, Kenaz, and Timna, and Amalek.
37 The sons of Reuel; Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah.

Seir's Family

38 And the sons of Seir; Lotan, and Shobal, and Zibeon, and Anah, and Dishon, and Ezar, and Dishan.
39 And the sons of Lotan; Hori, and Homam: and Timna *was* Lotan's sister.
40 The sons of Shobal; Alian, and Manahath, and Ebal, Shephi, and Onam. And the sons of Zibeon; Aiah, and Anah.
41 The sons of Anah; Dishon. And the sons of Dishon; Amram, and Eshban, and Ithran, and Cheran.
42 The sons of Ezer; Bilhan, and Zavan, *and* Jakan. The sons of Dishan; Uz, and Aran.

Kings of Edom

43 Now these *are* the kings that reigned in the land of Edom before *any* king reigned over the children of Israel; Bela the son of Beor: and the name of his city *was* Dinhabah.
44 And when Bela was dead, Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his stead.
45 And when Jobab was dead, Husham of the land of the Temanites reigned in his stead.
46 And when Husham was dead, Hadad the son of Bedad, which smote Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his stead: and the name of his city *was* Avith.
47 And when Hadad was dead, Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his stead.
48 And when Samlah was dead, Shaul of Rehoboth by the river reigned in his stead.

1:48 river

(Heb. *nahar*) (Gen. 2:10; Rev. 22:1) H5104: The Bible begins with a river: "And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads" (Gen.

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49 And when Shaul was dead, Baal-hanan the son of Achbor reigned in his stead.
50 And when Baal-hanan was dead, Hadad reigned in his stead: and the name of his city *was* Pai; and his wife's name *was* Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab.
51 Hadad died also. And the dukes of Edom were; duke Timnah, duke Aliah, duke Jetheth,
52 Duke Aholibamah, duke Elah, duke Pinon,
53 Duke Kenaz, duke Teman, duke Mibzar,
54 Duke Magdiel, duke Iram. These *are* the dukes of Edom.

Israel's Descendants

2 These *are* the sons of Israel; Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun,
2 Dan, Joseph, and Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.

Judah's Descendants

3 The sons of Judah; Er, and Onan, and Shelah: *which* three were born unto him of the daughter of Shua the Canaanitess. And Er, the firstborn of Judah, was evil in the sight of the LORD; and he slew him.
4 And Tamar his daughter in law bare him Pharez and Zerah. All the sons of Judah *were* five.
5 The sons of Pharez; Hezron, and Hamul.
6 And the sons of Zerah; Zimri, and Ethan, and Heman, and Calcol, and Dara: five of them in all.
7 And the sons of Carmi; Achar, the troubler of Israel, who transgressed in the thing accursed.
8 And the sons of Ethan; Azariah.
9 The sons also of Hezron, that were born unto him; Jerahmeel, and Ram, and Chelubai.
10 And Ram begat Amminadab; and Amminadab begat Nahshon, prince of the children of Judah;
11 And Nahshon begat Salma, and Salma begat Boaz,
12 And Boaz begat Obed, and Obed begat Jesse,
13 And Jesse begat his firstborn Eliab, and Abinadab the second, and Shimma the third,
14 Nethaneel the fourth, Raddai the fifth,
15 Ozem the sixth, David the seventh:
16 Whose sisters *were* Zeruiah, and Abigail. And the sons of Zeruiah; Abishai, and Joab, and Asahel, three.
17 And Abigail bare Amasa: and the father of Amasa *was* Jether the Ishmeelite.

Hezron's Family

18 And Caleb the son of Hezron begat *children* of Azubah *his* wife, and of Jerioth: her sons *are* these; Jesher, and Shobab, and Ardon.
19 And when Azubah was dead, Caleb took unto him Ephrath, which bare him Hur.
20 And Hur begat Uri, and Uri begat Bezaleel.
21 And afterward Hezron went in to the daughter of Machir the father of Gilead, whom he married when he *was* threescore years old; and she bare him Segub.
22 And Segub begat Jair, who had three and twenty cities in the land of Gilead.
23 And he took Geshur, and Aram, with the towns of Jair, from them, with Kenath, and the towns thereof, *even* threescore cities. All these *belonged to* the sons of Machir the father of Gilead.
24 And after that Hezron was dead in

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2:10), and the Bible ends with a river: "And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb" (Rev. 22:1). The Middle East is a dry region, and water is an incredibly valuable resource necessary for life to flourish. Rivers marked borders (Ex. 23:31; Deut. 11:24; 1 Kin. 4:21) and were places of gathering for refreshment (Ezra 8:15, 21).

2:23 town

(Heb. *chavvah*) (Num. 32:41; Josh. 13:30; 1 Kin. 4:13) H2333: Although the word "town," in English, conveys a significant increase in size in comparison to a "village," the difference may be less marked in the Bible. The difference between both towns/villages and cities was most often the presence of a wall. The Law states, "If a man sell a dwelling house in a walled city, then he may redeem it" (Lev. 25:29). However, "the houses of the villages which have no wall round about them shall be counted as the fields of the country" (Lev. 25:31). The "towns" of Jair were probably a combination of tent villages and small dwellings gathered together around or near a source of water.

Caleb-ephratah, then Abiah Hezron's wife bare him Ashur the father of Tekoa.

Jerahmeel's Family

25 And the sons of Jerahmeel the firstborn of Hezron were, Ram the firstborn, and Bunah, and Oren, and Ozem, *and* Ahijah.
26 Jerahmeel had also another wife, whose name *was* Atarah; she *was* the mother of Onam.
27 And the sons of Ram the firstborn of Jerahmeel were, Maaz, and Jamin, and Eker.
28 And the sons of Onam were, Shammai, and Jada. And the sons of Shammai; Nadab, and Abishur.
29 And the name of the wife of Abishur *was* Abihail, and she bare him Ahban, and Molid.
30 And the sons of Nadab; Seled, and Appaim: but Seled died without children.
31 And the sons of Appaim; Ishi. And the sons of Ishi; Sheshan. And the children of Sheshan; Ahlai.
32 And the sons of Jada the brother of Shammai; Jether, and Jonathan: and Jether died without children.
33 And the sons of Jonathan; Peleth, and Zaza. These were the sons of Jerahmeel.
34 Now Sheshan had no sons, but daughters. And Sheshan had a servant, an Egyptian, whose name *was* Jarha.
35 And Sheshan gave his daughter to Jarha his servant to wife; and she bare him Attai.
36 And Attai begat Nathan, and Nathan begat Zabad,
37 And Zabad begat Ephlal, and Ephlal begat Obed,
38 And Obed begat Jehu, and Jehu begat Azariah,
39 And Azariah begat Helez, and Helez begat Eleasah,
40 And Eleasah begat Sisamai, and Sisamai begat Shallum,
41 And Shallum begat Jekamiah, and Jekamiah begat Elishama.

Caleb's Family

42 Now the sons of Caleb the brother of Jerahmeel *were,* Mesha his firstborn, which *was* the father of Ziph; and the sons of Mareshah the father of Hebron.
43 And the sons of Hebron; Korah, and Tappuah, and Rekem, and Shema.
44 And Shema begat Raham, the father of Jorkoam: and Rekem begat Shammai.
45 And the son of Shammai *was* Maon: and Maon *was* the father of Beth–zur.
46 And Ephah, Caleb's concubine, bare Haran, and Moza, and Gazez: and Haran begat Gazez.
47 And the sons of Jahdai; Regem, and Jotham, and Gesham, and Pelet, and Ephah, and Shaaph.
48 Maachah, Caleb's concubine, bare Sheber, and Tirhanah.
49 She bare also Shaaph the father of Madmannah, Sheva the father of Machbenah, and the father of Gibea: and the daughter of Caleb *was* Achsa.
50 These were the sons of Caleb the son of Hur, the firstborn of Ephratah; Shobal the father of Kirjath-jearim,
51 Salma the father of Beth-lehem, Hareph the father of Beth-gader.
52 And Shobal the father of Kirjath-jearim had sons; Haroeh, *and* half of the Manahethites.
53 And the families of Kirjath-jearim; the Ithrites, and the Puhites, and the Shumathites, and the Mishraites; of them came the Zareathites, and the Eshtaulites.
54 The sons of Salma; Beth-lehem, and the Netophathites, Ataroth, the house of Joab, and half of the Manahethites, the Zorites.
55 And the families of the scribes which dwelt at Jabez; the Tirathites, the Shimeathites, *and* Suchathites. These *are* the Kenites that came of Hemath, the father of the house of Rechab.

David's Family

3 Now these were the sons of David, which were born unto him in Hebron; the firstborn Amnon, of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess; the second Daniel, of Abigail the Carmelitess:

3:1 Hebron

(Heb. *chebron*) (Gen. 13:18; Num. 13:22) H2275: An important town, Hebron was the place where Abram built an altar (Gen. 13:18), and where Sarah later died and was buried (Gen. 23:2, 19), along with Abraham (Gen. 25:9), Isaac (Gen. 35:27), and later, Jacob (Gen. 50:13). When the spies were sent into the Promised Land, Hebron was the first town they came to (Num. 13:22). Joshua destroyed the city and all its inhabitants as part of the conquest of the land (Josh. 10:37),

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2 The third, Absalom the son of Maachah the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur: the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith:
3 The fifth, Shephatiah of Abital: the sixth, Ithream by Eglah his wife.
4 *These* six were born unto him in Hebron; and there he reigned seven years and six months: and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years.
5 And these were born unto him in Jerusalem; Shimea, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon, four, of Bath-shua the daughter of Ammiel:
6 Ibhar also, and Elishama, and Eliphelet,
7 And Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia,
8 And Elishama, and Eliada, and Eliphelet, nine.
9 *These were* all the sons of David, beside the sons of the concubines, and Tamar their sister.

The Davidic Line of Kings

10 And Solomon's son *was* Rehoboam, Abia his son, Asa his son, Jehoshaphat his son,
11 Joram his son, Ahaziah his son, Joash his son,
12 Amaziah his son, Azariah his son, Jotham his son,
13 Ahaz his son, Hezekiah his son, Manasseh his son,
14 Amon his son, Josiah his son.
15 And the sons of Josiah *were,* the firstborn Johanan, the second Jehoiakim, the third Zedekiah, the fourth Shallum.
16 And the sons of Jehoiakim: Jeconiah his son, Zedekiah his son.

Jeconiah's Descendants

17 And the sons of Jeconiah; Assir, Salathiel his son,
18 Malchiram also, and Pedaiah, and Shenazar, Jecamiah, Hoshama, and Nedabiah.
19 And the sons of Pedaiah *were,* Zerubbabel, and Shimei: and the sons of Zerubbabel; Meshullam, and Hananiah, and Shelomith their sister:
20 And Hashubah, and Ohel, and Berechiah, and Hasadiah, Jushab-hesed, five.
21 And the sons of Hananiah; Pelatiah, and Jesaiah: the sons of Rephaiah, the sons of Arnan, the sons of Obadiah, the sons of Shechaniah.
22 And the sons of Shechaniah; Shemaiah: and the sons of Shemaiah; Hattush, and Igeal, and Bariah, and Neariah, and Shaphat, six.
23 And the sons of Neariah; Elioenai, and Hezekiah, and Azrikam, three.
24 And the sons of Elioenai *were,* Hodaiah, and Eliashib, and Pelaiah, and Akkub, and Johanan, and Dalaiah, and Anani, seven.

Judah's Descendants

4 The sons of Judah; Pharez, Hezron, and Carmi, and Hur, and Shobal.
2 And Reaiah the son of Shobal begat Jahath; and Jahath begat Ahumai, and Lahad. These *are* the families of the Zorathites.
3 And these *were of* the father of Etam; Jezreel, and Ishma, and Idbash: and the name of their sister *was* Hazelelponi:
4 And Penuel the father of Gedor, and Ezer the father of Hushah. These *are* the sons of Hur, the firstborn of Ephratah, the father of Beth-lehem.
5 And Ashur the father of Tekoa had two wives, Helah and Naarah.
6 And Naarah bare him Ahuzam, and Hepher, and Temeni, and Haahashtari. These *were* the sons of Naarah.
7 And the sons of Helah *were,* Zereth, and Jezoar, and Ethnan.

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before giving it as an inheritance to Caleb (Josh. 14:13). David was king in Hebron for "seven years and six months" (2 Sam. 2:11), and many sons were born to him there (2 Sam. 3:2–5).

4:1 son

(Heb. *ben*) (Ex. 12:37; 1 Kin. 2:1) H1121: The Hebrew noun *ben* is probably related to *banah,* which means "to build," as in "to build" a family (Ruth 4:11). The ancient Hebrews considered sons the "builders" of the next generation. *Ben* can either refer to a literal son as in 1 Kings 2:1, or to one's descendants as in 1 Chronicles 7:14. The word may also pertain to an attribute of an individual, as in Ben-oni, meaning "Son of My Sorrow," and Benjamin, meaning "Son of the Right Hand" (Gen. 35:18). In the plural, the Hebrew word for *sons* can be translated *children* regardless of gender, as in the phrase "children of Israel" (Ex. 12:37). Perhaps the most significant use of the Hebrew word is for Israel's relationship to the Lord. God Himself declared: "Israel is my son, even my firstborn" (Ex. 4:22).

8 And Coz begat Anub, and Zobebah, and the families of Aharhel the son of Harum.

Jabez an Honourable Man

9 And Jabez was more honourable than his brethren: and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, Because I bare him with sorrow.
10 And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep *me* from evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he requested.
11 And Chelub the brother of Shuah begat Mehir, which *was* the father of Eshton.
12 And Eshton begat Beth-rapha, and Paseah, and Tehinnah the father of Ir-nahash. These *are* the men of Rechah.
13 And the sons of Kenaz; Othniel, and Seraiah: and the sons of Othniel; Hathath.
14 And Meonothai begat Ophrah: and Seraiah begat Joab, the father of the valley of Charashim; for they were craftsmen.

Caleb, Son of Jephunneh

15 And the sons of Caleb the son of Jephunneh; Iru, Elah, and Naam: and the sons of Elah, even Kenaz.
16 And the sons of Jehaleleel; Ziph, and Ziphah, Tiria, and Asareel.
17 And the sons of Ezra *were,* Jether, and Mered, and Epher, and Jalon: and she bare Miriam, and Shammai, and Ishbah the father of Eshtemoa.
18 And his wife Jehudijah bare Jered the father of Gedor, and Heber the father of Socho, and Jekuthiel the father of Zanoah. And these *are* the sons of Bithiah the daughter of Pharaoh, which Mered took.
19 And the sons of *his* wife Hodiah the sister of Naham, the father of Keilah the Garmite, and Eshtemoa the Maachathite.
20 And the sons of Shimon *were,* Amnon, and Rinnah, Ben-hanan, and Tilon. And the sons of Ishi *were,* Zoheth, and Ben-zoheth.
21 The sons of Shelah the son of Judah *were,* Er the father of Lecah, and Laadah the father of Mareshah, and the families of the house of them that wrought fine linen, of the house of Ashbea,
22 And Jokim, and the men of Chozeba, and Joash, and Saraph, who had the dominion in Moab, and Jashubi-lehem. And *these are* ancient things.
23 These *were* the potters, and those that dwelt among plants and hedges: there they dwelt with the king for his work.

Simeon's Descendants

24 The sons of Simeon *were,* Nemuel, and Jamin, Jarib, Zerah, *and* Shaul:
25 Shallum his son, Mibsam his son, Mishma his son.
26 And the sons of Mishma; Hamuel his son, Zacchur his son, Shimei his son.
27 And Shimei had sixteen sons and six daughters; but his brethren had not many children, neither did all their family multiply, like to the children of Judah.
28 And they dwelt at Beer-sheba, and Moladah, and Hazar-shual,
29 And at Bilhah, and at Ezem, and at Tolad,
30 And at Bethuel, and at Hormah, and at Ziklag,
31 And at Beth-marcaboth, and Hazar-susim, and at Beth-birei, and at Shaaraim. These *were* their cities unto the reign of David.
32 And their villages *were,* Etam, and Ain, Rimmon, and Tochen, and Ashan, five cities:
33 And all their villages that *were* round about the same cities, unto Baal. These *were* their habitations, and their genealogy.
34 And Meshobab, and Jamlech, and Joshah the son of Amaziah,
35 And Joel, and Jehu the son of Josibiah, the son of Seraiah, the son of Asiel,
36 And Elioenai, and Jaakobah, and Jeshohaiah, and Asaiah, and Adiel, and Jesimiel, and Benaiah,
37 And Ziza the son of Shiphi, the son of Allon, the son of Jedaiah, the son of Shimri, the son of Shemaiah;
38 These mentioned by *their* names *were* princes in their families: and the house of their fathers increased greatly.

The Conquest of the Amalekites

39 And they went to the entrance of Gedor, *even* unto the east side of the valley, to seek pasture for their flocks.
40 And they found fat pasture and good, and the land *was* wide, and quiet, and peaceable; for *they* of Ham had dwelt there of old.
41 And these written by name came in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and smote

their tents, and the habitations that were found there, and destroyed them utterly unto this day, and dwelt in their rooms: because *there was* pasture there for their flocks.
42 And *some* of them, *even* of the sons of Simeon, five hundred men, went to mount Seir, having for their captains Pelatiah, and Neariah, and Rephaiah, and Uzziel, the sons of Ishi.
43 And they smote the rest of the Amalekites that were escaped, and dwelt there unto this day.

Reuben's Descendants

5 Now the sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel, (for he *was* the firstborn; but, forasmuch as he defiled his father's bed, his birthright was given unto the sons of Joseph the son of Israel: and the genealogy is not to be reckoned after the birthright.
2 For Judah prevailed above his brethren, and of him *came* the chief ruler; but the birthright *was* Joseph's:)
3 The sons, *I say,* of Reuben the firstborn of Israel *were,* Hanoch, and Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi.
4 The sons of Joel; Shemaiah his son, Gog his son, Shimei his son,
5 Micah his son, Reaia his son, Baal his son,
6 Beerah his son, whom Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria carried away *captive:* he *was* prince of the Reubenites.
7 And his brethren by their families, when the genealogy of their generations was reckoned, *were* the chief, Jeiel, and Zechariah,
8 And Bela the son of Azaz, the son of Shema, the son of Joel, who dwelt in Aroer, even unto Nebo and Baal-meon:
9 And eastward he inhabited unto the entering in of the wilderness from the river Euphrates: because their cattle were multiplied in the land of Gilead.
10 And in the days of Saul they made war with the Hagarites, who fell by their hand: and they dwelt in their tents throughout all the east *land* of Gilead.

Gad's Descendants

11 And the children of Gad dwelt over against them, in the land of Bashan unto Salcah:
12 Joel the chief, and Shapham the next, and Jaanai, and Shaphat in Bashan.
13 And their brethren of the house of their father's *were,* Michael, and Meshullam, and Sheba, and Jorai, and Jachan, and Zia, and Heber, seven.
14 These *are* the children of Abihail the son of Huri, the son of Jaroah, the son of Gilead, the son of Michael, the son of Jeshishai, the son of Jahdo, the son of Buz;
15 Ahi the son of Abdiel, the son of Guni, chief of the house of their fathers.
16 And they dwelt in Gilead in Bashan, and in her towns, and in all the suburbs of Sharon, upon their borders.
17 All these were reckoned by genealogies in the days of Jotham king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam king of Israel.

Reuben, Gad, and Manasseh

18 The sons of Reuben, and the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh, of valiant men, men able to bear buckler and sword, and to shoot with bow, and skilful in war, *were* four and forty thousand seven hundred and threescore, that went out to the war.
19 And they made war with the Hagarites, with Jetur, and Nephish, and Nodab.
20 And they were helped against them, and the Hagarites were delivered into their hand, and all that *were* with them: for they cried to God in the battle, and he was intreated of them; because they put their trust in him.
21 And they took away their cattle; of their

5:7 generations

(Heb. *toledoth*) (Gen. 10:1; Ruth 4:18) H8435: The Hebrew *toledoth* is derived from the verb *yalad*, meaning "to give birth." *Toledoth* usually introduces an extended genealogical list, such as those in Genesis (5:1; 10:1) and 1 Chronicles (5:7; 26:31). Ancient Hebrew culture depended on detailed genealogical lists to determine questions of inheritance and land use rights. After the conquest of Canaan, each tribe received its portion of the Promised Land to divide between its clans (Josh. 13—19). Land rights remained in the clans, passed down as part of the inheritance from father to oldest son, or daughter if there was no son (Num. 27). Other matters, such as service in the temple and royal succession, were also determined by genealogy. Old Testament genealogies attest to God's faithfulness in fulfilling His promise to make Israel a "great nation" (Gen. 12:1–3), and the genealogy of Matthew 1 shows Jesus as the legitimate heir to David's throne.

camels fifty thousand, and of sheep two hundred and fifty thousand, and of asses two thousand, and of men an hundred thousand.
22 For there fell down many slain, because the war *was* of God. And they dwelt in their steads until the captivity.

The Half-Tribe of Manasseh

23 And the children of the half tribe of Manasseh dwelt in the land: they increased from Bashan unto Baal-hermon and Senir, and unto mount Hermon.
24 And these *were* the heads of the house of their fathers, even Epher, and Ishi, and Eliel, and Azriel, and Jeremiah, and Hodaviah, and Jahdiel, mighty men of valour, famous men, *and* heads of the house of their fathers.
25 And they transgressed against the God of their fathers, and went a whoring after the gods of the people of the land, whom God destroyed before them.
26 And the God of Israel stirred up the spirit of Pul king of Assyria, and the spirit of Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria, and he carried them away, even the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh, and brought them unto Halah, and Habor, and Hara, and to the river Gozan, unto this day.

Levi's Descendants

6 The sons of Levi; Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.
2 And the sons of Kohath; Amram, Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel.
3 And the children of Amram; Aaron, and Moses, and Miriam. The sons also of Aaron; Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

The Priestly Line

4 Eleazar begat Phinehas, Phinehas begat Abishua,
5 And Abishua begat Bukki, and Bukki begat Uzzi,
6 And Uzzi begat Zerahiah, and Zerahiah begat Meraioth,
7 Meraioth begat Amariah, and Amariah begat Ahitub,
8 And Ahitub begat Zadok, and Zadok begat Ahimaaz,
9 And Ahimaaz begat Azariah, and Azariah begat Johanan,
10 And Johanan begat Azariah, (he *it is* that executed the priest's office in the temple that Solomon built in Jerusalem:)
11 And Azariah begat Amariah, and Amariah begat Ahitub,
12 And Ahitub begat Zadok, and Zadok begat Shallum,
13 And Shallum begat Hilkiah, and Hilkiah begat Azariah,
14 And Azariah begat Seraiah, and Seraiah begat Jehozadak,
15 And Jehozadak went *into captivity,* when the LORD carried away Judah and Jerusalem by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar.

Levi's Lineage

16 The sons of Levi; Gershom, Kohath, and Merari.
17 And these *be* the names of the sons of Gershom; Libni, and Shimei.
18 And the sons of Kohath *were,* Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel.
19 The sons of Merari; Mahli, and Mushi. And these *are* the families of the Levites according to their fathers.
20 Of Gershom; Libni his son, Jahath his son, Zimmah his son,
21 Joah his son, Iddo his son, Zerah his son, Jeaterai his son.
22 The sons of Kohath; Amminadab his son, Korah his son, Assir his son,
23 Elkanah his son, and Ebiasaph his son, and Assir his son,
24 Tahath his son, Uriel his son, Uzziah his son, and Shaul his son.
25 And the sons of Elkanah; Amasai, and Ahimoth.
26 *As for* Elkanah: the sons of Elkanah; Zophai his son, and Nahath his son,
27 Eliab his son, Jeroham his son, Elkanah his son.
28 And the sons of Samuel; the firstborn Vashni, and Abiah.
29 The sons of Merari; Mahli, Libni his son, Shimei his son, Uzza his son,
30 Shimea his son, Haggiah his son, Asaiah his son.

Singers in House of the Lord

31 And these *are they* whom David set over

5:26 stir up ▸ *see Hag. 1:14.*

the service of song in the house of the LORD, after that the ark had rest.
32 And they ministered before the dwelling place of the tabernacle of the congregation with singing, until Solomon had built the house of the LORD in Jerusalem: and *then* they waited on their office according to their order.
33 And these *are* they that waited with their children. Of the sons of the Kohathites: Heman a singer, the son of Joel, the son of Shemuel,
34 The son of Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Eliel, the son of Toah,
35 The son of Zuph, the son of Elkanah, the son of Mahath, the son of Amasai,
36 The son of Elkanah, the son of Joel, the son of Azariah, the son of Zephaniah,
37 The son of Tahath, the son of Assir, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah,
38 The son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, the son of Israel.
39 And his brother Asaph, who stood on his right hand, *even* Asaph the son of Berachiah, the son of Shimea,
40 The son of Michael, the son of Baaseiah, the son of Malchiah,
41 The son of Ethni, the son of Zerah, the son of Adaiah,
42 The son of Ethan, the son of Zimmah, the son of Shimei,
43 The son of Jahath, the son of Gershom, the son of Levi.
44 And their brethren the sons of Merari *stood* on the left hand: Ethan the son of Kishi, the son of Abdi, the son of Malluch,
45 The son of Hashabiah, the son of Amaziah, the son of Hilkiah,
46 The son of Amzi, the son of Bani, the son of Shamer,
47 The son of Mahli, the son of Mushi, the son of Merari, the son of Levi.
48 Their brethren also the Levites *were* appointed unto all manner of service of the tabernacle of the house of God.

Duties of Aaron's Family

49 But Aaron and his sons offered upon the altar of the burnt offering, and on the altar of incense, *and were appointed* for all the work of the *place* most holy, and to make an atonement for Israel, according to all that Moses the servant of God had commanded.
50 And these *are* the sons of Aaron; Eleazar his son, Phinehas his son, Abishua his son,
51 Bukki his son, Uzzi his son, Zerahiah his son,
52 Meraioth his son, Amariah his son, Ahitub his son,
53 Zadok his son, Ahimaaz his son.

Cities Given to Levites

54 Now these *are* their dwelling places throughout their castles in their coasts, of the sons of Aaron, of the families of the Kohathites: for theirs was the lot.
55 And they gave them Hebron in the land of Judah, and the suburbs thereof round about it.
56 But the fields of the city, and the villages thereof, they gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh.
57 And to the sons of Aaron they gave the cities of Judah, *namely,* Hebron, *the city* of refuge, and Libnah with her suburbs, and Jattir, and Eshtemoa, with their suburbs,
58 And Hilen with her suburbs, Debir with her suburbs,
59 And Ashan with her suburbs, and Beth-shemesh with her suburbs:
60 And out of the tribe of Benjamin; Geba with her suburbs, and Alemeth with her suburbs, and Anathoth with her suburbs. All their cities throughout their families *were* thirteen cities.
61 And unto the sons of Kohath, *which were* left of the family of that tribe, *were cities given* out of the half tribe, *namely, out of* the half *tribe* of Manasseh, by lot, ten cities.
62 And to the sons of Gershom throughout their families out of the tribe of Issachar, and out of the tribe of Asher, and out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities.

6:31 rest

(Heb. *manoach*) (Gen. 8:9; Deut. 28:65; Ps. 116:7) H4494: This word encompasses both literal rest—the ceasing of motion of a person or object (1 Chr. 6:31)—and figurative rest from strife (Lam. 1:3). Unlike other Hebrew words for rest, the emphasis in this word is on seeking rest, rather than being led to rest (H5095), the place where rest is taken (H4496), cessation of activity (H1824), security (H7599), quietness (H5183), or Sabbath rest (H7676). The ark of the covenant had found its resting place in the tabernacle.

6:57 refuge ▸ *see Josh. 20:2.*

63 Unto the sons of Merari *were given* by lot, throughout their families, out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities.
64 And the children of Israel gave to the Levites *these* cities with their suburbs.
65 And they gave by lot out of the tribe of the children of Judah, and out of the tribe of the children of Simeon, and out of the tribe of the children of Benjamin, these cities, which are called by *their* names.
66 And *the residue* of the families of the sons of Kohath had cities of their coasts out of the tribe of Ephraim.
67 And they gave unto them, *of* the cities of refuge, Shechem in mount Ephraim with her suburbs; *they gave* also Gezer with her suburbs,
68 And Jokmeam with her suburbs, and Beth-horon with her suburbs,
69 And Aijalon with her suburbs, and Gath-rimmon with her suburbs:
70 And out of the half tribe of Manasseh; Aner with her suburbs, and Bileam with her suburbs, for the family of the remnant of the sons of Kohath.
71 Unto the sons of Gershom *were given* out of the family of the half tribe of Manasseh, Golan in Bashan with her suburbs, and Ashtaroth with her suburbs:
72 And out of the tribe of Issachar; Kedesh with her suburbs, Daberath with her suburbs,
73 And Ramoth with her suburbs, and Anem with her suburbs:
74 And out of the tribe of Asher; Mashal with her suburbs, and Abdon with her suburbs,
75 And Hukok with her suburbs, and Rehob with her suburbs:
76 And out of the tribe of Naphtali; Kedesh in Galilee with her suburbs, and Hammon with her suburbs, and Kirjathaim with her suburbs.
77 Unto the rest of the children of Merari *were given* out of the tribe of Zebulun, Rimmon with her suburbs, Tabor with her suburbs:
78 And on the other side Jordan by Jericho, on the east side of Jordan, *were given them* out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer in the wilderness with her suburbs, and Jahzah with her suburbs,
79 Kedemoth also with her suburbs, and Mephaath with her suburbs:
80 And out of the tribe of Gad; Ramoth in Gilead with her suburbs, and Mahanaim with her suburbs,
81 And Heshbon with her suburbs, and Jazer with her suburbs.

Issachar's Descendants

7 Now the sons of Issachar *were,* Tola, and Puah, Jashub, and Shimrom, four.
2 And the sons of Tola; Uzzi, and Rephaiah, and Jeriel, and Jahmai, and Jibsam, and Shemuel, heads of their father's house, *to wit,* of Tola: *they were* valiant men of might in their generations; whose number *was* in the days of David two and twenty thousand and six hundred.
3 And the sons of Uzzi; Izrahiah: and the sons of Izrahiah; Michael, and Obadiah, and Joel, Ishiah, five: all of them chief men.
4 And with them, by their generations, after the house of their fathers, *were* bands of soldiers for war, six and thirty thousand *men:* for they had many wives and sons.
5 And their brethren among all the families of Issachar *were* valiant men of might, reckoned in all by their genealogies fourscore and seven thousand.

Benjamin's Descendants

6 *The sons* of Benjamin; Bela, and Becher, and Jediael, three.
7 And the sons of Bela; Ezbon, and Uzzi, and Uzziel, and Jerimoth, and Iri, five; heads of the house of *their* fathers, mighty men of valour; and were reckoned by their genealogies twenty and two thousand and thirty and four.
8 And the sons of Becher; Zemira, and Joash, and Eliezer, and Elioenai, and Omri,

7:5 genealogy

(Heb. *yachas*) (1 Chr. 9:1; 2 Chr. 31:17; Neh. 7:5) H3187: Genealogies or tribal pedigrees were important in the ancient world, as they are in much of the world today. They offered a sense of permanence, of enrollment in the covenant nation of Israel with all the rights and privileges that entailed, and of objective truth to a person's identity. They were particularly important for assigning land allotments and in determining who was in the Levitical priesthood. This word means "to number after, be reckoned by genealogies." The emphasis is on enrolling oneself in a genealogy.

and Jerimoth, and Abiah, and Anathoth, and Alameth. All these *are* the sons of Becher.
9 And the number of them, after their genealogy by their generations, heads of the house of their fathers, mighty men of valour, *was* twenty thousand and two hundred.
10 The sons also of Jediael; Bilhan: and the sons of Bilhan; Jeush, and Benjamin, and Ehud, and Chenaanah, and Zethan, and Tharshish, and Ahishahar.
11 All these the sons of Jediael, by the heads of their fathers, mighty men of valour, *were* seventeen thousand and two hundred *soldiers,* fit to go out for war *and* battle.
12 Shuppim also, and Huppim, the children of Ir, *and* Hushim, the sons of Aher.

Naphtali's and Manasseh's Descendants

13 The sons of Naphtali; Jahziel, and Guni, and Jezer, and Shallum, the sons of Bilhah.
14 The sons of Manasseh; Ashriel, whom she bare: (*but* his concubine the Aramitess bare Machir the father of Gilead:
15 And Machir took to wife *the sister* of Huppim and Shuppim, whose sister's name *was* Maachah;) and the name of the second *was* Zelophehad: and Zelophehad had daughters.
16 And Maachah the wife of Machir bare a son, and she called his name Peresh; and the name of his brother *was* Sheresh; and his sons *were* Ulam and Rakem.
17 And the sons of Ulam; Bedan. These *were* the sons of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh.
18 And his sister Hammoleketh bare Ishod, and Abiezer, and Mahalah.
19 And the sons of Shemidah were, Ahian, and Shechem, and Likhi, and Aniam.

Ephraim's Descendants

20 And the sons of Ephraim; Shuthelah, and Bered his son, and Tahath his son, and Eladah his son, and Tahath his son,
21 And Zabad his son, and Shuthelah his son, and Ezer, and Elead, whom the men of Gath *that were* born in *that* land slew, because they came down to take away their cattle.
22 And Ephraim their father mourned many days, and his brethren came to comfort him.
23 And when he went in to his wife, she conceived, and bare a son, and he called his name Beriah, because it went evil with his house.
24 (And his daughter *was* Sherah, who built Beth-horon the nether, and the upper, and Uzzen-sherah.)
25 And Rephah *was* his son, also Resheph, and Telah his son, and Tahan his son,
26 Laadan his son, Ammihud his son, Elishama his son,
27 Non his son, Jehoshuah his son.
28 And their possessions and habitations *were,* Beth-el and the towns thereof, and eastward Naaran, and westward Gezer, with the towns thereof; Shechem also and the towns thereof, unto Gaza and the towns thereof:
29 And by the borders of the children of Manasseh, Beth-shean and her towns, Taanach and her towns, Megiddo and her towns, Dor and her towns. In these dwelt the children of Joseph the son of Israel.

Asher's Descendants

30 The sons of Asher; Imnah, and Isuah, and Ishuai, and Beriah, and Serah their sister.
31 And the sons of Beriah; Heber, and Malchiel, who *is* the father of Birzavith.
32 And Heber begat Japhlet, and Shomer, and Hotham, and Shua their sister.
33 And the sons of Japhlet; Pasach, and Bimhal, and Ashvath. These *are* the children of Japhlet.
34 And the sons of Shamer; Ahi, and Rohgah, Jehubbah, and Aram.
35 And the sons of his brother Helem; Zophah, and Imna, and Shelesh, and Amal.
36 The sons of Zophah; Suah, and Harnepher, and Shual, and Beri, and Imrah,
37 Bezer, and Hod, and Shamma, and Shilshah, and Ithran, and Beera.
38 And the sons of Jether; Jephunneh, and Pispah, and Ara.
39 And the sons of Ulla; Arah, and Haniel, and Rezia.
40 All these *were* the children of Asher, heads of *their* father's house, choice *and* mighty men of valour, chief of the princes. And the number throughout the genealogy of them that were apt to the war *and* to battle *was* twenty and six thousand men.

7:24 nether ▸ *see 1 Kin. 9:17.*

Benjamin's Descendants

8 Now Benjamin begat Bela his firstborn, Ashbel the second, and Aharah the third,
2 Nohah the fourth, and Rapha the fifth.
3 And the sons of Bela were, Addar, and Gera, and Abihud,
4 And Abishua, and Naaman, and Ahoah,
5 And Gera, and Shephuphan, and Huram.
6 And these *are* the sons of Ehud: these are the heads of the fathers of the inhabitants of Geba, and they removed them to Manahath:
7 And Naaman, and Ahiah, and Gera, he removed them, and begat Uzza, and Ahihud.
8 And Shaharaim begat *children* in the country of Moab, after he had sent them away; Hushim and Baara *were* his wives.
9 And he begat of Hodesh his wife, Jobab, and Zibia, and Mesha, and Malcham,
10 And Jeuz, and Shachia, and Mirma. These *were* his sons, heads of the fathers.
11 And of Hushim he begat Abitub, and Elpaal.
12 The sons of Elpaal; Eber, and Misham, and Shamed, who built Ono, and Lod, with the towns thereof:
13 Beriah also, and Shema, who *were* heads of the fathers of the inhabitants of Aijalon, who drove away the inhabitants of Gath:
14 And Ahio, Shashak, and Jeremoth,
15 And Zebadiah, and Arad, and Ader,
16 And Michael, and Ispah, and Joha, the sons of Beriah;
17 And Zebadiah, and Meshullam, and Hezeki, and Heber,
18 Ishmerai also, and Jezliah, and Jobab, the sons of Elpaal;
19 And Jakim, and Zichri, and Zabdi,
20 And Elienai, and Zilthai, and Eliel,
21 And Adaiah, and Beraiah, and Shimrath, the sons of Shimhi;
22 And Ishpan, and Heber, and Eliel,
23 And Abdon, and Zichri, and Hanan,
24 And Hananiah, and Elam, and Antothijah,
25 And Iphedeiah, and Penuel, the sons of Shashak;
26 And Shamsherai, and Shehariah, and Athaliah,
27 And Jaresiah, and Eliah, and Zichri, the sons of Jeroham.
28 These *were* heads of the fathers, by their generations, chief *men*. These dwelt in Jerusalem.
29 And at Gibeon dwelt the father of Gibeon; whose wife's name *was* Maachah:
30 And his firstborn son Abdon, and Zur, and Kish, and Baal, and Nadab,
31 And Gedor, and Ahio, and Zacher.
32 And Mikloth begat Shimeah. And these also dwelt with their brethren in Jerusalem, over against them.
33 And Ner begat Kish, and Kish begat Saul, and Saul begat Jonathan, and Malchi-shua, and Abinadab, and Esh-baal.
34 And the son of Jonathan *was* Merib-baal; and Merib-baal begat Micah.
35 And the sons of Micah *were,* Pithon, and Melech, and Tarea, and Ahaz.
36 And Ahaz begat Jehoadah; and Jehoadah begat Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri begat Moza,
37 And Moza begat Binea: Rapha *was* his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son:
38 And Azel had six sons, whose names *are* these, Azrikam, Bocheru, and Ishmael, and Sheariah, and Obadiah, and Hanan. All these *were* the sons of Azel.
39 And the sons of Eshek his brother *were,* Ulam his firstborn, Jehush the second, and Eliphelet the third.
40 And the sons of Ulam were mighty men of valour, archers, and had many sons, and sons' sons, an hundred and fifty. All these *are* of the sons of Benjamin.

The Book of the Kings

9 So all Israel were reckoned by genealogies; and, behold, they *were* written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah,

8:1 Benjamin

(Heb. *binyamin*) (Gen. 35:18; 45:14; 49:27; Deut. 33:12) H1144: Benjamin literally means "son of the right hand." He was the youngest son of Jacob and Rachel, born in their old age, and the full brother of Joseph. This beautiful prophecy was made of him and his descendants: "Of Benjamin he said, The beloved of the LORD shall dwell in safety by him; and the LORD shall cover him all the day long, and he shall dwell between his shoulders" (Deut. 33:12). As a tribe they were known for their skill in archery (1 Chr. 12:2). They were also the tribe that failed to complete the task of driving out the Jebusites from the land (Judg. 1:21). Saul was from the tribe of Benjamin (1 Sam. 9:21).

9:1 genealogy ▸ *see 1 Chr. 7:5.*

who were carried away to Babylon for their transgression.

The Chief Men

2 Now the first inhabitants that *dwelt* in their possessions in their cities *were,* the Israelites, the priests, Levites, and the Nethinims.
3 And in Jerusalem dwelt of the children of Judah, and of the children of Benjamin, and of the children of Ephraim, and Manasseh;
4 Uthai the son of Ammihud, the son of Omri, the son of Imri, the son of Bani, of the children of Pharez the son of Judah.
5 And of the Shilonites; Asaiah the firstborn, and his sons.
6 And of the sons of Zerah; Jeuel, and their brethren, six hundred and ninety.
7 And of the sons of Benjamin; Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Hodaviah, the son of Hasenuah,
8 And Ibneiah the son of Jeroham, and Elah the son of Uzzi, the son of Michri, and Meshullam the son of Shephathiah, the son of Reuel, the son of Ibnijah;
9 And their brethren, according to their generations, nine hundred and fifty and six. All these men *were* chief of the fathers in the house of their fathers.

The Priests

10 And of the priests; Jedaiah, and Jehoiarib, and Jachin,
11 And Azariah the son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, the ruler of the house of God;
12 And Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pashur, the son of Malchijah, and Maasiai the son of Adiel, the son of Jahzerah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Meshillemith, the son of Immer;
13 And their brethren, heads of the house of their fathers, a thousand and seven hundred and threescore; very able men for the work of the service of the house of God.

The Levites

14 And of the Levites; Shemaiah the son of Hasshub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, of the sons of Merari;
15 And Bakbakkar, Heresh, and Galal, and Mattaniah the son of Micah, the son of Zichri, the son of Asaph;
16 And Obadiah the son of Shemaiah, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun, and Berechiah the son of Asa, the son of Elkanah, that dwelt in the villages of the Netophathites.

The Porters

17 And the porters *were,* Shallum, and Akkub, and Talmon, and Ahiman, and their brethren: Shallum *was* the chief;
18 Who hitherto *waited* in the king's gate eastward: they *were* porters in the companies of the children of Levi.
19 And Shallum the son of Kore, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah, and his brethren, of the house of his father, the Korahites, *were* over the work of the service, keepers of the gates of the tabernacle: and their fathers, *being* over the host of the LORD, *were* keepers of the entry.
20 And Phinehas the son of Eleazar was the ruler over them in time past, *and* the LORD *was* with him.
21 *And* Zechariah the son of Meshelemiah *was* porter of the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.
22 All these *which were* chosen to be porters in the gates *were* two hundred and twelve. These were reckoned by their genealogy in their villages, whom David and Samuel the seer did ordain in their set office.
23 So they and their children *had* the oversight of the gates of the house of the LORD, *namely,* the house of the tabernacle, by wards.
24 In four quarters were the porters, toward the east, west, north, and south.
25 And their brethren, *which were* in their

9:1 Babylon ▸ *see Jer. 52:31.*

9:3 Judah

(Heb. *yehudah*) (Gen. 29:35; 49:10; Is. 40:9; Mic. 5:2) H3063: Judah was the fourth son of Jacob by Leah (Gen. 29:35). The name means "praised," from the word for gratitude, and was an expression of his mother's joy at his birth. Judah was promised kingship through David and the Messiah: "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be" (Gen. 49:10). Judah contained the capital city of Jerusalem within its borders, and later was the head and name for the southern tribes of Israel.

villages, *were* to come after seven days from time to time with them.
26 For these Levites, the four chief porters, were in *their* set office, and were over the chambers and treasuries of the house of God.

Duties of the Levites

27 And they lodged round about the house of God, because the charge *was* upon them, and the opening thereof every morning *pertained* to them.
28 And *certain* of them had the charge of the ministering vessels, that they should bring them in and out by tale.
29 *Some* of them also *were* appointed to oversee the vessels, and all the instruments of the sanctuary, and the fine flour, and the wine, and the oil, and the frankincense, and the spices.
30 And *some* of the sons of the priests made the ointment of the spices.
31 And Mattithiah, *one* of the Levites, who *was* the firstborn of Shallum the Korahite, had the set office over the things that were made in the pans.
32 And *other* of their brethren, of the sons of the Kohathites, *were* over the shewbread, to prepare *it* every sabbath.
33 And these *are* the singers, chief of the fathers of the Levites, *who remaining* in the chambers *were* free: for they were employed in *that* work day and night.
34 These chief fathers of the Levites *were* chief throughout their generations; these dwelt at Jerusalem.

The Family of Saul

35 And in Gibeon dwelt the father of Gibeon, Jehiel, whose wife's name *was* Maachah:
36 And his firstborn son Abdon, then Zur, and Kish, and Baal, and Ner, and Nadab,
37 And Gedor, and Ahio, and Zechariah, and Mikloth.
38 And Mikloth begat Shimeam. And they also dwelt with their brethren at Jerusalem, over against their brethren.
39 And Ner begat Kish; and Kish begat Saul; and Saul begat Jonathan, and Malchi-shua, and Abinadab, and Esh-baal.
40 And the son of Jonathan *was* Merib-baal: and Merib-baal begat Micah.
41 And the sons of Micah *were,* Pithon, and Melech, and Tahrea, *and Ahaz.*
42 And Ahaz begat Jarah; and Jarah begat Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri begat Moza;
43 And Moza begat Binea; and Rephaiah his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son.
44 And Azel had six sons, whose names *are* these, Azrikam, Bocheru, and Ishmael, and Sheariah, and Obadiah, and Hanan: these *were* the sons of Azel.

Saul's Defeat and Death

10 Now the Philistines fought against Israel; and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down slain in mount Gilboa.
2 And the Philistines followed hard after Saul, and after his sons; and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Malchi-shua, the sons of Saul.
3 And the battle went sore against Saul, and the archers hit him, and he was wounded of the archers.
4 Then said Saul to his armourbearer, Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised come and abuse me. But his armourbearer would not; for he was sore afraid. So Saul took a sword, and fell upon it.
5 And when his armourbearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise on the sword, and died.
6 So Saul died, and his three sons, and all his house died together.
7 And when all the men of Israel that *were* in the valley saw that they fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, then they forsook their cities, and fled: and the Philistines came and dwelt in them.

Disrespect for Saul

8 And it came to pass on the morrow, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his sons fallen in mount Gilboa.
9 And when they had stripped him, they took his head, and his armour, and sent into the land of the Philistines round about, to carry tidings unto their idols, and to the people.
10 And they put his armour in the house of their gods, and fastened his head in the temple of Dagon.

9:26 chamber ▸ *see Jer. 36:21.*
10:7 valley ▸ *see Hos. 1:5.*

Saul's Body Recovered

11 And when all Jabesh-gilead heard all that the Philistines had done to Saul,
12 They arose, all the valiant men, and took away the body of Saul, and the bodies of his sons, and brought them to Jabesh, and buried their bones under the oak in Jabesh, and fasted seven days.
13 So Saul died for his transgression which he committed against the LORD, *even* against the word of the LORD, which he kept not, and also for asking *counsel of one that had* a familiar spirit, to enquire *of it;*
14 And enquired not of the LORD: therefore he slew him, and turned the kingdom unto David the son of Jesse.

David Anointed King

11 Then all Israel gathered themselves to David unto Hebron, saying, Behold, we *are* thy bone and thy flesh.
2 And moreover in time past, even when Saul was king, thou *wast* he that leddest out and broughtest in Israel: and the LORD thy God said unto thee, Thou shalt feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be ruler over my people Israel.
3 Therefore came all the elders of Israel to the king to Hebron; and David made a covenant with them in Hebron before the LORD; and they anointed David king over Israel, according to the word of the LORD by Samuel.

David Captures Jerusalem

4 And David and all Israel went to Jerusalem, which *is* Jebus; where the Jebusites *were,* the inhabitants of the land.
5 And the inhabitants of Jebus said to David, Thou shalt not come hither. Nevertheless David took the castle of Zion, which *is* the city of David.
6 And David said, Whosoever smiteth the Jebusites first shall be chief and captain. So Joab the son of Zeruiah went first up, and was chief.
7 And David dwelt in the castle; therefore they called it the city of David.
8 And he built the city round about, even from Millo round about: and Joab repaired the rest of the city.
9 So David waxed greater and greater: for the LORD of hosts *was* with him.

David's Mighty Men

10 These also *are* the chief of the mighty men whom David had, who strengthened themselves with him in his kingdom, *and* with all Israel, to make him king, according to the word of the LORD concerning Israel.
11 And this *is* the number of the mighty men whom David had; Jashobeam, an Hachmonite, the chief of the captains: he lifted up his spear against three hundred slain *by him* at one time.
12 And after him *was* Eleazar the son of Dodo, the Ahohite, who *was one* of the three mighties.
13 He was with David at Pas-dammim, and there the Philistines were gathered together to battle, where was a parcel of ground full of barley; and the people fled from before the Philistines.
14 And they set themselves in the midst of *that* parcel, and delivered it, and slew the Philistines; and the LORD saved *them* by a great deliverance.

Well of Beth-lehem

15 Now three of the thirty captains went down to the rock to David, into the cave of Adullam; and the host of the Philistines encamped in the valley of Rephaim.

10:13 familiar spirit

(Heb. *'ob*) (Lev. 19:31; 1 Sam. 28:7; Job 32:19; Is. 29:4) H0178: The word for a medium is literally "mumble," and was used to refer to water skins (due to their hollow sound) and soothsayers. The root word is *ab*, which means father, so used because of a child's prattling of his father's name. Mediums were often possessed by demons, and were thus thought of as hollow shells within which the demon resided, just like a water skin or bottle. The word also has reference to the way soothsayers would mumble incantations or use ventriloquism in their practice of dark arts.

11:8 Millo

(Heb. *millo*) (2 Sam. 5:9; 1 Kin. 9:15, 24; 2 Chr. 32:5) H4407: From the word for "mound built up with stones" or "rampart," the Millo was a citadel. The name suggests some type of terrace structure. David built the original structure of the Millo (2 Sam. 5:9), Solomon added to it using forced laborers (1 Kin. 9:15), and it was later added to further by Hezekiah (2 Chr. 32:5). The structure appears to have mainly existed for purposes of defense.

16 And David *was* then in the hold, and the Philistines' garrison *was* then at Beth-lehem.
17 And David longed, and said, Oh that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Beth-lehem, that *is* at the gate!
18 And the three brake through the host of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Beth-lehem, that *was* by the gate, and took *it,* and brought *it* to David: but David would not drink *of* it, but poured it out to the LORD,
19 And said, My God forbid it me, that I should do this thing: shall I drink the blood of these men that have put their lives in jeopardy? for with *the jeopardy of* their lives they brought it. Therefore he would not drink it. These things did these three mightiest.
20 And Abishai the brother of Joab, he was chief of the three: for lifting up his spear against three hundred, he slew *them,* and had a name among the three.
21 Of the three, he was more honourable than the two; for he was their captain: howbeit he attained not to the *first* three.
22 Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man of Kabzeel, who had done many acts; he slew two lionlike men of Moab: also he went down and slew a lion in a pit in a snowy day.
23 And he slew an Egyptian, a man of *great* stature, five cubits high; and in the Egyptian's hand *was* a spear like a weaver's beam; and he went down to him with a staff, and plucked the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and slew him with his own spear.
24 These *things* did Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and had the name among the three mighties.
25 Behold, he was honourable among the thirty, but attained not to the *first* three: and David set him over his guard.

David's Valiant Men

26 Also the valiant men of the armies *were,* Asahel the brother of Joab, Elhanan the son of Dodo of Beth-lehem,
27 Shammoth the Harorite, Helez the Pelonite,
28 Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite, Abiezer the Antothite,
29 Sibbecai the Hushathite, Ilai the Ahohite,
30 Maharai the Netophathite, Heled the son of Baanah the Netophathite,
31 Ithai the son of Ribai of Gibeah, *that pertained* to the children of Benjamin, Benaiah the Pirathonite,
32 Hurai of the brooks of Gaash, Abiel the Arbathite,
33 Azmaveth the Baharumite, Eliahba the Shaalbonite,
34 The sons of Hashem the Gizonite, Jonathan the son of Shage the Harorite,
35 Ahiam the son of Sacar the Harorite, Eliphal the son of Ur,
36 Hepher the Mecherathite, Ahijah the Pelonite,
37 Hezro the Carmelite, Naarai the son of Ezbai,
38 Joel the brother of Nathan, Mibhar the son of Haggeri,
39 Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Berothite, the armourbearer of Joab the son of Zeruiah,
40 Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite,
41 Uriah the Hittite, Zabad the son of Ahlai,
42 Adina the son of Shiza the Reubenite, a captain of the Reubenites, and thirty with him,
43 Hanan the son of Maachah, and Joshaphat the Mithnite,
44 Uzzia the Ashterathite, Shama and Jehiel the sons of Hothan the Aroerite,
45 Jediael the son of Shimri, and Joha his brother, the Tizite,
46 Eliel the Mahavite, and Jeribai, and Joshaviah, the sons of Elnaam, and Ithmah the Moabite,
47 Eliel, and Obed, and Jasiel the Mesobaite.

David's Men at Ziklag

12 Now these *are* they that came to David to Ziklag, while he yet kept himself close because of Saul the son of Kish: and they *were* among the mighty men, helpers of the war.
2 *They were* armed with bows, and could use both the right hand and the left in *hurling* stones and *shooting* arrows out of a bow, *even* of Saul's brethren of Benjamin.
3 The chief *was* Ahiezer, then Joash, the sons of Shemaah the Gibeathite; and Jeziel, and Pelet, the sons of Azmaveth; and Berachah, and Jehu the Antothite,
4 And Ismaiah the Gibeonite, a mighty man among the thirty, and over the thirty; and Jeremiah, and Jahaziel, and Johanan, and Josabad the Gederathite,

5 Eluzai, and Jerimoth, and Bealiah, and Shemariah, and Shephatiah the Haruphite,
6 Elkanah, and Jesiah, and Azareel, and Joezer, and Jashobeam, the Korhites,
7 And Joelah, and Zebadiah, the sons of Jeroham of Gedor.
8 And of the Gadites there separated themselves unto David into the hold to the wilderness men of might, *and* men of war *fit* for the battle, that could handle shield and buckler, whose faces *were like* the faces of lions, and *were* as swift as the roes upon the mountains;
9 Ezer the first, Obadiah the second, Eliab the third,
10 Mishmannah the fourth, Jeremiah the fifth,
11 Attai the sixth, Eliel the seventh,
12 Johanan the eighth, Elzabad the ninth,
13 Jeremiah the tenth, Machbanai the eleventh.
14 These *were* of the sons of Gad, captains of the host: one of the least *was* over an hundred, and the greatest over a thousand.
15 These *are* they that went over Jordan in the first month, when it had overflown all his banks; and they put to flight all *them* of the valleys, *both* toward the east, and toward the west.
16 And there came of the children of Benjamin and Judah to the hold unto David.
17 And David went out to meet them, and answered and said unto them, If ye be come peaceably unto me to help me, mine heart shall be knit unto you: but if *ye be come* to betray me to mine enemies, seeing *there is* no wrong in mine hands, the God of our fathers look *thereon,* and rebuke *it.*
18 Then the spirit came upon Amasai, *who was* chief of the captains, *and he said,* Thine *are we,* David, and on thy side, thou son of Jesse: peace, peace *be* unto thee, and peace *be* to thine helpers; for thy God helpeth thee. Then David received them, and made them captains of the band.
19 And there fell *some* of Manasseh to David, when he came with the Philistines against Saul to battle: but they helped them not: for the lords of the Philistines upon advisement sent him away, saying, He will fall to his master Saul to *the jeopardy of* our heads.
20 As he went to Ziklag, there fell to him of Manasseh, Adnah, and Jozabad, and Jediael, and Michael, and Jozabad, and Elihu, and Zilthai, captains of the thousands that *were* of Manasseh.
21 And they helped David against the band *of the rovers:* for they *were* all mighty men of valour, and were captains in the host.
22 For at *that* time day by day there came to David to help him, until *it was* a great host, like the host of God.

David's Men at Hebron

23 And these *are* the numbers of the bands *that were* ready armed to the war, *and* came to David to Hebron, to turn the kingdom of Saul to him, according to the word of the LORD.
24 The children of Judah that bare shield and spear *were* six thousand and eight hundred, ready armed to the war.
25 Of the children of Simeon, mighty men of valour for the war, seven thousand and one hundred.
26 Of the children of Levi four thousand and six hundred.
27 And Jehoiada *was* the leader of the Aaronites, and with him *were* three thousand and seven hundred;
28 And Zadok, a young man mighty of valour, and of his father's house twenty and two captains.
29 And of the children of Benjamin, the

12:8 might ▸ *see Zech. 4:6.*

12:18 peace

(Heb. *shalom*) (Gen. 43:23; Num. 6:26; Is. 54:13) H7965: This word conveys the idea of completeness and well-being—of being a perfect whole. The word denotes an absence of discomfort, whether physical ailments or strife, internal or external (Gen. 43:28; Is. 26:3; Eccl. 3:8). It is used as an ordinary greeting, as a word of assurance, and as a term of blessing (Gen. 43:23; 1 Sam. 25:5, 6; 2 Kin. 5:19). The prophets Jeremiah and Ezekiel spoke out against the false prophets of their day for erroneously prophesying peace (Jer. 6:14; 8:11; Ezek. 13:10, 16). After God's judgment fell, Jeremiah proclaimed that God's thoughts toward the captives were for peace and not evil (Jer. 29:11). The word occurs in two important messianic prophecies identifying the Messiah as the Prince of Peace and the One who would assure our peace (Is. 9:6; 53:5).

12:24 shield ▸ *see 2 Chr. 11:12.*

kindred of Saul, three thousand: for hitherto the greatest part of them had kept the ward of the house of Saul.
30 And of the children of Ephraim twenty thousand and eight hundred, mighty men of valour, famous throughout the house of their fathers.
31 And of the half tribe of Manasseh eighteen thousand, which were expressed by name, to come and make David king.
32 And of the children of Issachar, *which were men* that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do; the heads of them *were* two hundred; and all their brethren *were* at their commandment.
33 Of Zebulun, such as went forth to battle, expert in war, with all instruments of war, fifty thousand, which could keep rank: *they were* not of double heart.
34 And of Naphtali a thousand captains, and with them with shield and spear thirty and seven thousand.
35 And of the Danites expert in war twenty and eight thousand and six hundred.
36 And of Asher, such as went forth to battle, expert in war, forty thousand.
37 And on the other side of Jordan, of the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and of the half tribe of Manasseh, with all manner of instruments of war for the battle, an hundred and twenty thousand.
38 All these men of war, that could keep rank, came with a perfect heart to Hebron, to make David king over all Israel: and all the rest also of Israel *were* of one heart to make David king.
39 And there they were with David three days, eating and drinking: for their brethren had prepared for them.
40 Moreover they that were nigh them, *even* unto Issachar and Zebulun and Naphtali, brought bread on asses, and on camels, and on mules, and on oxen, *and* meat, meal, cakes of figs, and bunches of raisins, and wine, and oil, and oxen, and sheep abundantly: for *there was* joy in Israel.

Plans for Moving the Ark

13 And David consulted with the captains of thousands and hundreds, *and* with every leader.
2 And David said unto all the congregation of Israel, *If it seem* good unto you, and *that it be* of the LORD our God, let us send abroad unto our brethren every where, *that are* left in all the land of Israel, and with them *also* to the priests and Levites *which are* in their cities *and* suburbs, that they may gather themselves unto us:
3 And let us bring again the ark of our God to us: for we enquired not at it in the days of Saul.
4 And all the congregation said that they would do so: for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people.
5 So David gathered all Israel together, from Shihor of Egypt even unto the entering of Hemath, to bring the ark of God from Kirjath-jearim.
6 And David went up, and all Israel, to Baalah, *that is,* to Kirjath-jearim, which *belonged* to Judah, to bring up thence the ark of God the LORD, that dwelleth *between* the cherubims, whose name is called *on it.*
7 And they carried the ark of God in a new cart out of the house of Abinadab: and Uzza and Ahio drave the cart.
8 And David and all Israel played before God with all *their* might, and with singing, and with harps, and with psalteries, and with timbrels, and with cymbals, and with trumpets.

The Death of Uzza

9 And when they came unto the threshingfloor of Chidon, Uzza put forth his hand to hold the ark; for the oxen stumbled.
10 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzza, and he smote him, because he

12:29 greatest ▸ *see 2 Chr. 30:18.*

13:7 drive

(Heb. *nahag*) (Ex. 14:25; 2 Sam. 6:3; Job 24:3) H5090: The Hebrew root means literally "to pant," used of someone who is exhausted from physical exertion. The derivative meaning is "to cause exhaustion," as by urging on or driving, but the word is also rendered "carried away" (Gen. 31:18), "guided" (Ps. 78:52), and "lead" or "led" (Ex. 3:1; Song 8:2). Another translation is "brought" (Ex. 10:13). The verb can be used in the context of driving (or leading) animals (1 Sam. 23:5), people (Deut. 4:27), or objects (e.g., chariots—Ex. 14:25).

13:8 harp ▸ *see 1 Sam. 16:16.*
13:8 cymbals ▸ *see Neh. 12:27.*

put his hand to the ark: and there he died before God.
11 And David was displeased, because the LORD had made a breach upon Uzza: wherefore that place is called Perez-uzza to this day.
12 And David was afraid of God that day, saying, How shall I bring the ark of God *home* to me?

The Ark Left with Obed-edom

13 So David brought not the ark *home* to himself to the city of David, but carried it aside into the house of Obed-edom the Gittite.
14 And the ark of God remained with the family of Obed-edom in his house three months. And the LORD blessed the house of Obed-edom, and all that he had.

David Established in Jerusalem

14 Now Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and timber of cedars, with masons and carpenters, to build him an house.
2 And David perceived that the LORD had confirmed him king over Israel, for his kingdom was lifted up on high, because of his people Israel.
3 And David took more wives at Jerusalem: and David begat more sons and daughters.
4 Now these *are* the names of *his* children which he had in Jerusalem; Shammua, and Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon,
5 And Ibhar, and Elishua, and Elpalet,
6 And Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia,
7 And Elishama, and Beeliada, and Eliphalet.

David's Victories

8 And when the Philistines heard that David was anointed king over all Israel, all the Philistines went up to seek David. And David heard *of it,* and went out against them.
9 And the Philistines came and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim.
10 And David enquired of God, saying, Shall I go up against the Philistines? and wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? And the LORD said unto him, Go up; for I will deliver them into thine hand.
11 So they came up to Baal-perazim; and David smote them there. Then David said, God hath broken in upon mine enemies by mine hand like the breaking forth of waters: therefore they called the name of that place Baal-perazim.
12 And when they had left their gods there, David gave a commandment, and they were burned with fire.
13 And the Philistines yet again spread themselves abroad in the valley.
14 Therefore David enquired again of God; and God said unto him, Go not up after them; turn away from them, and come upon them over against the mulberry trees.
15 And it shall be, when thou shalt hear a sound of going in the tops of the mulberry trees, *that* then thou shalt go out to battle: for God is gone forth before thee to smite the host of the Philistines.
16 David therefore did as God commanded him: and they smote the host of the Philistines from Gibeon even to Gazer.
17 And the fame of David went out into all lands; and the LORD brought the fear of him upon all nations.

David Prepares a Place for the Ark

15 And *David* made him houses in the city of David, and prepared a place for the ark of God, and pitched for it a tent.
2 Then David said, None ought to carry the ark of God but the Levites: for them hath the LORD chosen to carry the ark of God, and to minister unto him for ever.
3 And David gathered all Israel together to Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the LORD unto his place, which he had prepared for it.
4 And David assembled the children of Aaron, and the Levites:

14:2 confirm ▸ *see 1 Chr. 28:2.*

14:11 break

(Heb. *parats*) (Gen. 38:29; Ex. 19:22) H6555: The word means "to break" and in context is variously translated "break forth" (Ex. 19:24); "break away" (1 Sam. 25:10), "break down" (Neh. 4:3), and "break out" (Job 28:4). A related but different sense of the word's meaning is "to scatter or disburse"; thus the renderings "spread abroad" (Gen. 28:14) and "grew" (as a population—Ex. 1:12). Job 16:14 uses the verb in a more direct sense ("He breaketh me with breach upon breach"), whereas Exodus 19:22 employs it to signify the wrath of God ("lest the LORD break forth upon them").

15:1 prepare ▸ *see 1 Chr. 28:2.*

5 Of the sons of Kohath; Uriel the chief, and his brethren an hundred and twenty:
6 Of the sons of Merari; Asaiah the chief, and his brethren two hundred and twenty:
7 Of the sons of Gershom; Joel the chief, and his brethren an hundred and thirty:
8 Of the sons of Elizaphan; Shemaiah the chief, and his brethren two hundred:
9 Of the sons of Hebron; Eliel the chief, and his brethren fourscore:
10 Of the sons of Uzziel; Amminadab the chief, and his brethren an hundred and twelve.
11 And David called for Zadok and Abiathar the priests, and for the Levites, for Uriel, Asaiah, and Joel, Shemaiah, and Eliel, and Amminadab,
12 And said unto them, *Ye are* the chief of the fathers of the Levites: sanctify yourselves, *both* ye and your brethren, that ye may bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel unto *the place that* I have prepared for it.
13 For because ye *did it* not at the first, the LORD our God made a breach upon us, for that we sought him not after the due order.
14 So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel.

The Ark Carried to Jerusalem

15 And the children of the Levites bare the ark of God upon their shoulders with the staves thereon, as Moses commanded according to the word of the LORD.
16 And David spake to the chief of the Levites to appoint their brethren *to be* the singers with instruments of musick, psalteries and harps and cymbals, sounding, by lifting up the voice with joy.
17 So the Levites appointed Heman the son of Joel; and of his brethren, Asaph the son of Berechiah; and of the sons of Merari their brethren, Ethan the son of Kushaiah;
18 And with them their brethren of the second *degree,* Zechariah, Ben, and Jaaziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, Eliab, and Benaiah, and Maaseiah, and Mattithiah, and Elipheleh, and Mikneiah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, the porters.
19 So the singers, Heman, Asaph, and Ethan, *were appointed* to sound with cymbals of brass;
20 And Zechariah, and Aziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, and Eliab, and Maaseiah, and Benaiah, with psalteries on Alamoth;
21 And Mattithiah, and Elipheleh, and Mikneiah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, and Azaziah, with harps on the Sheminith to excel.
22 And Chenaniah, chief of the Levites, *was* for song: he instructed about the song, because he *was* skilful.
23 And Berechiah and Elkanah *were* doorkeepers for the ark.
24 And Shebaniah, and Jehoshaphat, and Nethaneel, and Amasai, and Zechariah, and Benaiah, and Eliezer, the priests, did blow with the trumpets before the ark of God: and Obed-edom and Jehiah *were* doorkeepers for the ark.
25 So David, and the elders of Israel, and the captains over thousands, went to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the house of Obed-edom with joy.
26 And it came to pass, when God helped the Levites that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, that they offered seven bullocks and seven rams.
27 And David *was* clothed with a robe of fine linen, and all the Levites that bare the ark, and the singers, and Chenaniah the master of the song with the singers: David also *had* upon him an ephod of linen.
28 Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the LORD with shouting, and with sound of the cornet, and with trumpets, and with cymbals, making a noise with psalteries and harps.
29 And it came to pass, *as* the ark of the covenant of the LORD came to the city of David, that Michal the daughter of Saul looking out at a window saw king David dancing and playing: and she despised him in her heart.

15:26 bullock

(Heb. *par*) (Gen. 32:15; Ps. 51:19; Ezek. 39:18) H6499: The Hebrew word is derived from a similar word meaning to break up or divide; perhaps the etymological relationship is because of the division of the bull's hooves. The word can be translated "oxen" (Ex. 24:5) but is generally rendered "bulls" or "bullocks." Bulls were an important part of the sacrificial system in ancient Israel (Ex. 29:10; Lev. 4:4; Num. 7:15). Jeremiah 50:27 uses the word as part of an image of the utter destruction of Babylon ("Slay all her bullocks").

Offerings to the Lord

16 So they brought the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it: and they offered burnt sacrifices and peace offerings before God.
2 And when David had made an end of offering the burnt offerings and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD.
3 And he dealt to every one of Israel, both man and woman, to every one a loaf of bread, and a good piece of flesh, and a flagon *of wine*.
4 And he appointed *certain* of the Levites to minister before the ark of the LORD, and to record, and to thank and praise the LORD God of Israel:
5 Asaph the chief, and next to him Zechariah, Jeiel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Mattithiah, and Eliab, and Benaiah, and Obed-edom: and Jeiel with psalteries and with harps; but Asaph made a sound with cymbals;
6 Benaiah also and Jahaziel the priests with trumpets continually before the ark of the covenant of God.

David's Song of Thanksgiving

7 Then on that day David delivered first *this psalm* to thank the LORD into the hand of Asaph and his brethren.
8 Give thanks unto the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people.
9 Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him, talk ye of all his wondrous works.
10 Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD.
11 Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his face continually.
12 Remember his marvellous works that he hath done, his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth;
13 O ye seed of Israel his servant, ye children of Jacob, his chosen ones.
14 He *is* the LORD our God; his judgments *are* in all the earth.
15 Be ye mindful always of his covenant; the word *which* he commanded to a thousand generations;
16 *Even of the covenant* which he made with Abraham, and of his oath unto Isaac;
17 And hath confirmed the same to Jacob for a law, *and* to Israel *for* an everlasting covenant,
18 Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance;
19 When ye were but few, even a few, and strangers in it.
20 And *when* they went from nation to nation, and from *one* kingdom to another people;
21 He suffered no man to do them wrong: yea, he reproved kings for their sakes,
22 *Saying,* Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.
23 Sing unto the LORD, all the earth; shew forth from day to day his salvation.
24 Declare his glory among the heathen; his marvellous works among all nations.
25 For great *is* the LORD, and greatly to be praised: he also *is* to be feared above all gods.
26 For all the gods of the people *are* idols: but the LORD made the heavens.
27 Glory and honour *are* in his presence; strength and gladness *are* in his place.
28 Give unto the LORD, ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength.
29 Give unto the LORD the glory *due* unto his name: bring an offering, and come before

16:4 minister

(Heb. *sharat*) (Num. 3:31; Ps. 101:6) H8334: This Hebrew word means "to serve." The Hebrew term can denote honorable, high-level service, either secular or sacred. The secular sense of the term refers to the work of personal attendants, usually those who would succeed to the office of the one served (Gen. 39:4; Josh. 1:1, 5). The sacred use of the word applies primarily to the work of priests, although occasionally Levites, and once even angels (Deut. 17:12; 1 Chr. 15:2; Ps. 103:21; see also Heb. 1:14). Most of the time the ministering is described as to or before the Lord, but the Levites are also said to minister to the priests (Num. 18:2), to the people (Num. 16:9; Ezek. 44:11), and to the tabernacle (Num. 1:50). Ministering before the Lord occasionally involved music and song (1 Chr. 6:31, 32; 16:4, 5).

16:8 deed ▸ *see Ps. 99:8.*
16:9 sing ▸ *see Ps. 149:1.*
16:9 sing psalms ▸ *see Judg. 5:3.*
16:10 seek ▸ *see Hos. 5:15.*
16:28, 29 give ▸ *see Josh. 18:4.*
16:28 kindred ▸ *see Gen. 12:3.*

him: worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
30 Fear before him, all the earth: the world also shall be stable, that it be not moved.
31 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice: and let *men* say among the nations, The LORD reigneth.
32 Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof: let the fields rejoice, and all that *is* therein.
33 Then shall the trees of the wood sing out at the presence of the LORD, because he cometh to judge the earth.
34 O give thanks unto the LORD; for *he is* good; for his mercy *endureth* for ever.
35 And say ye, Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather us together, and deliver us from the heathen, that we may give thanks to thy holy name, *and* glory in thy praise.
36 Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel for ever and ever. And all the people said, Amen, and praised the LORD.

Keepers of the Ark

37 So he left there before the ark of the covenant of the LORD Asaph and his brethren, to minister before the ark continually, as every day's work required:
38 And Obed-edom with their brethren, threescore and eight; Obed-edom also the son of Jeduthun and Hosah *to be* porters:
39 And Zadok the priest, and his brethren the priests, before the tabernacle of the LORD in the high place that *was* at Gibeon,
40 To offer burnt offerings unto the LORD upon the altar of the burnt offering continually morning and evening, and *to do* according to all that is written in the law of the LORD, which he commanded Israel;
41 And with them Heman and Jeduthun, and the rest that were chosen, who were expressed by name, to give thanks to the LORD, because his mercy *endureth* for ever;
42 And with them Heman and Jeduthun with trumpets and cymbals for those that should make a sound, and with musical instruments of God. And the sons of Jeduthun *were* porters.
43 And all the people departed every man to his house: and David returned to bless his house.

David's Temple Plans

17 Now it came to pass, as David sat in his house, that David said to Nathan the prophet, Lo, I dwell in an house of cedars, but the ark of the covenant of the LORD *remaineth* under curtains.
2 Then Nathan said unto David, Do all that *is* in thine heart; for God *is* with thee.

God's Message to David

3 And it came to pass the same night, that the word of God came to Nathan, saying,
4 Go and tell David my servant, Thus saith the LORD, Thou shalt not build me an house to dwell in:
5 For I have not dwelt in an house since the day that I brought up Israel unto this day; but have gone from tent to tent, and from *one* tabernacle *to another.*
6 Wheresoever I have walked with all Israel, spake I a word to any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people, saying, Why have ye not built me an house of cedars?
7 Now therefore thus shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, *even* from following the sheep, that thou shouldest be ruler over my people Israel:
8 And I have been with thee whithersoever thou hast walked, and have cut off all thine enemies from before thee, and have made thee a name like the name of the great men that *are* in the earth.
9 Also I will ordain a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, and they shall dwell in their place, and shall be moved no more; neither shall the children of wickedness waste them any more, as at the beginning,
10 And since the time that I commanded judges *to be* over my people Israel. Moreover I will subdue all thine enemies. Furthermore I tell thee that the LORD will build thee an house.

Solomon to Build Temple

11 And it shall come to pass, when thy days be expired that thou must go *to be* with thy fathers, that I will raise up thy seed after thee, which shall be of thy sons; and I will establish his kingdom.

16:31 rejoice ▸ *see 2 Kin. 11:20.*
16:32 field ▸ *see Neh. 11:25.*

12 He shall build me an house, and I will stablish his throne for ever.
13 I will be his father, and he shall be my son: and I will not take my mercy away from him, as I took *it* from *him* that was before thee:
14 But I will settle him in mine house and in my kingdom for ever: and his throne shall be established for evermore.
15 According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David.
16 And David the king came and sat before the LORD, and said, Who *am* I, O LORD God, and what *is* mine house, that thou hast brought me hitherto?
17 And *yet* this was a small thing in thine eyes, O God; for thou hast *also* spoken of thy servant's house for a great while to come, and hast regarded me according to the estate of a man of high degree, O LORD God.
18 What can David *speak* more to thee for the honour of thy servant? for thou knowest thy servant.
19 O LORD, for thy servant's sake, and according to thine own heart, hast thou done all this greatness, in making known all *these* great things.
20 O LORD, *there is* none like thee, neither *is there any* God beside thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears.
21 And what one nation in the earth *is* like thy people Israel, whom God went to redeem *to be* his own people, to make thee a name of greatness and terribleness, by driving out nations from before thy people, whom thou hast redeemed out of Egypt?
22 For thy people Israel didst thou make thine own people for ever; and thou, LORD, becamest their God.
23 Therefore now, LORD, let the thing that thou hast spoken concerning thy servant and concerning his house be established for ever, and do as thou hast said.
24 Let it even be established, that thy name may be magnified for ever, saying, The LORD of hosts *is* the God of Israel, *even* a God to Israel: and *let* the house of David thy servant *be* established before thee.
25 For thou, O my God, hast told thy servant that thou wilt build him an house: therefore thy servant hath found *in his heart* to pray before thee.
26 And now, LORD, thou art God, and hast promised this goodness unto thy servant:
27 Now therefore let it please thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may be before thee for ever: for thou blessest, O LORD, and *it shall be* blessed for ever.

Philistines and Moabites Subdued

18 Now after this it came to pass, that David smote the Philistines, and subdued them, and took Gath and her towns out of the hand of the Philistines.
2 And he smote Moab; and the Moabites became David's servants, *and* brought gifts.
3 And David smote Hadarezer king of Zobah unto Hamath, as he went to stablish his dominion by the river Euphrates.
4 And David took from him a thousand chariots, and seven thousand horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen: David also houghed all the chariot *horses,* but reserved of them an hundred chariots.
5 And when the Syrians of Damascus came to help Hadarezer king of Zobah, David slew of the Syrians two and twenty thousand men.

17:12 throne

(Heb. *kisse'*) (Ps. 103:19; Is. 66:1) H3678: The Hebrew word can refer to any kind of seat or chair (Ps. 1:1), but usually it refers to a seat of honor (Is. 22:23), especially a throne (Esth. 5:1). Frequently the word is used to denote royal position or authority (1 Kin. 16:11). To "set up" or "establish" a throne is to establish or confirm a king and his dynasty. David's throne was particularly important in this respect, for in His covenant with David, God promised that the throne of David's son would be "established forever" (1 Chr. 17:12; Ps. 89:4). Although Solomon and the succeeding kings of Judah sat on David's throne (1 Kin. 2:12; Jer. 22:2, 4), it is Jesus, the Son of David, who will fulfill this prophecy, reigning "upon the throne of David" forever (Is. 9:7).

18:4 hough

(Heb. *`aqar*) (Gen. 49:6; Josh. 11:6, 9) H6131: The Hebrew word literally means "to pluck up," as a plant, and it is rendered thus in Ecclesiastes 3:2 ("A time to plant, and a time to pluck that which is planted"). Zephaniah 2:4 carries a similar meaning but applied to a city ("Ekron shall be rooted up"). Most other times the verb appears, it is translated "hough," referring to the act of crippling a horse (hamstring), rendering it useless and unfit for work, especially after a battle (2 Sam. 8:4).

6 Then David put *garrisons* in Syria-damascus; and the Syrians became David's servants, *and* brought gifts. Thus the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went.
7 And David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadarezer, and brought them to Jerusalem.
8 Likewise from Tibhath, and from Chun, cities of Hadarezer, brought David very much brass, wherewith Solomon made the brasen sea, and the pillars, and the vessels of brass.
9 Now when Tou king of Hamath heard how David had smitten all the host of Hadarezer king of Zobah;
10 He sent Hadoram his son to king David, to enquire of his welfare, and to congratulate him, because he had fought against Hadarezer, and smitten him; (for Hadarezer had war with Tou;) and *with him* all manner of vessels of gold and silver and brass.
11 Them also king David dedicated unto the LORD, with the silver and the gold that he brought from all *these* nations; from Edom, and from Moab, and from the children of Ammon, and from the Philistines, and from Amalek.
12 Moreover Abishai the son of Zeruiah slew of the Edomites in the valley of salt eighteen thousand.
13 And he put garrisons in Edom; and all the Edomites became David's servants. Thus the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went.

David's Appointed Officers

14 So David reigned over all Israel, and executed judgment and justice among all his people.
15 And Joab the son of Zeruiah *was* over the host; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud, recorder.
16 And Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Abimelech the son of Abiathar, *were* the priests; and Shavsha was scribe;
17 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada *was* over the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and the sons of David *were* chief about the king.

Ammonites and Syrians Are Defeated

19 Now it came to pass after this, that Nahash the king of the children of Ammon died, and his son reigned in his stead.
2 And David said, I will shew kindness unto Hanun the son of Nahash, because his father shewed kindness to me. And David sent messengers to comfort him concerning his father. So the servants of David came into the land of the children of Ammon to Hanun, to comfort him.
3 But the princes of the children of Ammon said to Hanun, Thinkest thou that David doth honour thy father, that he hath sent comforters unto thee? are not his servants come unto thee for to search, and to overthrow, and to spy out the land?
4 Wherefore Hanun took David's servants, and shaved them, and cut off their garments in the midst hard by their buttocks, and sent them away.
5 Then there went *certain,* and told David how the men were served. And he sent to meet them: for the men were greatly ashamed. And the king said, Tarry at Jericho until your beards be grown, and *then* return.
6 And when the children of Ammon saw that they had made themselves odious to David, Hanun and the children of Ammon sent a thousand talents of silver to hire them chariots and horsemen out of Mesopotamia, and out of Syria-maachah, and out of Zobah.
7 So they hired thirty and two thousand chariots, and the king of Maachah and his people; who came and pitched before Medeba. And the children of Ammon gathered themselves together from their cities, and came to battle.
8 And when David heard *of it,* he sent Joab, and all the host of the mighty men.
9 And the children of Ammon came out, and put the battle in array before the gate of the city: and the kings that were come *were* by themselves in the field.

19:5 ashamed ▸ *see 2 Sam 10:5.*

19:9 array

(Heb *'arak*) (Judg. 20:20; 1 Sam. 4:2; 2 Sam. 10:10) H6186: The word means "to arrange in order" and can be used to describe the laying of firewood (Gen. 22:9), the setting of bread (before the Lord—Ex. 40:23), setting a table (Ex. 40:4), or arranging the parts of an animal sacrifice (Lev. 1:8), though the most common usage, as here, is of an army preparing for battle. The most

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Joab's Forces Fight the Syrians

10 Now when Joab saw that the battle was
set against him before and behind, he chose
out of all the choice of Israel, and put *them* in
array against the Syrians.
11 And the rest of the people he delivered
unto the hand of Abishai his brother, and
they set *themselves* in array against the chil-
dren of Ammon.
12 And he said, If the Syrians be too strong
for me, then thou shalt help me: but if the
children of Ammon be too strong for thee,
then I will help thee.
13 Be of good courage, and let us behave
ourselves valiantly for our people, and for the
cities of our God: and let the LORD do *that*
which is good in his sight.
14 So Joab and the people that *were* with him
drew nigh before the Syrians unto the battle;
and they fled before him.
15 And when the children of Ammon saw
that the Syrians were fled, they likewise fled
before Abishai his brother, and entered into
the city. Then Joab came to Jerusalem.
16 And when the Syrians saw that they
were put to the worse before Israel, they sent
messengers, and drew forth the Syrians that
were beyond the river: and Shophach the
captain of the host of Hadarezer *went* before
them.
17 And it was told David; and he gathered
all Israel, and passed over Jordan, and came
upon them, and set *the battle* in array against
them. So when David had put the battle in
array against the Syrians, they fought with
him.
18 But the Syrians fled before Israel; and
David slew of the Syrians seven thousand
men which fought in chariots, and forty
thousand footmen, and killed Shophach the
captain of the host.
19 And when the servants of Hadarezer saw
that they were put to the worse before Israel,
they made peace with David, and became his
servants: neither would the Syrians help the
children of Ammon any more.

Rabbah Destroyed

20 And it came to pass, that after the
year was expired, at the time that
kings go out *to battle,* Joab led forth the
power of the army, and wasted the coun-
try of the children of Ammon, and came
and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried at
Jerusalem. And Joab smote Rabbah, and
destroyed it.
2 And David took the crown of their king
from off his head, and found it to weigh a
talent of gold, and *there were* precious stones
in it; and it was set upon David's head: and he
brought also exceeding much spoil out of the
city.
3 And he brought out the people that
were in it, and cut *them* with saws, and with
harrows of iron, and with axes. Even so dealt
David with all the cities of the children of
Ammon. And David and all the people
returned to Jerusalem.

Philistine Giants Killed

4 And it came to pass after this, that there
arose war at Gezer with the Philistines; at
which time Sibbechai the Hushathite slew
Sippai, *that was* of the children of the giant:
and they were subdued.
5 And there was war again with the Philis-
tines; and Elhanan the son of Jair slew Lahmi
the brother of Goliath the Gittite, whose
spear staff *was* like a weaver's beam.
6 And yet again there was war at Gath,
where was a man of *great* stature, whose
fingers and toes *were* four and twenty, six *on*
each hand, and six *on each foot:* and he also
was the son of the giant.
7 But when he defied Israel, Jonathan the
son of Shimea David's brother slew him.

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recognizable usage is in Psalm 23: "Thou prepar-
est a table before me in the presence of mine ene-
mies" (Ps. 23:5).

20:1 waste

(Heb. *shachath*) (Gen. 19:29; Deut. 4:31; Jer. 51:20) H7843: This is the only time in the Old Testament that the word *shachath* is rendered "wasted"; the most common renderings are various tenses of the verb "to destroy" (e.g., Hos. 13:9—"destroyed"). The word's root means "to decay"; thus the common translation "corrupt" (as a decaying of morality—see for example Gen. 6:12). The same word is used of the destruction of the earth and its inhabitants by the Flood (Gen. 6:17) and the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen. 13:10).

20:2 precious ▸ *see 1 Kin. 7:9.*
20:6 giant ▸ *see Josh. 12:4.*

8 These were born unto the giant in Gath; and they fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

Israel and Judah Numbered

21 And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel.
2 And David said to Joab and to the rulers of the people, Go, number Israel from Beersheba even to Dan; and bring the number of them to me, that I may know *it*.
3 And Joab answered, The LORD make his people an hundred times so many more as they *be:* but, my lord the king, *are* they not all my lord's servants? why then doth my lord require this thing? why will he be a cause of trespass to Israel?
4 Nevertheless the king's word prevailed against Joab. Wherefore Joab departed, and went throughout all Israel, and came to Jerusalem.
5 And Joab gave the sum of the number of the people unto David. And all *they of* Israel were a thousand thousand and an hundred thousand men that drew sword: and Judah *was* four hundred threescore and ten thousand men that drew sword.
6 But Levi and Benjamin counted he not among them: for the king's word was abominable to Joab.

God's Anger

7 And God was displeased with this thing; therefore he smote Israel.
8 And David said unto God, I have sinned greatly, because I have done this thing: but now, I beseech thee, do away the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly.
9 And the LORD spake unto Gad, David's seer, saying,
10 Go and tell David, saying, Thus saith the LORD, I offer thee three *things:* choose thee one of them, that I may do *it* unto thee.
11 So Gad came to David, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Choose thee
12 Either three years' famine; or three months to be destroyed before thy foes, while that the sword of thine enemies overtaketh *thee;* or else three days the sword of the LORD, even the pestilence, in the land, and the angel of the LORD destroying throughout all the coasts of Israel. Now therefore advise thyself what word I shall bring again to him that sent me.
13 And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let me fall now into the hand of the LORD; for very great *are* his mercies: but let me not fall into the hand of man.
14 So the LORD sent pestilence upon Israel: and there fell of Israel seventy thousand men.

God Spares Jerusalem

15 And God sent an angel unto Jerusalem to destroy it: and as he was destroying, the LORD beheld, and he repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed, It is enough, stay now thine hand. And the angel of the LORD stood by the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite.
16 And David lifted up his eyes, and saw the angel of the LORD stand between the earth and the heaven, having a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders of *Israel, who were* clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces.
17 And David said unto God, *Is it* not I *that* commanded the people to be numbered? even I it is that have sinned and done evil indeed; but *as for* these sheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, O LORD my God, be on me, and on my father's house; but not on thy people, that they should be plagued.

David Builds an Altar

18 Then the angel of the LORD commanded Gad to say to David, that David should go up, and set up an altar unto the LORD in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite.

21:1 Satan

(Heb. *satan*) (1 Sam. 29:4; Job 2:1; Zech. 3:1) H7854: The Hebrew word from which Satan comes, which literally means "adversary," sometimes refers to human enemies (1 Sam. 29:4; Ps. 109:6). Once it refers to the angel of the Lord who opposed Balaam (Num. 22:22). But whenever this word is used as a proper name in the Old Testament, it refers to the great superhuman enemy of God, people, and good (1 Chr. 21:1; Job 1; 2). This use of the word also occurs frequently in the New Testament. Satan is destined to fail in his continuing rebellion against God. The death of Christ on the cross is the basis for Satan's final defeat (Heb. 2:14, 15; 1 Pet. 3:18, 22). The final victory will come when Jesus returns and Satan is cast into the lake of fire (Rev. 20:1–15).

21:5 draw ▸ *see 2 Sam. 24:9.*

19 And David went up at the saying of Gad, which he spake in the name of the LORD.
20 And Ornan turned back, and saw the angel; and his four sons with him hid themselves. Now Ornan was threshing wheat.
21 And as David came to Ornan, Ornan looked and saw David, and went out of the threshingfloor, and bowed himself to David with *his* face to the ground.
22 Then David said to Ornan, Grant me the place of *this* threshingfloor, that I may build an altar therein unto the LORD: thou shalt grant it me for the full price: that the plague may be stayed from the people.
23 And Ornan said unto David, Take *it* to thee, and let my lord the king do *that which is* good in his eyes: lo, I give *thee* the oxen *also* for burnt offerings, and the threshing instruments for wood, and the wheat for the meat offering; I give it all.
24 And king David said to Ornan, Nay; but I will verily buy it for the full price: for I will not take *that* which *is* thine for the LORD, nor offer burnt offerings without cost.
25 So David gave to Ornan for the place six hundred shekels of gold by weight.
26 And David built there an altar unto the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, and called upon the LORD; and he answered him from heaven by fire upon the altar of burnt offering.
27 And the LORD commanded the angel; and he put up his sword again into the sheath thereof.
28 At that time when David saw that the LORD had answered him in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite, then he sacrificed there.
29 For the tabernacle of the LORD, which Moses made in the wilderness, and the altar of the burnt offering, *were* at that season in the high place at Gibeon.
30 But David could not go before it to enquire of God: for he was afraid because of the sword of the angel of the LORD.

Preparations for Building the Temple

22 Then David said, This *is* the house of the LORD God, and this *is* the altar of the burnt offering for Israel.
2 And David commanded to gather together the strangers that *were* in the land of Israel; and he set masons to hew wrought stones to build the house of God.
3 And David prepared iron in abundance for the nails for the doors of the gates, and for the joinings; and brass in abundance without weight;
4 Also cedar trees in abundance: for the Zidonians and they of Tyre brought much cedar wood to David.
5 And David said, Solomon my son *is* young and tender, and the house *that is* to be builded for the LORD *must be* exceeding magnifical, of fame and of glory throughout all countries: I will *therefore* now make preparation for it. So David prepared abundantly before his death.

God's Promises

6 Then he called for Solomon his son, and charged him to build an house for the LORD God of Israel.
7 And David said to Solomon, My son, as for me, it was in my mind to build an house unto the name of the LORD my God:
8 But the word of the LORD came to me, saying, Thou hast shed blood abundantly, and hast made great wars: thou shalt not build an house unto my name, because thou hast shed much blood upon the earth in my sight.
9 Behold, a son shall be born to thee, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies round about: for his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quietness unto Israel in his days.
10 He shall build an house for my name; and

22:7 mind

(Heb. *lebab*) (Deut. 6:5; 1 Sam. 13:14) H3824: This word literally signifies the heart, yet it is very seldom used this way (2 Sam. 18:14). While "heart" expresses the seat of both positive and negative emotions (1 Sam. 1:8; Ps. 104:15), it primarily expresses a place of mental activities such as knowing (Deut. 8:5), understanding (Is. 6:10), and possessing wisdom (Job 9:4). At times, the heart may represent the whole inner person (Ps. 22:26; 73:26). The heart of one who loves God is said to be "circumcised" (Lev. 26:41; Deut. 30:6; Jer. 4:4; Rom. 2:29). On rare occasion, this term may be used of things: the midst of the seas (Jon. 2:3) and the midst of heaven (Deut. 4:11).

22:9 rest ▸ *see Is. 28:12.*

he shall be my son, and I *will be* his father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel for ever.

David's Charge to Solomon

11 Now, my son, the LORD be with thee; and prosper thou, and build the house of the LORD thy God, as he hath said of thee.
12 Only the LORD give thee wisdom and understanding, and give thee charge concerning Israel, that thou mayest keep the law of the LORD thy God.
13 Then shalt thou prosper, if thou takest heed to fulfil the statutes and judgments which the LORD charged Moses with concerning Israel: be strong, and of good courage; dread not, nor be dismayed.
14 Now, behold, in my trouble I have prepared for the house of the LORD an hundred thousand talents of gold, and a thousand thousand talents of silver; and of brass and iron without weight; for it is in abundance: timber also and stone have I prepared; and thou mayest add thereto.
15 Moreover *there are* workmen with thee in abundance, hewers and workers of stone and timber, and all manner of cunning men for every manner of work.
16 Of the gold, the silver, and the brass, and the iron, *there is* no number. Arise *therefore,* and be doing, and the LORD be with thee.

David's Orders to Princes

17 David also commanded all the princes of Israel to help Solomon his son, *saying,*
18 *Is* not the LORD your God with you? and hath he *not* given you rest on every side? for he hath given the inhabitants of the land into mine hand; and the land is subdued before the LORD, and before his people.
19 Now set your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God; arise therefore, and build ye the sanctuary of the LORD God, to bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and the holy vessels of God, into the house that is to be built to the name of the LORD.

Solomon Named King

23 So when David was old and full of days, he made Solomon his son king over Israel.
2 And he gathered together all the princes of Israel, with the priests and the Levites.

Duties of Levites in the Temple

3 Now the Levites were numbered from the age of thirty years and upward: and their number by their polls, man by man, was thirty and eight thousand.
4 Of which, twenty and four thousand *were* to set forward the work of the house of the LORD; and six thousand *were* officers and judges:
5 Moreover four thousand *were* porters; and four thousand praised the LORD with the instruments which I made, *said David,* to praise *therewith.*
6 And David divided them into courses among the sons of Levi, *namely,* Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.
7 Of the Gershonites *were,* Laadan, and Shimei.
8 The sons of Laadan; the chief *was* Jehiel, and Zetham, and Joel, three.
9 The sons of Shimei; Shelomith, and Haziel, and Haran, three. These *were* the chief of the fathers of Laadan.
10 And the sons of Shimei *were,* Jahath, Zina, and Jeush, and Beriah. These four *were* the sons of Shimei.
11 And Jahath was the chief, and Zizah the second: but Jeush and Beriah had not many sons; therefore they were in one reckoning, according to *their* father's house.
12 The sons of Kohath; Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel, four.
13 The sons of Amram; Aaron and Moses: and Aaron was separated, that he should sanctify the most holy things, he and his sons for ever, to burn incense before the LORD, to minister unto him, and to bless in his name for ever.
14 Now *concerning* Moses the man of God, his sons were named of the tribe of Levi.
15 The sons of Moses *were,* Gershom, and Eliezer.
16 Of the sons of Gershom, Shebuel *was* the chief.
17 And the sons of Eliezer *were,* Rehabiah the chief. And Eliezer had none other sons; but the sons of Rehabiah were very many.
18 Of the sons of Izhar; Shelomith the chief.
19 Of the sons of Hebron; Jeriah the first,

22:14 brass ▸ *see 2 Chr. 2:7.*
22:14 abundance ▸ *see 2 Chr. 24:11.*
22:18 subdue ▸ *see Neh. 5:5.*

Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, and Jekameam the fourth.
20 Of the sons of Uzziel; Micah the first, and Jesiah the second.
21 The sons of Merari; Mahli, and Mushi. The sons of Mahli; Eleazar, and Kish.
22 And Eleazar died, and had no sons, but daughters: and their brethren the sons of Kish took them.
23 The sons of Mushi; Mahli, and Eder, and Jeremoth, three.
24 These *were* the sons of Levi after the house of their fathers; *even* the chief of the fathers, as they were counted by number of names by their polls, that did the work for the service of the house of the LORD, from the age of twenty years and upward.
25 For David said, The LORD God of Israel hath given rest unto his people, that they may dwell in Jerusalem for ever:
26 And also unto the Levites; they shall no *more* carry the tabernacle, nor any vessels of it for the service thereof.
27 For by the last words of David the Levites *were* numbered from twenty years old and above:
28 Because their office *was* to wait on the sons of Aaron for the service of the house of the LORD, in the courts, and in the chambers, and in the purifying of all holy things, and the work of the service of the house of God;
29 Both for the shewbread, and for the fine flour for meat offering, and for the unleavened cakes, and for *that which is baked in* the pan, and for that which is fried, and for all manner of measure and size;
30 And to stand every morning to thank and praise the LORD, and likewise at even;
31 And to offer all burnt sacrifices unto the LORD in the sabbaths, in the new moons, and on the set feasts, by number, according to the order commanded unto them, continually before the LORD:
32 And that they should keep the charge of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the charge of the holy *place,* and the charge of the sons of Aaron their brethren, in the service of the house of the LORD.

Division of Aaron's Sons

24 Now *these are* the divisions of the sons of Aaron. The sons of Aaron; Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.
2 But Nadab and Abihu died before their father, and had no children: therefore Eleazar and Ithamar executed the priest's office.
3 And David distributed them, both Zadok of the sons of Eleazar, and Ahimelech of the sons of Ithamar, according to their offices in their service.

Assignments for Priests and Levites

4 And there were more chief men found of the sons of Eleazar than of the sons of Ithamar; and *thus* were they divided. Among the sons of Eleazar *there were* sixteen chief men of the house of *their* fathers, and eight among the sons of Ithamar according to the house of their fathers.
5 Thus were they divided by lot, one sort with another; for the governors of the

23:26 Levite

(Heb. *levi*) (Num. 3:9) H3881: The Levites were the descendants of Levi, one of the 12 sons of Jacob. The name is related to the verb *lavah* meaning "to join," implying that the Levites were "joined" to God (see Gen. 29:34). The tribe had three branches, named after the three sons of Levi: the Gershonites, the Kohathites, and the Merarites (Num. 3). At Mount Sinai, God chose Aaron, Moses' brother and a Kohathite, to be the nation's high priest (Ex. 28:1). No one but a descendant of Aaron could serve as a priest, but the other branches of the Levites shared many of their privileges and responsibilities (Num. 18:2). Originally the non-priestly Levites helped care for the tabernacle (Num. 4), but when David began preparations for building the temple, he created new duties for these Levites, making them singers, gatekeepers, treasurers, and royal officials (1 Chr. 24:1—26:19).

24:4 find

(Heb. *matsa'*) (Ps. 116:3; 119:143; Prov. 31:10) H4672: This word usually means "to find." It is used literally to find people or things by searching (Deut. 4:29) or by accident (2 Kin. 22:8). One may also find things intellectually—things such as the knowledge of wisdom (Prov. 24:14) and the solution to a riddle (Judg. 14:18). Finding sometimes involves capturing or conquering (Prov. 6:30, 31; Jer. 50:24). Some scholars say that the original core feature of this verb is "to come, reach, arrive at" (Ps. 21:8; Is. 10:10, 14). A common Hebrew idiom "to find grace in the eyes of" someone is used to indicate that someone of lower status is being viewed favorably by someone of higher status (Ex. 33:12, 13; Ruth 2:13).

sanctuary, and governors *of the house* of God, were of the sons of Eleazar, and of the sons of Ithamar.
6 And Shemaiah the son of Nethaneel the scribe, *one* of the Levites, wrote them before the king, and the princes, and Zadok the priest, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, and *before* the chief of the fathers of the priests and Levites: one principal household being taken for Eleazar, and *one* taken for Ithamar.
7 Now the first lot came forth to Jehoiarib, the second to Jedaiah,
8 The third to Harim, the fourth to Seorim,
9 The fifth to Malchijah, the sixth to Mijamin,
10 The seventh to Hakkoz, the eighth to Abijah,
11 The ninth to Jeshuah, the tenth to Shecaniah,
12 The eleventh to Eliashib, the twelfth to Jakim,
13 The thirteenth to Huppah, the fourteenth to Jeshebeab,
14 The fifteenth to Bilgah, the sixteenth to Immer,
15 The seventeenth to Hezir, the eighteenth to Aphses,
16 The nineteenth to Pethahiah, the twentieth to Jehezekel,
17 The one and twentieth to Jachin, the two and twentieth to Gamul,
18 The three and twentieth to Delaiah, the four and twentieth to Maaziah.
19 These *were* the orderings of them in their service to come into the house of the LORD, according to their manner, under Aaron their father, as the LORD God of Israel had commanded him.
20 And the rest of the sons of Levi *were these:* Of the sons of Amram; Shubael: of the sons of Shubael; Jehdeiah.
21 Concerning Rehabiah: of the sons of Rehabiah, the first *was* Isshiah.
22 Of the Izharites; Shelomoth: of the sons of Shelomoth; Jahath.
23 And the sons *of Hebron;* Jeriah *the first,* Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, Jekameam the fourth.
24 *Of* the sons of Uzziel; Michah: of the sons of Michah; Shamir.
25 The brother of Michah *was* Isshiah: of the sons of Isshiah; Zechariah.
26 The sons of Merari *were* Mahli and Mushi: the sons of Jaaziah; Beno.
27 The sons of Merari by Jaaziah; Beno, and Shoham, and Zaccur, and Ibri.
28 Of Mahli *came* Eleazar, who had no sons.
29 Concerning Kish: the son of Kish *was* Jerahmeel.
30 The sons also of Mushi; Mahli, and Eder, and Jerimoth. These *were* the sons of the Levites after the house of their fathers.
31 These likewise cast lots over against their brethren the sons of Aaron in the presence of David the king, and Zadok, and Ahimelech, and the chief of the fathers of the priests and Levites, even the principal fathers over against their younger brethren.

Division of Musicians

25 Moreover David and the captains of the host separated to the service of the sons of Asaph, and of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who should prophesy with harps, with psalteries, and with cymbals: and the number of the workmen according to their service was:
2 Of the sons of Asaph; Zaccur, and Joseph, and Nethaniah, and Asarelah, the sons of Asaph under the hands of Asaph, which prophesied according to the order of the king.
3 Of Jeduthun: the sons of Jeduthun; Gedaliah, and Zeri, and Jeshaiah, Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, six, under the hands of their father Jeduthun, who prophesied with a harp, to give thanks and to praise the LORD.
4 Of Heman: the sons of Heman; Bukkiah, Mattaniah, Uzziel, Shebuel, and Jerimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, and Romamti-ezer, Joshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir, *and* Mahazioth:
5 All these *were* the sons of Heman the king's seer in the words of God, to lift up the horn. And God gave to Heman fourteen sons and three daughters.
6 All these *were* under the hands of their father for song *in* the house of the LORD, with cymbals, psalteries, and harps, for the service of the house of God, according to the king's order to Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman.
7 So the number of them, with their breth-

25:7 number

(Heb. *mispar*) (Deut. 33:6; Judg. 7:6; Job 5:9) H4557: This noun generally indicates the quantity of items counted, such as the number of people in

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ren that were instructed in the songs of the LORD, *even* all that were cunning, was two hundred fourscore and eight.
8 And they cast lots, ward against *ward,* as well the small as the great, the teacher as the scholar.
9 Now the first lot came forth for Asaph to Joseph: the second to Gedaliah, who with his brethren and sons *were* twelve:
10 The third to Zaccur, *he,* his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
11 The fourth to Izri, *he,* his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
12 The fifth to Nethaniah, *he,* his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
13 The sixth to Bukkiah, *he,* his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
14 The seventh to Jesharelah, *he,* his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
15 The eighth to Jeshaiah, *he,* his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
16 The ninth to Mattaniah, *he,* his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
17 The tenth to Shimei, *he,* his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
18 The eleventh to Azareel, *he,* his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
19 The twelfth to Hashabiah, *he,* his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
20 The thirteenth to Shubael, *he,* his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
21 The fourteenth to Mattithiah, *he,* his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
22 The fifteenth to Jeremoth, *he,* his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
23 The sixteenth to Hananiah, *he,* his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
24 The seventeenth to Joshbekashah, *he,* his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
25 The eighteenth to Hanani, *he,* his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
26 The nineteenth to Mallothi, *he,* his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
27 The twentieth to Eliathah, *he,* his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
28 The one and twentieth to Hothir, *he,* his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
29 The two and twentieth to Giddalti, *he,* his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
30 The three and twentieth to Mahazioth, *he,* his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
31 The four and twentieth to Romamti-ezer, *he,* his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve.

Division of Porters

26 Concerning the divisions of the porters: Of the Korhites *was* Meshelemiah the son of Kore, of the sons of Asaph.
2 And the sons of Meshelemiah *were,* Zechariah the firstborn, Jediael the second, Zebadiah the third, Jathniel the fourth,
3 Elam the fifth, Jehohanan the sixth, Elioenai the seventh.
4 Moreover the sons of Obed-edom *were,* Shemaiah the firstborn, Jehozabad the second, Joah the third, and Sacar the fourth, and Nethaneel the fifth,
5 Ammiel the sixth, Issachar the seventh, Peulthai the eighth: for God blessed him.
6 Also unto Shemaiah his son were sons born, that ruled throughout the house of their father: for they *were* mighty men of valour.
7 The sons of Shemaiah; Othni, and Rephael, and Obed, Elzabad, whose brethren *were* strong men, Elihu, and Semachiah.
8 All these of the sons of Obed-edom: they and their sons and their brethren, able men for strength for the service, *were* threescore and two of Obed-edom.
9 And Meshelemiah had sons and brethren, strong men, eighteen.
10 Also Hosah, of the children of Merari, had sons; Simri the chief, (for *though* he was not the firstborn, yet his father made him the chief;)
11 Hilkiah the second, Tebaliah the third, Zechariah the fourth: all the sons and brethren of Hosah *were* thirteen.
12 Among these *were* the divisions of the porters, *even* among the chief men, *having*

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a census (Num. 3:22; 2 Sam. 24:9; Dan. 9:2). The idiom "without number" is used to indicate vast quantities of things or people (Gen. 41:49; Judg. 7:12), while another idiom, "of number," found in expressions like "men of number," indicates small quantities that could easily be counted (Job 16:22; Ezek. 12:16). On rare occasion, this word can also refer to the act of numbering or counting (1 Chr. 9:28) as well as to a recount of an episode such as a dream (Judg. 7:15).

26:12 porter

(Heb. *sho`er*) (2 Chr. 23:4; Neh. 10:39) H7778: This term is a masculine noun signifying a guardian, gatekeeper, or porter (Neh. 12:25). It is

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wards one against another, to minister in the house of the LORD.
13 And they cast lots, as well the small as the great, according to the house of their fathers, for every gate.
14 And the lot eastward fell to Shelemiah. Then for Zechariah his son, a wise counsellor, they cast lots; and his lot came out northward.
15 To Obed-edom southward; and to his sons the house of Asuppim.
16 To Shuppim and Hosah *the lot came forth* westward, with the gate Shallecheth, by the causeway of the going up, ward against ward.
17 Eastward *were* six Levites, northward four a day, southward four a day, and toward Asuppim two *and* two.
18 At Parbar westward, four at the causeway, *and* two at Parbar.
19 These *are* the divisions of the porters among the sons of Kore, and among the sons of Merari.

Guards and Other Officers

20 And of the Levites, Ahijah *was* over the treasures of the house of God, and over the treasures of the dedicated things.
21 *As concerning* the sons of Laadan; the sons of the Gershonite Laadan, chief fathers, *even* of Laadan the Gershonite, *were* Jehieli.
22 The sons of Jehieli; Zetham, and Joel his brother, *which were* over the treasures of the house of the LORD.
23 Of the Amramites, *and* the Izharites, the Hebronites, *and* the Uzzielites:
24 And Shebuel the son of Gershom, the son of Moses, *was* ruler of the treasures.
25 And his brethren by Eliezer; Rehabiah his son, and Jeshaiah his son, and Joram his son, and Zichri his son, and Shelomith his son.
26 Which Shelomith and his brethren *were* over all the treasures of the dedicated things, which David the king, and the chief fathers, the captains over thousands and hundreds, and the captains of the host, had dedicated.
27 Out of the spoils won in battles did they dedicate to maintain the house of the LORD.
28 And all that Samuel the seer, and Saul the son of Kish, and Abner the son of Ner, and Joab the son of Zeruiah, had dedicated; *and* whosoever had dedicated *any thing, it was* under the hand of Shelomith, and of his brethren.
29 Of the Izharites, Chenaniah and his sons *were* for the outward business over Israel, for officers and judges.
30 *And* of the Hebronites, Hashabiah and his brethren, men of valour, a thousand and seven hundred, *were* officers among them of Israel on this side Jordan westward in all the business of the LORD, and in the service of the king.
31 Among the Hebronites *was* Jerijah the chief, *even* among the Hebronites, according to the generations of his fathers. In the fortieth year of the reign of David they were sought for, and there were found among them mighty men of valour at Jazer of Gilead.
32 And his brethren, men of valour, *were* two thousand and seven hundred chief fathers, whom king David made rulers over the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh, for every matter pertaining to God, and affairs of the king.

Captains Serving Monthly

27 Now the children of Israel after their number, *to wit,* the chief fathers and captains of thousands and hundreds, and

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predominantly used for the Levitical gatekeepers of the sanctuary, who numbered four thousand in Solomon's time and were organized into units (1 Chr. 23:5; 26:19; Neh. 7:1). The ark of the covenant within the sanctuary had Levitical doorkeepers, and the tent of meeting that preceded the temple had them as well (1 Chr. 9:19–21). Cities and even camps had gatekeepers (1 Chr. 9:18). City gatekeepers were participants in the communication of municipal news (2 Sam. 18:26; 2 Kin. 7:10, 11). The descendants of the gatekeepers get specific mention in the genealogy of God's people reconstituted after the exile (Ezra 2:42).

27:1 hundred

(Heb. *me'ah*) (Judg. 15:4; 1 Sam. 18:27; 29:2; Is. 65:20) H3967: This word indicates a hundred as a literal number (Gen. 5:27; Deut. 22:19), a round number (Gen. 15:13; cf. Ex. 12:40), or, in wisdom literature, a symbolic number (Prov. 17:10; Eccl. 6:3; 8:12). Moses divided the Israelites into fighting groups of various sizes with leaders set over the divisions, and David did similarly (Ex. 18:21–25; Num. 31:14; 2 Sam. 18:1). God promised that if His people were obedient, five would chase a hundred and a hundred would put ten thousand enemies to flight (Lev. 26:8). Later in judgment

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their officers that served the king in any matter of the courses, which came in and went out month by month throughout all the months of the year, of every course *were* twenty and four thousand.
2 Over the first course for the first month *was* Jashobeam the son of Zabdiel: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand.
3 Of the children of Perez *was* the chief of all the captains of the host for the first month.
4 And over the course of the second month *was* Dodai an Ahohite, and of his course *was* Mikloth also the ruler: in his course likewise *were* twenty and four thousand.
5 The third captain of the host for the third month *was* Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, a chief priest: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand.
6 This *is that* Benaiah, *who was* mighty *among* the thirty, and above the thirty: and in his course *was* Ammizabad his son.
7 The fourth *captain* for the fourth month *was* Asahel the brother of Joab, and Zebadiah his son after him: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand.
8 The fifth captain for the fifth month *was* Shamhuth the Izrahite: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand.
9 The sixth *captain* for the sixth month *was* Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand.
10 The seventh *captain* for the seventh month *was* Helez the Pelonite, of the children of Ephraim: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand.
11 The eighth *captain* for the eighth month *was* Sibbecai the Hushathite, of the Zarhites: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand.
12 The ninth *captain* for the ninth month *was* Abiezer the Anetothite, of the Benjamites: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand.
13 The tenth *captain* for the tenth month *was* Maharai the Netophathite, of the Zarhites: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand.
14 The eleventh *captain* for the eleventh month *was* Benaiah the Pirathonite, of the children of Ephraim: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand.
15 The twelfth *captain* for the twelfth month *was* Heldai the Netophathite, of Othniel: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand.

Rulers of Tribes

16 Furthermore over the tribes of Israel: the ruler of the Reubenites *was* Eliezer the son of Zichri: of the Simeonites, Shephatiah the son of Maachah:
17 Of the Levites, Hashabiah the son of Kemuel: of the Aaronites, Zadok:
18 Of Judah, Elihu, *one* of the brethren of David: of Issachar, Omri the son of Michael:
19 Of Zebulun, Ishmaiah the son of Obadiah: of Naphtali, Jerimoth the son of Azriel:
20 Of the children of Ephraim, Hoshea the son of Azaziah: of the half tribe of Manasseh, Joel the son of Pedaiah:
21 Of the half *tribe* of Manasseh in Gilead, Iddo the son of Zechariah: of Benjamin, Jaasiel the son of Abner:
22 Of Dan, Azareel the son of Jeroham. These *were* the princes of the tribes of Israel.
23 But David took not the number of them from twenty years old and under: because the LORD had said he would increase Israel like to the stars of the heavens.
24 Joab the son of Zeruiah began to number, but he finished not, because there fell wrath for it against Israel; neither was the number put in the account of the chronicles of king David.

Overseers of David's Substance

25 And over the king's treasures *was* Azmaveth the son of Adiel: and over the storehouses in the fields, in the cities, and in the villages, and in the castles, *was* Jehonathan the son of Uzziah:
26 And over them that did the work of the field for tillage of the ground *was* Ezri the son of Chelub:
27 And over the vineyards *was* Shimei the Ramathite: over the increase of the vineyards for the wine cellars *was* Zabdi the Shiphmite:
28 And over the olive trees and the sycomore trees that *were* in the low plains *was*

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on His disobedient people, God pronounced virtually the reverse would be the case (Amos 5:3). Once, this word seems to signify one one-hundredth (Neh. 5:11).

Baal-hanan the Gederite: and over the cellars of oil *was* Joash:
29 And over the herds that fed in Sharon *was* Shitrai the Sharonite: and over the herds *that were* in the valleys *was* Shaphat the son of Adlai:
30 Over the camels also *was* Obil the Ishmaelite: and over the asses *was* Jehdeiah the Meronothite:
31 And over the flocks *was* Jaziz the Hagerite. All these *were* the rulers of the substance which *was* king David's.
32 Also Jonathan David's uncle was a counsellor, a wise man, and a scribe: and Jehiel the son of Hachmoni *was* with the king's sons:
33 And Ahithophel *was* the king's counsellor: and Hushai the Archite *was* the king's companion:
34 And after Ahithophel *was* Jehoiada the son of Benaiah, and Abiathar: and the general of the king's army *was* Joab.

David's Instructions for the Temple

28 And David assembled all the princes of Israel, the princes of the tribes, and the captains of the companies that ministered to the king by course, and the captains over the thousands, and captains over the hundreds, and the stewards over all the substance and possession of the king, and of his sons, with the officers, and with the mighty men, and with all the valiant men, unto Jerusalem.
2 Then David the king stood up upon his feet, and said, Hear me, my brethren, and my people: *As for me,* I *had* in mine heart to build an house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and for the footstool of our God, and had made ready for the building:
3 But God said unto me, Thou shalt not build an house for my name, because thou *hast been* a man of war, and hast shed blood.
4 Howbeit the LORD God of Israel chose me before all the house of my father to be king over Israel for ever: for he hath chosen Judah *to be* the ruler; and of the house of Judah, the house of my father; and among the sons of my father he liked me to make *me* king over all Israel:

Solomon to Succeed David

5 And of all my sons, (for the LORD hath given me many sons,) he hath chosen Solomon my son to sit upon the throne of the kingdom of the LORD over Israel.
6 And he said unto me, Solomon thy son, he shall build my house and my courts: for I have chosen him *to be* my son, and I will be his father.
7 Moreover I will establish his kingdom for ever, if he be constant to do my commandments and my judgments, as at this day.
8 Now therefore in the sight of all Israel the congregation of the LORD, and in the audience of our God, keep and seek for all the commandments of the LORD your God: that ye may possess this good land, and leave *it* for an inheritance for your children after you for ever.
9 And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever.
10 Take heed now; for the LORD hath chosen thee to build an house for the sanctuary: be strong, and do *it*.

Plans for the Temple

11 Then David gave to Solomon his son the pattern of the porch, and of the houses thereof, and of the treasuries thereof, and

28:2 footstool ▸ *see Ps. 110:1.*

28:2 make ready

(Heb. *kun*) (1 Chr. 14:2; 15:1) H3559: The prophetic warning to Pharaoh came in a dream twice, "because the thing is established [*kun*] by God" (Gen. 41:32). The people were told to "be ready" for the Lord to descend on Mount Sinai (Ex. 19:11). The Promised Land is described by the Lord as "the place which I have prepared," or set aside, for them (Ex. 23:20). Indeed, it is the Lord who established His people, capturing the idea that the Lord not only created them, but rescued them from Egypt and made them into a nation. Thus, "David perceived that the LORD had confirmed him as king over Israel" (1 Chr. 14:2), and at the same time David "prepared a place for the ark of God" (1 Chr. 15:1).

28:6 court ▸ *see 2 Chr. 23:5.*
28:9 understand ▸ *see Neh. 8:8.*

of the upper chambers thereof, and of the inner parlours thereof, and of the place of the mercy seat,
12 And the pattern of all that he had by the spirit, of the courts of the house of the LORD, and of all the chambers round about, of the treasuries of the house of God, and of the treasuries of the dedicated things:
13 Also for the courses of the priests and the Levites, and for all the work of the service of the house of the LORD, and for all the vessels of service in the house of the LORD.
14 *He gave* of gold by weight for *things* of gold, for all instruments of all manner of service; *silver also* for all instruments of silver by weight, for all instruments of every kind of service:
15 Even the weight for the candlesticks of gold, and for their lamps of gold, by weight for every candlestick, and for the lamps thereof: and for the candlesticks of silver by weight, *both* for the candlestick, and *also* for the lamps thereof, according to the use of every candlestick.
16 And by weight *he gave* gold for the tables of shewbread, for every table; and *likewise* silver for the tables of silver:
17 Also pure gold for the fleshhooks, and the bowls, and the cups: and for the golden basons *he gave gold* by weight for every bason; and *likewise silver* by weight for every bason of silver:
18 And for the altar of incense refined gold by weight; and gold for the pattern of the chariot of the cherubims, that spread out *their wings,* and covered the ark of the covenant of the LORD.
19 All *this, said David,* the LORD made me understand in writing by *his* hand upon me, *even* all the works of this pattern.

David's Charge to Solomon

20 And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do *it:* fear not, nor be dismayed: for the LORD God, *even* my God, *will be* with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.
21 And, behold, the courses of the priests and the Levites, *even they shall be with thee* for all the service of the house of God: and *there shall be* with thee for all manner of workmanship every willing skilful man, for any manner of service: also the princes and all the people *will be* wholly at thy commandment.

Offerings for the Temple

29 Furthermore David the king said unto all the congregation, Solomon my son, whom alone God hath chosen, *is yet* young and tender, and the work *is* great: for the palace *is* not for man, but for the LORD God.
2 Now I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God the gold for *things to be made* of gold, and the silver for *things* of silver, and the brass for *things* of brass, the iron for *things* of iron, and wood for *things* of wood; onyx stones, and *stones* to be set, glistering stones, and of divers colours, and all manner of precious stones, and marble stones in abundance.
3 Moreover, because I have set my affection to the house of my God, I have of mine own proper good, of gold and silver, *which* I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house,
4 *Even* three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the houses *withal:*
5 The gold for *things* of gold, and the silver for *things* of silver, and for all manner of work *to be made* by the hands of artificers. And who *then* is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the LORD?
6 Then the chief of the fathers and princes of the tribes of Israel, and the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the rulers of the king's work, offered willingly,
7 And gave for the service of the house of God of gold five thousand talents and ten thousand drams, and of silver ten thousand talents, and of brass eighteen thousand talents, and one hundred thousand talents of iron.
8 And they with whom *precious* stones were found gave *them* to the treasure of the house of the LORD, by the hand of Jehiel the Gershonite.
9 Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with perfect heart

28:19 understand ▸ *see Jer. 3:15.*
29:3 proper ▸ *see Deut 26:18.*
29:9 perfect ▸ *see 2 Chr. 19:9.*

they offered willingly to the LORD: and David the king also rejoiced with great joy.

David's Praise to God

10 Wherefore David blessed the LORD before all the congregation: and David said, Blessed *be* thou, LORD God of Israel our father, for ever and ever.
11 Thine, O LORD, *is* the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all *that is* in the heaven and in the earth *is thine;* thine *is* the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all.
12 Both riches and honour *come* of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand *is* power and might; and in thine hand *it is* to make great, and to give strength unto all.
13 Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name.
14 But who *am* I, and what *is* my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things *come* of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.
15 For we *are* strangers before thee, and sojourners, as *were* all our fathers: our days on the earth *are* as a shadow, and *there is* none abiding.
16 O LORD our God, all this store that we have prepared to build thee an house for thine holy name *cometh* of thine hand, and *is* all thine own.
17 I know also, my God, that thou triest the heart, and hast pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of mine heart I have willingly offered all these things: and now have I seen with joy thy people, which are present here, to offer willingly unto thee.
18 O LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this for ever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of thy people, and prepare their heart unto thee:
19 And give unto Solomon my son a perfect heart, to keep thy commandments, thy testimonies, and thy statutes, and to do all *these things,* and to build the palace, *for* the which I have made provision.
20 And David said to all the congregation, Now bless the LORD your God. And all the congregation blessed the LORD God of their fathers, and bowed down their heads, and worshipped the LORD, and the king.
21 And they sacrificed sacrifices unto the LORD, and offered burnt offerings unto the LORD, on the morrow after that day, *even* a thousand bullocks, a thousand rams, *and* a thousand lambs, with their drink offerings, and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel:

Solomon's Reign

22 And did eat and drink before the LORD on that day with great gladness. And they made Solomon the son of David king the second time, and anointed *him* unto the LORD *to be* the chief governor, and Zadok *to be* priest.
23 Then Solomon sat on the throne of the LORD as king instead of David his father, and prospered; and all Israel obeyed him.
24 And all the princes, and the mighty men, and all the sons likewise of king David, submitted themselves unto Solomon the king.
25 And the LORD magnified Solomon exceedingly in the sight of all Israel, and bestowed upon him *such* royal majesty as had not been on any king before him in Israel.

David's Reign and Death

26 Thus David the son of Jesse reigned over all Israel.
27 And the time that he reigned over Israel *was* forty years; seven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three *years* reigned he in Jerusalem.
28 And he died in a good old age, full of

29:11 glory ▸ *see Ps. 96:6.*

29:11 majesty

(Heb. *hod*) (Ps. 21:5; 145:5) H1935: Rooted in the idea of power and authority, Moses was told to "put some . . . honour [*hod*]" on Joshua, so "that all the congregation of the children of Israel may be obedient" (Num. 27:20). However, this word is used almost exclusively to speak of God. David sang often of God's majesty (1 Chr. 16:27), or "glory" (Ps. 8:1), or "honour and majesty" (Ps. 21:5). In trying to capture how incredible God is, David proclaimed "I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works" (Ps. 145:5). Habakkuk speaks likewise of God's "glory" covering the heavens (Hab. 3:3), and Hosea of God's "beauty . . . as the olive tree" (Hos. 14:6).

29:12 power ▸ *see Deut. 8:18.*
29:15 stranger ▸ *see Num. 15:14.*
29:18 imagination ▸ *see Gen. 8:21.*

days, riches, and honour: and Solomon his son reigned in his stead.
29 Now the acts of David the king, first and last, behold, they *are* written in the book of Samuel the seer, and in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the book of Gad the seer,
30 With all his reign and his might, and the times that went over him, and over Israel, and over all the kingdoms of the countries.

29:28 full ▸ *see Gen. 25:8.*

THE SECOND BOOK OF THE

CHRONICLES

THE BOOK OF SECOND CHRONICLES parallels First and Second Kings but virtually ignores the northern kingdom of Israel because of its false worship and refusal to acknowledge the temple in Jerusalem. Chronicles focuses on those kings who pattern their lives and reigns after the life and reign of godly King David. It gives extended treatment to such zealous reformers as Asa, Jehoshaphat, Joash, Hezekiah, and Josiah.

The temple and temple worship, central throughout the book, befit a nation whose worship of God is central to its very survival. The book begins with Solomon's glorious temple and concludes with Cyrus's edict to rebuild the temple more than four hundred years later.

WATCH WORDS

- **transgress** (break a trust)—12:2
- **right** (level or upright, just or righteous)—20:32
- **cleanse** (make free from blemish)—29:16
- **tithe** (one-tenth, an appropriate portion of one's wealth to give to the Lord)—31:5
- **remnant** (that which is left over or survives)—34:9

Solomon's Kingdom Established

1 And Solomon the son of David was strengthened in his kingdom, and the LORD his God *was* with him, and magnified him exceedingly.
2 Then Solomon spake unto all Israel, to the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and to the judges, and to every governor in all Israel, the chief of the fathers.
3 So Solomon, and all the congregation with him, went to the high place that *was* at Gibeon; for there was the tabernacle of the congregation of God, which Moses the servant of the LORD had made in the wilderness.
4 But the ark of God had David brought up from Kirjath-jearim to *the place which* David had prepared for it: for he had pitched a tent for it at Jerusalem.
5 Moreover the brasen altar, that Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, had made, he put before the tabernacle of the LORD: and Solomon and the congregation sought unto it.
6 And Solomon went up thither to the brasen altar before the LORD, which *was* at the tabernacle of the congregation, and offered a thousand burnt offerings upon it.

Solomon Asks for Wisdom

7 In that night did God appear unto Solomon, and said unto him, Ask what I shall give thee.
8 And Solomon said unto God, Thou hast shewed great mercy unto David my father, and hast made me to reign in his stead.
9 Now, O LORD God, let thy promise unto David my father be established: for thou hast made me king over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude.
10 Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people: for who can judge this thy people, *that is so* great?
11 And God said to Solomon, Because this was in thine heart, and thou hast not asked riches, wealth, or honour, nor the life of thine enemies, neither yet hast asked long life; but hast asked wisdom and knowledge for thyself, that thou mayest judge my people, over whom I have made thee king:
12 Wisdom and knowledge *is* granted unto thee; and I will give thee riches, and wealth, and honour, such as none of the kings have had that *have been* before thee, neither shall there any after thee have the like.

Solomon's Greatness

13 Then Solomon came *from his journey* to the high place that *was* at Gibeon to Jerusalem, from before the tabernacle of the congregation, and reigned over Israel.
14 And Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen: and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, which he placed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem.
15 And the king made silver and gold at Jerusalem *as plenteous* as stones, and cedar trees made he as the sycomore trees that *are* in the vale for abundance.
16 And Solomon had horses brought out of Egypt, and linen yarn: the king's merchants received the linen yarn at a price.
17 And they fetched up, and brought forth out of Egypt a chariot for six hundred *shekels* of silver, and an horse for an hundred and fifty: and so brought they out *horses* for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, by their means.

Preparations to Build the Temple

2 And Solomon determined to build an house for the name of the LORD, and an house for his kingdom.
2 And Solomon told out threescore and ten thousand men to bear burdens, and fourscore thousand to hew in the mountain, and three thousand and six hundred to oversee them.
3 And Solomon sent to Huram the king of Tyre, saying, As thou didst deal with David my father, and didst send him cedars to build him an house to dwell therein, *even so deal with me.*
4 Behold, I build an house to the name of the LORD my God, to dedicate *it* to him, *and* to burn before him sweet incense, and for the continual shewbread, and for the burnt offerings morning and evening, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts of the LORD our God. This *is an ordinance* for ever to Israel.
5 And the house which I build *is* great: for great *is* our God above all gods.
6 But who is able to build him an house, seeing the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain him? who *am* I then, that I should build him an house, save only to burn sacrifice before him?
7 Send me now therefore a man cunning to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, and in iron, and in purple, and crimson, and blue, and that can skill to grave with the cunning men that *are* with me in Judah and in Jerusalem, whom David my father did provide.
8 Send me also cedar trees, fir trees, and algum trees, out of Lebanon: for I know that thy servants can skill to cut timber in Lebanon; and, behold, my servants *shall be* with thy servants,
9 Even to prepare me timber in abundance: for the house which I am about to build *shall be* wonderful great.
10 And, behold, I will give to thy servants, the hewers that cut timber, twenty thousand measures of beaten wheat, and twenty thousand measures of barley, and twenty thousand baths of wine, and twenty thousand baths of oil.
11 Then Huram the king of Tyre answered in writing, which he sent to Solomon, Because the LORD hath loved his people, he hath made thee king over them.

1:16 horse

(Heb. *sus*) (Ex. 15:21; Deut. 20:1; Ps. 20:7; Is. 31:1) H5483: The unused root of this word means "to skip." This noun form can either refer to a horse or a swallow (e.g. Is. 38:14), both of which are swift and use a skipping motion as they move. In addition to the times this word is used for literal horses that are part of events portrayed in Scripture, horses are used as a metaphor for stubbornness (Ps. 32:9) and as a symbol for military strength, which is not to be trusted because the victory belongs to God alone (Ps. 33:17; Prov. 21:31).

2:7 brass

(Heb. *nechosheth*) (Gen. 4:22; Num. 21:9; 1 Chr. 22:14; Ezek. 40:3) H5178: Referring to something made of either copper or bronze (an alloy of copper and tin), this word appears frequently in descriptions of the temple. Occasionally it is used of harlotry (Ezek. 16:36). Symbolically it can refer to something that is strong and enduring (Ps. 107:16) or to judgment (Ezek. 22:20). In the visions of Ezekiel 40:3 and Daniel 10:6, it is used to describe the heavenly tour guide, possibly the preincarnate Christ, symbolizing His strength and brightness. The brass (bronze) serpent on a pole, a symbol of Christ, saved the Israelites from the curse of snakes in the wilderness (Num. 21:9; John 3:14, 15).

12 Huram said moreover, Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel, that made heaven and earth, who hath given to David the king a wise son, endued with prudence and understanding, that might build an house for the LORD, and an house for his kingdom.

A Skilled Craftsman and Workers

13 And now I have sent a cunning man, endued with understanding, of Huram my father's,
14 The son of a woman of the daughters of Dan, and his father *was* a man of Tyre, skilful to work in gold, and in silver, in brass, in iron, in stone, and in timber, in purple, in blue, and in fine linen, and in crimson; also to grave any manner of graving, and to find out every device which shall be put to him, with thy cunning men, and with the cunning men of my lord David thy father.
15 Now therefore the wheat, and the barley, the oil, and the wine, which my lord hath spoken of, let him send unto his servants:
16 And we will cut wood out of Lebanon, as much as thou shalt need: and we will bring it to thee in floats by sea to Joppa; and thou shalt carry it up to Jerusalem.
17 And Solomon numbered all the strangers that *were* in the land of Israel, after the numbering wherewith David his father had numbered them; and they were found an hundred and fifty thousand and three thousand and six hundred.
18 And he set threescore and ten thousand of them *to be* bearers of burdens, and fourscore thousand *to be* hewers in the mountain, and three thousand and six hundred overseers to set the people a work.

Construction of the Temple Started

3 Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Jerusalem in mount Moriah, where *the LORD* appeared unto David his father, in the place that David had prepared in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite.
2 And he began to build in the second *day* of the second month, in the fourth year of his reign.

Dimensions of the Temple

3 Now these *are the things wherein* Solomon was instructed for the building of the house of God. The length by cubits after the first measure *was* threescore cubits, and the breadth twenty cubits.
4 And the porch that *was* in the front *of the house,* the length *of it was* according to the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and the height *was* an hundred and twenty: and he overlaid it within with pure gold.
5 And the greater house he cieled with fir tree, which he overlaid with fine gold, and set thereon palm trees and chains.
6 And he garnished the house with precious stones for beauty: and the gold *was* gold of Parvaim.
7 He overlaid also the house, the beams, the posts, and the walls thereof, and the doors thereof, with gold; and graved cherubims on the walls.
8 And he made the most holy house, the length whereof *was* according to the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty cubits: and he overlaid it with fine gold, *amounting* to six hundred talents.
9 And the weight of the nails *was* fifty shekels of gold. And he overlaid the upper chambers with gold.
10 And in the most holy house he made two cherubims of image work, and overlaid them with gold.
11 And the wings of the cherubims *were* twenty cubits long: one wing *of the one cherub was* five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house: and the other wing *was likewise* five cubits, reaching to the wing of the other cherub.
12 And *one* wing of the other cherub *was* five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house: and the other wing *was* five cubits *also,* joining to the wing of the other cherub.
13 The wings of these cherubims spread themselves forth twenty cubits: and they stood on their feet, and their faces *were* inward.
14 And he made the vail *of* blue, and purple, and crimson, and fine linen, and wrought cherubims thereon.
15 Also he made before the house two pillars of thirty and five cubits high, and the chapiter that *was* on the top of each of them *was* five cubits.

3:5 chain ▸ *see 2 Chr. 3:16.*

16 And he made chains, *as* in the oracle, and put *them* on the heads of the pillars; and made an hundred pomegranates, and put *them* on the chains.
17 And he reared up the pillars before the temple, one on the right hand, and the other on the left; and called the name of that on the right hand Jachin, and the name of that on the left Boaz.

Temple Furnishings

4 Moreover he made an altar of brass, twenty cubits the length thereof, and twenty cubits the breadth thereof, and ten cubits the height thereof.
2 Also he made a molten sea of ten cubits from brim to brim, round in compass, and five cubits the height thereof; and a line of thirty cubits did compass it round about.
3 And under it *was* the similitude of oxen, which did compass it round about: ten in a cubit, compassing the sea round about. Two rows of oxen *were* cast, when it was cast.
4 It stood upon twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east: and the sea *was set* above upon them, and all their hinder parts *were* inward.
5 And the thickness of it *was* an handbreadth, and the brim of it like the work of the brim of a cup, with flowers of lilies; *and* it received and held three thousand baths.
6 He made also ten lavers, and put five on the right hand, and five on the left, to wash in them: such things as they offered for the burnt offering they washed in them; but the sea *was* for the priests to wash in.
7 And he made ten candlesticks of gold according to their form, and set *them* in the temple, five on the right hand, and five on the left.
8 He made also ten tables, and placed *them* in the temple, five on the right side, and five on the left. And he made an hundred basons of gold.
9 Furthermore he made the court of the priests, and the great court, and doors for the court, and overlaid the doors of them with brass.
10 And he set the sea on the right side of the east end, over against the south.

Craftsmanship

11 And Huram made the pots, and the shovels, and the basons. And Huram finished the work that he was to make for king Solomon for the house of God;
12 *To wit,* the two pillars, and the pommels, and the chapiters *which were* on the top of the two pillars, and the two wreaths to cover the two pommels of the chapiters which *were* on the top of the pillars;
13 And four hundred pomegranates on the two wreaths; two rows of pomegranates on each wreath, to cover the two pommels of the chapiters which *were* upon the pillars.
14 He made also bases, and lavers made he upon the bases;
15 One sea, and twelve oxen under it.
16 The pots also, and the shovels, and the fleshhooks, and all their instruments, did Huram his father make to king Solomon for the house of the LORD of bright brass.
17 In the plain of Jordan did the king cast them, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zeredathah.
18 Thus Solomon made all these vessels in great abundance: for the weight of the brass could not be found out.
19 And Solomon made all the vessels that *were for* the house of God, the golden altar

3:16 chain

(Heb. *sharaherah*) (Ex. 28:14; 39:15; 1 Kin. 7:17; 2 Chr. 3:5) H8333: From the root word that means "to uproot, take out," this word means, quite simply, "chain." It only occurs seven times in Scripture, all in reference to elements of worship such as the breastplate (Ex. 39:15) and pillars in the temple (1 Kin. 7:17). God gave specific instructions to make the Temple a beautiful place, to His glory.

4:2 sea

(Heb. *yam*) (Gen. 1:10; Ex. 14:16; 1 Kin. 7:23; Ps. 33:7) H3220: The root word for *sea* is "roar." The reference is to a large body of water that foams and roils. It is a symbol of the power of nature and of God's omnipotent power over nature (Job 26:12; Prov. 8:29). One of the most important miracles in Israel's history was the parting of the Red Sea at the time of the exodus (Ex. 14:16). The fifteen-foot diameter bronze sea in the temple was used for ceremonial washings (2 Chr. 4:6) and replaced the bronze basin from the tabernacle (Ex. 30:18).

4:5 handbreadth ▸ *see Ps. 39:5.*

also, and the tables whereon the shewbread *was set;*
20 Moreover the candlesticks with their lamps, that they should burn after the manner before the oracle, of pure gold;
21 And the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs, *made he of* gold, *and* that perfect gold;
22 And the snuffers, and the basons, and the spoons, and the censers, *of* pure gold: and the entry of the house, the inner doors thereof for the most holy *place,* and the doors of the house of the temple, *were of* gold.

Temple Work Completed

5 Thus all the work that Solomon made for the house of the LORD was finished: and Solomon brought in *all* the things that David his father had dedicated; and the silver, and the gold, and all the instruments, put he among the treasures of the house of God.
2 Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which *is* Zion.
3 Wherefore all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto the king in the feast which *was* in the seventh month.

The Ark Brought to the Temple

4 And all the elders of Israel came; and the Levites took up the ark.
5 And they brought up the ark, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that *were* in the tabernacle, these did the priests *and* the Levites bring up.
6 Also king Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel that were assembled unto him before the ark, sacrificed sheep and oxen, which could not be told nor numbered for multitude.
7 And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD unto his place, to the oracle of the house, into the most holy *place, even* under the wings of the cherubims:
8 For the cherubims spread forth *their* wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubims covered the ark and the staves thereof above.
9 And they drew out the staves *of the ark,* that the ends of the staves were seen from the ark before the oracle; but they were not seen without. And there it is unto this day.
10 *There was* nothing in the ark save the two tables which Moses put *therein* at Horeb, when the LORD made *a covenant* with the children of Israel, when they came out of Egypt.
11 And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy *place:* (for all the priests *that were* present were sanctified, *and* did not *then* wait by course:
12 Also the Levites *which were* the singers, all of them of Asaph, of Heman, of Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, *being* arrayed in white linen, having cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them an hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets:)
13 It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers *were* as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up *their* voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the LORD, *saying,* For *he is* good; for his mercy *endureth* for ever: that *then* the house was filled with a cloud, *even* the house of the LORD;
14 So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God.

A House for the Lord

6 Then said Solomon, The LORD hath said that he would dwell in the thick darkness.
2 But I have built an house of habitation for thee, and a place for thy dwelling for ever.

5:2 Zion ▸ *see Ps. 128:5.*

5:6 assemble

(Heb. *ya`ad*) (Ex. 25:22; Num. 14:35; Josh. 11:5; Jer. 47:7) H3259: The primary definition of this word is "to fix upon by agreement or appointment." It is translated as "appoint" (Jer. 47:7; Mic. 6:9), "betroth" (Ex. 21:8), "meet" at an appointed place (Ex. 25:22), and "gather" at a particular place (Num. 16:11). The most important use of this word is in connection with the tabernacle, where God promised to meet with His people at the mercy seat: "This shall be a continual burnt offering throughout your generations at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD: where I will meet you, to speak there unto thee" (Ex. 29:42).

5:13 cymbals ▸ *see Neh. 12:27.*

3 And the king turned his face, and blessed the whole congregation of Israel: and all the congregation of Israel stood.
4 And he said, Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel, who hath with his hands fulfilled *that* which he spake with his mouth to my father David, saying,
5 Since the day that I brought forth my people out of the land of Egypt I chose no city among all the tribes of Israel to build an house in, that my name might be there; neither chose I any man to be a ruler over my people Israel:
6 But I have chosen Jerusalem, that my name might be there; and have chosen David to be over my people Israel.
7 Now it was in the heart of David my father to build an house for the name of the LORD God of Israel.
8 But the LORD said to David my father, Forasmuch as it was in thine heart to build an house for my name, thou didst well in that it was in thine heart:
9 Notwithstanding thou shalt not build the house; but thy son which shall come forth out of thy loins, he shall build the house for my name.
10 The LORD therefore hath performed his word that he hath spoken: for I am risen up in the room of David my father, and am set on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised, and have built the house for the name of the LORD God of Israel.
11 And in it have I put the ark, wherein *is* the covenant of the LORD, that he made with the children of Israel.

Solomon's Prayer

12 And he stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands:
13 For Solomon had made a brasen scaffold, of five cubits long, and five cubits broad, and three cubits high, and had set it in the midst of the court: and upon it he stood, and kneeled down upon his knees before all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven,

God Keeps His Covenant

14 And said, O LORD God of Israel, *there is* no God like thee in the heaven, nor in the earth; which keepest covenant, and *shewest* mercy unto thy servants, that walk before thee with all their hearts:
15 Thou which hast kept with thy servant David my father that which thou hast promised him; and spakest with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled *it* with thine hand, as *it is* this day.
16 Now therefore, O LORD God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father that which thou hast promised him, saying, There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit upon the throne of Israel; yet so that thy children take heed to their way to walk in my law, as thou hast walked before me.
17 Now then, O LORD God of Israel, let thy word be verified, which thou hast spoken unto thy servant David.

Hearken to the Prayers of Israel

18 But will God in very deed dwell with men on the earth? behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house which I have built!
19 Have respect therefore to the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to hearken unto the cry and the prayer which thy servant prayeth before thee:
20 That thine eyes may be open upon this house day and night, upon the place whereof thou hast said that thou wouldest put thy

6:3 congregation

(Heb. *qahal*) (Deut. 18:16; Judg. 20:2) H6951: The Hebrew term denotes a gathering of people for any type of occasion. It is used in a secular sense to designate civil meetings, war counsels, a gathering of evildoers, and even an assembly of the dead (1 Sam. 17:47; 1 Kin. 12:3; Ps. 26:5; Prov. 21:16). But the word is also used to speak of the gathering of individuals for religious purposes, such as the receiving of the Law and the celebration of religious festivals before the Lord (Deut. 5:22; 2 Chr. 30:23). Sometimes the term applies to groups of men only—most frequently with assemblies for war, but once, apparently, for those gathered to hear Joshua's reading of the Law (Josh. 8:35). During the time of Ezra, women, children, and even servants were specifically included in one religious assembly (Ezra 2:64, 65; 10:1). The expression "congregation of the LORD" occurs several times in the Old Testament to indicate a gathering of God's people for religious or secular purposes—including once to grumble against Moses (Num. 20:4; Deut. 23:1–3; 1 Chr. 28:8; Neh. 13:1).

name there; to hearken unto the prayer which thy servant prayeth toward this place.
21 Hearken therefore unto the supplications of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, which they shall make toward this place: hear thou from thy dwelling place, *even* from heaven; and when thou hearest, forgive.
22 If a man sin against his neighbour, and an oath be laid upon him to make him swear, and the oath come before thine altar in this house;
23 Then hear thou from heaven, and do, and judge thy servants, by requiting the wicked, by recompensing his way upon his own head; and by justifying the righteous, by giving him according to his righteousness.
24 And if thy people Israel be put to the worse before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee; and shall return and confess thy name, and pray and make supplication before thee in this house;
25 Then hear thou from the heavens, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and bring them again unto the land which thou gavest to them and to their fathers.
26 When the heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; *yet* if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou dost afflict them;
27 Then hear thou from heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Israel, when thou hast taught them the good way, wherein they should walk; and send rain upon thy land, which thou hast given unto thy people for an inheritance.
28 If there be dearth in the land, if there be pestilence, if there be blasting, or mildew, locusts, or caterpillers; if their enemies besiege them in the cities of their land; whatsoever sore or whatsoever sickness *there be:*
29 *Then* what prayer *or* what supplication soever shall be made of any man, or of all thy people Israel, when every one shall know his own sore and his own grief, and shall spread forth his hands in this house:
30 Then hear thou from heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and render unto every man according unto all his ways, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou only knowest the hearts of the children of men:)
31 That they may fear thee, to walk in thy ways, so long as they live in the land which thou gavest unto our fathers.
32 Moreover concerning the stranger, which is not of thy people Israel, but is come from a far country for thy great name's sake, and thy mighty hand, and thy stretched out arm; if they come and pray in this house;
33 Then hear thou from the heavens, *even* from thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for; that all people of the earth may know thy name, and fear thee, as *doth* thy people Israel, and may know that this house which I have built is called by thy name.
34 If thy people go out to war against their enemies by the way that thou shalt send them, and they pray unto thee toward this city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name;
35 Then hear thou from the heavens their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause.
36 If they sin against thee, (for *there is* no man which sinneth not,) and thou be angry with them, and deliver them over before *their* enemies, and they carry them away captives unto a land far off or near;
37 Yet *if* they bethink themselves in the land whither they are carried captive, and turn and pray unto thee in the land of their captivity, saying, We have sinned, we have done amiss, and have dealt wickedly;
38 If they return to thee with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity, whither they have carried them captives, and pray toward their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, and *toward*

6:20 prayer

(Heb. *tephillah*) (Ps. 84:8; Is. 56:7) H8605: Many of the psalms are referred to directly as prayers (Ps. 17:title; 102:title) or contain prayers (Ps. 6:9; 39:12; 42:8; 54:2; 84:8). Prayers are offered to the "LORD God of hosts . . . God of Jacob" (Ps. 84:8), for He alone has the power to answer (Ps. 65:2). When King Hezekiah repented and sought God's mercy through prayer, he was healed (Is. 38:5). David gave himself "unto prayer" (Ps. 109:4), and often prayed against the deeds of the wicked (Ps. 141:5), while Nehemiah offered prayers on behalf of all the people (Neh. 1:6). Most significantly, the Lord says that "mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people" (Is. 56:7).

6:28 locust ▸ *see Joel 1:4.*
6:30 place ▸ *see Ps. 104:5.*

the city which thou hast chosen, and toward the house which I have built for thy name:
39 Then hear thou from the heavens, *even* from thy dwelling place, their prayer and their supplications, and maintain their cause, and forgive thy people which have sinned against thee.

God's Resting Place

40 Now, my God, let, I beseech thee, thine eyes be open, and *let* thine ears *be* attent unto the prayer *that is made* in this place.
41 Now therefore arise, O LORD God, into thy resting place, thou, and the ark of thy strength: let thy priests, O LORD God, be clothed with salvation, and let thy saints rejoice in goodness.
42 O LORD God, turn not away the face of thine anointed: remember the mercies of David thy servant.

God's Glory Fills the Temple

7 Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the house.
2 And the priests could not enter into the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD had filled the LORD's house.
3 And when all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD upon the house, they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worshipped, and praised the LORD, *saying,* For *he is* good; for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

Sacrifices Made

4 Then the king and all the people offered sacrifices before the LORD.
5 And king Solomon offered a sacrifice of twenty and two thousand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thousand sheep: so the king and all the people dedicated the house of God.
6 And the priests waited on their offices: the Levites also with instruments of musick of the LORD, which David the king had made to praise the LORD, because his mercy *endureth* for ever, when David praised by their ministry; and the priests sounded trumpets before them, and all Israel stood.
7 Moreover Solomon hallowed the middle of the court that *was* before the house of the LORD: for there he offered burnt offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings, because the brasen altar which Solomon had made was not able to receive the burnt offerings, and the meat offerings, and the fat.
8 Also at the same time Solomon kept the feast seven days, and all Israel with him, a very great congregation, from the entering in of Hamath unto the river of Egypt.
9 And in the eighth day they made a solemn assembly: for they kept the dedication of the altar seven days, and the feast seven days.
10 And on the three and twentieth day of the seventh month he sent the people away into their tents, glad and merry in heart for the goodness that the LORD had shewed unto David, and to Solomon, and to Israel his people.
11 Thus Solomon finished the house of the LORD, and the king's house: and all that came into Solomon's heart to make in the house of the LORD, and in his own house, he prosperously effected.

God Will Hear If Israel Repents

12 And the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for an house of sacrifice.
13 If I shut up heaven that there be no rain,

6:41 saint ▸ *see Ps. 37:28.*
7:2 enter ▸ *see Num. 34:8.*

7:10 glad

(Heb. *sameach*) (Deut. 16:15; Ps. 126:3) H8056: The joy the people felt was more than just a spontaneous subjective emotion—it was rooted very concretely in all "that the LORD had shewed unto David and to Solomon, and to Israel his people." Indeed, the Feast of Tabernacles was intended as a time of rejoicing for all the ways the Lord had blessed His people (Deut. 16:15). The people were filled with "great joy" at Solomon's coronation (1 Kin. 1:40). Haman's joy at his plot to kill Mordecai (Esth. 5:9, 14) backfired when he was executed instead, "and the city of Shushan rejoiced and was glad" (Esth. 8:15). But more often, joy is connected directly to God: "The LORD hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad" (Ps. 126:3).

7:11 Solomon ▸ *see 2 Sam. 12:24.*

or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people;
14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.
15 Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer *that is made* in this place.
16 For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there for ever: and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.
17 And as for thee, if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded thee, and shalt observe my statutes and my judgments;
18 Then will I stablish the throne of thy kingdom, according as I have covenanted with David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man *to be* ruler in Israel.
19 But if ye turn away, and forsake my statutes and my commandments, which I have set before you, and shall go and serve other gods, and worship them;
20 Then will I pluck them up by the roots out of my land which I have given them; and this house, which I have sanctified for my name, will I cast out of my sight, and will make it *to be* a proverb and a byword among all nations.
21 And this house, which is high, shall be an astonishment to every one that passeth by it; so that he shall say, Why hath the LORD done thus unto this land, and unto this house?
22 And it shall be answered, Because they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other gods, and worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath he brought all this evil upon them.

Cities Built by Solomon

8 And it came to pass at the end of twenty years, wherein Solomon had built the house of the LORD, and his own house,
2 That the cities which Huram had restored to Solomon, Solomon built them, and caused the children of Israel to dwell there.
3 And Solomon went to Hamath-zobah, and prevailed against it.
4 And he built Tadmor in the wilderness, and all the store cities, which he built in Hamath.
5 Also he built Beth-horon the upper, and Beth-horon the nether, fenced cities, with walls, gates, and bars;
6 And Baalath, and all the store cities that Solomon had, and all the chariot cities, and the cities of the horsemen, and all that Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and throughout all the land of his dominion.

Inhabitants Pay Tribute

7 *As for* all the people *that were* left of the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which *were* not of Israel,
8 *But* of their children, who were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel consumed not, them did Solomon make to pay tribute until this day.
9 But of the children of Israel did Solomon make no servants for his work; but they *were* men of war, and chief of his captains, and captains of his chariots and horsemen.
10 And these *were* the chief of king Solomon's officers, *even* two hundred and fifty, that bare rule over the people.
11 And Solomon brought up the daughter of Pharaoh out of the city of David unto the house that he had built for her: for he said, My wife shall not dwell in the house of David king of Israel, because *the places are* holy, whereunto the ark of the LORD hath come.

The Offerings of Solomon

12 Then Solomon offered burnt offerings

7:14 pray

(Heb. *palal*) (Gen. 20:7; Num. 21:7; 1 Kin. 8:44; Is. 16:12; Jer. 7:16) H6419: The Hebrew verb translated *pray* in God's promise concerning the revival of Israel (2 Chr. 7:14) can also mean "to intervene," "to interpose," "to arbitrate," or even "to judge." The Lord was asking His people to intercede for others in their prayers. During the dedication of the temple, Solomon modeled intercessory prayer (2 Chr. 6:3–42). He pleaded with God on behalf of the people and continued to pray with determination until the Lord answered. According to the Lord, this type of prayer would be the catalyst for revival and restoration in the future (see Dan. 9:3–19).

7:14 heal ▸ *see Jer. 17:14.*

unto the LORD on the altar of the LORD, which he had built before the porch,
13 Even after a certain rate every day, offering according to the commandment of Moses, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts, three times in the year, *even* in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles.

Duties of Priests, Levites and Porters

14 And he appointed, according to the order of David his father, the courses of the priests to their service, and the Levites to their charges, to praise and minister before the priests, as the duty of every day required: the porters also by their courses at every gate: for so had David the man of God commanded.
15 And they departed not from the commandment of the king unto the priests and Levites concerning any matter, or concerning the treasures.
16 Now all the work of Solomon was prepared unto the day of the foundation of the house of the LORD, and until it was finished. *So* the house of the LORD was perfected.

Huram's Gift of Ships

17 Then went Solomon to Ezion-geber, and to Eloth, at the sea side in the land of Edom.
18 And Huram sent him by the hands of his servants ships, and servants that had knowledge of the sea; and they went with the servants of Solomon to Ophir, and took thence four hundred and fifty talents of gold, and brought *them* to king Solomon.

A Visit by the Queen of Sheba

9 And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, she came to prove Solomon with hard questions at Jerusalem, with a very great company, and camels that bare spices, and gold in abundance, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart.
2 And Solomon told her all her questions: and there was nothing hid from Solomon which he told her not.
3 And when the queen of Sheba had seen the wisdom of Solomon, and the house that he had built,
4 And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel; his cupbearers also, and their apparel; and his ascent by which he went up into the house of the LORD; there was no more spirit in her.
5 And she said to the king, *It was* a true report which I heard in mine own land of thine acts, and of thy wisdom:
6 Howbeit I believed not their words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen *it:* and, behold, the one half of the greatness of thy wisdom was not told me: *for* thou exceedest the fame that I heard.
7 Happy *are* thy men, and happy *are* these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, and hear thy wisdom.
8 Blessed be the LORD thy God, which delighted in thee to set thee on his throne, *to be* king for the LORD thy God: because thy God loved Israel, to establish them for ever, therefore made he thee king over them, to do judgment and justice.

8:13 week

(Heb. *shabua'*) (Ezek. 45:21; Dan. 9:24) H7620: Related to the word for "seven," a week represented seven days (Ezek. 45:21). The firstfruits of wheat harvest was celebrated with the Feast of Weeks, occurring seven weeks (fifty days) after the Feast of Firstfruits (Lev. 23:15, 16). "Weeks" were often associated with the time of harvest (Jer. 5:24). Prophetically, Daniel speaks extensively about the timing of future events using the term "weeks," the exact meaning of which is often debated (Dan. 9:24).

9:1 gold ▸ *see 1 Kin. 6:20.*
9:2 tell ▸ *see Is. 3:9.*

9:6 exceed

(Heb. *yasaph*) (Gen. 37:5; Deut. 1:11) H3254: To exceed carries with it the idea of adding to, or increasing, something. So, Eve "again bare" (Gen. 4:2), Noah sent out the dove "again" (Gen. 8:10), and the Lord promised to never "again" curse the ground (Gen. 8:21). After Joseph shared his dream, his brothers "hated him yet the more" (Gen. 37:5). The word can describe the increase of sin, as in Pharaoh (Ex. 9:34), or the need to "add the fifth part" as restitution for sin (Lev. 5:16). Moses prayed that the Lord would make the people "a thousand times so many more as ye are" (Deut. 1:11), and "the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before" (Job 42:10).

9 And she gave the king an hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices great abundance, and precious stones: neither was there any such spice as the queen of Sheba gave king Solomon.
10 And the servants also of Huram, and the servants of Solomon, which brought gold from Ophir, brought algum trees and precious stones.
11 And the king made *of* the algum trees terraces to the house of the LORD, and to the king's palace, and harps and psalteries for singers: and there were none such seen before in the land of Judah.
12 And king Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatsoever she asked, beside *that* which she had brought unto the king. So she turned, and went away to her own land, she and her servants.

Solomon's Wealth

13 Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred and threescore and six talents of gold;
14 Beside *that which* chapmen and merchants brought. And all the kings of Arabia and governors of the country brought gold and silver to Solomon.
15 And king Solomon made two hundred targets *of* beaten gold: six hundred *shekels* of beaten gold went to one target.
16 And three hundred shields *made he of* beaten gold: three hundred *shekels* of gold went to one shield. And the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon.

A Throne of Gold and Ivory

17 Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with pure gold.
18 And *there were* six steps to the throne, with a footstool of gold, *which were* fastened to the throne, and stays on each side of the sitting place, and two lions standing by the stays:
19 And twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other upon the six steps. There was not the like made in any kingdom.
20 And all the drinking vessels of king Solomon *were of* gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon *were of* pure gold: none *were of* silver; it was *not* any thing accounted of in the days of Solomon.
21 For the king's ships went to Tarshish with the servants of Huram: every three years once came the ships of Tarshish bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks.
22 And king Solomon passed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom.

Solomon's Wisdom Sought

23 And all the kings of the earth sought the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom, that God had put in his heart.
24 And they brought every man his present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and raiment, harness, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year.
25 And Solomon had four thousand stalls for horses and chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen; whom he bestowed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem.
26 And he reigned over all the kings from the river even unto the land of the Philistines, and to the border of Egypt.
27 And the king made silver in Jerusalem as stones, and cedar trees made he as the sycomore trees that *are* in the low plains in abundance.
28 And they brought unto Solomon horses out of Egypt, and out of all lands.

Solomon's Reign and Death

29 Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, first and last, *are* they not written in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the visions of Iddo the seer against Jeroboam the son of Nebat?
30 And Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel forty years.
31 And Solomon slept with his fathers, and he was buried in the city of David his father: and Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead.

Rehoboam Made King

10 And Rehoboam went to Shechem: for to Shechem were all Israel come to make him king.
2 And it came to pass, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who *was* in Egypt, whither he had fled from the presence of Solomon the king, heard *it,* that Jeroboam returned out of Egypt.

9:9 gold ▸ *see 1 Kin. 6:20.*
9:22 Solomon ▸ *see 2 Sam. 12:24.*

Jeroboam's Request

3 And they sent and called him. So Jeroboam and all Israel came and spake to Rehoboam, saying,
4 Thy father made our yoke grievous: now therefore ease thou somewhat the grievous servitude of thy father, and his heavy yoke that he put upon us, and we will serve thee.
5 And he said unto them, Come again unto me after three days. And the people departed.
6 And king Rehoboam took counsel with the old men that had stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, saying, What counsel give ye *me* to return answer to this people?
7 And they spake unto him, saying, If thou be kind to this people, and please them, and speak good words to them, they will be thy servants for ever.
8 But he forsook the counsel which the old men gave him, and took counsel with the young men that were brought up with him, that stood before him.
9 And he said unto them, What advice give ye that we may return answer to this people, which have spoken to me, saying, Ease somewhat the yoke that thy father did put upon us?
10 And the young men that were brought up with him spake unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou answer the people that spake unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou *it* somewhat lighter for us; thus shalt thou say unto them, My little *finger* shall be thicker than my father's loins.
11 For whereas my father put a heavy yoke upon you, I will put more to your yoke: my father chastised you with whips, but I *will chastise you* with scorpions.

Rehoboam's Decision

12 So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam on the third day, as the king bade, saying, Come again to me on the third day.
13 And the king answered them roughly; and king Rehoboam forsook the counsel of the old men,
14 And answered them after the advice of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add thereto: my father chastised you with whips, but I *will chastise you* with scorpions.
15 So the king hearkened not unto the people: for the cause was of God, that the LORD might perform his word, which he spake by the hand of Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

The Rebellion of Israel

16 And when all Israel *saw* that the king would not hearken unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? and *we have* none inheritance in the son of Jesse: every man to your tents, O Israel: *and* now, David, see to thine own house. So all Israel went to their tents.
17 But *as for* the children of Israel that dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.
18 Then king Rehoboam sent Hadoram that *was* over the tribute; and the children of Israel stoned him with stones, that he died. But king Rehoboam made speed to get him up to *his* chariot, to flee to Jerusalem.
19 And Israel rebelled against the house of David unto this day.

Rehoboam Forbidden to Fight

11 And when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he gathered of the house of Judah and Benjamin an hundred and fourscore thousand chosen *men,* which were warriors, to fight against Israel, that he might bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam.
2 But the word of the LORD came to Shemaiah the man of God, saying,
3 Speak unto Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all Israel in Judah and Benjamin, saying,
4 Thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren: return every man to his house: for this thing is done of me. And they obeyed the words of the LORD, and returned from going against Jeroboam.

10:14 scorpion

(Heb. *`aqrab*) (Deut. 8:15; Ezek. 2:6) H6137: The implication here is of some kind of exceedingly painful beating or scourging that is more than a simple whipping. Moses records how the Lord led the people through the desert, "wherein were fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought" (Deut. 8:15). Meanwhile, Ezekiel was promised protection from scorpions, although in that case, it was most likely a metaphor for the challenges and attacks of God's rebellious people (Ezek. 2:6).

Cities of Defence

5 And Rehoboam dwelt in Jerusalem, and built cities for defence in Judah.
6 He built even Beth-lehem, and Etam, and Tekoa,
7 And Beth-zur, and Shoco, and Adullam,
8 And Gath, and Mareshah, and Ziph,
9 And Adoraim, and Lachish, and Azekah,
10 And Zorah, and Aijalon, and Hebron, which *are* in Judah and in Benjamin fenced cities.
11 And he fortified the strong holds, and put captains in them, and store of victual, and of oil and wine.
12 And in every several city *he put* shields and spears, and made them exceeding strong, having Judah and Benjamin on his side.

Priests and Levites

13 And the priests and the Levites that *were* in all Israel resorted to him out of all their coasts.
14 For the Levites left their suburbs and their possession, and came to Judah and Jerusalem: for Jeroboam and his sons had cast them off from executing the priest's office unto the LORD:
15 And he ordained him priests for the high places, and for the devils, and for the calves which he had made.
16 And after them out of all the tribes of Israel such as set their hearts to seek the LORD God of Israel came to Jerusalem, to sacrifice unto the LORD God of their fathers.
17 So they strengthened the kingdom of Judah, and made Rehoboam the son of Solomon strong, three years: for three years they walked in the way of David and Solomon.

Rehoboam's Family

18 And Rehoboam took him Mahalath the daughter of Jerimoth the son of David to wife, *and* Abihail the daughter of Eliab the son of Jesse;
19 Which bare him children; Jeush, and Shamariah, and Zaham.
20 And after her he took Maachah the daughter of Absalom; which bare him Abijah, and Attai, and Ziza, and Shelomith.
21 And Rehoboam loved Maachah the daughter of Absalom above all his wives and his concubines: (for he took eighteen wives, and threescore concubines; and begat twenty and eight sons, and threescore daughters.)
22 And Rehoboam made Abijah the son of Maachah the chief, *to be* ruler among his brethren: for *he thought* to make him king.
23 And he dealt wisely, and dispersed of all his children throughout all the countries of Judah and Benjamin, unto every fenced city: and he gave them victual in abundance. And he desired many wives.

Shishak's Invasion of Judah

12 And it came to pass, when Rehoboam had established the kingdom, and had strengthened himself, he forsook the law of the LORD, and all Israel with him.
2 And it came to pass, *that* in the fifth year of king Rehoboam Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, because they had transgressed against the LORD,

11:11 captain ▸ *see 1 Kin. 14:7.*

11:12 shield

(Heb. *tsinnah*) (1 Chr. 12:24; Ps. 5:12) H6793: The word for shield is actually related to the word for a hook, a definition used by Amos to speak of the "hooks" by which the people would be led away into captivity (Amos 4:2). However, in almost every other instance, the word describes a large shield or "target," such as those made by King Solomon (1 Kin. 10:16), and used in battle alongside a spear (1 Chr. 12:24, 34; 2 Chr. 14:8), or sometimes a buckler, which was a smaller shield (Jer. 46:3; Ezek. 23:24). The Lord's protection is described as a shield (Ps. 5:12) that surrounds us and helps us.

11:12 spear ▸ *see 2 Chr. 25:5.*
11:15 devil ▸ *see Lev. 17:7.*

12:2 transgress

(Heb. *ma'al*) (Lev. 6:2; Neh. 1:8) H4603: The principal sense of this word is "to break a trust," most often willfully but in some cases unintentionally (Lev. 5:15). The term is used in association with the word *sin* on several occasions (Lev. 5:15; 6:2; Ezek. 18:22–24). Transgression is almost always against the Lord and may be committed by individuals or communities, especially the covenant community (Num. 31:16; Neh. 1:6, 7; Ezek. 14:13). Also a wife can transgress against her husband, or a king can transgress by not rendering a true judgment (Num. 5:12; Prov. 16:10). The word occurs predominantly in the exilic and postexilic

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3 With twelve hundred chariots, and three-
score thousand horsemen: and the people
were without number that came with him
out of Egypt; the Lubims, the Sukkiims, and
the Ethiopians.
4 And he took the fenced cities which
pertained to Judah, and came to Jerusalem.
5 Then came Shemaiah the prophet to
Rehoboam, and *to* the princes of Judah, that
were gathered together to Jerusalem because
of Shishak, and said unto them, Thus saith
the LORD, Ye have forsaken me, and therefore
have I also left you in the hand of Shishak.

The People Humble Themselves

6 Whereupon the princes of Israel and the
king humbled themselves; and they said, The
LORD *is* righteous.
7 And when the LORD saw that they
humbled themselves, the word of the LORD
came to Shemaiah, saying, They have
humbled themselves; *therefore* I will not
destroy them, but I will grant them some
deliverance; and my wrath shall not be
poured out upon Jerusalem by the hand of
Shishak.
8 Nevertheless they shall be his servants;
that they may know my service, and the
service of the kingdoms of the countries.

Shishak Loots the Temple

9 So Shishak king of Egypt came up against
Jerusalem, and took away the treasures of the
house of the LORD, and the treasures of the
king's house; he took all: he carried away also
the shields of gold which Solomon had made.
10 Instead of which king Rehoboam made
shields of brass, and committed *them* to the
hands of the chief of the guard, that kept the
entrance of the king's house.
11 And when the king entered into the house
of the LORD, the guard came and fetched
them, and brought them again into the guard
chamber.
12 And when he humbled himself, the wrath
of the LORD turned from him, that he would
not destroy *him* altogether: and also in Judah
things went well.

Rehoboam's Reign and Death

13 So king Rehoboam strengthened himself
in Jerusalem, and reigned: for Rehoboam
was one and forty years old when he began to
reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jeru-
salem, the city which the LORD had chosen
out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his name
there. And his mother's name *was* Naamah
an Ammonitess.
14 And he did evil, because he prepared not
his heart to seek the LORD.
15 Now the acts of Rehoboam, first and last,
are they not written in the book of Shemaiah
the prophet, and of Iddo the seer concerning
genealogies? And *there were* wars between
Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually.
16 And Rehoboam slept with his fathers,
and was buried in the city of David: and
Abijah his son reigned in his stead.

Abijah's Reign

13 Now in the eighteenth year of king
Jeroboam began Abijah to reign over
Judah.
2 He reigned three years in Jerusalem. His
mother's name also *was* Michaiah the daugh-
ter of Uriel of Gibeah. And there was war
between Abijah and Jeroboam.
3 And Abijah set the battle in array with
an army of valiant men of war, *even* four
hundred thousand chosen men: Jeroboam
also set the battle in array against him with
eight hundred thousand chosen men, *being*
mighty men of valour.
4 And Abijah stood up upon mount Zema-
raim, which *is* in mount Ephraim, and said,
Hear me, thou Jeroboam, and all Israel;
5 Ought ye not to know that the LORD God
of Israel gave the kingdom over Israel to
David for ever, *even* to him and to his sons by
a covenant of salt?
6 Yet Jeroboam the son of Nebat, the
servant of Solomon the son of David, is risen
up, and hath rebelled against his lord.
7 And there are gathered unto him vain
men, the children of Belial, and have

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books. There death, military defeat, and exile are all viewed as divine judgments on Israel's transgressions (1 Chr. 10:13; 2 Chr. 12:1–9; Ezek. 39:23; Dan. 9:7).

13:7 vain

(Heb. *req*) (Gen. 41:27; Neh. 5:13; Prov. 28:19) H7386: Appearing only 14 times, this word means "worthless," "empty," or "vain." It is used

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strengthened themselves against Rehoboam the son of Solomon, when Rehoboam was young and tenderhearted, and could not withstand them.
8 And now ye think to withstand the kingdom of the LORD in the hand of the sons of David; and ye *be* a great multitude, and *there are* with you golden calves, which Jeroboam made you for gods.
9 Have ye not cast out the priests of the LORD, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and have made you priests after the manner of the nations of *other* lands? so that whosoever cometh to consecrate himself with a young bullock and seven rams, *the same* may be a priest of *them that are* no gods.
10 But as for us, the LORD *is* our God, and we have not forsaken him; and the priests, which minister unto the LORD, *are* the sons of Aaron, and the Levites *wait* upon *their* business:
11 And they burn unto the LORD every morning and every evening burnt sacrifices and sweet incense: the shewbread also *set they in order* upon the pure table; and the candlestick of gold with the lamps thereof, to burn every evening: for we keep the charge of the LORD our God; but ye have forsaken him.
12 And, behold, God himself *is* with us for *our* captain, and his priests with sounding trumpets to cry alarm against you. O children of Israel, fight ye not against the LORD God of your fathers; for ye shall not prosper.

Victory Over Israel

13 But Jeroboam caused an ambushment to come about behind them: so they were before Judah, and the ambushment *was* behind them.
14 And when Judah looked back, behold, the battle *was* before and behind: and they cried unto the LORD, and the priests sounded with the trumpets.
15 Then the men of Judah gave a shout: and as the men of Judah shouted, it came to pass, that God smote Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah.
16 And the children of Israel fled before Judah: and God delivered them into their hand.
17 And Abijah and his people slew them with a great slaughter: so there fell down slain of Israel five hundred thousand chosen men.
18 Thus the children of Israel were brought under at that time, and the children of Judah prevailed, because they relied upon the LORD God of their fathers.
19 And Abijah pursued after Jeroboam, and took cities from him, Beth-el with the towns thereof, and Jeshanah with the towns thereof, and Ephrain with the towns thereof.
20 Neither did Jeroboam recover strength again in the days of Abijah: and the LORD struck him, and he died.
21 But Abijah waxed mighty, and married fourteen wives, and begat twenty and two sons, and sixteen daughters.
22 And the rest of the acts of Abijah, and his ways, and his sayings, *are* written in the story of the prophet Iddo.

Asa's Reign

14 So Abijah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David: and Asa his son reigned in his stead. In his days the land was quiet ten years.
2 And Asa did *that which was* good and right in the eyes of the LORD his God:
3 For he took away the altars of the strange *gods,* and the high places, and brake down the images, and cut down the groves:
4 And commanded Judah to seek the LORD God of their fathers, and to do the law and the commandment.
5 Also he took away out of all the cities of Judah the high places and the images: and the kingdom was quiet before him.

Asa's Fenced Cities and Mighty Army

6 And he built fenced cities in Judah: for the land had rest, and he had no war in those years; because the LORD had given him rest.
7 Therefore he said unto Judah, Let us build these cities, and make about *them* walls, and towers, gates, and bars, *while* the land *is* yet before us; because we have sought the LORD our God, we have sought *him,* and he hath

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to describe empty vessels (2 Kin. 4:3), emaciated ears of corn (Gen. 41:27), and poverty (Neh. 5:13). The rendering in Proverbs 28:19, "vain persons," is conveying the idea of empty-headedness.

13:11 burn ▸ *see 1 Kin. 22:43.*
13:18 rely ▸ *see 2 Chr. 16:7.*

given us rest on every side. So they built and prospered.
8 And Asa had an army *of men* that bare targets and spears, out of Judah three hundred thousand; and out of Benjamin, that bare shields and drew bows, two hundred and fourscore thousand: all these *were* mighty men of valour.

The Ethiopians Defeated

9 And there came out against them Zerah the Ethiopian with an host of a thousand thousand, and three hundred chariots; and came unto Mareshah.
10 Then Asa went out against him, and they set the battle in array in the valley of Zephathah at Mareshah.
11 And Asa cried unto the LORD his God, and said, LORD, *it is* nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power: help us, O LORD our God; for we rest on thee, and in thy name we go against this multitude. O LORD, thou *art* our God; let not man prevail against thee.
12 So the LORD smote the Ethiopians before Asa, and before Judah; and the Ethiopians fled.
13 And Asa and the people that *were* with him pursued them unto Gerar: and the Ethiopians were overthrown, that they could not recover themselves; for they were destroyed before the LORD, and before his host; and they carried away very much spoil.
14 And they smote all the cities round about Gerar; for the fear of the LORD came upon them: and they spoiled all the cities; for there was exceeding much spoil in them.
15 They smote also the tents of cattle, and carried away sheep and camels in abundance, and returned to Jerusalem.

God's Message to Asa

15 And the Spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Oded:
2 And he went out to meet Asa, and said unto him, Hear ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin; The LORD *is* with you, while ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you.
3 Now for a long season Israel *hath been* without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without law.
4 But when they in their trouble did turn unto the LORD God of Israel, and sought him, he was found of them.
5 And in those times *there was* no peace to him that went out, nor to him that came in, but great vexations *were* upon all the inhabitants of the countries.
6 And nation was destroyed of nation, and city of city: for God did vex them with all adversity.
7 Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded.

Idolatry Abolished

8 And when Asa heard these words, and the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he took courage, and put away the abominable idols out of all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and out of the cities which he had taken from mount Ephraim, and renewed the altar of

14:8 spear ▸ *see 2 Chr. 25:5.*
14:11 rest ▸ *see 2 Chr. 16:7.*

14:13 spoil

(Heb. *shalal*) (Ex. 15:9; Josh. 11:14; Is. 53:12; Zech. 2:9) H7998: Plunder or spoil was considered the just reward and a symbol of victory due to a conqueror. Soldiers took booty as pay for their services. The Israelites often either gave a tenth (a tithe) of the spoils to God as an offering in recognition that the victory belonged to Him (1 Chr. 26:27) or destroyed all the spoils according to God's command in particular circumstances (Deut. 13:16; 1 Sam. 15:21). In Isaiah 53, we see God dividing the spoils—the glory that is due Him—with Jesus in recognition of His victory at the cross: "Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out His soul unto death" (Is. 53:12).

15:6 vex

(Heb. *hamam*) (Ex. 14:24; 1 Sam. 7:10; Ps. 144:6) H2000: To vex is "to move noisily, to confuse or trouble." The root words mean "to distract" and "to murmur," most likely a reference to the murmuring a person does when they are confused. The use of this word in Scripture often points to God's providence and protection, for He troubles or confounds the enemies of His people (Ex. 23:27). In 1 Samuel 7:10, God used a voice of thunder to confuse the enemy. God also uses arrows and lightning to confound His enemies (Ps. 18:14; 144:6).

the LORD, that *was* before the porch of the LORD.
9 And he gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and the strangers with them out of Ephraim and Manasseh, and out of Simeon: for they fell to him out of Israel in abundance, when they saw that the LORD his God *was* with him.
10 So they gathered themselves together at Jerusalem in the third month, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa.
11 And they offered unto the LORD the same time, of the spoil *which* they had brought, seven hundred oxen and seven thousand sheep.
12 And they entered into a covenant to seek the LORD God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul;
13 That whosoever would not seek the LORD God of Israel should be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman.
14 And they sware unto the LORD with a loud voice, and with shouting, and with trumpets, and with cornets.
15 And all Judah rejoiced at the oath: for they had sworn with all their heart, and sought him with their whole desire; and he was found of them: and the LORD gave them rest round about.
16 And also *concerning* Maachah the mother of Asa the king, he removed her from *being* queen, because she had made an idol in a grove: and Asa cut down her idol, and stamped *it,* and burnt *it* at the brook Kidron.
17 But the high places were not taken away out of Israel: nevertheless the heart of Asa was perfect all his days.

Peace in the Land

18 And he brought into the house of God the things that his father had dedicated, and that he himself had dedicated, silver, and gold, and vessels.
19 And there was no *more* war unto the five and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa.

League Renewed with Syria

16 In the six and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa Baasha king of Israel came up against Judah, and built Ramah, to the intent that he might let none go out or come in to Asa king of Judah.
2 Then Asa brought out silver and gold out of the treasures of the house of the LORD and of the king's house, and sent to Ben-hadad king of Syria, that dwelt at Damascus, saying,
3 *There is* a league between me and thee, as *there was* between my father and thy father: behold, I have sent thee silver and gold; go, break thy league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me.
4 And Ben-hadad hearkened unto king Asa, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel; and they smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abel-maim, and all the store cities of Naphtali.
5 And it came to pass, when Baasha heard *it,* that he left off building of Ramah, and let his work cease.
6 Then Asa the king took all Judah; and they carried away the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Baasha was building; and he built therewith Geba and Mizpah.

Hanani Rebukes Asa

7 And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said unto him, Because thou hast relied on the king of Syria, and not relied on the LORD thy God, therefore is the host of the king of Syria escaped out of thine hand.
8 Were not the Ethiopians and the Lubims a huge host, with very many chariots and horsemen? yet, because thou didst rely on the LORD, he delivered them into thine hand.
9 For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of *them* whose heart *is* perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars.

15:9 stranger ▸ *see Jer. 42:17.*

16:7 rely

(Heb. *sha`an*) (2 Chr. 13:18; 14:11; Prov. 3:5; Is. 31:1) H8172: This is an active word, literally meaning "to lean on, rest upon, support oneself with." It is often used of kings, who went out in public literally leaning on their ministers (2 Kin. 5:18; 7:2, 17). Metaphorically, as here, it is used to mean "rest confidence in" or "rely on" a person or thing. Throughout the Old Testament we are reminded to rely on God alone, not on the strength or wisdom of man. Proverbs 3:5 famously says, "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding."

10 Then Asa was wroth with the seer, and put him in a prison house; for *he was* in a rage with him because of this *thing.* And Asa oppressed *some* of the people the same time.

Asa's Illness and Death

11 And, behold, the acts of Asa, first and last, lo, they *are* written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.
12 And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet, until his disease *was* exceeding *great:* yet in his disease he sought not to the LORD, but to the physicians.
13 And Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the one and fortieth year of his reign.
14 And they buried him in his own sepulchres, which he had made for himself in the city of David, and laid him in the bed which was filled with sweet odours and divers kinds *of spices* prepared by the apothecaries' art: and they made a very great burning for him.

Jehoshaphat's Reign

17 And Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead, and strengthened himself against Israel.
2 And he placed forces in all the fenced cities of Judah, and set garrisons in the land of Judah, and in the cities of Ephraim, which Asa his father had taken.
3 And the LORD was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the first ways of his father David, and sought not unto Baalim;
4 But sought to the *LORD* God of his father, and walked in his commandments, and not after the doings of Israel.
5 Therefore the LORD stablished the kingdom in his hand; and all Judah brought to Jehoshaphat presents; and he had riches and honour in abundance.
6 And his heart was lifted up in the ways of the LORD: moreover he took away the high places and groves out of Judah.
7 Also in the third year of his reign he sent to his princes, *even* to Ben-hail, and to Obadiah, and to Zechariah, and to Nethaneel, and to Michaiah, to teach in the cities of Judah.
8 And with them *he sent* Levites, *even* Shemaiah, and Nethaniah, and Zebadiah, and Asahel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehonathan, and Adonijah, and Tobijah, and Tobadonijah, Levites; and with them Elishama and Jehoram, priests.
9 And they taught in Judah, and *had* the book of the law of the LORD with them, and went about throughout all the cities of Judah, and taught the people.
10 And the fear of the LORD fell upon all the kingdoms of the lands that *were* round about Judah, so that they made no war against Jehoshaphat.
11 Also *some* of the Philistines brought Jehoshaphat presents, and tribute silver; and the Arabians brought him flocks, seven thousand and seven hundred rams, and seven thousand and seven hundred he goats.

Jehoshaphat's Men of War

12 And Jehoshaphat waxed great exceedingly; and he built in Judah castles, and cities of store.
13 And he had much business in the cities of Judah: and the men of war, mighty men of valour, *were* in Jerusalem.
14 And these *are* the numbers of them according to the house of their fathers: Of Judah, the captains of thousands; Adnah the chief, and with him mighty men of valour three hundred thousand.
15 And next to him *was* Jehohanan the captain, and with him two hundred and fourscore thousand.
16 And next him *was* Amasiah the son of Zichri, who willingly offered himself unto the LORD; and with him two hundred thousand mighty men of valour.

16:10 rage ▸ *see 2 Chr. 28:9.*
16:14 make ▸ *see Jer. 18:20.*

17:6 way

(Heb. *derek*) (Ex. 13:21; Deut. 30:16; Job 23:10; Ps. 32:8) H1870: Literally this word means "road or path," the way one takes to get from one place to another. Figuratively it refers to a course of life or mode of action, the life journey one takes (Ps. 1:1). It can be either the action of going on a journey or the way by which one goes. There is often a contrast made between man's way of life and God's way. Man's way leads to death (Prov. 14:12), but God's ways are perfect and holy (Ps. 18:30; 145:17), and following His ways leads to life and blessing (Deut. 30:16; Josh. 1:8; Ps. 128:1). God will guide those who ask which way they should walk (Ps. 32:8; 37:5).

17 And of Benjamin; Eliada a mighty man of valour, and with him armed men with bow and shield two hundred thousand.
18 And next him *was* Jehozabad, and with him an hundred and fourscore thousand ready prepared for the war.
19 These waited on the king, beside *those* whom the king put in the fenced cities throughout all Judah.

Affinity with Ahab

18 Now Jehoshaphat had riches and honour in abundance, and joined affinity with Ahab.
2 And after *certain* years he went down to Ahab to Samaria. And Ahab killed sheep and oxen for him in abundance, and for the people that *he had* with him, and persuaded him to go up *with him* to Ramoth-gilead.
3 And Ahab king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat king of Judah, Wilt thou go with me to Ramoth-gilead? And he answered him, I *am* as thou *art,* and my people as thy people; and *we will be* with thee in the war.
4 And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, Enquire, I pray thee, at the word of the LORD to day.

Prophets Counsel Deliverance

5 Therefore the king of Israel gathered together of prophets four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for God will deliver *it* into the king's hand.
6 But Jehoshaphat said, *Is there* not here a prophet of the LORD besides, that we might enquire of him?
7 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, *There is* yet one man, by whom we may enquire of the LORD: but I hate him; for he never prophesied good unto me, but always evil: the same *is* Micaiah the son of Imla. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.
8 And the king of Israel called for one *of his* officers, and said, Fetch quickly Micaiah the son of Imla.
9 And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah sat either of them on his throne, clothed in *their* robes, and they sat in a void place at the entering in of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them.
10 And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah had made him horns of iron, and said, Thus saith the LORD, With these thou shalt push Syria until they be consumed.
11 And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramoth-gilead, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliver *it* into the hand of the king.

Micaiah Predicts Defeat

12 And the messenger that went to call Micaiah spake to him, saying, Behold, the words of the prophets *declare* good to the king with one assent; let thy word therefore, I pray thee, be like one of theirs, and speak thou good.
13 And Micaiah said, *As* the LORD liveth, even what my God saith, that will I speak.
14 And when he was come to the king, the king said unto him, Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And he said, Go ye up, and prosper, and they shall be delivered into your hand.
15 And the king said to him, How many times shall I adjure thee that thou say nothing but the truth to me in the name of the LORD?
16 Then he said, I did see all Israel scattered upon the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd: and the LORD said, These have no master; let them return *therefore* every man to his house in peace.
17 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell thee *that* he would not prophesy good unto me, but evil?
18 Again he said, Therefore hear the word of the LORD; I saw the LORD sitting upon his throne, and all the host of heaven standing on his right hand and *on* his left.
19 And the LORD said, Who shall entice Ahab king of Israel, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead? And one spake saying after this manner, and another saying after that manner.
20 Then there came out a spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will entice him. And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith?
21 And he said, I will go out, and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And *the LORD* said, Thou shalt entice *him,* and thou shalt also prevail: go out, and do *even* so.

18:9 prophesy ▸ *see 1 Sam. 19:20.*

22 Now therefore, behold, the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil against thee.

Zedekiah's Rebuke

23 Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah came near, and smote Micaiah upon the cheek, and said, Which way went the Spirit of the LORD from me to speak unto thee?
24 And Micaiah said, Behold, thou shalt see on that day when thou shalt go into an inner chamber to hide thyself.
25 Then the king of Israel said, Take ye Micaiah, and carry him back to Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king's son;
26 And say, Thus saith the king, Put this *fellow* in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until I return in peace.
27 And Micaiah said, If thou certainly return in peace, *then* hath not the LORD spoken by me. And he said, Hearken, all ye people.

Ahab's Disguise

28 So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth-gilead.
29 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, I will disguise myself, and will go to the battle; but put thou on thy robes. So the king of Israel disguised himself; and they went to the battle.
30 Now the king of Syria had commanded the captains of the chariots that *were* with him, saying, Fight ye not with small or great, save only with the king of Israel.
31 And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, It *is* the king of Israel. Therefore they compassed about him to fight: but Jehoshaphat cried out, and the LORD helped him; and God moved them *to depart* from him.
32 For it came to pass, that, when the captains of the chariots perceived that it was not the king of Israel, they turned back again from pursuing him.

Ahab Dies in Battle

33 And a *certain* man drew a bow at a venture, and smote the king of Israel between the joints of the harness: therefore he said to his chariot man, Turn thine hand, that thou mayest carry me out of the host; for I am wounded.
34 And the battle increased that day: howbeit the king of Israel stayed *himself* up in *his* chariot against the Syrians until the even: and about the time of the sun going down he died.

Jehu Reproves Jehoshaphat

19 And Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned to his house in peace to Jerusalem.
2 And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to king Jehoshaphat, Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the LORD? therefore *is* wrath upon thee from before the LORD.
3 Nevertheless there are good things found in thee, in that thou hast taken away the groves out of the land, and hast prepared thine heart to seek God.
4 And Jehoshaphat dwelt at Jerusalem: and he went out again through the people from Beer-sheba to mount Ephraim, and brought them back unto the LORD God of their fathers.

Judges Appointed for Judah

5 And he set judges in the land throughout all the fenced cities of Judah, city by city,
6 And said to the judges, Take heed what ye do: for ye judge not for man, but for the LORD, who *is* with you in the judgment.
7 Wherefore now let the fear of the LORD be upon you; take heed and do *it:* for *there is* no iniquity with the LORD our God, nor respect of persons, nor taking of gifts.

18:29 disguise

(Heb. *chaphas*) (1 Sam. 28:8; 1 Kin. 22:30; Prov. 20:27) H2664: From the root word meaning "to seek," this word emphasizes the purpose of disguise—to hide oneself so that others have to search to find you. It can be translated as either "search" or "disguise," depending on context. Users of disguise in the Old Testament include Saul (1 Sam. 28:8), an unnamed prophet confronting Ahab (1 Kin. 20:38), and Josiah (2 Chr. 35:22). This word is used to mean "search" in connection with God searching the hearts of man (Prov. 20:27) and man searching for wisdom (Prov. 2:4).

18:33 draw ▸ *see Judg. 4:7.*

Judges Appointed for Jerusalem

8 Moreover in Jerusalem did Jehoshaphat set of the Levites, and *of* the priests, and of the chief of the fathers of Israel, for the judgment of the LORD, and for controversies, when they returned to Jerusalem.
9 And he charged them, saying, Thus shall ye do in the fear of the LORD, faithfully, and with a perfect heart.
10 And what cause soever shall come to you of your brethren that dwell in their cities, between blood and blood, between law and commandment, statutes and judgments, ye shall even warn them that they trespass not against the LORD, and *so* wrath come upon you, and upon your brethren: this do, and ye shall not trespass.
11 And, behold, Amariah the chief priest *is* over you in all matters of the LORD; and Zebadiah the son of Ishmael, the ruler of the house of Judah, for all the king's matters: also the Levites *shall be* officers before you. Deal courageously, and the LORD shall be with the good.

Invasion of Judah

20 It came to pass after this also, *that* the children of Moab, and the children of Ammon, and with them *other* beside the Ammonites, came against Jehoshaphat to battle.
2 Then there came some that told Jehoshaphat, saying, There cometh a great multitude against thee from beyond the sea on this side Syria; and, behold, they *be* in Hazazontamar, which is En-gedi.
3 And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.
4 And Judah gathered themselves together, to ask *help* of the LORD: even out of all the cities of Judah they came to seek the LORD.

Prayer for Deliverance

5 And Jehoshaphat stood in the congregation of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the LORD, before the new court,
6 And said, O LORD God of our fathers, *art* not thou God in heaven? and rulest *not* thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and in thine hand *is there not* power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee?
7 *Art* not thou our God, *who* didst drive out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Israel, and gavest it to the seed of Abraham thy friend for ever?
8 And they dwelt therein, and have built thee a sanctuary therein for thy name, saying,
9 If, *when* evil cometh upon us, *as* the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we stand before this house, and in thy presence, (for thy name *is* in this house,) and cry unto thee in our affliction, then thou wilt hear and help.
10 And now, behold, the children of Ammon and Moab and mount Seir, whom thou wouldest not let Israel invade, when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned from them, and destroyed them not;
11 Behold, *I say, how* they reward us, to come to cast us out of thy possession, which thou hast given us to inherit.
12 O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes *are* upon thee.
13 And all Judah stood before the LORD, with their little ones, their wives, and their children.

Promise of Deliverance

14 Then upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, came the Spirit of the LORD in the midst of the congregation;
15 And he said, Hearken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the LORD unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this

19:9 perfect

(Heb. *shalem*) (1 Kin. 8:61; 11:4; 1 Chr. 29:9) H8003: The Hebrew word means wholeness (Deut. 27:6—"whole stones," stones that have not been cut) or completeness (2 Chr. 8:16). The rendering "full" in Genesis 15:16 means to be complete in measure. The most frequent translation, as here, is "perfect" (i.e., "a perfect heart"—one that is complete or whole in devotion to God). A different translation with a similar concept (namely, "complete" as a relational reality) is found in Genesis 34:21 ("at peace").

19:10 warn ▸ *see 2 Kin. 6:10.*
20:11 possession ▸ *see Ps. 61:5.*

great multitude; for the battle *is* not yours, but God's.
16 To morrow go ye down against them: behold, they come up by the cliff of Ziz; and ye shall find them at the end of the brook, before the wilderness of Jeruel.
17 Ye shall not *need* to fight in this *battle:* set yourselves, stand ye *still,* and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them: for the LORD *will be* with you.

Judah Worships the Lord

18 And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with *his* face to the ground: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell before the LORD, worshipping the LORD.
19 And the Levites, of the children of the Kohathites, and of the children of the Korhites, stood up to praise the LORD God of Israel with a loud voice on high.
20 And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.
21 And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the LORD, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the LORD; for his mercy *endureth* for ever.
22 And when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten.
23 For the children of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of mount Seir, utterly to slay and destroy *them:* and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, every one helped to destroy another.
24 And when Judah came toward the watch tower in the wilderness, they looked unto the multitude, and, behold, they *were* dead bodies fallen to the earth, and none escaped.
25 And when Jehoshaphat and his people came to take away the spoil of them, they found among them in abundance both riches with the dead bodies, and precious jewels, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away: and they were three days in gathering of the spoil, it was so much.
26 And on the fourth day they assembled themselves in the valley of Berachah; for there they blessed the LORD: therefore the name of the same place was called, The valley of Berachah, unto this day.
27 Then they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, and Jehoshaphat in the forefront of them, to go again to Jerusalem with joy; for the LORD had made them to rejoice over their enemies.
28 And they came to Jerusalem with psalteries and harps and trumpets unto the house of the LORD.
29 And the fear of God was on all the kingdoms of *those* countries, when they had heard that the LORD fought against the enemies of Israel.
30 So the realm of Jehoshaphat was quiet: for his God gave him rest round about.

Jehoshaphat's Reign

31 And Jehoshaphat reigned over Judah: *he was* thirty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty and five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.
32 And he walked in the way of Asa his father, and departed not from it, doing *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD.

20:20 believe ▸ *see Gen. 15:6.*
20:22 ambushment ▸ *see Judg. 20:37.*
20:25 riches ▸ *see Ezra 10:8.*

20:32 right

(Heb. *yashar*) (Ex. 15:26; Deut. 12:25; Judg. 17:6) H3477: The Hebrew word frequently translated *right* (as when used in Chronicles and Kings to assess the reigns of the kings of Israel and Judah) derives from a Hebrew word meaning "to be level" or "to be upright." By extension it carries connotations of being just or righteous. The word is not only used to speak of the perfect righteousness of God (Deut. 32:4; Ps. 111:7, 8) but is also used to speak of the integrity of one's speech (Job 6:25; Eccl. 12:10) or the righteous quality of a person's lifestyle (Prov. 11:3, 6). The word even implies pure and faithful motives (as in Deut. 9:5; 1 Kin. 9:4). As Israel's second king, David exemplified

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33 Howbeit the high places were not taken away: for as yet the people had not prepared their hearts unto the God of their fathers.
34 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, first and last, behold, they *are* written in the book of Jehu the son of Hanani, who *is* mentioned in the book of the kings of Israel.
35 And after this did Jehoshaphat king of Judah join himself with Ahaziah king of Israel, who did very wickedly:
36 And he joined himself with him to make ships to go to Tarshish: and they made the ships in Ezion-gaber.
37 Then Eliezer the son of Dodavah of Mareshah prophesied against Jehoshaphat, saying, Because thou hast joined thyself with Ahaziah, the LORD hath broken thy works. And the ships were broken, that they were not able to go to Tarshish.

Jehoram's Reign

21 Now Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And Jehoram his son reigned in his stead.
2 And he had brethren the sons of Jehoshaphat, Azariah, and Jehiel, and Zechariah, and Azariah, and Michael, and Shephatiah: all these *were* the sons of Jehoshaphat king of Israel.
3 And their father gave them great gifts of silver, and of gold, and of precious things, with fenced cities in Judah: but the kingdom gave he to Jehoram; because he *was* the firstborn.
4 Now when Jehoram was risen up to the kingdom of his father, he strengthened himself, and slew all his brethren with the sword, and *divers* also of the princes of Israel.
5 Jehoram *was* thirty and two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem.
6 And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, like as did the house of Ahab: for he had the daughter of Ahab to wife: and he wrought *that which was* evil in the eyes of the LORD.
7 Howbeit the LORD would not destroy the house of David, because of the covenant that he had made with David, and as he promised to give a light to him and to his sons for ever.

Revolt of Edom and Libnah

8 In his days the Edomites revolted from under the dominion of Judah, and made themselves a king.
9 Then Jehoram went forth with his princes, and all his chariots with him: and he rose up by night, and smote the Edomites which compassed him in, and the captains of the chariots.
10 So the Edomites revolted from under the hand of Judah unto this day. The same time *also* did Libnah revolt from under his hand; because he had forsaken the LORD God of his fathers.
11 Moreover he made high places in the mountains of Judah, and caused the inhabitants of Jerusalem to commit fornication, and compelled Judah *thereto*.
12 And there came a writing to him from Elijah the prophet, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of David thy father, Because thou hast not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat thy father, nor in the ways of Asa king of Judah,
13 But hast walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and hast made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to go a whoring, like to the whoredoms of the house of Ahab, and also hast slain thy brethren of thy father's house, *which were* better than thyself:

Jehoram's Punishment

14 Behold, with a great plague will the LORD smite thy people, and thy children, and thy wives, and all thy goods:

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these qualities in his life (1 Kin. 3:6), becoming a standard for assessing all the kings that followed him (see 2 Chr. 17:3; 34:2).

21:3 firstborn ▸ *see Num. 8:17.*

21:7 light

(Heb. *nir*) (Ex. 27:20; 1 Sam. 3:3; Ps. 132:17) H5216: This word is first used of the gold lamps built for the tabernacle (Ex. 25:37), but it can also be used figuratively, referring to progeny (as here; see also 1 Kin. 11:36), royalty (2 Sam. 21:17—David as "the light of Israel"), or enlightenment, either from God (2 Sam. 22:29) or from His Word (Ps. 119:105). In Job and Proverbs, the word is an image of continuity and life (Job 21:17—"How oft is the candle of the wicked put out?" and Prov. 20:20—"Whoso curseth his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness").

15 And thou *shalt have* great sickness by disease of thy bowels, until thy bowels fall out by reason of the sickness day by day.
16 Moreover the LORD stirred up against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines, and of the Arabians, that *were* near the Ethiopians:
17 And they came up into Judah, and brake into it, and carried away all the substance that was found in the king's house, and his sons also, and his wives; so that there was never a son left him, save Jehoahaz, the youngest of his sons.

Jehoram's Death

18 And after all this the LORD smote him in his bowels with an incurable disease.
19 And it came to pass, that in process of time, after the end of two years, his bowels fell out by reason of his sickness: so he died of sore diseases. And his people made no burning for him, like the burning of his fathers.
20 Thirty and two years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem eight years, and departed without being desired. Howbeit they buried him in the city of David, but not in the sepulchres of the kings.

Ahaziah's Reign

22 And the inhabitants of Jerusalem made Ahaziah his youngest son king in his stead: for the band of men that came with the Arabians to the camp had slain all the eldest. So Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah reigned.
2 Forty and two years old *was* Ahaziah when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. His mother's name also *was* Athaliah the daughter of Omri.
3 He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab: for his mother was his counsellor to do wickedly.
4 Wherefore he did evil in the sight of the LORD like the house of Ahab: for they were his counsellors after the death of his father to his destruction.

Ahaziah's Death

5 He walked also after their counsel, and went with Jehoram the son of Ahab king of Israel to war against Hazael king of Syria at Ramoth-gilead: and the Syrians smote Joram.
6 And he returned to be healed in Jezreel because of the wounds which were given him at Ramah, when he fought with Hazael king of Syria. And Azariah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Jehoram the son of Ahab at Jezreel, because he was sick.
7 And the destruction of Ahaziah was of God by coming to Joram: for when he was come, he went out with Jehoram against Jehu the son of Nimshi, whom the LORD had anointed to cut off the house of Ahab.
8 And it came to pass, that, when Jehu was executing judgment upon the house of Ahab, and found the princes of Judah, and the sons of the brethren of Ahaziah, that ministered to Ahaziah, he slew them.
9 And he sought Ahaziah: and they caught him, (for he was hid in Samaria,) and brought him to Jehu: and when they had slain him, they buried him: Because, said they, he *is* the son of Jehoshaphat, who sought the LORD with all his heart. So the house of Ahaziah had no power to keep still the kingdom.

Athaliah's Reign

10 But when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed royal of the house of Judah.
11 But Jehoshabeath, the daughter of the king, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons that were slain, and put him and his nurse in a bedchamber. So Jehoshabeath, the daughter of king Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the priest, (for she was the sister of Ahaziah,) hid him from Athaliah, so that she slew him not.
12 And he was with them hid in the house of

22:3 counsellor ▸ *see 1 Kin. 1:12.*

22:8 slay

(Heb. *harag*) (Gen. 4:8; Neh. 9:26; Amos 4:10) H2026: The word means "to kill" and is used of homicide (Ex. 2:14) as well as the killing of enemies in war (Judg. 9:45). The word applies to killing by sword (2 Sam. 12:9), death by a viper's bite (Job 20:16), the killing of animals (Is. 22:13), and even the killing of plants (Ps. 78:47). The word can be used figuratively (as Job 5:2—"wrath killeth the foolish man") or of an act of God (Ex. 13:15). Notable instances include Psalm 44:22 ("for thy sake are we killed all the day long"—quoted by Paul in Rom. 8:36) and Ecclesiastes 3:3 ("A time to kill, and a time to heal").

God six years: and Athaliah reigned over the land.

Judah's Covenant with Joash

23 And in the seventh year Jehoiada strengthened himself, and took the captains of hundreds, Azariah the son of Jeroham, and Ishmael the son of Jehohanan, and Azariah the son of Obed, and Maaseiah the son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the son of Zichri, into covenant with him.
2 And they went about in Judah, and gathered the Levites out of all the cities of Judah, and the chief of the fathers of Israel, and they came to Jerusalem.
3 And all the congregation made a covenant with the king in the house of God. And he said unto them, Behold, the king's son shall reign, as the LORD hath said of the sons of David.
4 This *is* the thing that ye shall do; A third part of you entering on the sabbath, of the priests and of the Levites, *shall be* porters of the doors;
5 And a third part *shall be* at the king's house; and a third part at the gate of the foundation: and all the people *shall be* in the courts of the house of the LORD.
6 But let none come into the house of the LORD, save the priests, and they that minister of the Levites; they shall go in, for they *are* holy: but all the people shall keep the watch of the LORD.
7 And the Levites shall compass the king round about, every man with his weapons in his hand; and whosoever *else* cometh into the house, he shall be put to death: but be ye with the king when he cometh in, and when he goeth out.

Joash Anointed King

8 So the Levites and all Judah did according to all things that Jehoiada the priest had commanded, and took every man his men that were to come in on the sabbath, with them that were to go *out* on the sabbath: for Jehoiada the priest dismissed not the courses.
9 Moreover Jehoiada the priest delivered to the captains of hundreds spears, and bucklers, and shields, that *had been* king David's, which *were* in the house of God.
10 And he set all the people, every man having his weapon in his hand, from the right side of the temple to the left side of the temple, along by the altar and the temple, by the king round about.
11 Then they brought out the king's son, and put upon him the crown, and *gave him* the testimony, and made him king. And Jehoiada and his sons anointed him, and said, God save the king.

Athaliah's Death

12 Now when Athaliah heard the noise of the people running and praising the king, she came to the people into the house of the LORD:
13 And she looked, and, behold, the king stood at his pillar at the entering in, and the princes and the trumpets by the king: and all the people of the land rejoiced, and sounded with trumpets, also the singers with instruments of musick, and such as taught to sing praise. Then Athaliah rent her clothes, and said, Treason, Treason.
14 Then Jehoiada the priest brought out the captains of hundreds that were set over the host, and said unto them, Have her forth of the ranges: and whoso followeth her, let him be slain with the sword. For the priest said, Slay her not in the house of the LORD.
15 So they laid hands on her; and when she was come to the entering of the horse gate by the king's house, they slew her there.

Idols Destroyed

16 And Jehoiada made a covenant between him, and between all the people, and

23:4 porter ▸ *see 1 Chr. 26:12.*
23:5 foundation ▸ *see Ezek. 30:4.*

23:5 court

(Heb. *chatser*) (2 Kin. 21:5; 23:12; 1 Chr. 28:6; Ps. 65:4) H2691: The Hebrew root means an enclosure or yard—a place surrounded by a fence. Thus the meaning "court"—an area enclosed within a building or barrier. The term is commonly used of the court of the tabernacle, which was enclosed by linen curtains (Ex. 27:9), and of the inner (1 Kin. 6:36) and outer (1 Kin. 8:64) courts of the temple, as exalted by the psalmist (Ps. 84:10—"a day in thy courts is better than a thousand"; see also Ps. 100:4—"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise"). An alternate meaning is "villages" (Lev. 25:31; Josh. 13:28; Neh. 11:25).

between the king, that they should be the LORD's people.
17 Then all the people went to the house of Baal, and brake it down, and brake his altars and his images in pieces, and slew Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars.
18 Also Jehoiada appointed the offices of the house of the LORD by the hand of the priests the Levites, whom David had distributed in the house of the LORD, to offer the burnt offerings of the LORD, as *it is* written in the law of Moses, with rejoicing and with singing, *as it was ordained* by David.
19 And he set the porters at the gates of the house of the LORD, that none *which was* unclean in any thing should enter in.
20 And he took the captains of hundreds, and the nobles, and the governors of the people, and all the people of the land, and brought down the king from the house of the LORD: and they came through the high gate into the king's house, and set the king upon the throne of the kingdom.
21 And all the people of the land rejoiced: and the city was quiet, after that they had slain Athaliah with the sword.

Joash's Reign

24 Joash *was* seven years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also *was* Zibiah of Beer-sheba.
2 And Joash did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD all the days of Jehoiada the priest.
3 And Jehoiada took for him two wives; and he begat sons and daughters.
4 And it came to pass after this, *that* Joash was minded to repair the house of the LORD.
5 And he gathered together the priests and the Levites, and said to them, Go out unto the cities of Judah, and gather of all Israel money to repair the house of your God from year to year, and see that ye hasten the matter. Howbeit the Levites hastened *it* not.
6 And the king called for Jehoiada the chief, and said unto him, Why hast thou not required of the Levites to bring in out of Judah and out of Jerusalem the collection, *according to the commandment* of Moses the servant of the LORD, and of the congregation of Israel, for the tabernacle of witness?
7 For the sons of Athaliah, that wicked woman, had broken up the house of God; and also all the dedicated things of the house of the LORD did they bestow upon Baalim.
8 And at the king's commandment they made a chest, and set it without at the gate of the house of the LORD.
9 And they made a proclamation through Judah and Jerusalem, to bring in to the LORD the collection *that* Moses the servant of God *laid* upon Israel in the wilderness.
10 And all the princes and all the people rejoiced, and brought in, and cast into the chest, until they had made an end.
11 Now it came to pass, that at what time the chest was brought unto the king's office by the hand of the Levites, and when they saw that *there was* much money, the king's scribe and the high priest's officer came and emptied the chest, and took it, and carried it to his place again. Thus they did day by day, and gathered money in abundance.
12 And the king and Jehoiada gave it to such as did the work of the service of the house of the LORD, and hired masons and carpenters to repair the house of the LORD, and also such as wrought iron and brass to mend the house of the LORD.
13 So the workmen wrought, and the work was perfected by them, and they set the house of God in his state, and strengthened it.
14 And when they had finished *it,* they brought the rest of the money before the king and Jehoiada, whereof were made vessels for the house of the LORD, *even* vessels to minister, and to offer *withal,* and spoons, and

24:4 repair ▸ *see Lam. 5:21.*

24:11 abundance

(Heb. *rob*) (1 Chr. 22:14; Ps. 150:2; Zech. 14:14) H7230: This word signifies a great quantity. It is used of many things: an army (2 Chr. 16:8), wealth (1 Chr. 22:14), strength (Job 30:18), length (Josh. 9:13), time (Is. 24:22), words (Prov. 10:19), and both wisdom and grief (Eccl. 1:18). In theological matters, "abundance" is used of iniquity (Hos. 9:7), idols (Ezek. 14:4), and sorceries (Is. 47:9, 12). On the positive side, God's greatness is "abundant" (Ps. 150:2) as is His excellence (Ex. 15:7) and His lovingkindness (Is. 63:7). Of this word's numerous occurrences, it appears most abundantly in 2 Chronicles in reporting the materials and deeds of the kings of Israel and Judah.

24:13 workmen ▸ *see Ex. 31:3.*

vessels of gold and silver. And they offered burnt offerings in the house of the LORD continually all the days of Jehoiada.

Jehoiada's Death

15 But Jehoiada waxed old, and was full of days when he died; an hundred and thirty years old *was he* when he died.
16 And they buried him in the city of David among the kings, because he had done good in Israel, both toward God, and toward his house.
17 Now after the death of Jehoiada came the princes of Judah, and made obeisance to the king. Then the king hearkened unto them.
18 And they left the house of the LORD God of their fathers, and served groves and idols: and wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem for this their trespass.
19 Yet he sent prophets to them, to bring them again unto the LORD; and they testified against them: but they would not give ear.

Zechariah's Prophecy and Death

20 And the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, which stood above the people, and said unto them, Thus saith God, Why transgress ye the commandments of the LORD, that ye cannot prosper? because ye have forsaken the LORD, he hath also forsaken you.
21 And they conspired against him, and stoned him with stones at the commandment of the king in the court of the house of the LORD.
22 Thus Joash the king remembered not the kindness which Jehoiada his father had done to him, but slew his son. And when he died, he said, The LORD look upon *it,* and require *it.*
23 And it came to pass at the end of the year, *that* the host of Syria came up against him: and they came to Judah and Jerusalem, and destroyed all the princes of the people from among the people, and sent all the spoil of them unto the king of Damascus.
24 For the army of the Syrians came with a small company of men, and the LORD delivered a very great host into their hand, because they had forsaken the LORD God of their fathers. So they executed judgment against Joash.

The Death of Joash

25 And when they were departed from him, (for they left him in great diseases,) his own servants conspired against him for the blood of the sons of Jehoiada the priest, and slew him on his bed, and he died: and they buried him in the city of David, but they buried him not in the sepulchres of the kings.
26 And these are they that conspired against him; Zabad the son of Shimeath an Ammonitess, and Jehozabad the son of Shimrith a Moabitess.
27 Now *concerning* his sons, and the greatness of the burdens *laid* upon him, and the repairing of the house of God, behold, they *are* written in the story of the book of the kings. And Amaziah his son reigned in his stead.

Amaziah's Reign

25 Amaziah *was* twenty and five years old *when* he began to reign, and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Jehoaddan of Jerusalem.
2 And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, but not with a perfect heart.
3 Now it came to pass, when the kingdom was established to him, that he slew his servants that had killed the king his father.
4 But he slew not their children, but *did* as *it is* written in the law in the book of Moses, where the LORD commanded, saying, The fathers shall not die for the children, neither shall the children die for the fathers, but every man shall die for his own sin.

Amaziah's Army

5 Moreover Amaziah gathered Judah together, and made them captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, according to the houses of *their* fathers, throughout all Judah and Benjamin: and he numbered them from twenty years old and above, and found them three hundred thousand choice *men, able* to go forth to war, that could handle spear and shield.

25:5 spear

(Heb. *romach*) (2 Chr. 11:12; 14:8) H7420: This noun has been translated as "spear," "javelin,"

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6 He hired also an hundred thousand mighty men of valour out of Israel for an hundred talents of silver.
7 But there came a man of God to him, saying, O king, let not the army of Israel go with thee; for the LORD *is* not with Israel, *to wit, with* all the children of Ephraim.
8 But if thou wilt go, do *it,* be strong for the battle: God shall make thee fall before the enemy: for God hath power to help, and to cast down.
9 And Amaziah said to the man of God, But what shall we do for the hundred talents which I have given to the army of Israel? And the man of God answered, The LORD is able to give thee much more than this.
10 Then Amaziah separated them, *to wit,* the army that was come to him out of Ephraim, to go home again: wherefore their anger was greatly kindled against Judah, and they returned home in great anger.

The Defeat of Edom

11 And Amaziah strengthened himself, and led forth his people, and went to the valley of salt, and smote of the children of Seir ten thousand.
12 And *other* ten thousand *left* alive did the children of Judah carry away captive, and brought them unto the top of the rock, and cast them down from the top of the rock, that they all were broken in pieces.
13 But the soldiers of the army which Amaziah sent back, that they should not go with him to battle, fell upon the cities of Judah, from Samaria even unto Beth-horon, and smote three thousand of them, and took much spoil.
14 Now it came to pass, after that Amaziah was come from the slaughter of the Edomites, that he brought the gods of the children of Seir, and set them up *to be* his gods, and bowed down himself before them, and burned incense unto them.
15 Wherefore the anger of the LORD was kindled against Amaziah, and he sent unto him a prophet, which said unto him, Why hast thou sought after the gods of the people, which could not deliver their own people out of thine hand?
16 And it came to pass, as he talked with him, that *the king* said unto him, Art thou made of the king's counsel? forbear; why shouldest thou be smitten? Then the prophet forbare, and said, I know that God hath determined to destroy thee, because thou hast done this, and hast not hearkened unto my counsel.

Israel's Victory Over Judah

17 Then Amaziah king of Judah took advice, and sent to Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, the son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, Come, let us see one another in the face.
18 And Joash king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, The thistle that *was* in Lebanon sent to the cedar that *was* in Lebanon, saying, Give thy daughter to my son to wife: and there passed by a wild beast that *was* in Lebanon, and trode down the thistle.
19 Thou sayest, Lo, thou hast smitten the Edomites; and thine heart lifteth thee up to boast: abide now at home; why shouldest thou meddle to *thine* hurt, that thou shouldest fall, *even* thou, and Judah with thee?
20 But Amaziah would not hear; for it *came* of God, that he might deliver them into the hand *of their enemies,* because they sought after the gods of Edom.
21 So Joash the king of Israel went up; and they saw one another in the face, *both* he and Amaziah king of Judah, at Beth-shemesh, which *belongeth* to Judah.
22 And Judah was put to the worse before Israel, and they fled every man to his tent.
23 And Joash the king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, at Beth-shemesh, and brought him to Jerusalem, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of

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and "lance." This weapon was generally associated with heavily armed troops and is often mentioned in connection with other implements of battle: shields (Judg. 5:8; 1 Chr. 12:8, 24), swords (Neh. 4:13), bows (Ezek. 39:9), and helmets (Jer. 46:4). In noncombat settings, the Bible reports that prophets of Baal cut themselves with spears and swords to gain their god's favor (1 Kin. 18:28), and that a priest of the Lord thrust through a pair of Israelite Baal worshipers with a spear (Num. 25:7). The most important usage of this term occurs in God's taunting His enemies to beat their pruning hooks into spears to get ready to do battle with Him (Joel 3:10).

25:10 great ▸ *see Deut. 29:24.*

Ephraim to the corner gate, four hundred cubits.
24 And *he took* all the gold and the silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of God with Obed-edom, and the treasures of the king's house, the hostages also, and returned to Samaria.

Amaziah's Death

25 And Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived after the death of Joash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel fifteen years.
26 Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, first and last, behold, *are* they not written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel?
27 Now after the time that Amaziah did turn away from following the LORD they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem; and he fled to Lachish: but they sent to Lachish after him, and slew him there.
28 And they brought him upon horses, and buried him with his fathers in the city of Judah.

Uzziah's Reign

26 Then all the people of Judah took Uzziah, who *was* sixteen years old, and made him king in the room of his father Amaziah.
2 He built Eloth, and restored it to Judah, after that the king slept with his fathers.
3 Sixteen years old *was* Uzziah when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty and two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also *was* Jecoliah of Jerusalem.
4 And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah did.
5 And he sought God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of God: and as long as he sought the LORD, God made him to prosper.
6 And he went forth and warred against the Philistines, and brake down the wall of Gath, and the wall of Jabneh, and the wall of Ashdod, and built cities about Ashdod, and among the Philistines.
7 And God helped him against the Philistines, and against the Arabians that dwelt in Gur-baal, and the Mehunims.

Uzziah's Greatness

8 And the Ammonites gave gifts to Uzziah: and his name spread abroad *even* to the entering in of Egypt; for he strengthened *himself* exceedingly.
9 Moreover Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at the corner gate, and at the valley gate, and at the turning *of the wall,* and fortified them.
10 Also he built towers in the desert, and digged many wells: for he had much cattle, both in the low country, and in the plains: husbandmen *also,* and vine dressers in the mountains, and in Carmel: for he loved husbandry.
11 Moreover Uzziah had an host of fighting men, that went out to war by bands, according to the number of their account by the hand of Jeiel the scribe and Maaseiah the ruler, under the hand of Hananiah, *one* of the king's captains.
12 The whole number of the chief of the fathers of the mighty men of valour *were* two thousand and six hundred.
13 And under their hand *was* an army, three hundred thousand and seven thousand and five hundred, that made war with mighty power, to help the king against the enemy.
14 And Uzziah prepared for them throughout all the host shields, and spears, and helmets, and habergeons, and bows, and slings *to cast* stones.
15 And he made in Jerusalem engines, invented by cunning men, to be on the towers and upon the bulwarks, to shoot arrows and great stones withal. And his name spread far abroad; for he was marvellously helped, till he was strong.

26:9 valley

(Heb. *gay'*) (Ps. 23:4; Is. 22:1; Jer. 7:32; 19:6) H1516: This word seems to be used only for long, flat depressions of various widths—not for larger plains. Valleys were frequently the sites of battles (1 Sam. 17:3; 2 Kin. 14:7; 2 Chr. 14:10). One day, a large valley will be formed when the Lord splits the Mount of Olives (Zech. 14:4, 5). The Valley of the Son of Hinnom was a site of Moloch worship involving the sacrificial burning of children (2 Chr. 28:3; 33:6). By New Testament times, it had become a garbage dump and an image of the judgment of the wicked. Only Jesus (11 times) and his half-brother James (once) use this Hebrew-based term (Greek—*Gehenna*: Mark 9:43–47; James 3:6).

26:10 plain ▸ *see Deut. 3:10.*

Uzziah's Sin

16 But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up to *his* destruction: for he transgressed against the LORD his God, and went into the temple of the LORD to burn incense upon the altar of incense.
17 And Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him fourscore priests of the LORD, *that were* valiant men:
18 And they withstood Uzziah the king, and said unto him, *It appertaineth* not unto thee, Uzziah, to burn incense unto the LORD, but to the priests the sons of Aaron, that are consecrated to burn incense: go out of the sanctuary; for thou hast trespassed; neither *shall it be* for thine honour from the LORD God.
19 Then Uzziah was wroth, and *had* a censer in his hand to burn incense: and while he was wroth with the priests, the leprosy even rose up in his forehead before the priests in the house of the LORD, from beside the incense altar.
20 And Azariah the chief priest, and all the priests, looked upon him, and, behold, he *was* leprous in his forehead, and they thrust him out from thence; yea, himself hasted also to go out, because the LORD had smitten him.

Uzziah's Death

21 And Uzziah the king was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in a several house, *being* a leper; for he was cut off from the house of the LORD: and Jotham his son *was* over the king's house, judging the people of the land.
22 Now the rest of the acts of Uzziah, first and last, did Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, write.
23 So Uzziah slept with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the field of the burial which *belonged* to the kings; for they said, He *is* a leper: and Jotham his son reigned in his stead.

Jotham's Reign

27 Jotham *was* twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also *was* Jerushah, the daughter of Zadok.
2 And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Uzziah did: howbeit he entered not into the temple of the LORD. And the people did yet corruptly.
3 He built the high gate of the house of the LORD, and on the wall of Ophel he built much.
4 Moreover he built cities in the mountains of Judah, and in the forests he built castles and towers.
5 He fought also with the king of the Ammonites, and prevailed against them. And the children of Ammon gave him the same year an hundred talents of silver, and ten thousand measures of wheat, and ten thousand of barley. So much did the children of Ammon pay unto him, both the second year, and the third.
6 So Jotham became mighty, because he prepared his ways before the LORD his God.
7 Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all his wars, and his ways, lo, they *are* written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah.
8 He was five and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem.
9 And Jotham slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David: and Ahaz his son reigned in his stead.

Ahaz's Reign

28 Ahaz *was* twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem: but he did not *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, like David his father:
2 For he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, and made also molten images for Baalim.
3 Moreover he burnt incense in the valley of the son of Hinnom, and burnt his children

27:4 forest ▸ *see Is. 17:9.*

27:5 talent

(Heb. *kikkar*) (1 Kin. 10:14; 2 Kin. 5:22, 23) H3603: This noun is based upon a verb that means "to be circular." It can denote a round loaf of bread (1 Sam. 2:36; Prov. 6:26) and an entire surrounding region (Gen. 13:10–12; 19:28; Neh. 3:22). Principally, this term refers to a weight of metal—usually gold or silver, but occasionally bronze, iron, and even lead (1 Chr. 22:14; 29:7; Zech. 5:7). A talent equals 3,000 sanctuary shekels (Ex. 38:25, 26). It is the largest unit of weight in the Bible and is estimated to be in the 65–85 pound range.

in the fire, after the abominations of the heathen whom the LORD had cast out before the children of Israel.
4 He sacrificed also and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree.

The Defeat of Judah

5 Wherefore the LORD his God delivered him into the hand of the king of Syria; and they smote him, and carried away a great multitude of them captives, and brought *them* to Damascus. And he was also delivered into the hand of the king of Israel, who smote him with a great slaughter.
6 For Pekah the son of Remaliah slew in Judah an hundred and twenty thousand in one day, *which were* all valiant men; because they had forsaken the LORD God of their fathers.
7 And Zichri, a mighty man of Ephraim, slew Maaseiah the king's son, and Azrikam the governor of the house, and Elkanah *that was* next to the king.
8 And the children of Israel carried away captive of their brethren two hundred thousand, women, sons, and daughters, and took also away much spoil from them, and brought the spoil to Samaria.

The Captives Returned

9 But a prophet of the LORD was there, whose name *was* Oded: and he went out before the host that came to Samaria, and said unto them, Behold, because the LORD God of your fathers was wroth with Judah, he hath delivered them into your hand, and ye have slain them in a rage *that* reacheth up unto heaven.
10 And now ye purpose to keep under the children of Judah and Jerusalem for bondmen and bondwomen unto you: *but are there* not with you, even with you, sins against the LORD your God?
11 Now hear me therefore, and deliver the captives again, which ye have taken captive of your brethren: for the fierce wrath of the LORD is upon you.
12 Then certain of the heads of the children of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, and Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai, stood up against them that came from the war,
13 And said unto them, Ye shall not bring in the captives hither: for whereas we have offended against the LORD *already,* ye intend to add *more* to our sins and to our trespass: for our trespass is great, and *there is* fierce wrath against Israel.
14 So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the princes and all the congregation.
15 And the men which were expressed by name rose up, and took the captives, and with the spoil clothed all that were naked among them, and arrayed them, and shod them, and gave them to eat and to drink, and anointed them, and carried all the feeble of them upon asses, and brought them to Jericho, the city of palm trees, to their brethren: then they returned to Samaria.

Judah's Defeats

16 At that time did king Ahaz send unto the kings of Assyria to help him.
17 For again the Edomites had come and smitten Judah, and carried away captives.
18 The Philistines also had invaded the cities of the low country, and of the south of Judah, and had taken Beth-shemesh, and Ajalon, and Gederoth, and Shocho with the villages thereof, and Timnah with the villages thereof, Gimzo also and the villages thereof: and they dwelt there.
19 For the LORD brought Judah low because of Ahaz king of Israel; for he made Judah naked, and transgressed sore against the LORD.
20 And Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria came

28:9 rage

(Heb. *za`aph*) (2 Chr. 16:10; Jon. 1:15) H2197: This is one of several words that denotes intense anger. This particular word occurs only six times and is always associated with ferocity. The northern tribe of Israel's intense rage caused them to be especially harsh to Judah during a military campaign (2 Chr. 28:9). The rage of a king produces fear and oppression (2 Chr. 16:10; Prov. 19:12). In the prophets, this term is always associated with the judgment of the Lord. Once, it describes the rage of the sea the Lord had stirred up against Jonah (Jon. 1:15). Isaiah recorded the Lord's anger at the Assyrians, and his contemporary Micah recorded His anger at the sinfulness of Israel (Is. 30:30; Mic. 7:9).

unto him, and distressed him, but strengthened him not.
21 For Ahaz took away a portion *out* of the house of the LORD, and *out* of the house of the king, and of the princes, and gave *it* unto the king of Assyria: but he helped him not.
22 And in the time of his distress did he trespass yet more against the LORD: this *is that* king Ahaz.
23 For he sacrificed unto the gods of Damascus, which smote him: and he said, Because the gods of the kings of Syria help them, *therefore* will I sacrifice to them, that they may help me. But they were the ruin of him, and of all Israel.
24 And Ahaz gathered together the vessels of the house of God, and cut in pieces the vessels of the house of God, and shut up the doors of the house of the LORD, and he made him altars in every corner of Jerusalem.
25 And in every several city of Judah he made high places to burn incense unto other gods, and provoked to anger the LORD God of his fathers.

Ahaz's Death

26 Now the rest of his acts and of all his ways, first and last, behold, they *are* written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.
27 And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city, *even* in Jerusalem: but they brought him not into the sepulchres of the kings of Israel: and Hezekiah his son reigned in his stead.

Hezekiah's Reign

29 Hezekiah began to reign *when he was* five and twenty years old, and he reigned nine and twenty years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Abijah, the daughter of Zechariah.
2 And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that David his father had done.

Temple Worship Restored

3 He in the first year of his reign, in the first month, opened the doors of the house of the LORD, and repaired them.
4 And he brought in the priests and the Levites, and gathered them together into the east street,
5 And said unto them, Hear me, ye Levites, sanctify now yourselves, and sanctify the house of the LORD God of your fathers, and carry forth the filthiness out of the holy *place*.
6 For our fathers have trespassed, and done *that which was* evil in the eyes of the LORD our God, and have forsaken him, and have turned away their faces from the habitation of the LORD, and turned *their* backs.
7 Also they have shut up the doors of the porch, and put out the lamps, and have not burned incense nor offered burnt offerings in the holy *place* unto the God of Israel.
8 Wherefore the wrath of the LORD was upon Judah and Jerusalem, and he hath delivered them to trouble, to astonishment, and to hissing, as ye see with your eyes.
9 For, lo, our fathers have fallen by the sword, and our sons and our daughters and our wives *are* in captivity for this.
10 Now *it is* in mine heart to make a covenant with the LORD God of Israel, that his fierce wrath may turn away from us.
11 My sons, be not now negligent: for the LORD hath chosen you to stand before him, to serve him, and that ye should minister unto him, and burn incense.
12 Then the Levites arose, Mahath the son of Amasai, and Joel the son of Azariah, of the sons of the Kohathites: and of the sons of Merari, Kish the son of Abdi, and Azariah the son of Jehalelel: and of the Gershonites; Joah the son of Zimmah, and Eden the son of Joah:
13 And of the sons of Elizaphan; Shimri, and Jeiel: and of the sons of Asaph; Zechariah, and Mattaniah:
14 And of the sons of Heman; Jehiel, and Shimei: and of the sons of Jeduthun; Shemaiah, and Uzziel.
15 And they gathered their brethren, and sanctified themselves, and came, according to the commandment of the king, by the words of the LORD, to cleanse the house of the LORD.

The Temple Cleansed and Sanctified

16 And the priests went into the inner part

29:5 filthiness ▸ *see Num. 19:9.*
29:8 hissing ▸ *see Jer. 29:18.*

of the house of the LORD, to cleanse *it,* and brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of the LORD into the court of the house of the LORD. And the Levites took *it,* to carry *it* out abroad into the brook Kidron.
17 Now they began on the first *day* of the first month to sanctify, and on the eighth day of the month came they to the porch of the LORD: so they sanctified the house of the LORD in eight days; and in the sixteenth day of the first month they made an end.
18 Then they went in to Hezekiah the king, and said, We have cleansed all the house of the LORD, and the altar of burnt offering, with all the vessels thereof, and the shewbread table, with all the vessels thereof.
19 Moreover all the vessels, which king Ahaz in his reign did cast away in his transgression, have we prepared and sanctified, and, behold, they *are* before the altar of the LORD.

An Atonement for Israel

20 Then Hezekiah the king rose early, and gathered the rulers of the city, and went up to the house of the LORD.
21 And they brought seven bullocks, and seven rams, and seven lambs, and seven he goats, for a sin offering for the kingdom, and for the sanctuary, and for Judah. And he commanded the priests the sons of Aaron to offer *them* on the altar of the LORD.
22 So they killed the bullocks, and the priests received the blood, and sprinkled *it* on the altar: likewise, when they had killed the rams, they sprinkled the blood upon the altar: they killed also the lambs, and they sprinkled the blood upon the altar.
23 And they brought forth the he goats *for* the sin offering before the king and the congregation; and they laid their hands upon them:
24 And the priests killed them, and they made reconciliation with their blood upon the altar, to make an atonement for all Israel: for the king commanded *that* the burnt offering and the sin offering *should be made* for all Israel.
25 And he set the Levites in the house of the LORD with cymbals, with psalteries, and with harps, according to the commandment of David, and of Gad the king's seer, and Nathan the prophet: for *so was* the commandment of the LORD by his prophets.
26 And the Levites stood with the instruments of David, and the priests with the trumpets.
27 And Hezekiah commanded to offer the burnt offering upon the altar. And when the burnt offering began, the song of the LORD began *also* with the trumpets, and with the instruments *ordained* by David king of Israel.
28 And all the congregation worshipped, and the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded: *and* all *this continued* until the burnt offering was finished.
29 And when they had made an end of offering, the king and all that were present with him bowed themselves, and worshipped.
30 Moreover Hezekiah the king and the princes commanded the Levites to sing praise unto the LORD with the words of David, and of Asaph the seer. And they sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshipped.
31 Then Hezekiah answered and said, Now ye have consecrated yourselves unto the LORD, come near and bring sacrifices and thank offerings into the house of the LORD. And the congregation brought in sacrifices and thank offerings; and as many as were of a free heart burnt offerings.

29:16 cleanse

(Heb. *taher*) (Lev. 14:48; Ps. 51:2, 7; Is. 66:17) H2891: This Hebrew term means "to make free from blemish," almost always in a ritual or spiritual sense (although once the word is used for the wind's cleaning away of clouds and once for the refiner's purifying of silver; see Job 37:21; Mal. 3:3). Almost half the occurrences are in Leviticus, where ritual cleansing is related to sanctification and is opposed to the moral filthiness of the Israelites (Lev. 16:19). Objects and people involved in the worship of the Lord—such as the temple, the furniture in the temple, and the Levites—needed cleansing because the Lord is a holy God (Num. 8:5–22; 1 Chr. 23:28). The ritual external cleansing of people was a symbol of internal purity (Gen. 35:2; Zech. 3:3–5). Jeremiah and Ezekiel prophesied the future cleansing of the people from their sins so that they could truly be God's people, both outside and inside (Jer. 33:8; Ezek. 36:25, 33; 37:23). The idea of cleansing carries through into the New Testament. The Book of Revelation pictures the Lamb's bride—the church—in clean linen that symbolizes the righteous acts of believers (2 Cor. 7:1; Eph. 5:26; 1 John 1:9; Rev. 19:8).

32 And the number of the burnt offerings, which the congregation brought, was threescore and ten bullocks, an hundred rams, *and* two hundred lambs: all these *were* for a burnt offering to the LORD.
33 And the consecrated things *were* six hundred oxen and three thousand sheep.
34 But the priests were too few, so that they could not flay all the burnt offerings: wherefore their brethren the Levites did help them, till the work was ended, and until the *other* priests had sanctified themselves: for the Levites *were* more upright in heart to sanctify themselves than the priests.
35 And also the burnt offerings *were* in abundance, with the fat of the peace offerings, and the drink offerings for *every* burnt offering. So the service of the house of the LORD was set in order.
36 And Hezekiah rejoiced, and all the people, that God had prepared the people: for the thing was *done* suddenly.

Hezekiah's Proclamation

30 And Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah, and wrote letters also to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come to the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, to keep the passover unto the LORD God of Israel.
2 For the king had taken counsel, and his princes, and all the congregation in Jerusalem, to keep the passover in the second month.
3 For they could not keep it at that time, because the priests had not sanctified themselves sufficiently, neither had the people gathered themselves together to Jerusalem.
4 And the thing pleased the king and all the congregation.
5 So they established a decree to make proclamation throughout all Israel, from Beersheba even to Dan, that they should come to keep the passover unto the LORD God of Israel at Jerusalem: for they had not done *it* of a long *time in such sort* as it was written.
6 So the posts went with the letters from the king and his princes throughout all Israel and Judah, and according to the commandment of the king, saying, Ye children of Israel, turn again unto the LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, and he will return to the remnant of you, that are escaped out of the hand of the kings of Assyria.
7 And be not ye like your fathers, and like your brethren, which trespassed against the LORD God of their fathers, *who* therefore gave them up to desolation, as ye see.
8 Now be ye not stiffnecked, as your fathers *were, but* yield yourselves unto the LORD, and enter into his sanctuary, which he hath sanctified for ever: and serve the LORD your God, that the fierceness of his wrath may turn away from you.
9 For if ye turn again unto the LORD, your brethren and your children *shall find* compassion before them that lead them captive, so that they shall come again into this land: for the LORD your God *is* gracious and merciful, and will not turn away *his* face from you, if ye return unto him.
10 So the posts passed from city to city through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh even unto Zebulun: but they laughed them to scorn, and mocked them.
11 Nevertheless divers of Asher and Manasseh and of Zebulun humbled themselves, and came to Jerusalem.
12 Also in Judah the hand of God was to give them one heart to do the commandment of the king and of the princes, by the word of the LORD.

Passover Observed

13 And there assembled at Jerusalem much people to keep the feast of unleavened bread in the second month, a very great congregation.
14 And they arose and took away the altars that *were* in Jerusalem, and all the altars for incense took they away, and cast *them* into the brook Kidron.
15 Then they killed the passover on the fourteenth *day* of the second month: and the priests and the Levites were ashamed, and sanctified themselves, and brought in the burnt offerings into the house of the LORD.
16 And they stood in their place after their manner, according to the law of Moses the man of God: the priests sprinkled the blood, *which they received* of the hand of the Levites.

God Sanctifies the People

17 For *there were* many in the congregation that were not sanctified: therefore the Levites had the charge of the killing of the passovers for every one *that was* not clean, to sanctify *them* unto the LORD.

18 For a multitude of the people, *even* many of Ephraim, and Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, yet did they eat the passover otherwise than it was written. But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, The good LORD pardon every one
19 *That* prepareth his heart to seek God, the LORD God of his fathers, though *he be* not *cleansed* according to the purification of the sanctuary.
20 And the LORD hearkened to Hezekiah, and healed the people.
21 And the children of Israel that were present at Jerusalem kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with great gladness: and the Levites and the priests praised the LORD day by day, *singing* with loud instruments unto the LORD.
22 And Hezekiah spake comfortably unto all the Levites that taught the good knowledge of the LORD: and they did eat throughout the feast seven days, offering peace offerings, and making confession to the LORD God of their fathers.
23 And the whole assembly took counsel to keep other seven days: and they kept *other* seven days with gladness.
24 For Hezekiah king of Judah did give to the congregation a thousand bullocks and seven thousand sheep; and the princes gave to the congregation a thousand bullocks and ten thousand sheep: and a great number of priests sanctified themselves.
25 And all the congregation of Judah, with the priests and the Levites, and all the congregation that came out of Israel, and the strangers that came out of the land of Israel, and that dwelt in Judah, rejoiced.
26 So there was great joy in Jerusalem: for since the time of Solomon the son of David king of Israel *there was* not the like in Jerusalem.
27 Then the priests the Levites arose and blessed the people: and their voice was heard, and their prayer came *up* to his holy dwelling place, *even* unto heaven.

High Places Destroyed

31 Now when all this was finished, all Israel that were present went out to the cities of Judah, and brake the images in pieces, and cut down the groves, and threw down the high places and the altars out of all Judah and Benjamin, in Ephraim also and Manasseh, until they had utterly destroyed them all. Then all the children of Israel returned, every man to his possession, into their own cities.
2 And Hezekiah appointed the courses of the priests and the Levites after their courses, every man according to his service, the priests and Levites for burnt offerings and for peace offerings, to minister, and to give thanks, and to praise in the gates of the tents of the LORD.
3 *He appointed* also the king's portion of his substance for the burnt offerings, *to wit,* for the morning and evening burnt offerings, and the burnt offerings for the sabbaths, and for the new moons, and for the set feasts, as *it is* written in the law of the LORD.

An Abundance of Tithes

4 Moreover he commanded the people that dwelt in Jerusalem to give the portion of the priests and the Levites, that they might be encouraged in the law of the LORD.
5 And as soon as the commandment came abroad, the children of Israel brought in abundance the firstfruits of corn, wine, and oil, and honey, and of all the increase of the field; and the tithe of all *things* brought they in abundantly.

30:18 multitude

(Heb. *marbith*) (Lev. 25:37; 1 Chr. 12:29) H4768: This extremely rare noun (used only five times) designates a large quantity, a majority, or even a totality. It derives from an often used verb meaning "to be(come) great, much, or many." The Queen of Sheba admired the great amount of Solomon's wisdom (2 Chr. 9:6). Twice, this term is used to indicate a large number (perhaps even a majority) of people from an even larger group (1 Chr. 12:29; 2 Chr. 30:18). In the remaining two instances, Eli received God's curse that all of the descendants of his house would die in the flower of their age (1 Sam. 2:33), and interest on a loan among Israelites was forbidden in its totality (Lev. 25:37).

30:21 feast ▸ *see Deut. 31:10.*

31:5 tithe

(Heb. *ma`aser*) (Gen. 14:20; Mal. 3:8) H4643: The Hebrew word translated *tithe* is derived from *`eser,* the Hebrew number for *ten*. In Genesis

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6 And *concerning* the children of Israel and Judah, that dwelt in the cities of Judah, they also brought in the tithe of oxen and sheep, and the tithe of holy things which were consecrated unto the LORD their God, and laid *them* by heaps.
7 In the third month they began to lay the foundation of the heaps, and finished *them* in the seventh month.
8 And when Hezekiah and the princes came and saw the heaps, they blessed the LORD, and his people Israel.
9 Then Hezekiah questioned with the priests and the Levites concerning the heaps.
10 And Azariah the chief priest of the house of Zadok answered him, and said, Since *the people* began to bring the offerings into the house of the LORD, we have had enough to eat, and have left plenty: for the LORD hath blessed his people; and that which is left *is* this great store.
11 Then Hezekiah commanded to prepare chambers in the house of the LORD; and they prepared *them,*
12 And brought in the offerings and the tithes and the dedicated *things* faithfully: over which Cononiah the Levite *was* ruler, and Shimei his brother *was* the next.
13 And Jehiel, and Azaziah, and Nahath, and Asahel, and Jerimoth, and Jozabad, and Eliel, and Ismachiah, and Mahath, and Benaiah, *were* overseers under the hand of Cononiah and Shimei his brother, at the commandment of Hezekiah the king, and Azariah the ruler of the house of God.
14 And Kore the son of Imnah the Levite, the porter toward the east, *was* over the free-will offerings of God, to distribute the oblations of the LORD, and the most holy things.
15 And next him *were* Eden, and Miniamin, and Jeshua, and Shemaiah, Amariah, and Shecaniah, in the cities of the priests, in *their* set office, to give to their brethren by courses, as well to the great as to the small:
16 Beside their genealogy of males, from three years old and upward, *even* unto every one that entereth into the house of the LORD, his daily portion for their service in their charges according to their courses;
17 Both to the genealogy of the priests by the house of their fathers, and the Levites from twenty years old and upward, in their charges by their courses;
18 And to the genealogy of all their little ones, their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, through all the congregation: for in their set office they sanctified themselves in holiness:
19 Also of the sons of Aaron the priests, *which were* in the fields of the suburbs of their cities, in every several city, the men that were expressed by name, to give portions to all the males among the priests, and to all that were reckoned by genealogies among the Levites.

Hezekiah's Greatness

20 And thus did Hezekiah throughout all Judah, and wrought *that which was* good and right and truth before the LORD his God.
21 And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, and in the law, and in the commandments, to seek his God, he did *it* with all his heart, and prospered.

Assyria Invades Judah

32 After these things, and the establishment thereof, Sennacherib king of Assyria came, and entered into Judah, and encamped against the fenced cities, and thought to win them for himself.

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14:20, Abraham gave the priest Melchizedek a tenth of his wealth. This set the precedent throughout the Old Testament for what was considered an appropriate portion of one's wealth to give to the Lord. According to the Law, Israelites were to set aside a tenth of their annual produce for God (Deut. 14:22–28). Whatever was given to the Lord was considered holy (Lev. 27:30–33) and was to be used to support the ministry of the priests and Levites (Num. 18:21). The prophet Malachi proclaimed that failure to bring a tithe to God was the equivalent of robbing Him (Mal. 3:8).

31:17 genealogy ▸ *see 1 Chr. 7:5.*
31:19 suburb ▸ *see Josh. 21:2.*

32:1 Sennacherib

(Heb. *sancherib*) (2 Kin. 19:20; Is. 36:1) H5576: Sennacherib was the king of Assyria and Babylonia from 705–681 B.C. His name is theophoric: it bears the name of a god—the Mesopotamian moon god, Sin. Various translations of his name have been proposed. Among them are "Sin has prospered kinsmen," "Sin has multiplied brothers," "Sin has restored brothers to me," and "Sin

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2 And when Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib was come, and that he was purposed to fight against Jerusalem,
3 He took counsel with his princes and his mighty men to stop the waters of the fountains which *were* without the city: and they did help him.
4 So there was gathered much people together, who stopped all the fountains, and the brook that ran through the midst of the land, saying, Why should the kings of Assyria come, and find much water?
5 Also he strengthened himself, and built up all the wall that was broken, and raised *it* up to the towers, and another wall without, and repaired Millo *in* the city of David, and made darts and shields in abundance.
6 And he set captains of war over the people, and gathered them together to him in the street of the gate of the city, and spake comfortably to them, saying,
7 Be strong and courageous, be not afraid nor dismayed for the king of Assyria, nor for all the multitude that *is* with him: for *there be* more with us than with him:
8 With him *is* an arm of flesh; but with us *is* the LORD our God to help us, and to fight our battles. And the people rested themselves upon the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.
9 After this did Sennacherib king of Assyria send his servants to Jerusalem, (but he *himself laid siege* against Lachish, and all his power with him,) unto Hezekiah king of Judah, and unto all Judah that *were* at Jerusalem, saying,
10 Thus saith Sennacherib king of Assyria, Whereon do ye trust, that ye abide in the siege in Jerusalem?
11 Doth not Hezekiah persuade you to give over yourselves to die by famine and by thirst, saying, The LORD our God shall deliver us out of the hand of the king of Assyria?
12 Hath not the same Hezekiah taken away his high places and his altars, and commanded Judah and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall worship before one altar, and burn incense upon it?
13 Know ye not what I and my fathers have done unto all the people of *other* lands? were the gods of the nations of those lands any ways able to deliver their lands out of mine hand?
14 Who *was there* among all the gods of those nations that my fathers utterly destroyed, that could deliver his people out of mine hand, that your God should be able to deliver you out of mine hand?
15 Now therefore let not Hezekiah deceive you, nor persuade you on this manner, neither yet believe him: for no god of any nation or kingdom was able to deliver his people out of mine hand, and out of the hand of my fathers: how much less shall your God deliver you out of mine hand?
16 And his servants spake yet *more* against the LORD God, and against his servant Hezekiah.
17 He wrote also letters to rail on the LORD God of Israel, and to speak against him, saying, As the gods of the nations of *other* lands have not delivered their people out of mine hand, so shall not the God of Hezekiah deliver his people out of mine hand.
18 Then they cried with a loud voice in the Jews' speech unto the people of Jerusalem that *were* on the wall, to affright them, and to trouble them; that they might take the city.
19 And they spake against the God of Jerusalem, as against the gods of the people of the earth, *which were* the work of the hands of man.
20 And for this *cause* Hezekiah the king, and the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz, prayed and cried to heaven.

The Assyrian Army Destroyed

21 And the LORD sent an angel, which cut off all the mighty men of valour, and the leaders and captains in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned with shame of face to his own land. And when he was come into the house of his god, they that came forth of his own bowels slew him there with the sword.
22 Thus the LORD saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and from

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has replaced brothers." The latter translation is said to be an indicator that older brothers had previously died. Whatever his name meant, it undoubtedly indicated a parental desire to honor this deity so important in Mesopotamian religion.

32:5 Millo ▸ *see 1 Chr. 11:8.*
32:7 dismay ▸ *see Jer. 30:10.*

the hand of all *other,* and guided them on every side.
23 And many brought gifts unto the LORD to Jerusalem, and presents to Hezekiah king of Judah: so that he was magnified in the sight of all nations from thenceforth.

Hezekiah's Life Extended

24 In those days Hezekiah was sick to the death, and prayed unto the LORD: and he spake unto him, and he gave him a sign.
25 But Hezekiah rendered not again according to the benefit *done* unto him; for his heart was lifted up: therefore there was wrath upon him, and upon Judah and Jerusalem.
26 Notwithstanding Hezekiah humbled himself for the pride of his heart, *both* he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of the LORD came not upon them in the days of Hezekiah.

Hezekiah's Riches

27 And Hezekiah had exceeding much riches and honour: and he made himself treasuries for silver, and for gold, and for precious stones, and for spices, and for shields, and for all manner of pleasant jewels;
28 Storehouses also for the increase of corn, and wine, and oil; and stalls for all manner of beasts, and cotes for flocks.
29 Moreover he provided him cities, and possessions of flocks and herds in abundance: for God had given him substance very much.
30 This same Hezekiah also stopped the upper watercourse of Gihon, and brought it straight down to the west side of the city of David. And Hezekiah prospered in all his works.
31 Howbeit in *the business of* the ambassadors of the princes of Babylon, who sent unto him to enquire of the wonder that was *done* in the land, God left him, to try him, that he might know all *that was* in his heart.

Hezekiah's Death

32 Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and his goodness, behold, they *are* written in the vision of Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, *and* in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.
33 And Hezekiah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the chiefest of the sepulchres of the sons of David: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem did him honour at his death. And Manasseh his son reigned in his stead.

Manasseh's Reign

33 Manasseh *was* twelve years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty and five years in Jerusalem:
2 But did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, like unto the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD had cast out before the children of Israel.
3 For he built again the high places which Hezekiah his father had broken down, and he reared up altars for Baalim, and made groves, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them.
4 Also he built altars in the house of the LORD, whereof the LORD had said, In Jerusalem shall my name be for ever.
5 And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD.
6 And he caused his children to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of Hinnom: also he observed times, and used enchantments, and used witchcraft, and dealt with a familiar spirit, and with wizards: he wrought much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.
7 And he set a carved image, the idol which he had made, in the house of God, of which God had said to David and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen before all the tribes of Israel, will I put my name for ever:
8 Neither will I any more remove the foot of Israel from out of the land which I have appointed for your fathers; so that they will take heed to do all that I have commanded them, according to the whole law and the statutes and the ordinances by the hand of Moses.
9 So Manasseh made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to err, *and* to do worse than the heathen, whom the LORD had destroyed before the children of Israel.
10 And the LORD spake to Manasseh, and to his people: but they would not hearken.
11 Wherefore the LORD brought upon them the captains of the host of the king of Assyria,

33:6 observe times ▸ *see Gen. 44:15.*

which took Manasseh among the thorns, and bound him with fetters, and carried him to Babylon.

Manasseh's Repentance

12 And when he was in affliction, he besought the LORD his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers,
13 And prayed unto him: and he was intreated of him, and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the LORD he *was* God.

Manasseh Repairs the Altar

14 Now after this he built a wall without the city of David, on the west side of Gihon, in the valley, even to the entering in at the fish gate, and compassed about Ophel, and raised it up a very great height, and put captains of war in all the fenced cities of Judah.
15 And he took away the strange gods, and the idol out of the house of the LORD, and all the altars that he had built in the mount of the house of the LORD, and in Jerusalem, and cast *them* out of the city.
16 And he repaired the altar of the LORD, and sacrificed thereon peace offerings and thank offerings, and commanded Judah to serve the LORD God of Israel.
17 Nevertheless the people did sacrifice still in the high places, *yet* unto the LORD their God only.

Manasseh's Death

18 Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and his prayer unto his God, and the words of the seers that spake to him in the name of the LORD God of Israel, behold, they *are written* in the book of the kings of Israel.
19 His prayer also, and *how God* was intreated of him, and all his sin, and his trespass, and the places wherein he built high places, and set up groves and graven images, before he was humbled: behold, they *are* written among the sayings of the seers.
20 So Manasseh slept with his fathers, and they buried him in his own house: and Amon his son reigned in his stead.

Amon's Reign and Death

21 Amon *was* two and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned two years in Jerusalem.
22 But he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, as did Manasseh his father: for Amon sacrificed unto all the carved images which Manasseh his father had made, and served them;
23 And humbled not himself before the LORD, as Manasseh his father had humbled himself; but Amon trespassed more and more.
24 And his servants conspired against him, and slew him in his own house.
25 But the people of the land slew all them that had conspired against king Amon; and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his stead.

Josiah's Reign

34 Josiah *was* eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem one and thirty years.
2 And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the ways of David his father, and declined *neither* to the right hand, nor to the left.
3 For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young, he began to seek after the God of David his father: and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem from the high places, and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images.
4 And they brake down the altars of Baalim in his presence; and the images, that *were* on high above them, he cut down; and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images, he brake in pieces, and made

33:15 strange

(Heb. *nekar*) (Ps. 144:7; Is. 62:8) H5236: This noun consistently applies to that which is ethnically "strange," i.e. foreign. Foreigners were outside of God's covenant with Israel and were thus prohibited from participating in worship of the Lord (Ex. 12:43; Ezek. 44:9) unless they first turned to Him (Is. 56:3, 6). The introduction of foreign elements had a defiling effect upon God's people, and living in a foreign land had a depressing effect upon their worship (Neh. 13:30; Ps. 137:4). Quite often, this term is applied to false gods (Deut. 31:16; Ps. 81:9; Dan. 11:39). On the one hand, Abraham owned foreign slaves, and on the other, the Israelites were made to serve foreigners when God sent them into exile (Gen. 17:12, 27; Jer. 5:19).

33:16 peace offering ▸ *see Lev. 7:11.*

dust *of them,* and strowed *it* upon the graves of them that had sacrificed unto them.
5 And he burnt the bones of the priests upon their altars, and cleansed Judah and Jerusalem.
6 And *so did he* in the cities of Manasseh, and Ephraim, and Simeon, even unto Naphtali, with their mattocks round about.
7 And when he had broken down the altars and the groves, and had beaten the graven images into powder, and cut down all the idols throughout all the land of Israel, he returned to Jerusalem.
8 Now in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had purged the land, and the house, he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, and Maaseiah the governor of the city, and Joah the son of Joahaz the recorder, to repair the house of the LORD his God.
9 And when they came to Hilkiah the high priest, they delivered the money that was brought into the house of God, which the Levites that kept the doors had gathered of the hand of Manasseh and Ephraim, and of all the remnant of Israel, and of all Judah and Benjamin; and they returned to Jerusalem.
10 And they put *it* in the hand of the workmen that had the oversight of the house of the LORD, and they gave it to the workmen that wrought in the house of the LORD, to repair and amend the house:
11 Even to the artificers and builders gave they *it,* to buy hewn stone, and timber for couplings, and to floor the houses which the kings of Judah had destroyed.
12 And the men did the work faithfully: and the overseers of them *were* Jahath and Obadiah, the Levites, of the sons of Merari; and Zechariah and Meshullam, of the sons of the Kohathites, to set *it* forward; and *other of* the Levites, all that could skill of instruments of musick.
13 Also *they were* over the bearers of burdens, and *were* overseers of all that wrought the work in any manner of service: and of the Levites *there were* scribes, and officers, and porters.

The Law Read to the King

14 And when they brought out the money that was brought into the house of the LORD, Hilkiah the priest found a book of the law of the LORD *given* by Moses.
15 And Hilkiah answered and said to Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD. And Hilkiah delivered the book to Shaphan.
16 And Shaphan carried the book to the king, and brought the king word back again, saying, All that was committed to thy servants, they do *it.*
17 And they have gathered together the money that was found in the house of the LORD, and have delivered it into the hand of the overseers, and to the hand of the workmen.
18 Then Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, Hilkiah the priest hath given me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king.
19 And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the law, that he rent his clothes.

Josiah Seeks Counsel

20 And the king commanded Hilkiah, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Abdon the son of Micah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah a servant of the king's, saying,
21 Go, enquire of the LORD for me, and for them that are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that is found: for great *is* the wrath of the LORD that is poured out upon us, because our fathers have not kept the word of the LORD, to do after all that is written in this book.
22 And Hilkiah, and *they* that the king *had appointed,* went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvath, the son of Hasrah, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the college:) and they spake to her to that *effect.*

34:9 remnant

(Heb. *she'erith*) (Gen. 45:7; Zeph. 3:13) H7611: This word refers to that which is left over or survives, the remainder, the remnant. It is used of the wood not burned which is later crafted into an idol (Is. 44:17) and of territory not specifically mentioned in a given discussion (Is. 15:9). Descendants of a family line can be considered a remnant (Gen. 45:7; 2 Sam. 14:7). In the prophetic literature, it is a positive, technical term for those of Israel who were preserved from God's judgement (Is. 37:32; Mic. 5:7, 8; Zech. 8:6, 11, 12). When used in respect to the nations, the term has a very negative tone—even the remnant will be destroyed (Ezek. 25:16; 36:5; Amos 1:8).

Wrath Will Come

23 And she answered them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Tell ye the man that sent you to me,
24 Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, *even* all the curses that are written in the book which they have read before the king of Judah:
25 Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be poured out upon this place, and shall not be quenched.
26 And as for the king of Judah, who sent you to enquire of the LORD, so shall ye say unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel *concerning* the words which thou hast heard;
27 Because thine heart was tender, and thou didst humble thyself before God, when thou heardest his words against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, and humbledst thyself before me, and didst rend thy clothes, and weep before me; I have even heard *thee* also, saith the LORD.
28 Behold, I will gather thee to thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered to thy grave in peace, neither shall thine eyes see all the evil that I will bring upon this place, and upon the inhabitants of the same. So they brought the king word again.

God's Covenant Renewed

29 Then the king sent and gathered together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem.
30 And the king went up into the house of the LORD, and all the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests, and the Levites, and all the people, great and small: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant that was found in the house of the LORD.
31 And the king stood in his place, and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep his commandments, and his testimonies, and his statutes, with all his heart, and with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant which are written in this book.
32 And he caused all that were present in Jerusalem and Benjamin to stand *to it*. And the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers.
33 And Josiah took away all the abominations out of all the countries that *pertained* to the children of Israel, and made all that were present in Israel to serve, *even* to serve the LORD their God. *And* all his days they departed not from following the LORD, the God of their fathers.

Josiah's Charge to Priests

35 Moreover Josiah kept a passover unto the LORD in Jerusalem: and they killed the passover on the fourteenth *day* of the first month.
2 And he set the priests in their charges, and encouraged them to the service of the house of the LORD,
3 And said unto the Levites that taught all Israel, which were holy unto the LORD, Put the holy ark in the house which Solomon the son of David king of Israel did build; *it shall* not *be* a burden upon *your* shoulders: serve now the LORD your God, and his people Israel,
4 And prepare *yourselves* by the houses of your fathers, after your courses, according to the writing of David king of Israel, and according to the writing of Solomon his son.

34:33 abomination ▸ *see Ezek. 18:12.*

35:1 passover

(Heb. *pesach*) (Ex. 12:11, 43; Ezek. 45:21) H6453: The name Passover is derived from the Hebrew word meaning "to pass" or "to leap over." The festival was named in this way because it commemorated the time when God spared the firstborn of the Israelites, who sprinkled the blood from the Passover lamb on their doorposts. The Lord "passed over" the families so designated, not visiting their households with death (Ex. 12). So that the Israelites would not forget God's mercy on them, the Law of Moses prescribed in detail the ritual for commemorating the Passover (see Lev. 23:5–8; Num. 28:16–25; Deut. 16:1–8). King Hezekiah's great Passover signaled spiritual renewal in Judah, including the removal of sin and impurity (2 Chr. 30:14), joyful praise for God's pardon (2 Chr. 30:21, 22), and a prolonged celebration of God's blessing (2 Chr. 30:23–26). Later Jesus celebrated this feast with His disciples (Matt. 26:2, 18), and in His death and resurrection He became its fulfillment, the ultimate Passover Lamb for our sins (John 1:29, 1 Cor. 5:7; 1 Pet. 1:19).

35:2 priest ▸ *see Lev. 6:6.*

5 And stand in the holy *place* according to the divisions of the families of the fathers of your brethren the people, and *after* the division of the families of the Levites.
6 So kill the passover, and sanctify yourselves, and prepare your brethren, that *they* may do according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

Passover Preparations

7 And Josiah gave to the people, of the flock, lambs and kids, all for the passover offerings, for all that were present, to the number of thirty thousand, and three thousand bullocks: these *were* of the king's substance.
8 And his princes gave willingly unto the people, to the priests, and to the Levites: Hilkiah and Zechariah and Jehiel, rulers of the house of God, gave unto the priests for the passover offerings two thousand and six hundred *small cattle,* and three hundred oxen.
9 Conaniah also, and Shemaiah and Nethaneel, his brethren, and Hashabiah and Jeiel and Jozabad, chief of the Levites, gave unto the Levites for passover offerings five thousand *small cattle,* and five hundred oxen.
10 So the service was prepared, and the priests stood in their place, and the Levites in their courses, according to the king's commandment.
11 And they killed the passover, and the priests sprinkled *the blood* from their hands, and the Levites flayed *them*.
12 And they removed the burnt offerings, that they might give according to the divisions of the families of the people, to offer unto the LORD, as *it is* written in the book of Moses. And so *did they* with the oxen.
13 And they roasted the passover with fire according to the ordinance: but the *other* holy *offerings* sod they in pots, and in caldrons, and in pans, and divided *them* speedily among all the people.
14 And afterward they made ready for themselves, and for the priests: because the priests the sons of Aaron *were busied* in offering of burnt offerings and the fat until night; therefore the Levites prepared for themselves, and for the priests the sons of Aaron.
15 And the singers the sons of Asaph *were* in their place, according to the commandment of David, and Asaph, and Heman, and Jedu-thun the king's seer; and the porters *waited* at every gate; they might not depart from their service; for their brethren the Levites prepared for them.
16 So all the service of the LORD was prepared the same day, to keep the passover, and to offer burnt offerings upon the altar of the LORD, according to the commandment of king Josiah.
17 And the children of Israel that were present kept the passover at that time, and the feast of unleavened bread seven days.
18 And there was no passover like to that kept in Israel from the days of Samuel the prophet; neither did all the kings of Israel keep such a passover as Josiah kept, and the priests, and the Levites, and all Judah and Israel that were present, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
19 In the eighteenth year of the reign of Josiah was this passover kept.

Josiah Wounded in Battle and Dies

20 After all this, when Josiah had prepared the temple, Necho king of Egypt came up to fight against Charchemish by Euphrates: and Josiah went out against him.
21 But he sent ambassadors to him, saying, What have I to do with thee, thou king of Judah? *I come* not against thee this day, but against the house wherewith I have war: for God commanded me to make haste: forbear thee from *meddling with* God, who *is* with me, that he destroy thee not.
22 Nevertheless Josiah would not turn his face from him, but disguised himself, that he might fight with him, and hearkened not unto the words of Necho from the mouth of God, and came to fight in the valley of Megiddo.
23 And the archers shot at king Josiah; and the king said to his servants, Have me away; for I am sore wounded.
24 His servants therefore took him out of that chariot, and put him in the second chariot that he had; and they brought him to Jerusalem, and he died, and was buried in *one of* the sepulchres of his fathers. And all Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah.
25 And Jeremiah lamented for Josiah: and all the singing men and the singing women spake of Josiah in their lamentations to this day, and made them an ordinance in Israel: and, behold, they *are* written in the lamentations.

26 Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and his goodness, according to *that which was* written in the law of the LORD,
27 And his deeds, first and last, behold, they *are* written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah.

Jehoahaz's Reign and Captivity

36 Then the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and made him king in his father's stead in Jerusalem.
2 Jehoahaz *was* twenty and three years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem.
3 And the king of Egypt put him down at Jerusalem, and condemned the land in an hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold.
4 And the king of Egypt made Eliakim his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem, and turned his name to Jehoiakim. And Necho took Jehoahaz his brother, and carried him to Egypt.

Jehoiakim's Reign

5 Jehoiakim *was* twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem: and he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD his God.
6 Against him came up Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and bound him in fetters, to carry him to Babylon.
7 Nebuchadnezzar also carried of the vessels of the house of the LORD to Babylon, and put them in his temple at Babylon.
8 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and his abominations which he did, and that which was found in him, behold, they *are* written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah: and Jehoiachin his son reigned in his stead.

Jehoiachin's Reign

9 Jehoiachin *was* eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months and ten days in Jerusalem: and he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD.
10 And when the year was expired, king Nebuchadnezzar sent, and brought him to Babylon, with the goodly vessels of the house of the LORD, and made Zedekiah his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem.

Zedekiah's Reign

11 Zedekiah *was* one and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned eleven years in Jerusalem.
12 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD his God, *and* humbled not himself before Jeremiah the prophet *speaking* from the mouth of the LORD.
13 And he also rebelled against king Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by God: but he stiffened his neck, and hardened his heart from turning unto the LORD God of Israel.
14 Moreover all the chief of the priests, and the people, transgressed very much after all the abominations of the heathen; and polluted the house of the LORD which he had hallowed in Jerusalem.
15 And the LORD God of their fathers sent to them by his messengers, rising up betimes, and sending; because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling place:
16 But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against his people, till *there was* no remedy.

Destruction of Jerusalem

17 Therefore he brought upon them the king of the Chaldees, who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion upon young man or maiden, old man, or him that stooped for age: he gave *them* all into his hand.
18 And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the

36:16 despise ▸ *see Esth. 3:6.*

36:17 young man

(Heb. *bachur*) (Ruth 3:10; Is. 40:30; Joel 2:28) H0970: This word denotes an unmarried, young man in his physical prime (1 Sam. 9:2; Prov. 20:29). It forms natural pairs with both "virgin" (Deut. 32:25; Is. 62:5) and "old man" (Jer. 31:13). Very frequently, this word is used in the context of God's judgment—especially upon Israel—which not even the young man in his youthful vigor can withstand, thus jeopardizing the country's future (Is. 31:8; Jer. 49:26; Lam. 1:15; Amos 4:10). Although this term usually appears in the plural, at least once, the singular is used in a collective sense for young men (Jer. 15:8).

king, and of his princes; all *these* he brought to Babylon.
19 And they burnt the house of God, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem, and burnt all the palaces thereof with fire, and destroyed all the goodly vessels thereof.
20 And them that had escaped from the sword carried he away to Babylon; where they were servants to him and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Persia:
21 To fulfil the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths: *for* as long as she lay desolate she kept sabbath, to fulfil threescore and ten years.

The Proclamation of Cyrus

22 Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD *spoken* by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and *put it* also in writing, saying,
23 Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, All the kingdoms of the earth hath the LORD God of heaven given me; and he hath charged me to build him an house in Jerusalem, which *is* in Judah. Who *is there* among you of all his people? The LORD his God *be* with him, and let him go up.

THE BOOK OF

EZRA

EZRA CONTINUES THE OLD TESTAMENT narrative of Second Chronicles by showing how God fulfills His promise to return His people to the Land of Promise after seventy years of exile. Israel's "second exodus," this one from Babylon, is less impressive than the return from Egypt because only a remnant chooses to leave Babylon.

Ezra relates the story of two returns from Babylon—the first led by Zerubbabel to rebuild the temple (1—6), and the second under the leadership of Ezra to rebuild the spiritual condition of the people (7—10). Sandwiched between these two accounts is a gap of nearly six decades, during which Esther lives and rules as queen in Persia.

Ezra is the Aramaic form of the Hebrew word *ezer*, "help," and perhaps means "Yahweh helps." Ezra and Nehemiah were originally bound together as one book because Chronicles, Ezra, and Nehemiah were viewed as one continuous history. The Septuagint, a Greek-language version of the Old Testament translated in the third century B.C., calls Ezra–Nehemiah, *Esdras Deuteron*, "Second Esdras." First Esdras is the name of the apocryphal book of Esdras. The Latin title is *Liber Primus Esdrae*, "First Book of Ezra." In the Latin Bible, Ezra is called First Ezra and Nehemiah is called Second Ezra.

WATCH WORDS

- **letter** (important correspondence)—4:8 (also 4:11; 5:6)
- **Jews** (people from the tribe of Judah)—5:1 (also 6:7)
- **decree** (an announcement that carries authoritative direction)—6:8 (also 4:9; 7:21)

King Cyrus's Proclamation

1 Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and *put it* also in writing, saying,

2 Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The LORD God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath charged me to build him an house at Jerusalem, which *is* in Judah.

3 Who *is there* among you of all his people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which *is* in Judah, and build the house of the LORD God of Israel, (he *is* the God,) which *is* in Jerusalem.

4 And whosoever remaineth in any place where he sojourneth, let the men of his place help him with silver, and with gold, and with goods, and with beasts, beside the freewill offering for the house of God that *is* in Jerusalem.

Captives to Return to Jerusalem

5 Then rose up the chief of the fathers of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests, and the Levites, with all *them* whose spirit God had raised, to go up to build the house of the LORD which *is* in Jerusalem.

6 And all they that *were* about them strengthened their hands with vessels of silver, with gold, with goods, and with beasts,

1:1 stir up ▸ *see Hag. 1:14.*

1:6 beast

(Heb. *behemah*) (Ps. 73:22; Prov. 30:30; Joel 1:18) H0929: The Hebrew word *behemah* can refer to

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and with precious things, beside all *that* was willingly offered.

Temple Vessels Returned

7 Also Cyrus the king brought forth the vessels of the house of the LORD, which Nebuchadnezzar had brought forth out of Jerusalem, and had put them in the house of his gods;
8 Even those did Cyrus king of Persia bring forth by the hand of Mithredath the treasurer, and numbered them unto Sheshbazzar, the prince of Judah.
9 And this *is* the number of them: thirty chargers of gold, a thousand chargers of silver, nine and twenty knives,
10 Thirty basons of gold, silver basons of a second *sort* four hundred and ten, *and* other vessels a thousand.
11 All the vessels of gold and of silver *were* five thousand and four hundred. All *these* did Sheshbazzar bring up with *them of* the captivity that were brought up from Babylon unto Jerusalem.

Captives Returning from Exile

2 Now these *are* the children of the province that went up out of the captivity, of those which had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away unto Babylon, and came again unto Jerusalem and Judah, every one unto his city;
2 Which came with Zerubbabel: Jeshua, Nehemiah, Seraiah, Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mizpar, Bigvai, Rehum, Baanah. The number of the men of the people of Israel:
3 The children of Parosh, two thousand an hundred seventy and two.
4 The children of Shephatiah, three hundred seventy and two.
5 The children of Arah, seven hundred seventy and five.
6 The children of Pahath-moab, of the children of Jeshua *and* Joab, two thousand eight hundred and twelve.
7 The children of Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.
8 The children of Zattu, nine hundred forty and five.
9 The children of Zaccai, seven hundred and threescore.
10 The children of Bani, six hundred forty and two.
11 The children of Bebai, six hundred twenty and three.
12 The children of Azgad, a thousand two hundred twenty and two.
13 The children of Adonikam, six hundred sixty and six.
14 The children of Bigvai, two thousand fifty and six.
15 The children of Adin, four hundred fifty and four.
16 The children of Ater of Hezekiah, ninety and eight.
17 The children of Bezai, three hundred twenty and three.
18 The children of Jorah, an hundred and twelve.
19 The children of Hashum, two hundred twenty and three.
20 The children of Gibbar, ninety and five.
21 The children of Beth-lehem, an hundred twenty and three.
22 The men of Netophah, fifty and six.
23 The men of Anathoth, an hundred twenty and eight.
24 The children of Azmaveth, forty and two.
25 The children of Kirjath-arim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred and forty and three.
26 The children of Ramah and Gaba, six hundred twenty and one.
27 The men of Michmas, an hundred twenty and two.
28 The men of Beth-el and Ai, two hundred twenty and three.
29 The children of Nebo, fifty and two.

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animals in general. So, for example, the lion is "strongest among beasts" (Prov. 30:30). Moreover, the Lord has the authority to send destruction on "both man and beast" (Gen. 6:7) but He also preserves both "man and beast" (Ps. 36:6). It can also be used in the more specific sense of cattle or livestock (Zech. 14:15) that eat grass (Ps. 104:14) and have hooves (Ezek. 32:13). As the prophet Joel says, "How do the beasts [*behemah*] groan! the herds of cattle are perplexed, because they have no pasture" (Joel 1:18). By analogy, a foolish and ignorant man is "as a beast before" the Lord (Ps. 73:22).

1:8 prince ▸ *see Ezek. 46:8.*

30 The children of Magbish, an hundred fifty and six.
31 The children of the other Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.
32 The children of Harim, three hundred and twenty.
33 The children of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred twenty and five.
34 The children of Jericho, three hundred forty and five.
35 The children of Senaah, three thousand and six hundred and thirty.
36 The priests: the children of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred seventy and three.
37 The children of Immer, a thousand fifty and two.
38 The children of Pashur, a thousand two hundred forty and seven.
39 The children of Harim, a thousand and seventeen.
40 The Levites: the children of Jeshua and Kadmiel, of the children of Hodaviah, seventy and four.
41 The singers: the children of Asaph, an hundred twenty and eight.
42 The children of the porters: the children of Shallum, the children of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub, the children of Hatita, the children of Shobai, *in* all an hundred thirty and nine.
43 The Nethinims: the children of Ziha, the children of Hasupha, the children of Tabbaoth,
44 The children of Keros, the children of Siaha, the children of Padon,
45 The children of Lebanah, the children of Hagabah, the children of Akkub,
46 The children of Hagab, the children of Shalmai, the children of Hanan,
47 The children of Giddel, the children of Gahar, the children of Reaiah,
48 The children of Rezin, the children of Nekoda, the children of Gazzam,
49 The children of Uzza, the children of Paseah, the children of Besai,
50 The children of Asnah, the children of Mehunim, the children of Nephusim,
51 The children of Bakbuk, the children of Hakupha, the children of Harhur,
52 The children of Bazluth, the children of Mehida, the children of Harsha,
53 The children of Barkos, the children of Sisera, the children of Thamah,
54 The children of Neziah, the children of Hatipha.
55 The children of Solomon's servants: the children of Sotai, the children of Sophereth, the children of Peruda,
56 The children of Jaalah, the children of Darkon, the children of Giddel,
57 The children of Shephatiah, the children of Hattil, the children of Pochereth of Zebaim, the children of Ami.
58 All the Nethinims, and the children of Solomon's servants, *were* three hundred ninety and two.
59 And these *were* they which went up from Telmelah, Tel-harsa, Cherub, Addan, *and* Immer: but they could not shew their father's house, and their seed, whether they *were* of Israel:
60 The children of Delaiah, the children of Tobiah, the children of Nekoda, six hundred fifty and two.
61 And of the children of the priests: the children of Habaiah, the children of Koz, the children of Barzillai; which took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called after their name:
62 These sought their register *among* those that were reckoned by genealogy, but they were not found: therefore were they, as polluted, put from the priesthood.
63 And the Tirshatha said unto them, that they should not eat of the most holy things, till there stood up a priest with Urim and with Thummim.

Number of People and Livestock

64 The whole congregation together *was* forty and two thousand three hundred *and* threescore,

2:62 register

(Heb. *kathab*) (Esth. 3:12; 4:8; Ezek. 13:9) H3791: A register of genealogical data was something written down in some manner, and the word is related to the word for writing. So, "Huram king of Tyre answered [Solomon] in writing" (2 Chr. 2:11), and the false prophets condemned by Ezekiel would not have their names "written in the writing of the house of Israel" (Ezek. 13:9). The word appears most often in the Book of Esther, whose narrative relies heavily on letters being sent from the king to his people about marital roles (Esth. 1:22), and the proposed Jewish genocide (Esth. 3:12), which was discovered by Mordecai and shown to Esther (Esth. 4:8).

65 Beside their servants and their maids, of whom *there were* seven thousand three hundred thirty and seven: and *there were* among them two hundred singing men and singing women.
66 Their horses *were* seven hundred thirty and six; their mules, two hundred forty and five;
67 Their camels, four hundred thirty and five; *their* asses, six thousand seven hundred and twenty.

Gifts for the Temple

68 And *some* of the chief of the fathers, when they came to the house of the LORD which *is* at Jerusalem, offered freely for the house of God to set it up in his place:
69 They gave after their ability unto the treasure of the work threescore and one thousand drams of gold, and five thousand pound of silver, and one hundred priests' garments.
70 So the priests, and the Levites, and *some* of the people, and the singers, and the porters, and the Nethinims, dwelt in their cities, and all Israel in their cities.

Worship Restored at Jerusalem

3 And when the seventh month was come, and the children of Israel *were* in the cities, the people gathered themselves together as one man to Jerusalem.
2 Then stood up Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brethren the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and his brethren, and builded the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt offerings thereon, as *it is* written in the law of Moses the man of God.
3 And they set the altar upon his bases; for fear *was* upon them because of the people of those countries: and they offered burnt offerings thereon unto the LORD, *even* burnt offerings morning and evening.
4 They kept also the feast of tabernacles, as *it is* written, and *offered* the daily burnt offerings by number, according to the custom, as the duty of every day required;
5 And afterward *offered* the continual burnt offering, both of the new moons, and of all the set feasts of the LORD that were consecrated, and of every one that willingly offered a freewill offering unto the LORD.
6 From the first day of the seventh month began they to offer burnt offerings unto the LORD. But the foundation of the temple of the LORD was not *yet* laid.
7 They gave money also unto the masons, and to the carpenters; and meat, and drink, and oil, unto them of Zidon, and to them of Tyre, to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to the sea of Joppa, according to the grant that they had of Cyrus king of Persia.

Temple Foundations Laid

8 Now in the second year of their coming unto the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second month, began Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and the remnant of their brethren the priests and the Levites, and all they that were come out of the captivity unto Jerusalem; and appointed the Levites, from twenty years old and upward, to set forward the work of the house of the LORD.
9 Then stood Jeshua *with* his sons and his brethren, Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of Judah, together, to set forward the workmen in the house of God: the sons of Henadad, *with* their sons and their brethren the Levites.
10 And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, to praise the LORD, after the ordinance of David king of Israel.
11 And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the LORD; because *he is* good, for his mercy *endureth* for ever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.

3:6 temple ▸ *see Hag. 2:15.*
3:10 cymbals ▸ *see Neh. 12:27.*
3:11 shout ▸ *see Job 38:7.*

3:11 shout

(Heb. *teru`ah*) (Josh. 6:20; 1 Sam. 4:6; 2 Sam. 6:15) H8643: The joy the people expressed here (and in the following verses) with "a great shout" was a common occurrence at significant turning points for the people. It was a shout that leveled the city of Jericho: "The people shouted with a great shout, [and] the wall fell down flat" (Josh. 6:20). The people gave a "shout" when the ark entered the camp

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12 But many of the priests and Levites and chief of the fathers, *who were* ancient men, that had seen the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice; and many shouted aloud for joy:
13 So that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people: for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off.

Adversaries' Help Refused

4 Now when the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the children of the captivity builded the temple unto the LORD God of Israel;
2 Then they came to Zerubbabel, and to the chief of the fathers, and said unto them, Let us build with you: for we seek your God, as ye *do;* and we do sacrifice unto him since the days of Esar-haddon king of Assur, which brought us up hither.
3 But Zerubbabel, and Jeshua, and the rest of the chief of the fathers of Israel, said unto them, Ye have nothing to do with us to build an house unto our God; but we ourselves together will build unto the LORD God of Israel, as king Cyrus the king of Persia hath commanded us.
4 Then the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah, and troubled them in building,
5 And hired counsellors against them, to frustrate their purpose, all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia.

Letters of Opposition Written

6 And in the reign of Ahasuerus, in the beginning of his reign, wrote they *unto him* an accusation against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem.
7 And in the days of Artaxerxes wrote Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabeel, and the rest of their companions, unto Artaxerxes king of Persia; and the writing of the letter *was* written in the Syrian tongue, and interpreted in the Syrian tongue.
8 Rehum the chancellor and Shimshai the scribe wrote a letter against Jerusalem to Artaxerxes the king in this sort:
9 Then *wrote* Rehum the chancellor, and Shimshai the scribe, and the rest of their companions; the Dinaites, the Apharsathchites, the Tarpelites, the Apharsites, the Archevites, the Babylonians, the Susanchites, the Dehavites, *and* the Elamites,
10 And the rest of the nations whom the great and noble Asnapper brought over, and set in the cities of Samaria, and the rest *that are* on this side the river, and at such a time.
11 This *is* the copy of the letter that they sent unto him, *even* unto Artaxerxes the king; Thy servants the men on this side the river, and at such a time.
12 Be it known unto the king, that the Jews which came up from thee to us are come unto Jerusalem, building the rebellious and the bad city, and have set up the walls *thereof,* and joined the foundations.
13 Be it known now unto the king, that, if this city be builded, and the walls set up *again, then* will they not pay toll, tribute, and custom, and *so* thou shalt endamage the revenue of the kings.
14 Now because we have maintenance from

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(1 Sam. 4:6), a shout that struck fear in the hearts of the Philistines. There was much shouting when the ark was brought to Jerusalem (2 Sam. 6:15). Likewise, the religious reforms of King Asa were accompanied with shouting (2 Chr. 15:14). The Feast of Trumpets was celebrated with "a memorial of blowing [*teru`ah*] of trumpets" (Lev. 23:24), and the proclamation of the Year of Jubilee was announced with a trumpet blast (Lev. 25:9).

3:12 ancient men ▸ *see Ps. 119:100.*
3:12 weep ▸ *see Lam. 1:2.*
4:1 adversary ▸ *see Num. 10:9.*

4:8 letter

(Aram. *'iggera'*) (Ezra 4:11; 5:6) H0104: The word translated *letter* here only appears three times in the Old Testament, all in Ezra. The word is most likely derived from an Aramaic term, and according to the text, the letter from Rehum was actually written down by a scribe named Shimshai. The letter "was written in the Syrian tongue" (Ezra 4:7) and copied later into the Book of Ezra (Ezra 4:11). In a similar way, Tatnai, the "governor on this side the River" also wrote a letter, this time to King Darius (Ezra 5:6).

4:9 chancellor ▸ *see Ezra 6:8.*
4:11 letter ▸ *see Ezra 4:8.*
4:12 Jews ▸ *see Ezra 5:1.*

the king's palace, and it was not meet for us to see the king's dishonour, therefore have we sent and certified the king;
15 That search may be made in the book of the records of thy fathers: so shalt thou find in the book of the records, and know that this city *is* a rebellious city, and hurtful unto kings and provinces, and that they have moved sedition within the same of old time: for which cause was this city destroyed.
16 We certify the king that, if this city be builded *again,* and the walls thereof set up, by this means thou shalt have no portion on this side the river.

Artaxerxes' Decree

17 *Then* sent the king an answer unto Rehum the chancellor, and *to* Shimshai the scribe, and *to* the rest of their companions that dwell in Samaria, and *unto* the rest beyond the river, Peace, and at such a time.
18 The letter which ye sent unto us hath been plainly read before me.
19 And I commanded, and search hath been made, and it is found that this city of old time hath made insurrection against kings, and *that* rebellion and sedition have been made therein.
20 There have been mighty kings also over Jerusalem, which have ruled over all *countries* beyond the river; and toll, tribute, and custom, was paid unto them.
21 Give ye now commandment to cause these men to cease, and that this city be not builded, until *another* commandment shall be given from me.
22 Take heed now that ye fail not to do this: why should damage grow to the hurt of the kings?
23 Now when the copy of king Artaxerxes' letter *was* read before Rehum, and Shimshai the scribe, and their companions, they went up in haste to Jerusalem unto the Jews, and made them to cease by force and power.
24 Then ceased the work of the house of God which *is* at Jerusalem. So it ceased unto the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia.

Work on the Temple Resumed

5 Then the prophets, Haggai the prophet, and Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophesied unto the Jews that *were* in Judah and Jerusalem in the name of the God of Israel, *even* unto them.
2 Then rose up Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and began to build the house of God which *is* at Jerusalem: and with them *were* the prophets of God helping them.

Attempt Made to Stop Work

3 At the same time came to them Tatnai, governor on this side the river, and Shethar-boznai, and their companions, and said thus unto them, Who hath commanded you to build this house, and to make up this wall?
4 Then said we unto them after this manner, What are the names of the men that make this building?
5 But the eye of their God was upon the elders of the Jews, that they could not cause them to cease, till the matter came to Darius: and then they returned answer by letter concerning this *matter.*

A Letter to Darius

6 The copy of the letter that Tatnai, governor on this side the river, and Shethar-boznai, and his companions the Apharsachites, which *were* on this side the river, sent unto Darius the king:
7 They sent a letter unto him, wherein was written thus; Unto Darius the king, all peace.
8 Be it known unto the king, that we went into the province of Judea, to the house of the great God, which is builded with great

5:1 Jews

(Aram. *yehudaiy*) (Ezra 4:12; 6:7; Dan. 3:8) H3062: The name Jew is popularly associated with the verb *yadah* (meaning "to praise" or "to give thanks") on the basis of Jacob's blessing upon his son Judah in Genesis 49:8: "Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise." Thus a Jew may be a person from the tribe of Judah (Num. 10:14). Later the name Jew was applied directly to those Israelites living in the geographical region known as Judah (see Jer. 7:30). The use of the name Jew for the Israelites as a people group became prominent during the postexilic period. This use is found in the New Testament as well: Jesus is called "the King of the Jews" (Matt. 27:29). In his letter to the Romans, Paul states that the true Jew is one marked by "circumcision of the heart" (Rom. 2:28, 29).

5:6 letter ▸ *see Ezra 4:8.*

stones, and timber is laid in the walls, and this work goeth fast on, and prospereth in their hands.
9 Then asked we those elders, *and* said unto them thus, Who commanded you to build this house, and to make up these walls?
10 We asked their names also, to certify thee, that we might write the names of the men that *were* the chief of them.
11 And thus they returned us answer, saying, We are the servants of the God of heaven and earth, and build the house that was builded these many years ago, which a great king of Israel builded and set up.
12 But after that our fathers had provoked the God of heaven unto wrath, he gave them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, the Chaldean, who destroyed this house, and carried the people away into Babylon.
13 But in the first year of Cyrus the king of Babylon *the same* king Cyrus made a decree to build this house of God.
14 And the vessels also of gold and silver of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took out of the temple that *was* in Jerusalem, and brought them into the temple of Babylon, those did Cyrus the king take out of the temple of Babylon, and they were delivered unto *one,* whose name *was* Sheshbazzar, whom he had made governor;
15 And said unto him, Take these vessels, go, carry them into the temple that *is* in Jerusalem, and let the house of God be builded in his place.
16 Then came the same Sheshbazzar, *and* laid the foundation of the house of God which *is* in Jerusalem: and since that time even until now hath it been in building, and *yet* it is not finished.
17 Now therefore, if *it seem* good to the king, let there be search made in the king's treasure house, which *is* there at Babylon, whether it be *so,* that a decree was made of Cyrus the king to build this house of God at Jerusalem, and let the king send his pleasure to us concerning this matter.

The Decree of Darius

6 Then Darius the king made a decree, and search was made in the house of the rolls, where the treasures were laid up in Babylon.
2 And there was found at Achmetha, in the palace that *is* in the province of the Medes, a roll, and therein *was* a record thus written:
3 In the first year of Cyrus the king *the same* Cyrus the king made a decree *concerning* the house of God at Jerusalem, Let the house be builded, the place where they offered sacrifices, and let the foundations thereof be strongly laid; the height thereof threescore cubits, *and* the breadth thereof threescore cubits;
4 *With* three rows of great stones, and a row of new timber: and let the expenses be given out of the king's house:
5 And also let the golden and silver vessels of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took forth out of the temple which *is* at Jerusalem, and brought unto Babylon, be restored, and brought again unto the temple which *is* at Jerusalem, *every one* to his place, and place *them* in the house of God.
6 Now *therefore,* Tatnai, governor beyond the river, Shethar-boznai, and your companions the Apharsachites, which *are* beyond the river, be ye far from thence:
7 Let the work of this house of God alone; let the governor of the Jews and the elders of the Jews build this house of God in his place.
8 Moreover I make a decree what ye shall do to the elders of these Jews for the building of this house of God: that of the king's goods, *even* of the tribute beyond the river, forthwith expenses be given unto these men, that they be not hindered.
9 And that which they have need of, both young bullocks, and rams, and lambs, for the burnt offerings of the God of heaven, wheat,

6:7 Jews ▸ *see Ezra 5:1.*

6:8 decree

(Aram. *te`em*) (Ezra 4:9; 7:21; Dan. 3:10, 29) H2942: Appearing only in the books of Ezra and Daniel, this word is most likely derived from an Aramaic term and refers to an announcement that carries authoritative direction. So, Rehum is described as the "chancellor" (*te`em,* Ezra 4:9). The king speaks of giving a "command" (Ezra 4:19, 21), which obviously was meant to be obeyed without question. The commands of King Cyrus and King Darius are referred to as "decrees" (Ezra 5:13, 17; 6:1, 3, 8), as are those of King Artaxerxes (Ezra 7:21). Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego were accused of not paying due regard to the king and his commands (Dan. 3:12).

salt, wine, and oil, according to the appointment of the priests which *are* at Jerusalem, let it be given them day by day without fail:
10 That they may offer sacrifices of sweet savours unto the God of heaven, and pray for the life of the king, and of his sons.
11 Also I have made a decree, that whosoever shall alter this word, let timber be pulled down from his house, and being set up, let him be hanged thereon; and let his house be made a dunghill for this.
12 And the God that hath caused his name to dwell there destroy all kings and people, that shall put to their hand to alter *and* to destroy this house of God which *is* at Jerusalem. I Darius have made a decree; let it be done with speed.

Temple Work Completed

13 Then Tatnai, governor on this side the river, Shethar-boznai, and their companions, according to that which Darius the king had sent, so they did speedily.
14 And the elders of the Jews builded, and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son *of* Iddo. And they builded, and finished *it*, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the commandment of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia.
15 And this house was finished on the third day of the month Adar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king.

The Dedication of the Temple

16 And the children of Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the rest of the children of the captivity, kept the dedication of this house of God with joy,
17 And offered at the dedication of this house of God an hundred bullocks, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs; and for a sin offering for all Israel, twelve he goats, according to the number of the tribes of Israel.
18 And they set the priests in their divisions, and the Levites in their courses, for the service of God, which *is* at Jerusalem; as it is written in the book of Moses.

The Passover Celebration

19 And the children of the captivity kept the passover upon the fourteenth *day* of the first month.
20 For the priests and the Levites were purified together, all of them *were* pure, and killed the passover for all the children of the captivity, and for their brethren the priests, and for themselves.
21 And the children of Israel, which were come again out of captivity, and all such as had separated themselves unto them from the filthiness of the heathen of the land, to seek the LORD God of Israel, did eat,
22 And kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with joy: for the LORD had made them joyful, and turned the heart of the king of Assyria unto them, to strengthen their hands in the work of the house of God, the God of Israel.

Ezra Sent to Jerusalem

7 Now after these things, in the reign of Artaxerxes king of Persia, Ezra the son of Seraiah, the son of Azariah, the son of Hilkiah,
2 The son of Shallum, the son of Zadok, the son of Ahitub,
3 The son of Amariah, the son of Azariah, the son of Meraioth,
4 The son of Zerahiah, the son of Uzzi, the son of Bukki,
5 The son of Abishua, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the chief priest:
6 This Ezra went up from Babylon; and he *was* a ready scribe in the law of Moses, which the LORD God of Israel had given: and the king granted him all his request, according to the hand of the LORD his God upon him.
7 And there went up *some* of the children of Israel, and of the priests, and the Levites, and

6:21 seek ▸ *see Amos 5:4.*

7:6 request

(Heb. *baqqashah*) (Esth. 5:3; 7:3; 9:12) H1246: Defined as "request, petition, entreaty," this word appears in the Bible only in this verse and in the Book of Esther, where it appears seven times. The root word means "seek." This particular word for "request" has more formal connotations—with the emphasis on the thing being requested—than the words that are more often translated "petition" and focus more on the person of whom the request is being made.

the singers, and the porters, and the Nethinims, unto Jerusalem, in the seventh year of Artaxerxes the king.
8 And he came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, which *was* in the seventh year of the king.
9 For upon the first *day* of the first month began he to go up from Babylon, and on the first *day* of the fifth month came he to Jerusalem, according to the good hand of his God upon him.
10 For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the LORD, and to do *it,* and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments.

The Letter from Artaxerxes to Ezra

11 Now this *is* the copy of the letter that the king Artaxerxes gave unto Ezra the priest, the scribe, *even* a scribe of the words of the commandments of the LORD, and of his statutes to Israel.
12 Artaxerxes, king of kings, unto Ezra the priest, a scribe of the law of the God of heaven, perfect *peace,* and at such a time.

Ezra's Mission

13 I make a decree, that all they of the people of Israel, and *of* his priests and Levites, in my realm, which are minded of their own freewill to go up to Jerusalem, go with thee.
14 Forasmuch as thou art sent of the king, and of his seven counsellors, to enquire concerning Judah and Jerusalem, according to the law of thy God which *is* in thine hand;
15 And to carry the silver and gold, which the king and his counsellors have freely offered unto the God of Israel, whose habitation *is* in Jerusalem,
16 And all the silver and gold that thou canst find in all the province of Babylon, with the freewill offering of the people, and of the priests, offering willingly for the house of their God which *is* in Jerusalem:
17 That thou mayest buy speedily with this money bullocks, rams, lambs, with their meat offerings and their drink offerings, and offer them upon the altar of the house of your God which *is* in Jerusalem.
18 And whatsoever shall seem good to thee, and to thy brethren, to do with the rest of the silver and the gold, that do after the will of your God.
19 The vessels also that are given thee for the service of the house of thy God, *those* deliver thou before the God of Jerusalem.
20 And whatsoever more shall be needful for the house of thy God, which thou shalt have occasion to bestow, bestow *it* out of the king's treasure house.

Do Whatever Ezra Commands

21 And I, *even* I Artaxerxes the king, do make a decree to all the treasurers which *are* beyond the river, that whatsoever Ezra the priest, the scribe of the law of the God of heaven, shall require of you, it be done speedily,
22 Unto an hundred talents of silver, and to an hundred measures of wheat, and to an hundred baths of wine, and to an hundred baths of oil, and salt without prescribing *how much.*
23 Whatsoever is commanded by the God of heaven, let it be diligently done for the house of the God of heaven: for why should there be wrath against the realm of the king and his sons?
24 Also we certify you, that touching any of the priests and Levites, singers, porters, Nethinims, or ministers of this house of God, it shall not be lawful to impose toll, tribute, or custom, upon them.
25 And thou, Ezra, after the wisdom of thy God, that *is* in thine hand, set magistrates and judges, which may judge all the people that *are* beyond the river, all such as know the laws of thy God; and teach ye them that know *them* not.
26 And whosoever will not do the law of thy God, and the law of the king, let judgment be executed speedily upon him, whether *it be* unto death, or to banishment, or to confiscation of goods, or to imprisonment.

Ezra Praises God

27 Blessed *be* the LORD God of our fathers, which hath put *such a thing* as this in the king's heart, to beautify the house of the LORD which *is* in Jerusalem:
28 And hath extended mercy unto me before the king, and his counsellors, and before all the king's mighty princes. And I was strengthened as the hand of the LORD my

7:10 seek ▸ *see Amos 5:4.*
7:21 decree ▸ *see Ezra 6:8.*

God *was* upon me, and I gathered together out of Israel chief men to go up with me.

Heads of Families

8 These *are* now the chief of their fathers, and *this is* the genealogy of them that went up with me from Babylon, in the reign of Artaxerxes the king.
2 Of the sons of Phinehas; Gershom: of the sons of Ithamar; Daniel: of the sons of David; Hattush.
3 Of the sons of Shechaniah, of the sons of Pharosh; Zechariah: and with him were reckoned by genealogy of the males an hundred and fifty.
4 Of the sons of Pahath-moab; Elihoenai the son of Zerahiah, and with him two hundred males.
5 Of the sons of Shechaniah; the son of Jahaziel, and with him three hundred males.
6 Of the sons also of Adin; Ebed the son of Jonathan, and with him fifty males.
7 And of the sons of Elam; Jeshaiah the son of Athaliah, and with him seventy males.
8 And of the sons of Shephatiah; Zebadiah the son of Michael, and with him fourscore males.
9 Of the sons of Joab; Obadiah the son of Jehiel, and with him two hundred and eighteen males.
10 And of the sons of Shelomith; the son of Josiphiah, and with him an hundred and threescore males.
11 And of the sons of Bebai; Zechariah the son of Bebai, and with him twenty and eight males.
12 And of the sons of Azgad; Johanan the son of Hakkatan, and with him an hundred and ten males.
13 And of the last sons of Adonikam, whose names *are* these, Eliphelet, Jeiel, and Shemaiah, and with them threescore males.
14 Of the sons also of Bigvai; Uthai, and Zabbud, and with them seventy males.

No Levites Found in the Group

15 And I gathered them together to the river that runneth to Ahava; and there abode we in tents three days: and I viewed the people, and the priests, and found there none of the sons of Levi.
16 Then sent I for Eliezer, for Ariel, for Shemaiah, and for Elnathan, and for Jarib, and for Elnathan, and for Nathan, and for Zechariah, and for Meshullam, chief men; also for Joiarib, and for Elnathan, men of understanding.
17 And I sent them with commandment unto Iddo the chief at the place Casiphia, and I told them what they should say unto Iddo, *and* to his brethren the Nethinims, at the place Casiphia, that they should bring unto us ministers for the house of our God.
18 And by the good hand of our God upon us they brought us a man of understanding, of the sons of Mahli, the son of Levi, the son of Israel; and Sherebiah, with his sons and his brethren, eighteen;
19 And Hashabiah, and with him Jeshaiah of the sons of Merari, his brethren and their sons, twenty;
20 Also of the Nethinims, whom David and the princes had appointed for the service of the Levites, two hundred and twenty Nethinims: all of them were expressed by name.

Prayer for Safekeeping

21 Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the river of Ahava, that we might afflict ourselves before our God, to seek of him a right way for us, and for our little ones, and for all our substance.
22 For I was ashamed to require of the king a band of soldiers and horsemen to help us against the enemy in the way: because we had spoken unto the king, saying, The hand of our God *is* upon all them for good that seek him; but his power and his wrath *is* against all them that forsake him.
23 So we fasted and besought our God for this: and he was intreated of us.

Priests Charged with Treasures

24 Then I separated twelve of the chief of

8:22 horseman

(Heb. *parash*) (Ex. 14:9; 1 Sam. 8:11; 2 Kin. 2:12; Is. 31:1) H6571: Quite simply, this word refers to a person who sits on a horse, as opposed to another type of animal. Horses were the strongest and swiftest mode of transportation in the ancient world. Horsemen were mainly soldiers, so the term became a symbol for military strength. God warned the people of Israel not to build up an army of horsemen lest they trust their own strength rather than God's (1 Sam. 8:11; Is. 31:1), but Solomon blatantly disregarded this warning (2 Chr. 1:14).

the priests, Sherebiah, Hashabiah, and ten of their brethren with them,
25 And weighed unto them the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, *even* the offering of the house of our God, which the king, and his counsellors, and his lords, and all Israel *there* present, had offered:
26 I even weighed unto their hand six hundred and fifty talents of silver, and silver vessels an hundred talents, *and* of gold an hundred talents;
27 Also twenty basons of gold, of a thousand drams; and two vessels of fine copper, precious as gold.
28 And I said unto them, Ye *are* holy unto the LORD; the vessels *are* holy also; and the silver and the gold *are* a freewill offering unto the LORD God of your fathers.
29 Watch ye, and keep *them,* until ye weigh *them* before the chief of the priests and the Levites, and chief of the fathers of Israel, at Jerusalem, in the chambers of the house of the LORD.
30 So took the priests and the Levites the weight of the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, to bring *them* to Jerusalem unto the house of our God.

The Journey to Jerusalem

31 Then we departed from the river of Ahava on the twelfth *day* of the first month, to go unto Jerusalem: and the hand of our God was upon us, and he delivered us from the hand of the enemy, and of such as lay in wait by the way.
32 And we came to Jerusalem, and abode there three days.
33 Now on the fourth day was the silver and the gold and the vessels weighed in the house of our God by the hand of Meremoth the son of Uriah the priest; and with him *was* Eleazar the son of Phinehas; and with them *was* Jozabad the son of Jeshua, and Noadiah the son of Binnui, Levites;
34 By number *and* by weight of every one: and all the weight was written at that time.
35 *Also* the children of those that had been carried away, which were come out of the captivity, offered burnt offerings unto the God of Israel, twelve bullocks for all Israel, ninety and six rams, seventy and seven lambs, twelve he goats *for* a sin offering: all *this was* a burnt offering unto the LORD.
36 And they delivered the king's commissions unto the king's lieutenants, and to the governors on this side the river: and they furthered the people, and the house of God.

Israel's Transgression

9 Now when these things were done, the princes came to me, saying, The people of Israel, and the priests, and the Levites, have not separated themselves from the people of the lands, *doing* according to their abominations, *even* of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites.
2 For they have taken of their daughters for themselves, and for their sons: so that the holy seed have mingled themselves with the people of *those* lands: yea, the hand of the princes and rulers hath been chief in this trespass.
3 And when I heard this thing, I rent my garment and my mantle, and plucked off the hair of my head and of my beard, and sat down astonied.
4 Then were assembled unto me every one that trembled at the words of the God of Israel, because of the transgression of those that had been carried away; and I sat astonied until the evening sacrifice.

Ezra's Confession of Israel's Sin

5 And at the evening sacrifice I arose up from my heaviness; and having rent my garment and my mantle, I fell upon my knees, and spread out my hands unto the LORD my God,
6 And said, O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to thee, my God: for our iniquities are increased over *our* head, and our trespass is grown up unto the heavens.
7 Since the days of our fathers *have* we *been* in a great trespass unto this day; and for our iniquities have we, our kings, *and* our priests, been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, and to a spoil, and to confusion of face, as *it is* this day.
8 And now for a little space grace hath been

8:28 vessel ▸ *see 1 Sam. 14:6.*
8:29 watch ▸ *see Jer. 1:12.*
8:36 commission ▸ *see Esth. 1:8.*

shewed from the LORD our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a nail in his holy place, that our God may lighten our eyes, and give us a little reviving in our bondage.
9 For we *were* bondmen; yet our God hath not forsaken us in our bondage, but hath extended mercy unto us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us a reviving, to set up the house of our God, and to repair the desolations thereof, and to give us a wall in Judah and in Jerusalem.
10 And now, O our God, what shall we say after this? for we have forsaken thy commandments,
11 Which thou hast commanded by thy servants the prophets, saying, The land, unto which ye go to possess it, is an unclean land with the filthiness of the people of the lands, with their abominations, which have filled it from one end to another with their uncleanness.
12 Now therefore give not your daughters unto their sons, neither take their daughters unto your sons, nor seek their peace or their wealth for ever: that ye may be strong, and eat the good of the land, and leave *it* for an inheritance to your children for ever.
13 And after all that is come upon us for our evil deeds, and for our great trespass, seeing that thou our God hast punished us less than our iniquities *deserve,* and hast given us *such* deliverance as this;
14 Should we again break thy commandments, and join in affinity with the people of these abominations? wouldest not thou be angry with us till thou hadst consumed *us,* so that *there should be* no remnant nor escaping?
15 O LORD God of Israel, thou *art* righteous: for we remain yet escaped, as *it is* this day: behold, we *are* before thee in our trespasses: for we cannot stand before thee because of this.

Israel Repents of Sin

10 Now when Ezra had prayed, and when he had confessed, weeping and casting himself down before the house of God, there assembled unto him out of Israel a very great congregation of men and women and children: for the people wept very sore.
2 And Shechaniah the son of Jehiel, *one* of the sons of Elam, answered and said unto Ezra, We have trespassed against our God, and have taken strange wives of the people of the land: yet now there is hope in Israel concerning this thing.
3 Now therefore let us make a covenant with our God to put away all the wives, and such as are born of them, according to the counsel of my lord, and of those that tremble at the commandment of our God; and let it be done according to the law.
4 Arise; for *this* matter *belongeth* unto thee: we also *will be* with thee: be of good courage, and do *it.*
5 Then arose Ezra, and made the chief priests, the Levites, and all Israel, to swear that they should do according to this word. And they sware.
6 Then Ezra rose up from before the house of God, and went into the chamber of Johanan the son of Eliashib: and *when* he came thither, he did eat no bread, nor drink water: for he mourned because of the transgression of them that had been carried away.
7 And they made proclamation throughout Judah and Jerusalem unto all the children of the captivity, that they should gather themselves together unto Jerusalem;
8 And that whosoever would not come within three days, according to the counsel

9:8 leave

(Heb. *sha'ar*) (Ezra 9:15; Neh. 1:3) H7604: To be left a *remnant* means "to remain" or "to be left over." A remnant is what is left after a catastrophe. In Ezra, the word frequently refers to those Israelites who survived the Exile and returned to resettle the Promised Land (Ezra 9:8). The prophets use the word to speak not only of a group of Israelites who survived a particular calamity but to those Israelites who remained faithful to God (Amos 5:14, 15). The concept of the remnant is central to Isaiah, who prophesies that the Root of Jesse, the Messiah, would one day gather the remnant of Israel from all the nations, even attracting some Gentiles to Himself (Is. 11:10, 11, 16). The *remnant* therefore becomes a powerful Old Testament theme of covenant faithfulness and salvation, for in sparing His people God left a nation through whom all the world would be blessed (Gen. 12:3).

9:15 remain ▸ *see Ezra 9:8.*
10:1 assemble ▸ *see 1 Sam. 7:7.*

of the princes and the elders, all his substance should be forfeited, and himself separated from the congregation of those that had been carried away.
9 Then all the men of Judah and Benjamin gathered themselves together unto Jerusalem within three days. It *was* the ninth month, on the twentieth *day* of the month; and all the people sat in the street of the house of God, trembling because of *this* matter, and for the great rain.
10 And Ezra the priest stood up, and said unto them, Ye have transgressed, and have taken strange wives, to increase the trespass of Israel.
11 Now therefore make confession unto the LORD God of your fathers, and do his pleasure: and separate yourselves from the people of the land, and from the strange wives.

Time to Put Wives Away

12 Then all the congregation answered and said with a loud voice, As thou hast said, so must we do.
13 But the people *are* many, and *it is* a time of much rain, and we are not able to stand without, neither *is this* a work of one day or two: for we are many that have transgressed in this thing.
14 Let now our rulers of all the congregation stand, and let all them which have taken strange wives in our cities come at appointed times, and with them the elders of every city, and the judges thereof, until the fierce wrath of our God for this matter be turned from us.
15 Only Jonathan the son of Asahel and Jahaziah the son of Tikvah were employed about this *matter:* and Meshullam and Shabbethai the Levite helped them.
16 And the children of the captivity did so. And Ezra the priest, *with* certain chief of the fathers, after the house of their fathers, and all of them by *their* names, were separated, and sat down in the first day of the tenth month to examine the matter.
17 And they made an end with all the men that had taken strange wives by the first day of the first month.
18 And among the sons of the priests there were found that had taken strange wives: *namely,* of the sons of Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brethren; Maaseiah, and Eliezer, and Jarib, and Gedaliah.
19 And they gave their hands that they would put away their wives; and *being* guilty, *they offered* a ram of the flock for their trespass.
20 And of the sons of Immer; Hanani, and Zebadiah.
21 And of the sons of Harim; Maaseiah, and Elijah, and Shemaiah, and Jehiel, and Uzziah.
22 And of the sons of Pashur; Elioenai, Maaseiah, Ishmael, Nethaneel, Jozabad, and Elasah.
23 Also of the Levites; Jozabad, and Shimei, and Kelaiah, (the same *is* Kelita,) Pethahiah, Judah, and Eliezer.
24 Of the singers also; Eliashib: and of the porters; Shallum, and Telem, and Uri.
25 Moreover of Israel: of the sons of Parosh; Ramiah, and Jeziah, and Malchiah, and Miamin, and Eleazar, and Malchijah, and Benaiah.
26 And of the sons of Elam; Mattaniah, Zechariah, and Jehiel, and Abdi, and Jeremoth, and Eliah.
27 And of the sons of Zattu; Elioenai, Eliashib, Mattaniah, and Jeremoth, and Zabad, and Aziza.
28 Of the sons also of Bebai; Jehohanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, *and* Athlai.
29 And of the sons of Bani; Meshullam, Malluch, and Adaiah, Jashub, and Sheal, and Ramoth.
30 And of the sons of Pahath-moab; Adna, and Chelal, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattaniah, Bezaleel, and Binnui, and Manasseh.
31 And *of* the sons of Harim; Eliezer, Ishijah, Malchiah, Shemaiah, Shimeon,
32 Benjamin, Malluch, *and* Shemariah.
33 Of the sons of Hashum; Mattenai, Mattathah, Zabad, Eliphelet, Jeremai, Manasseh, *and* Shimei.
34 Of the sons of Bani; Maadai, Amram, and Uel,
35 Benaiah, Bedeiah, Chelluh,

10:8 substance

(Heb. *rekush*) (Gen. 12:5; Num. 16:32; 2 Chr. 20:25) H7399: Derived from the root word meaning "to collect or gather property," this word emphasizes the acquiring of goods and possessions. These are the moveable goods that one has obtained over time and takes along when moving to a new location. "Substance" or "property" is a person's wealth obtained either as the spoils of war (2 Chr. 21:17), by hard work (Gen. 31:18), or through the blessing of God (Gen. 15:14). In the Christian understanding, all of a person's goods ultimately come from God.

36 Vaniah, Meremoth, Eliashib,
37 Mattaniah, Mattenai, and Jaasau,
38 And Bani, and Binnui, Shimei,
39 And Shelemiah, and Nathan, and Adaiah,
40 Machnadebai, Shashai, Sharai,
41 Azareel, and Shelemiah, Shemariah,
42 Shallum, Amariah, *and* Joseph.
43 Of the sons of Nebo; Jeiel, Mattithiah, Zabad, Zebina, Jadau, and Joel, Benaiah.
44 All these had taken strange wives: and *some* of them had wives by whom they had children.

THE BOOK OF

NEHEMIAH

NEHEMIAH, CONTEMPORARY OF EZRA AND cupbearer to the king in the Persian palace, leads the third and last return to Jerusalem after the Babylonian exile. His concern for the welfare of Jerusalem and its inhabitants prompts him to take bold action. Granted permission to return to his homeland, Nehemiah challenges his countrymen to arise and rebuild the shattered wall of Jerusalem. In spite of opposition from without and abuse from within, the task is completed in only fifty-two days, a feat even the enemies of Israel must attribute to God's enabling. By contrast, the task of reviving and reforming the people of God within the rebuilt wall demands years of Nehemiah's godly life and leadership.

The Hebrew for Nehemiah is *Nehemyah*, "Comfort of Yahweh." The book is named after its chief character, whose name appears in the opening verse. The combined book of Ezra–Nehemiah is given the Greek title *Esdras Deuteron*, "Second Esdras" in the Septuagint, a third-century B.C. Greek-language translation of the Hebrew Old Testament. The Latin title of Nehemiah is *Liber Secundus Esdrae*, "Second Book of Ezra" (Ezra was the first). At this point, it is considered a separate book from Ezra, and is later called *Liber Nehemiae*, "Book of Nehemiah."

WATCH WORDS

- **redeem** (buy back, save from destruction)—1:10
- **terrible** (having the quality that inspires reverence or godly fear)—4:14 (also 1:5)
- **understand** (make sense of or comprehend)—8:8
- **Canaanite** (a tribe of people descended from the son of Ham)—9:8

News from Jerusalem

1 The words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah. And it came to pass in the
month Chisleu, in the twentieth year, as I was
in Shushan the palace,
2 That Hanani, one of my brethren, came,
he and *certain* men of Judah; and I asked
them concerning the Jews that had escaped,
which were left of the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem.
3 And they said unto me, The remnant that
are left of the captivity there in the province
are in great affliction and reproach: the wall
of Jerusalem also *is* broken down, and the
gates thereof are burned with fire.

Nehemiah's Prayer of Repentance

4 And it came to pass, when I heard
these words, that I sat down and wept, and
mourned *certain* days, and fasted, and
prayed before the God of heaven,
5 And said, I beseech thee, O LORD God of
heaven, the great and terrible God, that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love
him and observe his commandments:
6 Let thine ear now be attentive, and thine
eyes open, that thou mayest hear the prayer
of thy servant, which I pray before thee now,
day and night, for the children of Israel thy
servants, and confess the sins of the children
of Israel, which we have sinned against thee:
both I and my father's house have sinned.
7 We have dealt very corruptly against thee,
and have not kept the commandments, nor

1:2 escape ▸ *see Is. 37:32.*
1:3 leave ▸ *see Ezra 9:8.*
1:4 fast ▸ *see Esth. 4:16.*

the statutes, nor the judgments, which thou commandedst thy servant Moses.
8 Remember, I beseech thee, the word that thou commandedst thy servant Moses, saying, *If* ye transgress, I will scatter you abroad among the nations:
9 But *if* ye turn unto me, and keep my commandments, and do them; though there were of you cast out unto the uttermost part of the heaven, *yet* will I gather them from thence, and will bring them unto the place that I have chosen to set my name there.
10 Now these *are* thy servants and thy people, whom thou hast redeemed by thy great power, and by thy strong hand.
11 O Lord, I beseech thee, let now thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thy servant, and to the prayer of thy servants, who desire to fear thy name: and prosper, I pray thee, thy servant this day, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man. For I was the king's cupbearer.

Nehemiah's Sad Countenance

2 And it came to pass in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes the king, *that* wine *was* before him: and I took up the wine, and gave *it* unto the king. Now I had not been *beforetime* sad in his presence.
2 Wherefore the king said unto me, Why *is* thy countenance sad, seeing thou *art* not sick? this *is* nothing *else* but sorrow of heart. Then I was very sore afraid,
3 And said unto the king, Let the king live for ever: why should not my countenance be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' sepulchres, *lieth* waste, and the gates thereof are consumed with fire?
4 Then the king said unto me, For what dost thou make request? So I prayed to the God of heaven.

Nehemiah's Request

5 And I said unto the king, If it please the king, and if thy servant have found favour in thy sight, that thou wouldest send me unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers' sepulchres, that I may build it.
6 And the king said unto me, (the queen also sitting by him,) For how long shall thy journey be? and when wilt thou return? So it pleased the king to send me; and I set him a time.
7 Moreover I said unto the king, If it please the king, let letters be given me to the governors beyond the river, that they may convey me over till I come into Judah;
8 And a letter unto Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the palace which *appertained* to the house, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall enter into. And the king granted me, according to the good hand of my God upon me.
9 Then I came to the governors beyond the river, and gave them the king's letters. Now the king had sent captains of the army and horsemen with me.
10 When Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, heard *of it,* it grieved them exceedingly that there was

1:8 transgress ▸ *see 2 Chr. 12:2.*
1:8 scatter ▸ *see 2 Kin. 25:5.*

1:10 redeem

(Heb. *padah*) (Deut. 24:18; 2 Sam. 7:23; Ps. 34:22) H6299: The return from exile here mirrors the time when the Lord "redeemed [Israel] out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh" (Deut. 7:8). The people had been slaves, but the Lord "redeemed" (rescued) them (Deut. 15:15; 24:18; 2 Sam. 7:23). God's protection also extended to individuals, such as David, who spoke of the Lord redeeming his life (2 Sam. 4:9; 1 Kin. 1:29). In a similar way, Jonathan was redeemed from Saul's rash vow (1 Sam. 14:45). Significantly, "the LORD redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate" (Ps. 34:22).

1:11 mercy ▸ *see Is. 63:7.*

2:5 sepulchre

(Heb. *qeber*) (Gen. 23:9; Job 17:1; Is. 53:9; 65:4) H6913: This word signifies a burial place for humans (never animals)—either a sepulcher (Is. 22:16) or a cave (Gen. 23:9). Customarily, graves were either natural caves or chambers hewn out of soft rock that were large enough to bury many family members all together (Gen. 50:13). Under the Law, contact with a grave made a person unclean for seven days (Num. 19:16). Both the throat of transgressors and the quiver of the Babylonians are compared with an open tomb (Ps. 5:9, 10; Jer. 5:16). Other figurative uses include a reference to a mother's womb (Jer. 20:17) and one to Jewish existence in the Babylonian exile (Ezek. 37:12, 13).

come a man to seek the welfare of the children of Israel.
11 So I came to Jerusalem, and was there three days.

Nehemiah's Inspection of the Walls

12 And I arose in the night, I and some few men with me; neither told I *any* man what my God had put in my heart to do at Jerusalem: neither *was there any* beast with me, save the beast that I rode upon.
13 And I went out by night by the gate of the valley, even before the dragon well, and to the dung port, and viewed the walls of Jerusalem, which were broken down, and the gates thereof were consumed with fire.
14 Then I went on to the gate of the fountain, and to the king's pool: but *there was* no place for the beast *that was* under me to pass.
15 Then went I up in the night by the brook, and viewed the wall, and turned back, and entered by the gate of the valley, and *so* returned.
16 And the rulers knew not whither I went, or what I did; neither had I as yet told *it* to the Jews, nor to the priests, nor to the nobles, nor to the rulers, nor to the rest that did the work.
17 Then said I unto them, Ye see the distress that we *are* in, how Jerusalem *lieth* waste, and the gates thereof are burned with fire: come, and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach.
18 Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me; as also the king's words that he had spoken unto me. And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for *this* good *work*.
19 But when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, and Geshem the Arabian, heard *it,* they laughed us to scorn, and despised us, and said, What *is* this thing that ye do? will ye rebel against the king?
20 Then answered I them, and said unto them, The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build: but ye have no portion, nor right, nor memorial, in Jerusalem.

Rebuilding the Walls

3 Then Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brethren the priests, and they builded the sheep gate; they sanctified it, and set up the doors of it; even unto the tower of Meah they sanctified it, unto the tower of Hananeel.
2 And next unto him builded the men of Jericho. And next to them builded Zaccur the son of Imri.
3 But the fish gate did the sons of Hassenaah build, who *also* laid the beams thereof, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof.
4 And next unto them repaired Meremoth the son of Urijah, the son of Koz. And next unto them repaired Meshullam the son of Berechiah, the son of Meshezabeel. And next unto them repaired Zadok the son of Baana.
5 And next unto them the Tekoites repaired; but their nobles put not their necks to the work of their Lord.
6 Moreover the old gate repaired Jehoiada the son of Paseah, and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah; they laid the beams thereof, and set up the doors thereof, and the locks thereof, and the bars thereof.
7 And next unto them repaired Melatiah the Gibeonite, and Jadon the Meronothite, the men of Gibeon, and of Mizpah, unto the throne of the governor on this side the river.
8 Next unto him repaired Uzziel the son of Harhaiah, of the goldsmiths. Next unto him also repaired Hananiah the son of *one of* the apothecaries, and they fortified Jerusalem unto the broad wall.
9 And next unto them repaired Rephaiah the son of Hur, the ruler of the half part of Jerusalem.
10 And next unto them repaired Jedaiah the son of Harumaph, even over against his house. And next unto him repaired Hattush the son of Hashabniah.
11 Malchijah the son of Harim, and Hashub the son of Pahath-moab, repaired the other piece, and the tower of the furnaces.
12 And next unto him repaired Shallum the son of Halohesh, the ruler of the half part of Jerusalem, he and his daughters.
13 The valley gate repaired Hanun, and the inhabitants of Zanoah; they built it, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof, and a thousand cubits on the wall unto the dung gate.
14 But the dung gate repaired Malchiah the son of Rechab, the ruler of part of Bethhaccerem; he built it, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof.

15 But the gate of the fountain repaired Shallun the son of Col-hozeh, the ruler of part of Mizpah; he built it, and covered it, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof, and the wall of the pool of Siloah by the king's garden, and unto the stairs that go down from the city of David.
16 After him repaired Nehemiah the son of Azbuk, the ruler of the half part of Beth-zur, unto *the place* over against the sepulchres of David, and to the pool that was made, and unto the house of the mighty.
17 After him repaired the Levites, Rehum the son of Bani. Next unto him repaired Hashabiah, the ruler of the half part of Keilah, in his part.
18 After him repaired their brethren, Bavai the son of Henadad, the ruler of the half part of Keilah.
19 And next to him repaired Ezer the son of Jeshua, the ruler of Mizpah, another piece over against the going up to the armoury at the turning *of the wall.*
20 After him Baruch the son of Zabbai earnestly repaired the other piece, from the turning *of the wall* unto the door of the house of Eliashib the high priest.
21 After him repaired Meremoth the son of Urijah the son of Koz another piece, from the door of the house of Eliashib even to the end of the house of Eliashib.
22 And after him repaired the priests, the men of the plain.
23 After him repaired Benjamin and Hashub over against their house. After him repaired Azariah the son of Maaseiah the son of Ananiah by his house.
24 After him repaired Binnui the son of Henadad another piece, from the house of Azariah unto the turning *of the wall,* even unto the corner.
25 Palal the son of Uzai, over against the turning *of the wall,* and the tower which lieth out from the king's high house, that *was* by the court of the prison. After him Pedaiah the son of Parosh.
26 Moreover the Nethinims dwelt in Ophel, unto *the place* over against the water gate toward the east, and the tower that lieth out.
27 After them the Tekoites repaired another piece, over against the great tower that lieth out, even unto the wall of Ophel.
28 From above the horse gate repaired the priests, every one over against his house.
29 After them repaired Zadok the son of Immer over against his house. After him repaired also Shemaiah the son of Shechaniah, the keeper of the east gate.
30 After him repaired Hananiah the son of Shelemiah, and Hanun the sixth son of Zalaph, another piece. After him repaired Meshullam the son of Berechiah over against his chamber.
31 After him repaired Malchiah the goldsmith's son unto the place of the Nethinims, and of the merchants, over against the gate Miphkad, and to the going up of the corner.
32 And between the going up of the corner unto the sheep gate repaired the goldsmiths and the merchants.

Opposition to the Wall

4 But it came to pass, that when Sanballat heard that we builded the wall, he was wroth, and took great indignation, and mocked the Jews.
2 And he spake before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, What do these feeble Jews? will they fortify themselves? will they sacrifice? will they make an end in a day? will they revive the stones out of the heaps of the rubbish which are burned?
3 Now Tobiah the Ammonite *was* by him, and he said, Even that which they build, if a fox go up, he shall even break down their stone wall.
4 Hear, O our God; for we are despised: and turn their reproach upon their own head, and give them for a prey in the land of captivity:

3:15 stairs ▸ *see Amos 9:6.*

3:32 going up

(Heb. *`aliyah*) (1 Kin. 17:19; 2 Kin. 23:12; Jer. 22:13) H5944: This word refers to a chamber that has been constructed on an upper level or upon a flat rooftop. For private dwellings, an upper room could be used to lodge guests from out of town (2 Kin. 4:10, 11), and palaces had upper rooms where the king could enjoy the coolness they provided (Judg. 3:20–25; 2 Kin. 1:2). Solomon's temple, designed by King David, had them (1 Chr. 28:11; 2 Chr. 3:9), and upper rooms are associated with city gates as well (2 Sam. 18:33; Neh. 3:31, 32). The Lord's upper chambers are in the heavens from whose height He waters the hills (Ps. 104:3, 13).

4:1 mock ▸ *see Ps. 80:6.*

5 And cover not their iniquity, and let not their sin be blotted out from before thee: for they have provoked *thee* to anger before the builders.
6 So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work.

The Adversaries' Conspiracy

7 But it came to pass, *that* when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and the Arabians, and the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites, heard that the walls of Jerusalem were made up, *and* that the breaches began to be stopped, then they were very wroth,
8 And conspired all of them together to come *and* to fight against Jerusalem, and to hinder it.

Prayer for God's Protection

9 Nevertheless we made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them.
10 And Judah said, The strength of the bearers of burdens is decayed, and *there is* much rubbish; so that we are not able to build the wall.
11 And our adversaries said, They shall not know, neither see, till we come in the midst among them, and slay them, and cause the work to cease.
12 And it came to pass, that when the Jews which dwelt by them came, they said unto us ten times, From all places whence ye shall return unto us *they will be upon you.*
13 Therefore set I in the lower places behind the wall, *and* on the higher places, I even set the people after their families with their swords, their spears, and their bows.
14 And I looked, and rose up, and said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, Be not ye afraid of them: remember the Lord, *which is* great and terrible, and fight for your brethren, your sons, and your daughters, your wives, and your houses.
15 And it came to pass, when our enemies heard that it was known unto us, and God had brought their counsel to nought, that we returned all of us to the wall, every one unto his work.
16 And it came to pass from that time forth, *that* the half of my servants wrought in the work, and the other half of them held both the spears, the shields, and the bows, and the habergeons; and the rulers *were* behind all the house of Judah.
17 They which builded on the wall, and they that bare burdens, with those that laded, *every one* with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other *hand* held a weapon.
18 For the builders, every one had his sword girded by his side, and *so* builded. And he that sounded the trumpet *was* by me.
19 And I said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, The work *is* great and large, and we are separated upon the wall, one far from another.
20 In what place *therefore* ye hear the sound of the trumpet, resort ye thither unto us: our God shall fight for us.
21 So we laboured in the work: and half of them held the spears from the rising of the morning till the stars appeared.
22 Likewise at the same time said I unto the people, Let every one with his servant lodge within Jerusalem, that in the night they may be a guard to us, and labour on the day.
23 So neither I, nor my brethren, nor my servants, nor the men of the guard which followed me, none of us put off our clothes, *saving that* every one put them off for washing.

Complaints About Usury

5 And there was a great cry of the people and of their wives against their brethren the Jews.
2 For there were that said, We, our sons, and our daughters, *are* many: therefore we take up corn *for them,* that we may eat, and live.
3 *Some* also there were that said, We have

4:14 terrible

(Heb. *yare'*) (Lev. 25:17; Job 1:9; Ps. 139:14) H3372: This Hebrew word is derived from the Hebrew verb meaning "to fear." In this context, the word does not mean "frightening." Rather it suggests the quality that inspires reverence or godly fear. In some Bible passages, "fearing" and godly living are so closely related that they are almost synonymous (Lev. 19:14; 25:17; Deut. 17:19; 2 Kin. 17:34). Thus while ordinary fear paralyzes a person, godly fear leads to submission and obedience to God. The person who properly fears God avoids evil (Job 1:9) and walks in God's ways (Ps. 128:1). In addition, we are "fearfully and wonderfully made" (Ps. 139:14).

mortgaged our lands, vineyards, and houses, that we might buy corn, because of the dearth.
4 There were also that said, We have borrowed money for the king's tribute, *and* *that upon* our lands and vineyards.
5 Yet now our flesh *is* as the flesh of our brethren, our children as their children: and, lo, we bring into bondage our sons and our daughters to be servants, and *some* of our daughters are brought unto bondage *already:* neither *is it* in our power *to redeem them;* for other men have our lands and vineyards.

Nehemiah's Anger

6 And I was very angry when I heard their cry and these words.
7 Then I consulted with myself, and I rebuked the nobles, and the rulers, and said unto them, Ye exact usury, every one of his brother. And I set a great assembly against them.
8 And I said unto them, We after our ability have redeemed our brethren the Jews, which were sold unto the heathen; and will ye even sell your brethren? or shall they be sold unto us? Then held they their peace, and found nothing *to answer.*
9 Also I said, It *is* not good that ye do: ought ye not to walk in the fear of our God because of the reproach of the heathen our enemies?
10 I likewise, *and* my brethren, and my servants, might exact of them money and corn: I pray you, let us leave off this usury.
11 Restore, I pray you, to them, even this day, their lands, their vineyards, their oliveyards, and their houses, also the hundredth *part* of the money, and of the corn, the wine, and the oil, that ye exact of them.
12 Then said they, We will restore *them,* and will require nothing of them; so will we do as thou sayest. Then I called the priests, and took an oath of them, that they should do according to this promise.
13 Also I shook my lap, and said, So God shake out every man from his house, and from his labour, that performeth not this promise, even thus be he shaken out, and emptied. And all the congregation said, Amen, and praised the LORD. And the people did according to this promise.

Nehemiah's Generosity

14 Moreover from the time that I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year even unto the two and thirtieth year of Artaxerxes the king, *that is,* twelve years, I and my brethren have not eaten the bread of the governor.
15 But the former governors that *had been* before me were chargeable unto the people, and had taken of them bread and wine, beside forty shekels of silver; yea, even their servants bare rule over the people: but so did not I, because of the fear of God.
16 Yea, also I continued in the work of this wall, neither bought we any land: and all my servants *were* gathered thither unto the work.
17 Moreover *there were* at my table an hundred and fifty of the Jews and rulers, beside those that came unto us from among the heathen that *are* about us.
18 Now *that* which was prepared *for me* daily *was* one ox *and* six choice sheep; also fowls were prepared for me, and once in ten days store of all sorts of wine: yet for all this required not I the bread of the governor, because the bondage was heavy upon this people.
19 Think upon me, my God, for good, *according* to all that I have done for this people.

Trickery of Adversaries

6 Now it came to pass, when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and Geshem the Arabian, and the rest of our enemies, heard that I had builded the wall, and *that* there was no

5:5 bondage

(Heb. *kabash*) (Gen. 1:28; 1 Chr. 22:18; Zech. 9:15) H3533: This rare verb means "to subdue, bring into subjection, or bring into bondage through the exercise of force." God's first recorded words to man contain the command to subdue the earth (Gen. 1:28). Over one-third of this word's uses relate to the Israelites subjugating the peoples of Canaan under Joshua and David (Num. 32:22, 29; Josh. 18:1; 2 Sam. 8:11; 1 Chr. 22:18). Through war or debt, people could be forced into the bondage of slavery (2 Chr. 28:10; Jer. 34:11, 16). This term may even be used of a man forcing himself upon a woman (Esth. 7:8). On a positive note, Micah prophesied that one day God would subdue Israel's iniquities (Mic. 7:19).

5:13 empty ▸ *see 2 Chr. 13:7.*
5:15 rule ▸ *see Eccl. 8:9.*

breach left therein; (though at that time I had not set up the doors upon the gates;)
2 That Sanballat and Geshem sent unto me, saying, Come, let us meet together in *some one of* the villages in the plain of Ono. But they thought to do me mischief.
3 And I sent messengers unto them, saying, I *am* doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you?
4 Yet they sent unto me four times after this sort; and I answered them after the same manner.

Letter from Sanballat

5 Then sent Sanballat his servant unto me in like manner the fifth time with an open letter in his hand;
6 Wherein *was* written, It is reported among the heathen, and Gashmu saith *it, that* thou and the Jews think to rebel: for which cause thou buildest the wall, that thou mayest be their king, according to these words.
7 And thou hast also appointed prophets to preach of thee at Jerusalem, saying, *There is* a king in Judah: and now shall it be reported to the king according to these words. Come now therefore, and let us take counsel together.
8 Then I sent unto him, saying, There are no such things done as thou sayest, but thou feignest them out of thine own heart.
9 For they all made us afraid, saying, Their hands shall be weakened from the work, that it be not done. Now therefore, *O God,* strengthen my hands.

Shemaiah's Counsel

10 Afterward I came unto the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah the son of Mehetabeel, who *was* shut up; and he said, Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple, and let us shut the doors of the temple: for they will come to slay thee; yea, in the night will they come to slay thee.
11 And I said, Should such a man as I flee? and who *is there,* that, *being* as I *am,* would go into the temple to save his life? I will not go in.
12 And, lo, I perceived that God had not sent him; but that he pronounced this prophecy against me: for Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him.
13 Therefore *was* he hired, that I should be afraid, and do so, and sin, and *that* they might have *matter* for an evil report, that they might reproach me.
14 My God, think thou upon Tobiah and Sanballat according to these their works, and on the prophetess Noadiah, and the rest of the prophets, that would have put me in fear.

The Wall Completed in Fifty-Two Days

15 So the wall was finished in the twenty and fifth *day* of *the month* Elul, in fifty and two days.
16 And it came to pass, that when all our enemies heard *thereof,* and all the heathen that *were* about us saw *these things,* they were much cast down in their own eyes: for they perceived that this work was wrought of our God.
17 Moreover in those days the nobles of Judah sent many letters unto Tobiah, and *the letters* of Tobiah came unto them.
18 For *there were* many in Judah sworn unto him, because he *was* the son in law of Shechaniah the son of Arah; and his son Johanan had taken the daughter of Meshullam the son of Berechiah.
19 Also they reported his good deeds before me, and uttered my words to him. *And* Tobiah sent letters to put me in fear.

Rulers Appointed Over Jerusalem

7 Now it came to pass, when the wall was built, and I had set up the doors, and the

6:1 breach ▸ *see Ezek. 22:30.*

6:15 wall

(Heb. *chomah*) (Josh. 6:5; Prov. 25:28; Is. 26:1; Lam. 2:8) H2346: The active participle of a root meaning "to join," this word usually refers to a wall of protection. It refers to literal walls, as of a town (Is. 22:10) and also metaphorical walls—anything that forms a hedge of protection around someone or something (Prov. 25:28; Song 8:9). Breaching a wall was always the first step in capturing a city; it was the first line of defense. To the Old Testament reader, one of the most precious promises of God was that He would be Israel's wall of protection: "For I, saith the LORD, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her" (Zech. 2:5).

porters and the singers and the Levites were appointed,
2 That I gave my brother Hanani, and Hananiah the ruler of the palace, charge over Jerusalem: for he *was* a faithful man, and feared God above many.
3 And I said unto them, Let not the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the sun be hot; and while they stand by, let them shut the doors, and bar *them:* and appoint watches of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, every one in his watch, and every one *to be* over against his house.
4 Now the city *was* large and great: but the people *were* few therein, and the houses *were* not builded.

The Census of the Exiles

5 And my God put into mine heart to gather together the nobles, and the rulers, and the people, that they might be reckoned by genealogy. And I found a register of the genealogy of them which came up at the first, and found written therein,
6 These *are* the children of the province, that went up out of the captivity, of those that had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away, and came again to Jerusalem and to Judah, every one unto his city;
7 Who came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, Azariah, Raamiah, Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispereth, Bigvai, Nehum, Baanah. The number, *I say,* of the men of the people of Israel *was this;*
8 The children of Parosh, two thousand an hundred seventy and two.
9 The children of Shephatiah, three hundred seventy and two.
10 The children of Arah, six hundred fifty and two.
11 The children of Pahath-moab, of the children of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand and eight hundred *and* eighteen.
12 The children of Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.
13 The children of Zattu, eight hundred forty and five.
14 The children of Zaccai, seven hundred and threescore.
15 The children of Binnui, six hundred forty and eight.
16 The children of Bebai, six hundred twenty and eight.
17 The children of Azgad, two thousand three hundred twenty and two.
18 The children of Adonikam, six hundred threescore and seven.
19 The children of Bigvai, two thousand threescore and seven.
20 The children of Adin, six hundred fifty and five.
21 The children of Ater of Hezekiah, ninety and eight.
22 The children of Hashum, three hundred twenty and eight.
23 The children of Bezai, three hundred twenty and four.
24 The children of Hariph, an hundred and twelve.
25 The children of Gibeon, ninety and five.
26 The men of Beth-lehem and Netophah, an hundred fourscore and eight.
27 The men of Anathoth, an hundred twenty and eight.
28 The men of Beth-azmaveth, forty and two.
29 The men of Kirjath-jearim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred forty and three.
30 The men of Ramah and Gaba, six hundred twenty and one.
31 The men of Michmas, an hundred and twenty and two.
32 The men of Beth-el and Ai, an hundred twenty and three.
33 The men of the other Nebo, fifty and two.
34 The children of the other Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.
35 The children of Harim, three hundred and twenty.

7:3 hot

(Heb. *chom*) (Gen. 8:22; Is. 18:4; Jer. 17:8) H2527: One of several Hebrew words for hot, this one often refers to the heat of the day or a hot sun. It also refers to hot bread (1 Sam. 21:6) and excitement—heat of passion (Jer. 51:39). A memorable use of this word is as an image for the trials that a godly person will be able to withstand: "For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit" (Jer. 17:8).

7:5 genealogy ▸ *see 1 Chr. 7:5.*

36 The children of Jericho, three hundred forty and five.
37 The children of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred twenty and one.
38 The children of Senaah, three thousand nine hundred and thirty.
39 The priests: the children of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred seventy and three.
40 The children of Immer, a thousand fifty and two.
41 The children of Pashur, a thousand two hundred forty and seven.
42 The children of Harim, a thousand and seventeen.
43 The Levites: the children of Jeshua, of Kadmiel, *and* of the children of Hodevah, seventy and four.
44 The singers: the children of Asaph, an hundred forty and eight.
45 The porters: the children of Shallum, the children of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub, the children of Hatita, the children of Shobai, an hundred thirty and eight.
46 The Nethinims: the children of Ziha, the children of Hashupha, the children of Tabbaoth,
47 The children of Keros, the children of Sia, the children of Padon,
48 The children of Lebana, the children of Hagaba, the children of Shalmai,
49 The children of Hanan, the children of Giddel, the children of Gahar,
50 The children of Reaiah, the children of Rezin, the children of Nekoda,
51 The children of Gazzam, the children of Uzza, the children of Phaseah,
52 The children of Besai, the children of Meunim, the children of Nephishesim,
53 The children of Bakbuk, the children of Hakupha, the children of Harhur,
54 The children of Bazlith, the children of Mehida, the children of Harsha,
55 The children of Barkos, the children of Sisera, the children of Tamah,
56 The children of Neziah, the children of Hatipha.
57 The children of Solomon's servants: the children of Sotai, the children of Sophereth, the children of Perida,
58 The children of Jaala, the children of Darkon, the children of Giddel,
59 The children of Shephatiah, the children of Hattil, the children of Pochereth of Zebaim, the children of Amon.
60 All the Nethinims, and the children of Solomon's servants, *were* three hundred ninety and two.
61 And these *were* they which went up *also* from Tel-melah, Tel-haresha, Cherub, Addon, and Immer: but they could not shew their father's house, nor their seed, whether they *were* of Israel.
62 The children of Delaiah, the children of Tobiah, the children of Nekoda, six hundred forty and two.
63 And of the priests: the children of Habaiah, the children of Koz, the children of Barzillai, which took *one* of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite to wife, and was called after their name.
64 These sought their register *among* those that were reckoned by genealogy, but it was not found: therefore were they, as polluted, put from the priesthood.
65 And the Tirshatha said unto them, that they should not eat of the most holy things, till there stood *up* a priest with Urim and Thummim.
66 The whole congregation together *was* forty and two thousand three hundred and threescore,
67 Beside their manservants and their maidservants, of whom *there were* seven thousand three hundred thirty and seven: and they had two hundred forty and five singing men and singing women.
68 Their horses, seven hundred thirty and six: their mules, two hundred forty and five:
69 *Their* camels, four hundred thirty and five: six thousand seven hundred and twenty asses.

Gifts Given for the Work

70 And some of the chief of the fathers gave unto the work. The Tirshatha gave to the treasure a thousand drams of gold, fifty basons, five hundred and thirty priests' garments.
71 And *some* of the chief of the fathers gave to the treasure of the work twenty thousand drams of gold, and two thousand and two hundred pound of silver.
72 And *that* which the rest of the people gave *was* twenty thousand drams of gold, and two thousand pound of silver, and threescore and seven priests' garments.

73 So the priests, and the Levites, and the porters, and the singers, and *some* of the people, and the Nethinims, and all Israel, dwelt in their cities; and when the seventh month came, the children of Israel *were* in their cities.

Ezra Reads the Book of the Law

8 And all the people gathered themselves together as one man into the street that *was* before the water gate; and they spake unto Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded to Israel.

2 And Ezra the priest brought the law before the congregation both of men and women, and all that could hear with understanding, upon the first day of the seventh month.

3 And he read therein before the street that *was* before the water gate from the morning until midday, before the men and the women, and those that could understand; and the ears of all the people *were attentive* unto the book of the law.

4 And Ezra the scribe stood upon a pulpit of wood, which they had made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, and Shema, and Anaiah, and Urijah, and Hilkiah, and Maaseiah, on his right hand; and on his left hand, Pedaiah, and Mishael, and Malchiah, and Hashum, and Hashbadana, Zechariah, *and* Meshullam.

5 And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people; (for he was above all the people;) and when he opened it, all the people stood up:

6 And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God. And all the people answered, Amen, Amen, with lifting up their hands: and they bowed their heads, and worshipped the LORD with *their* faces to the ground.

Teachers of the Book of the Law

7 Also Jeshua, and Bani, and Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodijah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, and the Levites, caused the people to understand the law: and the people *stood* in their place.

8 So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused *them* to understand the reading.

9 And Nehemiah, which *is* the Tirshatha, and Ezra the priest the scribe, and the Levites that taught the people, said unto all the people, This day *is* holy unto the LORD your God; mourn not, nor weep. For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the law.

10 Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for *this* day *is* holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength.

11 So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, Hold your peace, for the day *is* holy; neither be ye grieved.

12 And all the people went their way to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great mirth, because they had understood the words that were declared unto them.

The Feast of Tabernacles Observed

13 And on the second day were gathered together the chief of the fathers of all the people, the priests, and the Levites, unto Ezra the scribe, even to understand the words of the law.

14 And they found written in the law which the LORD had commanded by Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in booths in the feast of the seventh month:

15 And that they should publish and

8:8 understand

(Heb. *bin*) (Deut. 4:6; 1 Kin. 3:9; 1 Chr. 28:9) H0995: The Hebrew word *bin* means to make sense of or to comprehend, as when David "perceived" (realized, understood) that Bathsheba's child had died (2 Sam. 12:19). Likewise, Solomon prayed for the ability to "discern [*bin*] between good and bad" (1 Kin. 3:9), and God answered, giving him "a wise and an understanding heart" (1 Kin. 3:12). Spiritually, "The LORD . . . understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts" (1 Chr. 28:9), and so obeying God's Law results in a "wise and understanding people" (Deut. 4:6), whereas the wicked "know not, neither will they understand" (Ps. 82:5). Proverbs was written to help people "perceive the words of understanding" and thereby grow in wisdom (Prov. 1:2).

8:9 mourn ▸ *see Jer. 4:28.*
8:11 grieve ▸ *see Ps. 56:5.*
8:12 make mirth ▸ *see Ps. 16:11.*

proclaim in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, Go forth unto the mount, and fetch olive branches, and pine branches, and myrtle branches, and palm branches, and branches of thick trees, to make booths, as *it is* written.
16 So the people went forth, and brought *them,* and made themselves booths, every one upon the roof of his house, and in their courts, and in the courts of the house of God, and in the street of the water gate, and in the street of the gate of Ephraim.
17 And all the congregation of them that were come again out of the captivity made booths, and sat under the booths: for since the days of Jeshua the son of Nun unto that day had not the children of Israel done so. And there was very great gladness.
18 Also day by day, from the first day unto the last day, he read in the book of the law of God. And they kept the feast seven days; and on the eighth day *was* a solemn assembly, according unto the manner.

Praise to God and Confession of Sins

9 Now in the twenty and fourth day of this month the children of Israel were assembled with fasting, and with sackclothes, and earth upon them.
2 And the seed of Israel separated themselves from all strangers, and stood and confessed their sins, and the iniquities of their fathers.
3 And they stood up in their place, and read in the book of the law of the LORD their God *one* fourth part of the day; and *another* fourth part they confessed, and worshipped the LORD their God.
4 Then stood up upon the stairs, of the Levites, Jeshua, and Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, *and* Chenani, and cried with a loud voice unto the LORD their God.
5 Then the Levites, Jeshua, and Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabniah, Sherebiah, Hodijah, Shebaniah, *and* Pethahiah, said, Stand up *and* bless the LORD your God for ever and ever: and blessed be thy glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise.
6 Thou, *even* thou, *art* LORD alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all *things* that *are* therein, the seas, and all that *is* therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee.
7 Thou *art* the LORD the God, who didst choose Abram, and broughtest him forth out of Ur of the Chaldees, and gavest him the name of Abraham;
8 And foundest his heart faithful before thee, and madest a covenant with him to give the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Jebusites, and the Girgashites, to give *it, I say,* to his seed, and hast performed thy words; for thou *art* righteous:
9 And didst see the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, and heardest their cry by the Red sea;
10 And shewedst signs and wonders upon Pharaoh, and on all his servants, and on all the people of his land: for thou knewest that they dealt proudly against them. So didst thou get thee a name, as *it is* this day.
11 And thou didst divide the sea before them, so that they went through the midst of the sea on the dry land; and their persecutors thou threwest into the deeps, as a stone into the mighty waters.
12 Moreover thou leddest them in the day by a cloudy pillar; and in the night by a pillar of fire, to give them light in the way wherein they should go.
13 Thou camest down also upon mount Sinai, and spakest with them from heaven,

8:17 gladness ▸ *see Ps. 16:11.*
9:6 host ▸ *see Is. 10:16.*
9:7 choose ▸ *see Deut. 14:2.*

9:8 Canaanite

(Heb. *kena`ani*) (Ex. 3:8; Num. 14:43; Josh. 5:1; Zech. 14:21) H3669: *Canaanite* literally means "zealous." This tribe was descended from the son of Ham, the grandson of Noah (Gen. 9:18). The Canaanites worshiped many gods, and their worship included sexual immorality and perversion. Their land was rich and fertile, and God promised it to the Israelites as a permanent possession (Ex. 3:8). God promised to drive the Canaanites out of the land (Josh. 5:1), but the Israelites failed to do their part (Num. 14:43) and were continually led astray from serving the true God by the Canaanites they allowed to remain in their land (Judg. 3:5).

9:9 affliction ▸ *see Job 30:16.*

and gavest them right judgments, and true laws, good statutes and commandments:
14 And madest known unto them thy holy sabbath, and commandedst them precepts, statutes, and laws, by the hand of Moses thy servant:
15 And gavest them bread from heaven for their hunger, and broughtest forth water for them out of the rock for their thirst, and promisedst them that they should go in to possess the land which thou hadst sworn to give them.
16 But they and our fathers dealt proudly, and hardened their necks, and hearkened not to thy commandments,
17 And refused to obey, neither were mindful of thy wonders that thou didst among them; but hardened their necks, and in their rebellion appointed a captain to return to their bondage: but thou *art* a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and forsookest them not.
18 Yea, when they had made them a molten calf, and said, This *is* thy God that brought thee up out of Egypt, and had wrought great provocations;
19 Yet thou in thy manifold mercies forsookest them not in the wilderness: the pillar of the cloud departed not from them by day, to lead them in the way; neither the pillar of fire by night, to shew them light, and the way wherein they should go.
20 Thou gavest also thy good spirit to instruct them, and withheldest not thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst.
21 Yea, forty years didst thou sustain them in the wilderness, *so that* they lacked nothing; their clothes waxed not old, and their feet swelled not.
22 Moreover thou gavest them kingdoms and nations, and didst divide them into corners: so they possessed the land of Sihon, and the land of the king of Heshbon, and the land of Og king of Bashan.
23 Their children also multipliedst thou as the stars of heaven, and broughtest them into the land, concerning which thou hadst promised to their fathers, that they should go in to possess *it*.
24 So the children went in and possessed the land, and thou subduedst before them the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, and gavest them into their hands, with their kings, and the people of the land, that they might do with them as they would.
25 And they took strong cities, and a fat land, and possessed houses full of all goods, wells digged, vineyards, and oliveyards, and fruit trees in abundance: so they did eat, and were filled, and became fat, and delighted themselves in thy great goodness.
26 Nevertheless they were disobedient, and rebelled against thee, and cast thy law behind their backs, and slew thy prophets which testified against them to turn them to thee, and they wrought great provocations.
27 Therefore thou deliveredst them into the hand of their enemies, who vexed them: and in the time of their trouble, when they cried unto thee, thou heardest *them* from heaven; and according to thy manifold mercies thou gavest them saviours, who saved them out of the hand of their enemies.
28 But after they had rest, they did evil again before thee: therefore leftest thou them in the hand of their enemies, so that they had the dominion over them: yet when they returned, and cried unto thee, thou heardest *them* from heaven; and many times didst thou deliver them according to thy mercies;
29 And testifiedst against them, that thou mightest bring them again unto thy law: yet they dealt proudly, and hearkened not unto thy commandments, but sinned against thy judgments, (which if a man do, he shall live in them;) and withdrew the shoulder, and hardened their neck, and would not hear.
30 Yet many years didst thou forbear them, and testifiedst against them by thy spirit in thy prophets: yet would they not give ear: therefore gavest thou them into the hand of the people of the lands.
31 Nevertheless for thy great mercies' sake thou didst not utterly consume them, nor forsake them; for thou *art* a gracious and merciful God.
32 Now therefore, our God, the great, the mighty, and the terrible God, who keepest

9:15 rock ▸ *see Num. 20:10.*
9:17 slow ▸ *see Eccl. 7:8.*
9:19 lead ▸ *see Ps. 67:4.*
9:21 sustain ▸ *see Ps. 55:22.*
9:26 slay ▸ *see 2 Chr. 22:8.*
9:27 trouble ▸ *see Ps. 54:7.*
9:29 deal proudly ▸ *see Ex. 18:11.*

covenant and mercy, let not all the trouble seem little before thee, that hath come upon us, on our kings, on our princes, and on our priests, and on our prophets, and on our fathers, and on all thy people, since the time of the kings of Assyria unto this day.
33 Howbeit thou *art* just in all that is brought upon us; for thou hast done right, but we have done wickedly:
34 Neither have our kings, our princes, our priests, nor our fathers, kept thy law, nor hearkened unto thy commandments and thy testimonies, wherewith thou didst testify against them.
35 For they have not served thee in their kingdom, and in thy great goodness that thou gavest them, and in the large and fat land which thou gavest before them, neither turned they from their wicked works.
36 Behold, we *are* servants this day, and *for* the land that thou gavest unto our fathers to eat the fruit thereof and the good thereof, behold, we *are* servants in it:
37 And it yieldeth much increase unto the kings whom thou hast set over us because of our sins: also they have dominion over our bodies, and over our cattle, at their pleasure, and we *are* in great distress.
38 And because of all this we make a sure *covenant,* and write *it;* and our princes, Levites, *and* priests, seal *unto it.*

Those Who Sealed the Covenant

10 Now those that sealed *were,* Nehemiah, the Tirshatha, the son of Hachaliah, and Zidkijah,
2 Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah,
3 Pashur, Amariah, Malchijah,
4 Hattush, Shebaniah, Malluch,
5 Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah,
6 Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch,
7 Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin,
8 Maaziah, Bilgai, Shemaiah: these *were* the priests.
9 And the Levites: both Jeshua the son of Azaniah, Binnui of the sons of Henadad, Kadmiel;
10 And their brethren, Shebaniah, Hodijah, Kelita, Pelaiah, Hanan,
11 Micha, Rehob, Hashabiah,
12 Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah,
13 Hodijah, Bani, Beninu.
14 The chief of the people; Parosh, Pahathmoab, Elam, Zatthu, Bani,
15 Bunni, Azgad, Bebai,
16 Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin,
17 Ater, Hizkijah, Azzur,
18 Hodijah, Hashum, Bezai,
19 Hariph, Anathoth, Nebai,
20 Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir,
21 Meshezabeel, Zadok, Jaddua,
22 Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaiah,
23 Hoshea, Hananiah, Hashub,
24 Hallohesh, Pileha, Shobek,
25 Rehum, Hashabnah, Maaseiah,
26 And Ahijah, Hanan, Anan,
27 Malluch, Harim, Baanah.

Covenant Conditions

28 And the rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the porters, the singers, the Nethinims, and all they that had separated themselves from the people of the lands unto the law of God, their wives, their sons, and their daughters, every one having knowledge, and having understanding;
29 They clave to their brethren, their nobles, and entered into a curse, and into an oath, to walk in God's law, which was given by Moses the servant of God, and to observe and do all the commandments of the LORD our Lord, and his judgments and his statutes;
30 And that we would not give our daughters unto the people of the land, nor take their daughters for our sons:
31 And *if* the people of the land bring ware or any victuals on the sabbath day to sell, *that* we would not buy it of them on the sabbath, or on the holy day: and *that* we would leave

9:35 fat ▸ *see Judg. 3:29.*

10:30 daughter

(Heb. *bath*) (Num. 27:7; Prov. 31:29; Is. 56:5; Joel 2:28) H1323: In addition to referring to the female offspring of a husband and wife, this word can refer to a stepsister, niece, female descendant, or the female branch of a family line. Although in the ancient world women did not inherit land with their brothers or have the same rights as men, the Bible gives them dignity and affirms their value. For instance, the daughters of Zelophehad were given an inheritance (Num. 27:7). Ruth was praised for the way she served her mother-in-law (Ruth 3:10). "Daughter of Zion" is a metaphor for Israel, the people of God—an image of God's fatherly love and care for a vulnerable and sometimes wayward child.

the seventh year, and the exaction of every debt.
32 Also we made ordinances for us, to charge ourselves yearly with the third part of a shekel for the service of the house of our God;
33 For the shewbread, and for the continual meat offering, and for the continual burnt offering, of the sabbaths, of the new moons, for the set feasts, and for the holy *things,* and for the sin offerings to make an atonement for Israel, and *for* all the work of the house of our God.
34 And we cast the lots among the priests, the Levites, and the people, for the wood offering, to bring *it* into the house of our God, after the houses of our fathers, at times appointed year by year, to burn upon the altar of the LORD our God, as *it is* written in the law:
35 And to bring the firstfruits of our ground, and the firstfruits of all fruit of all trees, year by year, unto the house of the LORD:
36 Also the firstborn of our sons, and of our cattle, as *it is* written in the law, and the firstlings of our herds and of our flocks, to bring to the house of our God, unto the priests that minister in the house of our God:
37 And *that* we should bring the firstfruits of our dough, and our offerings, and the fruit of all manner of trees, of wine and of oil, unto the priests, to the chambers of the house of our God; and the tithes of our ground unto the Levites, that the same Levites might have the tithes in all the cities of our tillage.
38 And the priest the son of Aaron shall be with the Levites, when the Levites take tithes: and the Levites shall bring up the tithe of the tithes unto the house of our God, to the chambers, into the treasure house.
39 For the children of Israel and the children of Levi shall bring the offering of the corn, of the new wine, and the oil, unto the chambers, where *are* the vessels of the sanctuary, and the priests that minister, and the porters, and the singers: and we will not forsake the house of our God.

Rulers in Jerusalem

11 And the rulers of the people dwelt at Jerusalem: the rest of the people also cast lots, to bring one of ten to dwell in Jerusalem the holy city, and nine parts *to dwell* in *other* cities.
2 And the people blessed all the men, that willingly offered themselves to dwell at Jerusalem.
3 Now these *are* the chief of the province that dwelt in Jerusalem: but in the cities of Judah dwelt every one in his possession in their cities, *to wit,* Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the Nethinims, and the children of Solomon's servants.

Rulers of the Tribe of Judah

4 And at Jerusalem dwelt *certain* of the children of Judah, and of the children of Benjamin. Of the children of Judah; Athaiah the son of Uzziah, the son of Zechariah, the son of Amariah, the son of Shephatiah, the son of Mahalaleel, of the children of Perez;
5 And Maaseiah the son of Baruch, the son of Col-hozeh, the son of Hazaiah, the son of Adaiah, the son of Joiarib, the son of Zechariah, the son of Shiloni.
6 All the sons of Perez that dwelt at Jerusalem *were* four hundred threescore and eight valiant men.

Rulers of the Tribe of Benjamin

7 And these *are* the sons of Benjamin; Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Joed, the son of Pedaiah, the son of Kolaiah, the son of Maaseiah, the son of Ithiel, the son of Jesaiah.
8 And after him Gabbai, Sallai, nine hundred twenty and eight.
9 And Joel the son of Zichri *was* their overseer: and Judah the son of Senuah *was* second over the city.

Chief Rulers of the Priests

10 Of the priests: Jedaiah the son of Joiarib, Jachin.
11 Seraiah the son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, *was* the ruler of the house of God.
12 And their brethren that did the work of the house *were* eight hundred twenty and two: and Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pelaliah, the son of Amzi, the son of Zechariah, the son of Pashur, the son of Malchiah,
13 And his brethren, chief of the fathers, two hundred forty and two: and Amashai the

10:39 new wine ▸ *see Neh. 13:12.*
10:39 porter ▸ *see 1 Chr. 26:12.*

son of Azareel, the son of Ahasai, the son of Meshillemoth, the son of Immer,
14 And their brethren, mighty men of valour, an hundred twenty and eight: and their overseer *was* Zabdiel, the son of *one of* the great men.

Chief Rulers of the Levites

15 Also of the Levites: Shemaiah the son of Hashub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Bunni;
16 And Shabbethai and Jozabad, of the chief of the Levites, *had* the oversight of the outward business of the house of God.
17 And Mattaniah the son of Micha, the son of Zabdi, the son of Asaph, *was* the principal to begin the thanksgiving in prayer: and Bakbukiah the second among his brethren, and Abda the son of Shammua, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun.
18 All the Levites in the holy city *were* two hundred fourscore and four.
19 Moreover the porters, Akkub, Talmon, and their brethren that kept the gates, *were* an hundred seventy and two.

Cities Outside of Jerusalem

20 And the residue of Israel, of the priests, *and* the Levites, *were* in all the cities of Judah, every one in his inheritance.
21 But the Nethinims dwelt in Ophel: and Ziha and Gispa *were* over the Nethinims.
22 The overseer also of the Levites at Jerusalem *was* Uzzi the son of Bani, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Micha. Of the sons of Asaph, the singers *were* over the business of the house of God.
23 For *it was* the king's commandment concerning them, that a certain portion should be for the singers, due for every day.
24 And Pethahiah the son of Meshezabeel, of the children of Zerah the son of Judah, *was* at the king's hand in all matters concerning the people.

Dwelling Places of the Tribe of Judah

25 And for the villages, with their fields, *some* of the children of Judah dwelt at Kirjath-arba, and *in* the villages thereof, and at Dibon, and *in* the villages thereof, and at Jekabzeel, and *in* the villages thereof,
26 And at Jeshua, and at Moladah, and at Beth-phelet,
27 And at Hazar-shual, and at Beer-sheba, and *in* the villages thereof,
28 And at Ziklag, and at Mekonah, and in the villages thereof,
29 And at En-rimmon, and at Zareah, and at Jarmuth,
30 Zanoah, Adullam, and *in* their villages, at Lachish, and the fields thereof, at Azekah, and *in* the villages thereof. And they dwelt from Beer-sheba unto the valley of Hinnom.

Dwelling Places of the Tribe of Benjamin

31 The children also of Benjamin from Geba *dwelt* at Michmash, and Aija, and Beth-el, and *in* their villages,
32 *And* at Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah,
33 Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim,
34 Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat,
35 Lod, and Ono, the valley of craftsmen.
36 And of the Levites *were* divisions *in* Judah, *and* in Benjamin.

Priests Who Returned from Babylon

12 Now these *are* the priests and the Levites that went up with Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua: Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra,
2 Amariah, Malluch, Hattush,
3 Shechaniah, Rehum, Meremoth,
4 Iddo, Ginnetho, Abijah,
5 Miamin, Maadiah, Bilgah,
6 Shemaiah, and Joiarib, Jedaiah,
7 Sallu, Amok, Hilkiah, Jedaiah. These *were* the chief of the priests and of their brethren in the days of Jeshua.

Levites Who Returned from Babylon

8 Moreover the Levites: Jeshua, Binnui,

11:25 field

(Heb. *sadeh*) (1 Chr. 16:32; Ps. 50:11; Prov. 31:16; Is. 55:12) H7704: Used to describe an open, unfenced parcel of land, this word comes from a root meaning "to spread." In some cases, it is used of any type of land in contrast to the sea. It also describes a place used for hunting game (Gen. 27:5), a cultivated area used for crops (Ruth 2:3), or a place for grazing livestock (Gen. 34:5). Wild animals are called "beasts of the field." Fields are also called upon to praise the Lord, a symbol for the way nature glorifies the Creator (1 Chr. 16:32; Is. 55:12).

Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Judah, *and* Mattaniah, *which was* over the thanksgiving, he and his brethren.
9 Also Bakbukiah and Unni, their brethren, *were* over against them in the watches.
10 And Jeshua begat Joiakim, Joiakim also begat Eliashib, and Eliashib begat Joiada,
11 And Joiada begat Jonathan, and Jonathan begat Jaddua.
12 And in the days of Joiakim were priests, the chief of the fathers: of Seraiah, Meraiah; of Jeremiah, Hananiah;
13 Of Ezra, Meshullam; of Amariah, Jehohanan;
14 Of Melicu, Jonathan; of Shebaniah, Joseph;
15 Of Harim, Adna; of Meraioth, Helkai;
16 Of Iddo, Zechariah; of Ginnethon, Meshullam;
17 Of Abijah, Zichri; of Miniamin, of Moadiah, Piltai;
18 Of Bilgah, Shammua; of Shemaiah, Jehonathan;
19 And of Joiarib, Mattenai; of Jedaiah, Uzzi;
20 Of Sallai, Kallai; of Amok, Eber;
21 Of Hilkiah, Hashabiah; of Jedaiah, Nethaneel.
22 The Levites in the days of Eliashib, Joiada, and Johanan, and Jaddua, *were* recorded chief of the fathers: also the priests, to the reign of Darius the Persian.
23 The sons of Levi, the chief of the fathers, *were* written in the book of the chronicles, even until the days of Johanan the son of Eliashib.
24 And the chief of the Levites: Hashabiah, Sherebiah, and Jeshua the son of Kadmiel, with their brethren over against them, to praise *and* to give thanks, according to the commandment of David the man of God, ward over against ward.
25 Mattaniah, and Bakbukiah, Obadiah, Meshullam, Talmon, Akkub, *were* porters keeping the ward at the thresholds of the gates.
26 These *were* in the days of Joiakim the son of Jeshua, the son of Jozadak, and in the days of Nehemiah the governor, and of Ezra the priest, the scribe.

The Dedication of the Wall

27 And at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought the Levites out of all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem, to keep the dedication with gladness, both with thanksgivings, and with singing, *with* cymbals, psalteries, and with harps.
28 And the sons of the singers gathered themselves together, both out of the plain country round about Jerusalem, and from the villages of Netophathi;
29 Also from the house of Gilgal, and out of the fields of Geba and Azmaveth: for the singers had builded them villages round about Jerusalem.
30 And the priests and the Levites purified themselves, and purified the people, and the gates, and the wall.
31 Then I brought up the princes of Judah upon the wall, and appointed two great *companies of them that gave* thanks, *whereof one* went on the right hand upon the wall toward the dung gate:
32 And after them went Hoshaiah, and half of the princes of Judah,
33 And Azariah, Ezra, and Meshullam,
34 Judah, and Benjamin, and Shemaiah, and Jeremiah,
35 And *certain* of the priests' sons with trumpets; *namely,* Zechariah the son of Jonathan, the son of Shemaiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Michaiah, the son of Zaccur, the son of Asaph:
36 And his brethren, Shemaiah, and Azarael, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethaneel, and Judah, Hanani, with the musical instruments of David the man of God, and Ezra the scribe before them.
37 And at the fountain gate, which was over against them, they went up by the stairs of the city of David, at the going up of the wall, above the house of David, even unto the water gate eastward.
38 And the other *company of them that gave*

12:27 dedication ▸ *see Num. 7:88.*

12:27 cymbals

(Heb. *metseleth*) (1 Chr. 13:8; 2 Chr. 5:13; Ezra 3:10) H4700: A musical instrument made out of metal discs that make a loud, clanging sound when banged together, cymbals were used in worship mainly as an accompaniment to other instruments (1 Chr. 25:1; Ezra 3:10). The root word means "quiver, tingle." Asaph, David's chief musician, played the cymbals (1 Chr. 16:5).

12:31 thanks ▸ *see Ps. 95:2.*

thanks went over against *them,* and I after them, and the half of the people upon the wall, from beyond the tower of the furnaces even unto the broad wall;
39 And from above the gate of Ephraim, and above the old gate, and above the fish gate, and the tower of Hananeel, and the tower of Meah, even unto the sheep gate: and they stood still in the prison gate.
40 So stood the two *companies of them that gave* thanks in the house of God, and I, and the half of the rulers with me:
41 And the priests; Eliakim, Maaseiah, Miniamin, Michaiah, Elioenai, Zechariah, *and* Hananiah, with trumpets;
42 And Maaseiah, and Shemaiah, and Eleazar, and Uzzi, and Jehohanan, and Malchijah, and Elam, and Ezer. And the singers sang loud, with Jezrahiah *their* overseer.
43 Also that day they offered great sacrifices, and rejoiced: for God had made them rejoice with great joy: the wives also and the children rejoiced: so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard even afar off.

Duties of Temple Servers

44 And at that time were some appointed over the chambers for the treasures, for the offerings, for the firstfruits, and for the tithes, to gather into them out of the fields of the cities the portions of the law for the priests and Levites: for Judah rejoiced for the priests and for the Levites that waited.
45 And both the singers and the porters kept the ward of their God, and the ward of the purification, according to the commandment of David, *and* of Solomon his son.
46 For in the days of David and Asaph of old *there were* chief of the singers, and songs of praise and thanksgiving unto God.
47 And all Israel in the days of Zerubbabel, and in the days of Nehemiah, gave the portions of the singers and the porters, every day his portion: and they sanctified *holy things* unto the Levites; and the Levites sanctified *them* unto the children of Aaron.

Separation of People

13 On that day they read in the book of Moses in the audience of the people; and therein was found written, that the Ammonite and the Moabite should not come into the congregation of God for ever;
2 Because they met not the children of Israel with bread and with water, but hired Balaam against them, that he should curse them: howbeit our God turned the curse into a blessing.
3 Now it came to pass, when they had heard the law, that they separated from Israel all the mixed multitude.

Eliashib's Alliance with Tobiah

4 And before this, Eliashib the priest, having the oversight of the chamber of the house of our God, *was* allied unto Tobiah:
5 And he had prepared for him a great chamber, where aforetime they laid the meat offerings, the frankincense, and the vessels, and the tithes of the corn, the new wine, and the oil, which was commanded *to be given* to the Levites, and the singers, and the porters; and the offerings of the priests.
6 But in all this *time* was not I at Jerusalem: for in the two and thirtieth year of Artaxerxes king of Babylon came I unto the king, and after certain days obtained I leave of the king:

Nehemiah Cleanses the Chambers

7 And I came to Jerusalem, and understood of the evil that Eliashib did for Tobiah, in preparing him a chamber in the courts of the house of God.
8 And it grieved me sore: therefore I cast forth all the household stuff of Tobiah out of the chamber.
9 Then I commanded, and they cleansed the chambers: and thither brought I again the vessels of the house of God, with the meat offering and the frankincense.

The Levites' Portion Restored

10 And I perceived that the portions of the Levites had not been given *them:* for the Levites and the singers, that did the work, were fled every one to his field.
11 Then contended I with the rulers, and said, Why is the house of God forsaken? And I gathered them together, and set them in their place.
12 Then brought all Judah the tithe of the

12:46 praise ▸ *see Ps. 100:4.*
13:4 chamber ▸ *see Jer. 36:21.*

corn and the new wine and the oil unto the treasuries.
13 And I made treasurers over the treasuries, Shelemiah the priest, and Zadok the scribe, and of the Levites, Pedaiah: and next to them *was* Hanan the son of Zaccur, the son of Mattaniah: for they were counted faithful, and their office *was* to distribute unto their brethren.
14 Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and wipe not out my good deeds that I have done for the house of my God, and for the offices thereof.

Holiness of the Sabbath Day Restored

15 In those days saw I in Judah *some* treading wine presses on the sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and lading asses; as also wine, grapes, and figs, and all *manner of* burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the sabbath day: and I testified *against them* in the day wherein they sold victuals.
16 There dwelt men of Tyre also therein, which brought fish, and all manner of ware, and sold on the sabbath unto the children of Judah, and in Jerusalem.
17 Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said unto them, What evil thing *is* this that ye do, and profane the sabbath day?
18 Did not your fathers thus, and did not our God bring all this evil upon us, and upon this city? yet ye bring more wrath upon Israel by profaning the sabbath.
19 And it came to pass, that when the gates of Jerusalem began to be dark before the sabbath, I commanded that the gates should be shut, and charged that they should not be opened till after the sabbath: and *some* of my servants set I at the gates, *that* there should no burden be brought in on the sabbath day.
20 So the merchants and sellers of all kind of ware lodged without Jerusalem once or twice.
21 Then I testified against them, and said unto them, Why lodge ye about the wall? if ye do *so* again, I will lay hands on you. From that time forth came they no *more* on the sabbath.
22 And I commanded the Levites that they should cleanse themselves, and *that* they should come *and* keep the gates, to sanctify the sabbath day. Remember me, O my God, *concerning* this also, and spare me according to the greatness of thy mercy.

Foreign Wives Put Away

23 In those days also saw I Jews *that* had married wives of Ashdod, of Ammon, *and* of Moab:
24 And their children spake half in the speech of Ashdod, and could not speak in the Jews' language, but according to the language of each people.
25 And I contended with them, and cursed them, and smote certain of them, and plucked off their hair, and made them swear by God, *saying,* Ye shall not give your daughters unto their sons, nor take their daughters unto your sons, or for yourselves.
26 Did not Solomon king of Israel sin by these things? yet among many nations was there no king like him, who was beloved of his God, and God made him king over all Israel: nevertheless even him did outlandish women cause to sin.
27 Shall we then hearken unto you to do all this great evil, to transgress against our God in marrying strange wives?
28 And *one* of the sons of Joiada, the son of Eliashib the high priest, *was* son in law to Sanballat the Horonite: therefore I chased him from me.
29 Remember them, O my God, because they have defiled the priesthood, and the covenant of the priesthood, and of the Levites.
30 Thus cleansed I them from all strangers, and appointed the wards of the priests and the Levites, every one in his business;
31 And for the wood offering, at times appointed, and for the firstfruits. Remember me, O my God, for good.

13:12 new wine

(Heb. *tirosh*) (Gen. 27:28; Deut. 7:13; Neh. 10:39; Prov. 3:10) H8492: From a root meaning "to expel," this word refers to freshly expressed wine in its natural state, before it has been fermented. This is the part that was dedicated to God: "The firstfruit also of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the first of the fleece of thy sheep, shalt thou give him" (Deut. 18:4). This type of wine was also featured prominently in covenant promises; when the people of God obeyed, they would be blessed with good crops and new wine (Joel 2:19).

13:20 lodge ▸ *see Judg. 19:7.*

THE BOOK OF

ESTHER

GOD'S HAND OF PROVIDENCE AND protection on behalf of His people is evident throughout the Book of Esther, though His name does not appear once. Haman's plot brings grave danger to the Jews and is countered by the courage of beautiful Esther and the counsel of her wise cousin Mordecai, resulting in a great deliverance. The Feast of Purim becomes an annual reminder of God's faithfulness on behalf of His people.

Esther's Hebrew name was *Hadassah*, "Myrtle" (2:7), but her Persian name *Ester* was derived from the Persian word for "Star" (*Stara*). The Greek title for this book is *Esther*, and the Latin title is *Hester*.

WATCH WORDS

- **law** (a mandate or edict given by a king)—1:8 (also 1:19)
- **scorn** (despise or hold something in contempt)—3:6
- **honour** (display dignity, magnificence, value)—6:6 (also 1:20; 8:16)
- **devise** (think or contrive a plan)—8:5
- **Pur** (lot or fate: lot-casting, similar to rolling dice, a common way to make a random selection)—9:24 (also 3:7; 9:26)

King Ahasuerus's Royal Feast

1 Now it came to pass in the days of Ahasuerus, (this *is* Ahasuerus which reigned, from India even unto Ethiopia, *over* an hundred and seven and twenty provinces:)
2 *That* in those days, when the king Ahasuerus sat on the throne of his kingdom, which *was* in Shushan the palace,
3 In the third year of his reign, he made a feast unto all his princes and his servants; the power of Persia and Media, the nobles and princes of the provinces, *being* before him:
4 When he shewed the riches of his glorious kingdom and the honour of his excellent majesty many days, *even* an hundred and fourscore days.
5 And when these days were expired, the king made a feast unto all the people that were present in Shushan the palace, both unto great and small, seven days, in the court of the garden of the king's palace;
6 *Where were* white, green, and blue, *hangings,* fastened with cords of fine linen and purple to silver rings and pillars of marble: the beds *were of* gold and silver, upon a pavement of red, and blue, and white, and black, marble.
7 And they gave *them* drink in vessels of gold, (the vessels being diverse one from another,) and royal wine in abundance, according to the state of the king.
8 And the drinking *was* according to the law; none did compel: for so the king had appointed to all the officers of his house, that they should do according to every man's pleasure.
9 Also Vashti the queen made a feast for the women *in* the royal house which *belonged* to king Ahasuerus.

1:3 feast ▸ *see Prov. 15:15.*

1:8 law

(Heb. *dath*) (Deut. 33:2; Ezra 8:36; Esth. 4:16) H1881: This particular Hebrew word for law only appears in two places besides the twenty times it appears in the Book of Esther. It specifically refers to a mandate or edict given by a king—the Hebrew words for God's law are different. This is thought to be derived from a foreign word, most likely Persian, so its use in the Book of Esther about a young Jewish girl in the Persian court makes sense. The choice of this word highlights how courageous it was for her to stand against the king's edict.

Queen Vashti Refuses the King

10 On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he commanded Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, and Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcas, the seven chamberlains that served in the presence of Ahasuerus the king,
11 To bring Vashti the queen before the king with the crown royal, to shew the people and the princes her beauty: for she *was* fair to look on.
12 But the queen Vashti refused to come at the king's commandment by *his* chamberlains: therefore was the king very wroth, and his anger burned in him.

Queen Vashti's Punishment

13 Then the king said to the wise men, which knew the times, (for so *was* the king's manner toward all that knew law and judgment:
14 And the next unto him *was* Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, *and* Memucan, the seven princes of Persia and Media, which saw the king's face, *and* which sat the first in the kingdom;)
15 What shall we do unto the queen Vashti according to law, because she hath not performed the commandment of the king Ahasuerus by the chamberlains?
16 And Memucan answered before the king and the princes, Vashti the queen hath not done wrong to the king only, but also to all the princes, and to all the people that *are* in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus.
17 For *this* deed of the queen shall come abroad unto all women, so that they shall despise their husbands in their eyes, when it shall be reported, The king Ahasuerus commanded Vashti the queen to be brought in before him, but she came not.
18 *Likewise* shall the ladies of Persia and Media say this day unto all the king's princes, which have heard of the deed of the queen. Thus *shall there arise* too much contempt and wrath.
19 If it please the king, let there go a royal commandment from him, and let it be written among the laws of the Persians and the Medes, that it be not altered, That Vashti come no more before king Ahasuerus; and let the king give her royal estate unto another that is better than she.
20 And when the king's decree which he shall make shall be published throughout all his empire, (for it is great,) all the wives shall give to their husbands honour, both to great and small.
21 And the saying pleased the king and the princes; and the king did according to the word of Memucan:
22 For he sent letters into all the king's provinces, into every province according to the writing thereof, and to every people after their language, that every man should bear rule in his own house, and that *it* should be published according to the language of every people.

A New Queen Is Sought

2 After these things, when the wrath of king Ahasuerus was appeased, he remembered Vashti, and what she had done, and what was decreed against her.
2 Then said the king's servants that ministered unto him, Let there be fair young virgins sought for the king:
3 And let the king appoint officers in all the provinces of his kingdom, that they may gather together all the fair young virgins unto Shushan the palace, to the house of the women, unto the custody of Hege the king's chamberlain, keeper of the women; and let their things for purification be given *them:*
4 And let the maiden which pleaseth the king be queen instead of Vashti. And the thing pleased the king; and he did so.
5 *Now* in Shushan the palace there was a certain Jew, whose name *was* Mordecai, the

1:11 beauty ▸ *see Ezek. 28:12.*
1:20 honour ▸ *see Esth. 6:6.*

2:3 chamberlain

(Heb. *saris*) (2 Kin. 20:18; Is. 56:3; Dan. 1:9) H5631: Taken from the root word meaning "to castrate," this word refers to a man who has been emasculated in order to serve in a royal household, literally a eunuch. This precautionary measure was often taken when a man was to serve in the king's harem (Esth. 2:15). In some cases, this did not refer to literal castration but was merely a title for a man who performed duties that were often performed by eunuchs. In the New Testament eunuchs are featured in Jesus' teaching (Matt. 19:12) and in a conversion story involving Philip (Acts 8:27).

son of Jair, the son of Shimei, the son of Kish, a Benjamite;
6 Who had been carried away from Jerusalem with the captivity which had been carried away with Jeconiah king of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away.
7 And he brought up Hadassah, that *is,* Esther, his uncle's daughter: for she had neither father nor mother, and the maid *was* fair and beautiful; whom Mordecai, when her father and mother were dead, took for his own daughter.
8 So it came to pass, when the king's commandment and his decree was heard, and when many maidens were gathered together unto Shushan the palace, to the custody of Hegai, that Esther was brought also unto the king's house, to the custody of Hegai, keeper of the women.
9 And the maiden pleased him, and she obtained kindness of him; and he speedily gave her her things for purification, with such things as belonged to her, and seven maidens, *which were* meet to be given her, out of the king's house: and he preferred her and her maids unto the best *place* of the house of the women.
10 Esther had not shewed her people nor her kindred: for Mordecai had charged her that she should not shew *it*.
11 And Mordecai walked every day before the court of the women's house, to know how Esther did, and what should become of her.

Esther Chosen Queen

12 Now when every maid's turn was come to go in to king Ahasuerus, after that she had been twelve months, according to the manner of the women, (for so were the days of their purifications accomplished, *to wit,* six months with oil of myrrh, and six months with sweet odours, and with *other* things for the purifying of the women;)
13 Then thus came *every* maiden unto the king; whatsoever she desired was given her to go with her out of the house of the women unto the king's house.
14 In the evening she went, and on the morrow she returned into the second house of the women, to the custody of Shaashgaz, the king's chamberlain, which kept the concubines: she came in unto the king no more, except the king delighted in her, and that she were called by name.
15 Now when the turn of Esther, the daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai, who had taken her for his daughter, was come to go in unto the king, she required nothing but what Hegai the king's chamberlain, the keeper of the women, appointed. And Esther obtained favour in the sight of all them that looked upon her.
16 So Esther was taken unto king Ahasuerus into his house royal in the tenth month, which *is* the month Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign.
17 And the king loved Esther above all the women, and she obtained grace and favour in his sight more than all the virgins; so that he set the royal crown upon her head, and made her queen instead of Vashti.
18 Then the king made a great feast unto all his princes and his servants, *even* Esther's feast; and he made a release to the provinces, and gave gifts, according to the state of the king.
19 And when the virgins were gathered together the second time, then Mordecai sat in the king's gate.
20 Esther had not *yet* shewed her kindred nor her people; as Mordecai had charged her: for Esther did the commandment of Mordecai, like as when she was brought up with him.

Mordecai Saves the King's Life

21 In those days, while Mordecai sat in the king's gate, two of the king's chamberlains, Bigthan and Teresh, of those which kept the door, were wroth, and sought to lay hand on the king Ahasuerus.
22 And the thing was known to Mordecai, who told *it* unto Esther the queen; and Esther certified the king *thereof* in Mordecai's name.
23 And when inquisition was made of the matter, it was found out; therefore they were both hanged on a tree: and it was written in the book of the chronicles before the king.

Haman's Hatred of Mordecai

3 After these things did king Ahasuerus promote Haman the son of Hamme-

2:12 myrrh ▸ *see Song 3:6.*

datha the Agagite, and advanced him, and set his seat above all the princes that *were* with him.
2 And all the king's servants, that *were* in the king's gate, bowed, and reverenced Haman: for the king had so commanded concerning him. But Mordecai bowed not, nor did *him* reverence.
3 Then the king's servants, which *were* in the king's gate, said unto Mordecai, Why transgressest thou the king's commandment?
4 Now it came to pass, when they spake daily unto him, and he hearkened not unto them, that they told Haman, to see whether Mordecai's matters would stand: for he had told them that he *was* a Jew.
5 And when Haman saw that Mordecai bowed not, nor did him reverence, then was Haman full of wrath.

Haman's Plot to Kill All Jews

6 And he thought scorn to lay hands on Mordecai alone; for they had shewed him the people of Mordecai: wherefore Haman sought to destroy all the Jews that *were* throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus, *even* the people of Mordecai.
7 In the first month, that *is,* the month Nisan, in the twelfth year of king Ahasuerus, they cast Pur, that *is,* the lot, before Haman from day to day, and from month to month, *to* the twelfth *month,* that *is,* the month Adar.
8 And Haman said unto king Ahasuerus, There is a certain people scattered abroad and dispersed among the people in all the provinces of thy kingdom; and their laws *are* diverse from all people; neither keep they the king's laws: therefore it *is* not for the king's profit to suffer them.
9 If it please the king, let it be written that they may be destroyed: and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver to the hands of those that have the charge of the business, to bring *it* into the king's treasuries.
10 And the king took his ring from his hand, and gave it unto Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the Jews' enemy.
11 And the king said unto Haman, The silver *is* given to thee, the people also, to do with them as it seemeth good to thee.
12 Then were the king's scribes called on the thirteenth day of the first month, and there was written according to all that Haman had commanded unto the king's lieutenants, and to the governors that *were* over every province, and to the rulers of every people of every province according to the writing thereof, and *to* every people after their language; in the name of king Ahasuerus was it written, and sealed with the king's ring.
13 And the letters were sent by posts into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to cause to perish, all Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, *even* upon the thirteenth *day* of the twelfth month, which *is* the month Adar, and *to take* the spoil of them for a prey.
14 The copy of the writing for a commandment to be given in every province was published unto all people, that they should be ready against that day.
15 The posts went out, being hastened by the king's commandment, and the decree was given in Shushan the palace. And the king and Haman sat down to drink; but the city Shushan was perplexed.

Mourning Among the Jews

4 When Mordecai perceived all that was done, Mordecai rent his clothes, and put on sackcloth with ashes, and went out into the midst of the city, and cried with a loud and a bitter cry;
2 And came even before the king's gate: for none *might* enter into the king's gate clothed with sackcloth.
3 And in every province, whithersoever the

3:6 scorn

(Heb. *bazah*) (2 Chr. 36:16; Ps. 51:17; Is. 53:3; Ezek. 22:8) H0959: Literally "to trample with the feet," this word means to despise or hold something in contempt. It is used to describe the way Esau sold his birthright for a bowl of stew (Gen. 25:34), the way Goliath looked at David (1 Sam. 17:42), and the way Michal looked at David when he danced before the Lord (2 Sam. 6:16). In addition, this word is used to describe someone who treats the Word of God presumptuously (Num. 15:31; 2 Sam. 12:9). Jesus became despised Himself in order to save us: "He is despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief" (Is. 53:3).

3:7 Pur ▸ *see Esth. 9:24.*
3:12 writing ▸ *see Ezra 2:62.*
4:1 bitter ▸ *see Jer. 2:19.*

king's commandment and his decree came, *there was* great mourning among the Jews, and fasting, and weeping, and wailing; and many lay in sackcloth and ashes.

Esther and Mordecai Confer

4 So Esther's maids and her chamberlains came and told *it* her. Then was the queen exceedingly grieved; and she sent raiment to clothe Mordecai, and to take away his sackcloth from him: but he received *it* not.
5 Then called Esther for Hatach, *one* of the king's chamberlains, whom he had appointed to attend upon her, and gave him a commandment to Mordecai, to know what it *was,* and why it *was.*
6 So Hatach went forth to Mordecai unto the street of the city, which *was* before the king's gate.
7 And Mordecai told him of all that had happened unto him, and of the sum of the money that Haman had promised to pay to the king's treasuries for the Jews, to destroy them.
8 Also he gave him the copy of the writing of the decree that was given at Shushan to destroy them, to shew *it* unto Esther, and to declare *it* unto her, and to charge her that she should go in unto the king, to make supplication unto him, and to make request before him for her people.
9 And Hatach came and told Esther the words of Mordecai.
10 Again Esther spake unto Hatach, and gave him commandment unto Mordecai;
11 All the king's servants, and the people of the king's provinces, do know, that whosoever, whether man or woman, shall come unto the king into the inner court, who is not called, *there is* one law of his to put *him* to death, except such to whom the king shall hold out the golden sceptre, that he may live: but I have not been called to come in unto the king these thirty days.
12 And they told to Mordecai Esther's words.

Mordecai's Charge to Esther

13 Then Mordecai commanded to answer Esther, Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king's house, more than all the Jews.
14 For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, *then* shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for *such* a time as this?
15 Then Esther bade *them* return Mordecai *this answer,*
16 Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which *is* not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish.
17 So Mordecai went his way, and did according to all that Esther had commanded him.

The Courage of Esther

5 Now it came to pass on the third day, that Esther put on *her* royal *apparel,* and stood in the inner court of the king's house, over against the king's house: and the king sat upon his royal throne in the royal house, over against the gate of the house.
2 And it was so, when the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, *that* she obtained favour in his sight: and the king held out to Esther the golden sceptre that *was* in his hand. So Esther drew near, and touched the top of the sceptre.
3 Then said the king unto her, What wilt thou, queen Esther? and what *is* thy request?

4:8 decree ▸ *see Ezra 2:62.*

4:16 fast

(Heb. *tsum*) (2 Sam. 12:23; Neh. 1:4) H6684: The Hebrew root word simply means "to abstain from food." At times fasting meant abstaining from drinking, bathing, anointing with oil, or sexual intercourse as well. In essence, fasting acknowledges human frailty before God and appeals to His mercy. Fasting was a common practice in the ancient world, associated with mourning for the dead (2 Sam. 12:21, 22), intercessory prayer (Esth. 4:3, 16), repentance and contrition for sin (Jer. 36:9; Jon. 3:5), and times of distress (Judg. 20:26; Neh. 1:4). Fasts varied in length from one day (1 Sam. 14:24; Dan. 6:18) to seven days (1 Sam. 31:13) and could even last up to 40 days on extraordinary occasions (Ex. 34:28; see also Matt. 4:2).

4:16 law ▸ *see Esth. 1:8.*
5:3 request ▸ *see Ezra 7:6.*

it shall be even given thee to the half of the kingdom.
4 And Esther answered, If *it seem* good unto the king, let the king and Haman come this day unto the banquet that I have prepared for him.
5 Then the king said, Cause Haman to make haste, that he may do as Esther hath said. So the king and Haman came to the banquet that Esther had prepared.
6 And the king said unto Esther at the banquet of wine, What *is* thy petition? and it shall be granted thee: and what *is* thy request? even to the half of the kingdom it shall be performed.
7 Then answered Esther, and said, My petition and my request *is;*
8 If I have found favour in the sight of the king, and if it please the king to grant my petition, and to perform my request, let the king and Haman come to the banquet that I shall prepare for them, and I will do to morrow as the king hath said.
9 Then went Haman forth that day joyful and with a glad heart: but when Haman saw Mordecai in the king's gate, that he stood not up, nor moved for him, he was full of indignation against Mordecai.
10 Nevertheless Haman refrained himself: and when he came home, he sent and called for his friends, and Zeresh his wife.
11 And Haman told them of the glory of his riches, and the multitude of his children, and all *the things* wherein the king had promoted him, and how he had advanced him above the princes and servants of the king.
12 Haman said moreover, Yea, Esther the queen did let no man come in with the king unto the banquet that she had prepared but myself; and to morrow am I invited unto her also with the king.

Haman's Plan for Mordecai

13 Yet all this availeth me nothing, so long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king's gate.
14 Then said Zeresh his wife and all his friends unto him, Let a gallows be made of fifty cubits high, and to morrow speak thou unto the king that Mordecai may be hanged thereon: then go thou in merrily with the king unto the banquet. And the thing pleased Haman; and he caused the gallows to be made.

Mordecai's Deeds Made Known

6 On that night could not the king sleep, and he commanded to bring the book of records of the chronicles; and they were read before the king.
2 And it was found written, that Mordecai had told of Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's chamberlains, the keepers of the door, who sought to lay hand on the king Ahasuerus.
3 And the king said, What honour and dignity hath been done to Mordecai for this? Then said the king's servants that ministered unto him, There is nothing done for him.
4 And the king said, Who *is* in the court? Now Haman was come into the outward court of the king's house, to speak unto the king to hang Mordecai on the gallows that he had prepared for him.
5 And the king's servants said unto him, Behold, Haman standeth in the court. And the king said, Let him come in.
6 So Haman came in. And the king said unto him, What shall be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honour? Now Haman thought in his heart, To whom would the king delight to do honour more than to myself?

5:9 move

(Heb. *zuwa`*) (Eccl. 12:3; Hab. 2:7) H2111: This uncommon Hebrew word is used only three times in the Old Testament. It means literally "to shake," as in fear (Eccl. 12:3) or, here, as a sign of deep respect. In Habakkuk 2:7, the word is rendered "vex" (as to cause another to tremble). Other Hebrew words are elsewhere translated "trembled," such as H2729 *charad* (Gen. 27:33—"Isaac trembled very exceedingly") and H7493 *ra`ash* (Judg. 5:4—"the earth trembled").

6:6 honour

(Heb. *yeqar*) (Esth. 1:20; 8:16; Ps. 49:12; Ezek. 22:25) H3366: The Hebrew word is derived from another word meaning "precious" and in fact can itself be rendered "precious" (Prov. 20:15). The same word can be used as a plural noun (i.e., "precious things"—Jer. 20:5; Ezek. 22:25). In Zechariah 11:13, the term is translated "goodly price." When rendered "honour," the sense is of dignity (Esth. 6:3) or magnificence (Esth. 1:4), as belonging to a king or other dignitary. In all renderings, the word denotes value, whether material or abstract.

7 And Haman answered the king, For the man whom the king delighteth to honour,
8 Let the royal apparel be brought which the king *useth* to wear, and the horse that the king rideth upon, and the crown royal which is set upon his head:
9 And let this apparel and horse be delivered to the hand of one of the king's most noble princes, that they may array the man *withal* whom the king delighteth to honour, and bring him on horseback through the street of the city, and proclaim before him, Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delighteth to honour.
10 Then the king said to Haman, Make haste, *and* take the apparel and the horse, as thou hast said, and do even so to Mordecai the Jew, that sitteth at the king's gate: let nothing fail of all that thou hast spoken.
11 Then took Haman the apparel and the horse, and arrayed Mordecai, and brought him on horseback through the street of the city, and proclaimed before him, Thus shall it be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honour.

Haman's Fall Predicted

12 And Mordecai came again to the king's gate. But Haman hasted to his house mourning, and having his head covered.
13 And Haman told Zeresh his wife and all his friends every *thing* that had befallen him. Then said his wise men and Zeresh his wife unto him, If Mordecai *be* of the seed of the Jews, before whom thou hast begun to fall, thou shalt not prevail against him, but shalt surely fall before him.
14 And while they *were* yet talking with him, came the king's chamberlains, and hasted to bring Haman unto the banquet that Esther had prepared.

Esther's Banquet for the King

7 So the king and Haman came to banquet with Esther the queen.
2 And the king said again unto Esther on the second day at the banquet of wine, What *is* thy petition, queen Esther? and it shall be granted thee: and what *is* thy request? and it shall be performed, *even* to the half of the kingdom.
3 Then Esther the queen answered and said, If I have found favour in thy sight, O king, and if it please the king, let my life be given me at my petition, and my people at my request:
4 For we are sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be slain, and to perish. But if we had been sold for bondmen and bondwomen, I had held my tongue, although the enemy could not countervail the king's damage.
5 Then the king Ahasuerus answered and said unto Esther the queen, Who is he, and where is he, that durst presume in his heart to do so?
6 And Esther said, The adversary and enemy *is* this wicked Haman. Then Haman was afraid before the king and the queen.
7 And the king arising from the banquet of wine in his wrath *went* into the palace garden: and Haman stood up to make request for his life to Esther the queen; for he saw that there was evil determined against him by the king.
8 Then the king returned out of the palace garden into the place of the banquet of wine; and Haman was fallen upon the bed whereon Esther *was*. Then said the king, Will he force the queen also before me in the house? As the word went out of the king's mouth, they covered Haman's face.

Haman is Hanged

9 And Harbonah, one of the chamberlains, said before the king, Behold also, the gallows fifty cubits high, which Haman had made for Mordecai, who had spoken good for the king, standeth in the house of Haman. Then the king said, Hang him thereon.

7:3 request ▸ *see Ezra 7:6.*

7:8 fall

(Heb. *naphal*) (Is. 9:8; Ezek. 32:22; Dan. 9:18) H5307: This common Hebrew word means "to fall" and appears in a variety of applications. It can be used in a physical sense to describe the fallen in battle (Ezek. 32:22), a fallen tree (Zech. 11:2), a rider fallen from a horse (Gen. 49:17), or a person fallen on the ground, as in fear (Dan. 8:17) or death (Judg. 3:25). Used figuratively, the word can describe the setting down of petitions (Dan. 9:18), the falling of judgment upon a nation (Is. 9:8), a falling countenance (Gen. 4:6), or a broken promise ("let none of his words fall to the ground"—1 Sam. 3:19). The term can also mean "cast," as lots (Jon. 1:7) or as wood on a fire (Jer. 22:7).

7:9 hang ▸ *see Deut. 21:22.*

10 So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then was the king's wrath pacified.

Esther's Plea for Her People

8 On that day did the king Ahasuerus give the house of Haman the Jews' enemy unto Esther the queen. And Mordecai came before the king; for Esther had told what he *was* unto her.
2 And the king took off his ring, which he had taken from Haman, and gave it unto Mordecai. And Esther set Mordecai over the house of Haman.
3 And Esther spake yet again before the king, and fell down at his feet, and besought him with tears to put away the mischief of Haman the Agagite, and his device that he had devised against the Jews.
4 Then the king held out the golden sceptre toward Esther. So Esther arose, and stood before the king,
5 And said, If it please the king, and if I have found favour in his sight, and the thing *seem* right before the king, and I *be* pleasing in his eyes, let it be written to reverse the letters devised by Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, which he wrote to destroy the Jews which *are* in all the king's provinces:
6 For how can I endure to see the evil that shall come unto my people? or how can I endure to see the destruction of my kindred?
7 Then the king Ahasuerus said unto Esther the queen and to Mordecai the Jew, Behold, I have given Esther the house of Haman, and him they have hanged upon the gallows, because he laid his hand upon the Jews.
8 Write ye also for the Jews, as it liketh you, in the king's name, and seal *it* with the king's ring: for the writing which is written in the king's name, and sealed with the king's ring, may no man reverse.
9 Then were the king's scribes called at that time in the third month, that *is,* the month Sivan, on the three and twentieth *day* thereof; and it was written according to all that Mordecai commanded unto the Jews, and to the lieutenants, and the deputies and rulers of the provinces which *are* from India unto Ethiopia, an hundred twenty and seven provinces, unto every province according to the writing thereof, and unto every people after their language, and to the Jews according to their writing, and according to their language.
10 And he wrote in the king Ahasuerus' name, and sealed *it* with the king's ring, and sent letters by posts on horseback, *and* riders on mules, camels, *and* young dromedaries:
11 Wherein the king granted the Jews which *were* in every city to gather themselves together, and to stand for their life, to destroy, to slay, and to cause to perish, all the power of the people and province that would assault them, *both* little ones and women, and *to take* the spoil of them for a prey,
12 Upon one day in all the provinces of king Ahasuerus, *namely,* upon the thirteenth *day* of the twelfth month, which *is* the month Adar.
13 The copy of the writing for a commandment to be given in every province *was* published unto all people, and that the Jews should be ready against that day to avenge themselves on their enemies.
14 *So* the posts that rode upon mules *and* camels went out, being hastened and pressed on by the king's commandment. And the decree was given at Shushan the palace.

Mordecai and the Jews Exalted

15 And Mordecai went out from the presence of the king in royal apparel of blue and white, and with a great crown of gold, and

8:5 right ▸ *see Eccl. 11:6.*

8:5 devise

(Heb. *machashabah*) (Job 5:12; Jer. 29:11; Dan. 11:24) H4284: The Hebrew word is a noun meaning "thought" or "contrivance," i.e., a plan that one devises. Accordingly, the most common rendering is "thought" or "thoughts" (as Gen. 6:5—"the thoughts of his heart"). This can include the thoughts of the Lord (Ps. 92:5), the thoughts of men, either righteous (Prov. 21:5—"the thoughts of the diligent") or wicked (Is. 59:7—"their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity"), or even collectively the thoughts of a city (Jer. 4:14). An often-cited usage is Jeremiah 29:11—"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end."

8:15 blue ▸ *see Ezek. 27:7*

with a garment of fine linen and purple: and the city of Shushan rejoiced and was glad.
16 The Jews had light, and gladness, and joy, and honour.
17 And in every province, and in every city, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, the Jews had joy and gladness, a feast and a good day. And many of the people of the land became Jews; for the fear of the Jews fell upon them.

The Jews Destroy Their Enemies

9 Now in the twelfth month, that *is,* the month Adar, on the thirteenth day of the same, when the king's commandment and his decree drew near to be put in execution, in the day that the enemies of the Jews hoped to have power over them, (though it was turned to the contrary, that the Jews had rule over them that hated them;)
2 The Jews gathered themselves together in their cities throughout all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus, to lay hand on such as sought their hurt: and no man could withstand them; for the fear of them fell upon all people.
3 And all the rulers of the provinces, and the lieutenants, and the deputies, and officers of the king, helped the Jews; because the fear of Mordecai fell upon them.
4 For Mordecai *was* great in the king's house, and his fame went out throughout all the provinces: for this man Mordecai waxed greater and greater.
5 Thus the Jews smote all their enemies with the stroke of the sword, and slaughter, and destruction, and did what they would unto those that hated them.
6 And in Shushan the palace the Jews slew and destroyed five hundred men.
7 And Parshandatha, and Dalphon, and Aspatha,
8 And Poratha, and Adalia, and Aridatha,
9 And Parmashta, and Arisai, and Aridai, and Vajezatha,
10 The ten sons of Haman the son of Hammedatha, the enemy of the Jews, slew they; but on the spoil laid they not their hand.
11 On that day the number of those that were slain in Shushan the palace was brought before the king.
12 And the king said unto Esther the queen, The Jews have slain and destroyed five hundred men in Shushan the palace, and the ten sons of Haman; what have they done in the rest of the king's provinces? now what *is* thy petition? and it shall be granted thee: or what *is* thy request further? and it shall be done.
13 Then said Esther, If it please the king, let it be granted to the Jews which *are* in Shushan to do to morrow also according unto this day's decree, and let Haman's ten sons be hanged upon the gallows.
14 And the king commanded it so to be done: and the decree was given at Shushan; and they hanged Haman's ten sons.
15 For the Jews that *were* in Shushan gathered themselves together on the fourteenth day also of the month Adar, and slew three hundred men at Shushan; but on the prey they laid not their hand.
16 But the other Jews that *were* in the king's provinces gathered themselves together, and stood for their lives, and had rest from their enemies, and slew of their foes seventy and five thousand, but they laid not their hands on the prey,
17 On the thirteenth day of the month Adar; and on the fourteenth day of the same rested they, and made it a day of feasting and gladness.

The Feast of Purim

18 But the Jews that *were* at Shushan assembled together on the thirteenth *day* thereof, and on the fourteenth thereof; and on the fifteenth *day* of the same they rested, and made it a day of feasting and gladness.
19 Therefore the Jews of the villages, that dwelt in the unwalled towns, made the fourteenth day of the month Adar *a day of* gladness and feasting, and a good day, and of sending portions one to another.
20 And Mordecai wrote these things, and sent letters unto all the Jews that *were* in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus, *both* nigh and far,
21 To stablish *this* among them, that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar, and the fifteenth day of the same, yearly,

8:16 honour ▸ *see Esth. 6:6.*
9:1 rule ▸ *see Eccl. 8:9.*
9:4 fame ▸ *see Josh. 9:9.*
9:12 request ▸ *see Ezra 7:6.*
9:20 far ▸ *see Judg. 18:7.*

22 As the days wherein the Jews rested from their enemies, and the month which was turned unto them from sorrow to joy, and from mourning into a good day: that they should make them days of feasting and joy, and of sending portions one to another, and gifts to the poor.
23 And the Jews undertook to do as they had begun, and as Mordecai had written unto them;
24 Because Haman the son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, the enemy of all the Jews, had devised against the Jews to destroy them, and had cast Pur, that *is,* the lot, to consume them, and to destroy them;
25 But when *Esther* came before the king, he commanded by letters that his wicked device, which he devised against the Jews, should return upon his own head, and that he and his sons should be hanged on the gallows.
26 Wherefore they called these days Purim after the name of Pur. Therefore for all the words of this letter, and *of that* which they had seen concerning this matter, and which had come unto them,
27 The Jews ordained, and took upon them, and upon their seed, and upon all such as joined themselves unto them, so as it should not fail, that they would keep these two days according to their writing, and according to their *appointed* time every year;
28 And *that* these days *should be* remembered and kept throughout every generation, every family, every province, and every city; and *that* these days of Purim should not fail from among the Jews, nor the memorial of them perish from their seed.
29 Then Esther the queen, the daughter of Abihail, and Mordecai the Jew, wrote with all authority, to confirm this second letter of Purim.
30 And he sent the letters unto all the Jews, to the hundred twenty and seven provinces of the kingdom of Ahasuerus, *with* words of peace and truth,
31 To confirm these days of Purim in their times *appointed,* according as Mordecai the Jew and Esther the queen had enjoined them, and as they had decreed for themselves and for their seed, the matters of the fastings and their cry.
32 And the decree of Esther confirmed these matters of Purim; and it was written in the book.

Mordecai's Greatness

10 And the king Ahasuerus laid a tribute upon the land, and *upon* the isles of the sea.

9:24 Pur

(Heb. *pur*) (Esth. 3:7; 9:32) H6332: *Pur*, originally a Babylonian word meaning "lot" or "fate," is used in the Book of Esther as a synonym for the normal Hebrew word for "lot." Lot casting, similar to rolling dice, was a common way to make a random selection (Neh. 11:1) or to discern the will of a god (Jon. 1:7). Believing that his gods controlled the fall of the *pur,* Haman cast lots to determine the right day to destroy the Jews (Esth. 3:7). He inadvertently chose the day of the Jews' deliverance—a day that is still celebrated in the Festival of Purim (Esth. 9:28).

9:28 generation

(Heb. *dor*) (Ex. 1:6; Lev. 7:36; Deut. 7:9) H1755: A measurement of time between the birth of a child and the birth of his/her children. So, the Bible says that "Joseph died, and all his brethren, and all that generation" (Ex. 1:6), and when the Israelites rebelled in the desert, they were forced to wander, "until all the generation that had done evil . . . was consumed" (Num. 32:13). More broadly, the Law was to be obeyed "for ever throughout their generations" (e.g., Lev. 7:36), and the Lord "keepeth covenant and mercy . . . to a thousand generations" (Deut. 7:9). Asaph speaks of "shewing to the generation to come the praises of the LORD" (Ps. 78:4), so "that the generation to come might know them" (Ps. 78:6).

9:30 letter ▸ *see 1 Kin. 21:11.*
9:30 truth ▸ *see Ps. 86:11.*
9:32 Purim ▸ *see Esth. 9:24.*

10:1 tribute

(Heb. *mas*) (Deut. 20:11; Judg. 1:28; Prov. 12:24) H4522: The word is derived from a similar word meaning "burden" and carries the sense of forced labor (Josh. 17:13; 1 Kin. 9:21; 2 Chr. 8:8; Prov. 12:24) more than a monetary tax, though the latter meaning is possible (e.g., 2 Sam. 20:24). The word can also refer to the group of people upon whom labor is forced (1 Kin. 5:13—"levy"). The word is used in the same sense in Lamentations 1:1 but in the singular, rendered "tributary."

10:1 isle ▸ *see Ezek. 26:18.*

2 And all the acts of his power and of his might, and the declaration of the greatness of Mordecai, whereunto the king advanced him, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Media and Persia?

3 For Mordecai the Jew *was* next unto king Ahasuerus, and great among the Jews, and accepted of the multitude of his brethren, seeking the wealth of his people, and speaking peace to all his seed.

THE BOOK OF

JOB

JOB IS PERHAPS THE EARLIEST book of the Bible. Set in the period of the patriarchs (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph), it tells the story of a man who loses everything—his wealth, his family, his health—and wrestles with the question, Why?

The book begins with a heavenly debate between God and Satan, moves through three cycles of earthly debates between Job and his friends, and concludes with a dramatic "divine diagnosis" of Job's problem. In the end, Job acknowledges the sovereignty of God in his life and receives back more than he had before his trials.

Iyyob is the Hebrew title for this book, and the name has two possible meanings. If derived from the Hebrew word for "Persecution," it means "Persecuted One." It is more likely that it comes from the Arabic word meaning "To Come Back" or "Repent." If so, it may be defined "Repentant One." Both meanings apply to the book. The Greek title is *Iob*, and the Latin title is *Iob*.

WATCH WORDS

- **perfect** (having integrity, wholeness or wholesomeness)—1:1 (also 8:20; 9:21)
- **hypocrite** (profane or impious)—8:13 (also 27:8)
- **preserve** (care for, look after)—10:12
- **hell** (Sheol, the place of those who have died)—26:6 (also 7:9; 14:13)
- **affliction** (misery or poverty, a heavy burden that weighs on a person)—30:16

Job's Greatness

1 There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name *was* Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.

2 And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters.

3 His substance also was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she asses, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the men of the east.

4 And his sons went and feasted *in their* houses, every one his day; and sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them.

5 And it was so, when the days of *their* feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings *according* to the number of them all: for Job said, It

1:1 perfect

(Heb. *tam*) (Job 8:20; 9:21; Ps. 37:37; Prov. 29:10) H8535: The verbal root of this Hebrew word means "to be complete." Thus this word signifies an individual's integrity—a wholeness and wholesomeness. The word is used as a term of endearment for the Shulamite bride in the Song of Solomon (Song 5:2; 6:9). In the Old Testament, the perfect are frequently associated with the upright (Job 1:1, 8; 2:3; Ps. 37:37; Prov. 29:10) and contrasted with the wicked (Job 9:22; Ps. 64:2–4). Job's claim to be perfect agrees with God's assessment of him, but it is not a claim to absolute perfection (Job 1:8; 9:21; 14:16, 17). The psalmist writes that the future of the perfect man is peace—as was the case for Job (Job 42:10–12; Ps. 37:37).

1:1 fear ▸ *see Ps. 118:4.*
1:1 evil ▸ *see Deut. 4:25.*
1:5 rise up early ▸ *see Josh. 8:10.*

may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually.

Satan's Request

6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.
7 And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.
8 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that *there is* none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?
9 Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought?
10 Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.
11 But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face.
12 And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath *is* in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.

Job's Afflictions

13 And there was a day when his sons and his daughters *were* eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house:
14 And there came a messenger unto Job, and said, The oxen were plowing, and the asses feeding beside them:
15 And the Sabeans fell *upon them,* and took them away; yea, they have slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.
16 While he *was* yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The fire of God is fallen from heaven, and hath burned up the sheep, and the servants, and consumed them; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.
17 While he *was* yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The Chaldeans made out three bands, and fell upon the camels, and have carried them away, yea, and slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.
18 While he *was* yet speaking, there came also another, and said, Thy sons and thy daughters *were* eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house:
19 And, behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

Job's Worship

20 Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped,
21 And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.
22 In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.

Satan's Second Affliction of Job

2 Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD.
2 And the LORD said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.
3 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that *there is* none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause.
4 And Satan answered the LORD, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life.
5 But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face.
6 And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, he *is* in thine hand; but save his life.
7 So went Satan forth from the presence of

1:9 fear ▸ *see Neh. 4:14.*
1:11 put forth ▸ *see Ps. 144:7.*
1:21 naked ▸ *see Is. 20:3.*
2:1 Satan ▸ *see 1 Chr. 21:1.*
2:3 integrity ▸ *see Job 27:5.*

the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown.
8 And he took him a potsherd to scrape himself withal; and he sat down among the ashes.

The Rebuke of Job's Wife

9 Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die.
10 But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips.

Job's Three Friends

11 Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that was come upon him, they came every one from his own place; Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite: for they had made an appointment together to come to mourn with him and to comfort him.
12 And when they lifted up their eyes afar off, and knew him not, they lifted up their voice, and wept; and they rent every one his mantle, and sprinkled dust upon their heads toward heaven.
13 So they sat down with him upon the ground seven days and seven nights, and none spake a word unto him: for they saw that *his* grief was very great.

Job Curses His Birth

3 After this opened Job his mouth, and cursed his day.
2 And Job spake, and said,
3 Let the day perish wherein I was born, and the night *in which* it was said, There is a man child conceived.
4 Let that day be darkness; let not God regard it from above, neither let the light shine upon it.
5 Let darkness and the shadow of death stain it; let a cloud dwell upon it; let the blackness of the day terrify it.
6 *As for* that night, let darkness seize upon it; let it not be joined unto the days of the year, let it not come into the number of the months.
7 Lo, let that night be solitary, let no joyful voice come therein.
8 Let them curse it that curse the day, who are ready to raise up their mourning.
9 Let the stars of the twilight thereof be dark; let it look for light, but *have* none; neither let it see the dawning of the day:
10 Because it shut not up the doors of my *mother's* womb, nor hid sorrow from mine eyes.
11 Why died I not from the womb? *why* did I *not* give up the ghost when I came out of the belly?
12 Why did the knees prevent me? or why the breasts that I should suck?
13 For now should I have lain still and been quiet, I should have slept: then had I been at rest,
14 With kings and counsellors of the earth, which built desolate places for themselves;

2:8 ash

(Heb. *'epher*) (Job 13:12; Is. 61:3; Mal. 4:3) H0665: This word refers to ashes, dust, or loose dirt. It is most famously used in the expression "ashes of the heifer," which occurs in the purification ceremony of Numbers 19:9, 10. The word "ashes" may appear alone or paired with "sackcloth" as a sign of extreme grief (Esth. 4:1–3) or repentance (Jon. 3:5, 6). "Ashes" may also be paired with a synonym "dust" (a wordplay based upon their being homophones—a frequent Hebrew rhetorical device) to indicate insignificance (Gen. 18:27; Job 30:19), repentance (Job 42:6), or sorrow (Ezek. 27:30). One who "eats" ashes attempts to sustain himself on that which is insignificant (Ps. 102:9; Is. 44:20). This term always conveys some type of negative aspect.

2:9 integrity ▸ *see Job 27:5.*
2:11 friend ▸ *see Prov. 18:24.*

3:10 womb

(Heb. *beten*) (1 Kin. 7:20; Job 40:16; Hab. 3:16) H0990: The basic meaning of this word is "interior." It is usually translated as "belly" or "womb." This term is used of a woman's body part and specifically of her source for producing offspring (Song 7:2; Jer. 1:5). Surprisingly, it is used in the same ways with respect to a man (Judg. 3:21–23; Job 19:17; Mic. 6:7). In poetic passages, *beten* may represent the whole body as opposed to the soul (Ps. 31:9; 44:25) or it may represent the entire interior being with its thoughts and emotions (Job 15:35; 20:20; Prov. 18:8; 20:27). Inside the great sea creature, Jonah declares that he is crying out to the Lord from the "belly of hell" (Jon. 2:2).

15 Or with princes that had gold, who filled their houses with silver:
16 Or as an hidden untimely birth I had not been; as infants *which* never saw light.
17 There the wicked cease *from* troubling; and there the weary be at rest.
18 *There* the prisoners rest together; they hear not the voice of the oppressor.
19 The small and great are there; and the servant *is* free from his master.

Job Longs for Death

20 Wherefore is light given to him that is in misery, and life unto the bitter in soul;
21 Which long for death, but it *cometh* not; and dig for it more than for hid treasures;
22 Which rejoice exceedingly, *and* are glad, when they can find the grave?
23 *Why is light given* to a man whose way is hid, and whom God hath hedged in?
24 For my sighing cometh before I eat, and my roarings are poured out like the waters.
25 For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me.
26 I was not in safety, neither had I rest, neither was I quiet; yet trouble came.

Eliphaz Questions Job

4 Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said,
2 *If* we assay to commune with thee, wilt thou be grieved? but who can withhold himself from speaking?
3 Behold, thou hast instructed many, and thou hast strengthened the weak hands.
4 Thy words have upholden him that was falling, and thou hast strengthened the feeble knees.
5 But now it is come upon thee, and thou faintest; it toucheth thee, and thou art troubled.
6 *Is* not *this* thy fear, thy confidence, thy hope, and the uprightness of thy ways?
7 Remember, I pray thee, who *ever* perished, being innocent? or where were the righteous cut off?
8 Even as I have seen, they that plow iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap the same.
9 By the blast of God they perish, and by the breath of his nostrils are they consumed.
10 The roaring of the lion, and the voice of the fierce lion, and the teeth of the young lions, are broken.
11 The old lion perisheth for lack of prey, and the stout lion's whelps are scattered abroad.
12 Now a thing was secretly brought to me, and mine ear received a little thereof.
13 In thoughts from the visions of the night, when deep sleep falleth on men,
14 Fear came upon me, and trembling, which made all my bones to shake.
15 Then a spirit passed before my face; the hair of my flesh stood up:
16 It stood still, but I could not discern the form thereof: an image *was* before mine eyes, *there was* silence, and I heard a voice, *saying,*

God Is Righteous

17 Shall mortal man be more just than God? shall a man be more pure than his maker?
18 Behold, he put no trust in his servants; and his angels he charged with folly:
19 How much less *in* them that dwell in houses of clay, whose foundation *is* in the dust, *which* are crushed before the moth?
20 They are destroyed from morning to evening: they perish for ever without any regarding *it.*
21 Doth not their excellency *which is* in them go away? they die, even without wisdom.

Righteousness Will Triumph

5 Call now, if there be any that will answer thee; and to which of the saints wilt thou turn?

3:25 fear ▸ *see Hos. 3:5.*
4:8 iniquity ▸ *see Prov. 22:8.*

4:17 mortal

(Heb. *'enosh*) (Is. 51:7; Ps. 8:4) H0582: The distinction is made here between the immortal and mortal; between the Creator and the created; between the divine and human. Elsewhere, the Lord reminds His people that they should not fear "the reproach of men" (Is. 51:7) or "a man that shall die" (Is. 51:12), for they will pass away, but the Lord remains forever. The word *enosh* can also refer to men in general, such as when speaking in general terms of Joseph's brothers (Gen. 43:18), or soldiers to fight Amalek (Ex. 17:9), or people willing to give to the Lord (Ex. 35:22). Job ponders, "What is man, that thou shouldest magnify him" (Job 7:17), a thought echoed in the psalms (Ps. 8:4; 144:3).

4:17 just ▸ *see Gen. 38:26.*
4:19 foundation ▸ *see Ezek. 30:4.*

2 For wrath killeth the foolish man, and envy slayeth the silly one.
3 I have seen the foolish taking root: but suddenly I cursed his habitation.
4 His children are far from safety, and they are crushed in the gate, neither *is there* any to deliver *them*.
5 Whose harvest the hungry eateth up, and taketh it even out of the thorns, and the robber swalloweth up their substance.
6 Although affliction cometh not forth of the dust, neither doth trouble spring out of the ground;
7 Yet man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward.
8 I would seek unto God, and unto God would I commit my cause:
9 Which doeth great things and unsearchable; marvellous things without number:
10 Who giveth rain upon the earth, and sendeth waters upon the fields:
11 To set up on high those that be low; that those which mourn may be exalted to safety.
12 He disappointeth the devices of the crafty, so that their hands cannot perform *their* enterprise.
13 He taketh the wise in their own craftiness: and the counsel of the froward is carried headlong.
14 They meet with darkness in the daytime, and grope in the noonday as in the night.
15 But he saveth the poor from the sword, from their mouth, and from the hand of the mighty.
16 So the poor hath hope, and iniquity stoppeth her mouth.

God Chastens His Children

17 Behold, happy *is* the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty:
18 For he maketh sore, and bindeth up: he woundeth, and his hands make whole.
19 He shall deliver thee in six troubles: yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee.
20 In famine he shall redeem thee from death: and in war from the power of the sword.
21 Thou shalt be hid from the scourge of the tongue: neither shalt thou be afraid of destruction when it cometh.
22 At destruction and famine thou shalt laugh: neither shalt thou be afraid of the beasts of the earth.
23 For thou shalt be in league with the stones of the field: and the beasts of the field shall be at peace with thee.
24 And thou shalt know that thy tabernacle *shall be* in peace; and thou shalt visit thy habitation, and shalt not sin.

God Blesses the Faithful

25 Thou shalt know also that thy seed *shall be* great, and thine offspring as the grass of the earth.
26 Thou shalt come to *thy* grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in in his season.
27 Lo this, we have searched it, so it *is;* hear it, and know thou *it* for thy good.

Job: Grief Is Unbearable

6 But Job answered and said,
2 Oh that my grief were throughly weighed, and my calamity laid in the balances together!
3 For now it would be heavier than the sand of the sea: therefore my words are swallowed up.
4 For the arrows of the Almighty *are* within me, the poison whereof drinketh up my spirit: the terrors of God do set themselves in array against me.

5:5 robber

(Heb. *tsammim*) (Job 18:9) H6782: This term occurs only twice in the entire Bible—both times here in Job. Since scholars have been unable to solidly connect this term with any other in Hebrew or related languages, and since the ancient translations have problems with it, the meaning must be determined solely through the respective contexts. In Job 18:9, *tsammim* is placed in synonymous parallelism with another word that clearly means "trap," suggesting that it has a similar connotation. In Job 5:5, *tsammim* is in parallel with "the hungry [person]." Some argue that the trap and the trapper are equally likely in view with this word; hence, in Job 5:5, they render it personally (snare maker, intriguer, or robber) and in 18:9 impersonally (snare or trap).

5:9 unsearchable ▸ *see Prov. 25:3.*
5:9 number ▸ *see 1 Chr. 25:7.*
5:11 on high ▸ *see Ps. 148:1.*
5:12 device ▸ *see Esth. 8:5.*
5:18 bind up ▸ *see Job 34:17.*
5:21 destruction ▸ *see Is. 13:6.*
6:2 weigh ▸ *see Jer. 32:9.*

5 Doth the wild ass bray when he hath grass? or loweth the ox over his fodder?
6 Can that which is unsavoury be eaten without salt? or is there *any* taste in the white of an egg?
7 The things *that* my soul refused to touch *are* as my sorrowful meat.
8 Oh that I might have my request; and that God would grant *me* the thing that I long for!
9 Even that it would please God to destroy me; that he would let loose his hand, and cut me off!
10 Then should I yet have comfort; yea, I would harden myself in sorrow: let him not spare; for I have not concealed the words of the Holy One.
11 What *is* my strength, that I should hope? and what *is* mine end, that I should prolong my life?
12 *Is* my strength the strength of stones? or *is* my flesh of brass?
13 *Is* not my help in me? and is wisdom driven quite from me?
14 To him that is afflicted pity *should be shewed* from his friend; but he forsaketh the fear of the Almighty.
15 My brethren have dealt deceitfully as a brook, *and* as the stream of brooks they pass away;
16 Which are blackish by reason of the ice, *and* wherein the snow is hid:
17 What time they wax warm, they vanish: when it is hot, they are consumed out of their place.
18 The paths of their way are turned aside; they go to nothing, and perish.
19 The troops of Tema looked, the companies of Sheba waited for them.
20 They were confounded because they had hoped; they came thither, and were ashamed.
21 For now ye are nothing; ye see *my* casting down, and are afraid.
22 Did I say, Bring unto me? or, Give a reward for me of your substance?
23 Or, Deliver me from the enemy's hand? or, Redeem me from the hand of the mighty?
24 Teach me, and I will hold my tongue: and cause me to understand wherein I have erred.
25 How forcible are right words! but what doth your arguing reprove?
26 Do ye imagine to reprove words, and the speeches of one that is desperate, *which are* as wind?
27 Yea, ye overwhelm the fatherless, and ye dig *a pit* for your friend.
28 Now therefore be content, look upon me; for *it is* evident unto you if I lie.
29 Return, I pray you, let it not be iniquity; yea, return again, my righteousness *is* in it.
30 Is there iniquity in my tongue? cannot my taste discern perverse things?

Man's Time on Earth

7 Is *there* not an appointed time to man upon earth? *are not* his days also like the days of an hireling?
2 As a servant earnestly desireth the shadow, and as an hireling looketh for *the reward of* his work:
3 So am I made to possess months of vanity, and wearisome nights are appointed to me.
4 When I lie down, I say, When shall I arise, and the night be gone? and I am full of tossings to and fro unto the dawning of the day.
5 My flesh is clothed with worms and clods of dust; my skin is broken, and become loathsome.
6 My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and are spent without hope.
7 O remember that my life *is* wind: mine eye shall no more see good.
8 The eye of him that hath seen me shall see me no *more:* thine eyes *are* upon me, and I *am* not.
9 *As* the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away: so he that goeth down to the grave shall come up no *more.*

6:11 prolong

(Heb. *'arak*) (Ex. 20:12; Num. 9:19; Deut. 4:40; Is. 53:10) H0748: Literally "to make longer, to extend, to stretch out," this word most often refers to the length of a person's life. The overall picture given in the Old Testament is that obeying God's laws leads to a long life (Deut. 4:40), while rebelling against Him leads to death (Eccl. 8:13). Other uses of this word include the prolonging of the Israelites' time in a particular location during their wilderness wanderings (Num. 9:19, 22) and a Messianic prophecy involving Jesus' prolonged rule (Is. 53:10).

6:20 confound ▸ *see Ps. 71:24.*
6:23 mighty ▸ *see Ezek. 31:12.*
7:2 shadow ▸ *see Eccl. 6:12.*
7:6 hope ▸ *see Hos. 2:15.*
7:8 see ▸ *see Gen. 16:13.*

10 He shall return no more to his house, neither shall his place know him any more.

Job's Anguished Spirit

11 Therefore I will not refrain my mouth; I will speak in the anguish of my spirit; I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.
12 *Am* I a sea, or a whale, that thou settest a watch over me?
13 When I say, My bed shall comfort me, my couch shall ease my complaint;
14 Then thou scarest me with dreams, and terrifiest me through visions:
15 So that my soul chooseth strangling, *and* death rather than my life.
16 I loathe *it;* I would not live alway: let me alone; for my days *are* vanity.
17 What *is* man, that thou shouldest magnify him? and that thou shouldest set thine heart upon him?
18 And *that* thou shouldest visit him every morning, *and* try him every moment?
19 How long wilt thou not depart from me, nor let me alone till I swallow down my spittle?
20 I have sinned; what shall I do unto thee, O thou preserver of men? why hast thou set me as a mark against thee, so that I am a burden to myself?
21 And why dost thou not pardon my transgression, and take away mine iniquity? for now shall I sleep in the dust; and thou shalt seek me in the morning, but I *shall* not *be.*

Bildad: God Is Just

8 Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,
2 How long wilt thou speak these *things?* and *how long shall* the words of thy mouth *be like* a strong wind?
3 Doth God pervert judgment? or doth the Almighty pervert justice?
4 If thy children have sinned against him, and he have cast them away for their transgression;
5 If thou wouldest seek unto God betimes, and make thy supplication to the Almighty;
6 If thou *wert* pure and upright; surely now he would awake for thee, and make the habitation of thy righteousness prosperous.
7 Though thy beginning was small, yet thy latter end should greatly increase.
8 For enquire, I pray thee, of the former age, and prepare thyself to the search of their fathers:
9 (For we *are but of* yesterday, and know nothing, because our days upon earth *are* a shadow:)
10 Shall not they teach thee, *and* tell thee, and utter words out of their heart?

Forget God and Perish

11 Can the rush grow up without mire? can the flag grow without water?
12 Whilst it *is* yet in his greenness, *and* not cut down, it withereth before any *other* herb.
13 So *are* the paths of all that forget God; and the hypocrite's hope shall perish:
14 Whose hope shall be cut off, and whose trust *shall be* a spider's web.
15 He shall lean upon his house, but it shall not stand: he shall hold it fast, but it shall not endure.
16 He *is* green before the sun, and his branch shooteth forth in his garden.
17 His roots are wrapped about the heap, *and* seeth the place of stones.
18 If he destroy him from his place, then *it* shall deny him, *saying,* I have not seen thee.

7:16 vanity ▸ *see Eccl. 2:1.*

7:20 mark

(Heb. *miphga`*) H4645: This is the only use of this word, which means "an object of attack, violence." It comes from the root meaning "to impinge, strike upon or against." Job felt like God was shooting all His arrows of trial and testing at him—a feeling that many people in grave distress and suffering can identify with.

8:8 enquire ▸ *see 1 Sam. 28:6.*

8:13 hypocrite

(Heb. *chaneph*) (Job 27:8; Prov. 11:9; Is. 9:17) H2611: From a root word meaning "soiled," this word means "profane or impious." It is only used 13 times in the Bible, all of them poetic in form—in Job, Psalms, Proverbs, and Isaiah. This word does not have the same sense as the Greek word for hypocrite, which is a word derived from the theater for a mask-wearer. For that reason, other translations sometimes render this word "godless." In the New Testament, Jesus had harsh words for hypocrites (Matt. 6:1, 2, 5, 16; Luke 20:19, 20).

19 Behold, this *is* the joy of his way, and out of the earth shall others grow.
20 Behold, God will not cast away a perfect *man,* neither will he help the evil doers:
21 Till he fill thy mouth with laughing, and thy lips with rejoicing.
22 They that hate thee shall be clothed with shame; and the dwelling place of the wicked shall come to nought.

Job: God's Mighty Power

9 Then Job answered and said,
2 I know *it is* so of a truth: but how should man be just with God?
3 If he will contend with him, he cannot answer him one of a thousand.
4 *He is* wise in heart, and mighty in strength: who hath hardened *himself* against him, and hath prospered?
5 Which removeth the mountains, and they know not: which overturneth them in his anger.
6 Which shaketh the earth out of her place, and the pillars thereof tremble.
7 Which commandeth the sun, and it riseth not; and sealeth up the stars.
8 Which alone spreadeth out the heavens, and treadeth upon the waves of the sea.
9 Which maketh Arcturus, Orion, and Pleiades, and the chambers of the south.
10 Which doeth great things past finding out; yea, and wonders without number.
11 Lo, he goeth by me, and I see *him* not: he passeth on also, but I perceive him not.
12 Behold, he taketh away, who can hinder him? who will say unto him, What doest thou?

Supplication to My Judge

13 *If* God will not withdraw his anger, the proud helpers do stoop under him.
14 How much less shall I answer him, *and* choose out my words *to reason* with him?
15 Whom, though I were righteous, *yet* would I not answer, *but* I would make supplication to my judge.
16 If I had called, and he had answered me; *yet* would I not believe that he had hearkened unto my voice.
17 For he breaketh me with a tempest, and multiplieth my wounds without cause.
18 He will not suffer me to take my breath, but filleth me with bitterness.
19 If *I speak* of strength, lo, *he is* strong: and if of judgment, who shall set me a time *to plead?*
20 If I justify myself, mine own mouth shall condemn me: *if I say,* I *am* perfect, it shall also prove me perverse.
21 *Though* I *were* perfect, *yet* would I not know my soul: I would despise my life.
22 This *is* one *thing,* therefore I said *it,* He destroyeth the perfect and the wicked.
23 If the scourge slay suddenly, he will laugh at the trial of the innocent.
24 The earth *is* given into the hand of the wicked: he covereth the faces of the judges thereof; if not, where, *and* who *is* he?
25 Now my days are swifter than a post: they flee away, they see no good.
26 They are passed away as the swift ships: as the eagle *that* hasteth to the prey.
27 If I say, I will forget my complaint, I will leave off my heaviness, and comfort *myself:*
28 I am afraid of all my sorrows, I know that thou wilt not hold me innocent.
29 *If* I be wicked, why then labour I in vain?
30 If I wash myself with snow water, and make my hands never so clean;
31 Yet shalt thou plunge me in the ditch, and mine own clothes shall abhor me.

God's Superiority

32 For *he is* not a man, as I *am, that* I should

8:20 perfect ▸ *see Job 1:1.*
8:22 shame ▸ *see Ps. 35:26.*

9:13 proud

(Heb. *rahab*) (Job 26:12; Is. 30:7) H7293: The verbal root of this word means "to act stormily" or "to behave tempestuously." The derived proper noun designates a mythological, primeval sea monster. Later it became a designation for Egypt. Isaiah reports the Lord Himself calling Egypt by this name (Is. 30:7); elsewhere Isaiah uses the word in a context that suggests a double reference—to both the sea monster and Egypt (Is. 51:9). When referring to the sea monster, this word is always couched in language depicting God's cosmic power (Job 9:1–13; 26:12, 13; Ps. 89:8–12; Is. 51:6–11). The ancient Middle East had many mythological tales of powerful primeval sea monsters. The Bible uses this image of Rahab, not to endorse mythology but to demonstrate the Lord's supremacy over all powers—even the ones in people's imagination.

9:21 perfect ▸ *see Job 1:1.*
9:30 make clean ▸ *see Job 15:15.*

answer him, *and* we should come together in judgment.
33 Neither is there any daysman betwixt us, *that* might lay his hand upon us both.
34 Let him take his rod away from me, and let not his fear terrify me:
35 *Then* would I speak, and not fear him; but *it is* not so with me.

Job's Weariness of Life

10 My soul is weary of my life; I will leave my complaint upon myself; I will speak in the bitterness of my soul.
2 I will say unto God, Do not condemn me; shew me wherefore thou contendest with me.
3 *Is it* good unto thee that thou shouldest oppress, that thou shouldest despise the work of thine hands, and shine upon the counsel of the wicked?
4 Hast thou eyes of flesh? or seest thou as man seeth?
5 *Are* thy days as the days of man? *are* thy years as man's days,
6 That thou enquirest after mine iniquity, and searchest after my sin?
7 Thou knowest that I am not wicked; and *there is* none that can deliver out of thine hand.
8 Thine hands have made me and fashioned me together round about; yet thou dost destroy me.
9 Remember, I beseech thee, that thou hast made me as the clay; and wilt thou bring me into dust again?
10 Hast thou not poured me out as milk, and curdled me like cheese?
11 Thou hast clothed me with skin and flesh, and hast fenced me with bones and sinews.
12 Thou hast granted me life and favour, and thy visitation hath preserved my spirit.
13 And these *things* hast thou hid in thine heart: I know that this *is* with thee.
14 If I sin, then thou markest me, and thou wilt not acquit me from mine iniquity.
15 If I be wicked, woe unto me; and *if* I be righteous, *yet* will I not lift up my head. *I am* full of confusion; therefore see thou mine affliction;
16 For it increaseth. Thou huntest me as a fierce lion: and again thou shewest thyself marvellous upon me.
17 Thou renewest thy witnesses against me, and increasest thine indignation upon me; changes and war *are* against me.
18 Wherefore then hast thou brought me forth out of the womb? Oh that I had given up the ghost, and no eye had seen me!
19 I should have been as though I had not been; I should have been carried from the womb to the grave.
20 *Are* not my days few? cease *then, and* let me alone, that I may take comfort a little,
21 Before I go *whence* I shall not return, *even* to the land of darkness and the shadow of death;
22 A land of darkness, as darkness *itself; and* of the shadow of death, without any order, and *where* the light *is* as darkness.

Zophar: Let God Speak

11 Then answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said,
2 Should not the multitude of words be answered? and should a man full of talk be justified?
3 Should thy lies make men hold their peace? and when thou mockest, shall no man make thee ashamed?
4 For thou hast said, My doctrine *is* pure, and I am clean in thine eyes.
5 But oh that God would speak, and open his lips against thee;
6 And that he would shew thee the secrets

10:11 bone ▸ *see Ps. 53:5.*
10:11 sinew ▸ *see Ezek. 37:6.*

10:12 preserve

(Heb. *shamar*) (Gen. 4:9; Ps. 121:7) H8104: As the Lord "preserved" Job's spirit, so, too, did the Lord command the cherubim to "guard" (*shamar*) the way to the tree of life (Gen. 3:24) Adam was to "keep" (preserve, care for, look after) the garden of Eden (Gen. 2:15), but Cain questioned, "Am I my brother's keeper?" (Gen. 4:9). The people were to "keep" the Lord's covenant (Gen. 17:9; Ex. 19:5), and "keep" the various feasts (Ex. 23:15), while the psalmist declares that "The LORD shall preserve you from all evil" (Ps. 121:7).

10:15 full ▸ *see Gen. 25:8.*
10:16 increase ▸ *see Ex. 15:1.*
10:21 darkness ▸ *see 1 Sam. 2:9.*

11:6 secret

(Heb. *ta`alummah*) (Job 28:11; Ps. 44:21) H8587: This noun refers to something that is hidden.

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of wisdom, that *they are* double to that which is! Know therefore that God exacteth of thee *less* than thine iniquity *deserveth.*
7 Canst thou by searching find out God? canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection?
8 *It is* as high as heaven; what canst thou do? deeper than hell; what canst thou know?
9 The measure thereof *is* longer than the earth, and broader than the sea.
10 If he cut off, and shut up, or gather together, then who can hinder him?
11 For he knoweth vain men: he seeth wickedness also; will he not then consider *it?*
12 For vain man would be wise, though man be born *like* a wild ass's colt.

Repentance and Forgiveness

13 If thou prepare thine heart, and stretch out thine hands toward him;
14 If iniquity *be* in thine hand, put it far away, and let not wickedness dwell in thy tabernacles.
15 For then shalt thou lift up thy face without spot; yea, thou shalt be stedfast, and shalt not fear:
16 Because thou shalt forget *thy* misery, *and* remember *it* as waters *that* pass away:
17 And *thine* age shall be clearer than the noonday; thou shalt shine forth, thou shalt be as the morning.
18 And thou shalt be secure, because there is hope; yea, thou shalt dig *about thee, and* thou shalt take thy rest in safety.
19 Also thou shalt lie down, and none shall make *thee* afraid; yea, many shall make suit unto thee.
20 But the eyes of the wicked shall fail, and they shall not escape, and their hope *shall be as* the giving up of the ghost.

Job: The Just Man Is Scorned

12 And Job answered and said,
2 No doubt but ye *are* the people, and wisdom shall die with you.
3 But I have understanding as well as you; I *am* not inferior to you: yea, who knoweth not such things as these?
4 I am *as* one mocked of his neighbour, who calleth upon God, and he answereth him: the just upright *man is* laughed to scorn.
5 He that is ready to slip with *his* feet *is as* a lamp despised in the thought of him that is at ease.
6 The tabernacles of robbers prosper, and they that provoke God are secure; into whose hand God bringeth *abundantly.*
7 But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee; and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee:
8 Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee: and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee.
9 Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the LORD hath wrought this?
10 In whose hand *is* the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind.
11 Doth not the ear try words? and the mouth taste his meat?
12 With the ancient *is* wisdom; and in length of days understanding.

God's Strength and Wisdom

13 With him *is* wisdom and strength, he hath counsel and understanding.
14 Behold, he breaketh down, and it cannot be built again: he shutteth up a man, and there can be no opening.
15 Behold, he withholdeth the waters, and

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It comes from the root word meaning "to conceal, hide." It only appears three times in Scripture, and in each case the hidden thing is an intangible (such as wisdom or secrets of the heart), and God is the only one who knows what is hidden. Thus, this word points to God's omniscience. He is the one who can show you "the secrets of wisdom" or bring what is hidden to light (Job 28:11).

11:6 wisdom ▸ *see Prov. 3:13.*
12:6 prosper ▸ *see Ps. 122:6.*

12:12 length

(Heb. *'orek*) (Deut. 30:20; Ps. 23:6; 91:16; Ezek. 48:10) H0753: Referring either to physical length (Gen. 6:15) or metaphorical length, this word comes from a root word meaning "to make long, extend." It is used frequently in the instructions for the tabernacle and temple, as well as in the division of land. It is also used to refer to a long life—the reward given to those who keep the covenant (Deut. 30:20; Ps. 21:4). In Proverbs, we learn that wisdom adds length to our days: "Length of days is in her right hand, in her left hand riches and honour" (Prov. 3:16).

12:13 understanding ▸ *see 1 Kin. 4:29.*

they dry up: also he sendeth them out, and they overturn the earth.
16 With him *is* strength and wisdom: the deceived and the deceiver *are* his.
17 He leadeth counsellors away spoiled, and maketh the judges fools.
18 He looseth the bond of kings, and girdeth their loins with a girdle.
19 He leadeth princes away spoiled, and overthroweth the mighty.
20 He removeth away the speech of the trusty, and taketh away the understanding of the aged.
21 He poureth contempt upon princes, and weakeneth the strength of the mighty.
22 He discovereth deep things out of darkness, and bringeth out to light the shadow of death.
23 He increaseth the nations, and destroyeth them: he enlargeth the nations, and straiteneth them *again*.
24 He taketh away the heart of the chief of the people of the earth, and causeth them to wander in a wilderness *where there is* no way.
25 They grope in the dark without light, and he maketh them to stagger like *a* drunken *man*.

Job: Hold Your Peace

13 Lo, mine eye hath seen all *this,* mine ear hath heard and understood it.
2 What ye know, *the same* do I know also: I *am* not inferior unto you.
3 Surely I would speak to the Almighty, and I desire to reason with God.
4 But ye *are* forgers of lies, ye *are* all physicians of no value.
5 O that ye would altogether hold your peace! and it should be your wisdom.
6 Hear now my reasoning, and hearken to the pleadings of my lips.

God Will Not Be Mocked

7 Will ye speak wickedly for God? and talk deceitfully for him?
8 Will ye accept his person? will ye contend for God?
9 Is it good that he should search you out? or as one man mocketh another, do ye *so* mock him?
10 He will surely reprove you, if ye do secretly accept persons.
11 Shall not his excellency make you afraid? and his dread fall upon you?
12 Your remembrances *are* like unto ashes, your bodies to bodies of clay.
13 Hold your peace, let me alone, that I may speak, and let come on me what *will*.
14 Wherefore do I take my flesh in my teeth, and put my life in mine hand?
15 Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him.
16 He also *shall be* my salvation: for an hypocrite shall not come before him.
17 Hear diligently my speech, and my declaration with your ears.
18 Behold now, I have ordered *my* cause; I know that I shall be justified.
19 Who *is* he *that* will plead with me? for now, if I hold my tongue, I shall give up the ghost.
20 Only do not two *things* unto me: then will I not hide myself from thee.
21 Withdraw thine hand far from me: and let not thy dread make me afraid.
22 Then call thou, and I will answer: or let me speak, and answer thou me.

Make Me Know My Sin

23 How many *are* mine iniquities and sins? make me to know my transgression and my sin.
24 Wherefore hidest thou thy face, and holdest me for thine enemy?
25 Wilt thou break a leaf driven to and fro? and wilt thou pursue the dry stubble?
26 For thou writest bitter things against me, and makest me to possess the iniquities of my youth.

13:12 ashes ▸ *see Job 2:8.*
13:15 trust ▸ *see Ps. 38:15.*

13:21 dread

(Heb. *'eymah*) (Ex. 23:27; Josh. 2:9; Ps. 88:15) H0367: Meaning "terror, dread, horror," this word is often used to describe the reaction of enemy armies whom the Lord fights against (Ex. 15:16; Josh. 2:9). The greatest terror possible is in the face of God's wrath. A good description of this kind of dread is found in the song of Moses in Exodus 15: "Fear and dread shall fall upon them; by the greatness of thine arm they shall be as still as a stone" (Ex. 15:16). Psalm 55:4 speaks of the terrors of death and Proverbs 20:2 of the terror a king can evoke.

13:25 dry ▸ *see Num. 11:6.*

27 Thou puttest my feet also in the stocks, and lookest narrowly unto all my paths; thou settest a print upon the heels of my feet.
28 And he, as a rotten thing, consumeth, as a garment that is moth eaten.

Job: The Brevity of Man

14 Man *that is* born of a woman *is* of few days, and full of trouble.
2 He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.
3 And dost thou open thine eyes upon such an one, and bringest me into judgment with thee?
4 Who can bring a clean *thing* out of an unclean? not one.
5 Seeing his days *are* determined, the number of his months *are* with thee, thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass;
6 Turn from him, that he may rest, till he shall accomplish, as an hireling, his day.
7 For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease.
8 Though the root thereof wax old in the earth, and the stock thereof die in the ground;
9 *Yet* through the scent of water it will bud, and bring forth boughs like a plant.
10 But man dieth, and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where *is* he?
11 *As* the waters fail from the sea, and the flood decayeth and drieth up:
12 So man lieth down, and riseth not: till the heavens *be* no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep.
13 O that thou wouldest hide me in the grave, that thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me!
14 If a man die, shall he live *again?* all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.
15 Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee: thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands.
16 For now thou numberest my steps: dost thou not watch over my sin?
17 My transgression *is* sealed up in a bag, and thou sewest up mine iniquity.
18 And surely the mountain falling cometh to nought, and the rock is removed out of his place.
19 The waters wear the stones: thou washest away the things which grow *out* of the dust of the earth; and thou destroyest the hope of man.
20 Thou prevailest for ever against him, and he passeth: thou changest his countenance, and sendest him away.
21 His sons come to honour, and he knoweth *it* not; and they are brought low, but he perceiveth *it* not of them.
22 But his flesh upon him shall have pain, and his soul within him shall mourn.

Eliphaz: Unprofitable Talk

15 Then answered Eliphaz the Temanite, and said,
2 Should a wise man utter vain knowledge, and fill his belly with the east wind?
3 Should he reason with unprofitable talk? or with speeches wherewith he can do no good?
4 Yea, thou castest off fear, and restrainest prayer before God.
5 For thy mouth uttereth thine iniquity, and thou choosest the tongue of the crafty.
6 Thine own mouth condemneth thee, and not I: yea, thine own lips testify against thee.
7 *Art* thou the first man *that* was born? or wast thou made before the hills?
8 Hast thou heard the secret of God? and dost thou restrain wisdom to thyself?
9 What knowest thou, that we know not? *what* understandest thou, which *is* not in us?
10 With us *are* both the grayheaded and very aged men, much elder than thy father.
11 *Are* the consolations of God small with thee? is there any secret thing with thee?

14:1 woman ▸ *see Judg. 21:11.*

14:11 fail

(Heb. *'azal*) (Deut. 32:36; Prov. 20:14; Jer. 2:36) H0235: Used only six times in Scripture, this word for "go away" carries with it the word picture of rolling away. It is related to the action of a weaver spinning yarn. Job used the image of water disappearing from the sea to describe the way a man disappears from the earth at the end of his life—a somber metaphor that reflected his dark feelings in the face of his devastating circumstances.

14:22 mourn ▸ *see Jer. 4:28.*
15:8 secret ▸ *see Prov. 11:13.*

12 Why doth thine heart carry thee away? and what do thy eyes wink at,
13 That thou turnest thy spirit against God, and lettest *such* words go out of thy mouth?
14 What *is* man, that he should be clean? and *he which is* born of a woman, that he should be righteous?
15 Behold, he putteth no trust in his saints; yea, the heavens are not clean in his sight.
16 How much more abominable and filthy *is* man, which drinketh iniquity like water?
17 I will shew thee, hear me; and that *which* I have seen I will declare;
18 Which wise men have told from their fathers, and have not hid *it:*
19 Unto whom alone the earth was given, and no stranger passed among them.
20 The wicked man travaileth with pain all *his* days, and the number of years is hidden to the oppressor.
21 A dreadful sound *is* in his ears: in prosperity the destroyer shall come upon him.
22 He believeth not that he shall return out of darkness, and he is waited for of the sword.
23 He wandereth abroad for bread, *saying,* Where *is it?* he knoweth that the day of darkness is ready at his hand.

Trouble and Anguish

24 Trouble and anguish shall make him afraid; they shall prevail against him, as a king ready to the battle.
25 For he stretcheth out his hand against God, and strengtheneth himself against the Almighty.
26 He runneth upon him, *even* on *his* neck, upon the thick bosses of his bucklers:
27 Because he covereth his face with his fatness, and maketh collops of fat on *his* flanks.
28 And he dwelleth in desolate cities, *and* in houses which no man inhabiteth, which are ready to become heaps.
29 He shall not be rich, neither shall his substance continue, neither shall he prolong the perfection thereof upon the earth.
30 He shall not depart out of darkness; the flame shall dry up his branches, and by the breath of his mouth shall he go away.
31 Let not him that is deceived trust in vanity: for vanity shall be his recompence.
32 It shall be accomplished before his time, and his branch shall not be green.
33 He shall shake off his unripe grape as the vine, and shall cast off his flower as the olive.
34 For the congregation of hypocrites *shall be* desolate, and fire shall consume the tabernacles of bribery.
35 They conceive mischief, and bring forth vanity, and their belly prepareth deceit.

Job: Asswage My Grief

16 Then Job answered and said,
2 I have heard many such things: miserable comforters *are* ye all.
3 Shall vain words have an end? or what emboldeneth thee that thou answerest?
4 I also could speak as ye *do:* if your soul were in my soul's stead, I could heap up words against you, and shake mine head at you.
5 *But* I would strengthen you with my mouth, and the moving of my lips should asswage *your grief.*
6 Though I speak, my grief is not asswaged: and *though* I forbear, what am I eased?
7 But now he hath made me weary: thou hast made desolate all my company.
8 And thou hast filled me with wrinkles, *which* is a witness *against me:* and my leanness rising up in me beareth witness to my face.
9 He teareth *me* in his wrath, who hateth me: he gnasheth upon me with his teeth; mine enemy sharpeneth his eyes upon me.

15:15 clean

(Heb. *zakak*) (Job 9:30; 25:5; Lam. 4:7) H2141: Used only here and in Lamentations, this word for "pure" or "clean" refers to something that is bright or translucent. It is used of both physical and moral purity. Lamentations 4:7 uses this word to describe snow, and Job 25:5 uses it to describe bright stars. All of these images work together to offer a picture of the pure brilliance of heaven.

15:19 stranger ▸ *see Hos. 7:9.*
15:26 run ▸ *see Song 1:4.*
16:4 shake ▸ *see Is. 37:22.*

16:9 gnash

(Heb. *charaq*) (Ps. 35:16; 37:12; 112:10; Lam. 2:16) H2786: Grating or grinding one's teeth together is a way of expressing hatred, scorn, or grief. It is an expression of extreme, almost uncontrollable emotion. Psalm 37:12 sums up the meaning

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10 They have gaped upon me with their mouth; they have smitten me upon the cheek reproachfully; they have gathered themselves together against me.
11 God hath delivered me to the ungodly, and turned me over into the hands of the wicked.
12 I was at ease, but he hath broken me asunder: he hath also taken *me* by my neck, and shaken me to pieces, and set me up for his mark.
13 His archers compass me round about, he cleaveth my reins asunder, and doth not spare; he poureth out my gall upon the ground.
14 He breaketh me with breach upon breach, he runneth upon me like a giant.

My Witness in Heaven

15 I have sewed sackcloth upon my skin, and defiled my horn in the dust.
16 My face is foul with weeping, and on my eyelids *is* the shadow of death;
17 Not for *any* injustice in mine hands: also my prayer *is* pure.
18 O earth, cover not thou my blood, and let my cry have no place.
19 Also now, behold, my witness *is* in heaven, and my record *is* on high.
20 My friends scorn me: *but* mine eye poureth out *tears* unto God.
21 O that one might plead for a man with God, as a man *pleadeth* for his neighbour!
22 When a few years are come, then I shall go the way *whence* I shall not return.

Job: Where Is My Hope?

17 My breath is corrupt, my days are extinct, the graves *are ready* for me.
2 *Are there* not mockers with me? and doth not mine eye continue in their provocation?
3 Lay down now, put me in a surety with thee; who *is* he *that* will strike hands with me?
4 For thou hast hid their heart from understanding: therefore shalt thou not exalt *them*.
5 He that speaketh flattery to *his* friends, even the eyes of his children shall fail.
6 He hath made me also a byword of the people; and aforetime I was as a tabret.
7 Mine eye also is dim by reason of sorrow, and all my members *are* as a shadow.
8 Upright *men* shall be astonied at this, and the innocent shall stir up himself against the hypocrite.
9 The righteous also shall hold on his way, and he that hath clean hands shall be stronger and stronger.
10 But as for you all, do ye return, and come now: for I cannot find *one* wise *man* among you.
11 My days are past, my purposes are broken off, *even* the thoughts of my heart.
12 They change the night into day: the light *is* short because of darkness.
13 If I wait, the grave *is* mine house: I have made my bed in the darkness.
14 I have said to corruption, Thou *art* my father: to the worm, *Thou art* my mother, and my sister.
15 And where *is* now my hope? as for my hope, who shall see it?
16 They shall go down to the bars of the pit, when *our* rest together *is* in the dust.

Bildad: We Will Speak

18 Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,

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of this word well: "The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth." Job was so distraught that he felt as if God was angrily gnashing His teeth at him, plotting harm against him. In the New Testament, Jesus spoke of the wicked gnashing their teeth at the judgment (Matt. 13:42, 50).

16:20 scorn ▸ *see Prov. 9:12.*
17:1 grave ▸ *see Neh. 2:5.*

17:8 innocent

(Heb. *naqi*) (Num. 32:22; Deut. 21:8; Ps. 24:4; Is. 59:7) H5355: This word can mean "clean," "exempt," or "clear from blame." It can refer to being freed from an oath (Gen. 24:41), legal acquittal (Ex. 21:28), and the state of a sinner after he is redeemed (Deut. 21:8). Often Scripture speaks of "innocent blood" and condemns anyone who sheds innocent blood (Deut. 21:9). Psalm 24 asks, "Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place?" and answers, "He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully" (Ps. 24:3, 4). Christians are given that purity of heart through the blood of Christ.

17:14 corruption ▸ *see Job 33:24.*
17:16 go down ▸ *see 1 Sam. 23:11.*

2 How long *will it be ere* ye make an end of words? mark, and afterwards we will speak.
3 Wherefore are we counted as beasts, *and* reputed vile in your sight?
4 He teareth himself in his anger: shall the earth be forsaken for thee? and shall the rock be removed out of his place?
5 Yea, the light of the wicked shall be put out, and the spark of his fire shall not shine.
6 The light shall be dark in his tabernacle, and his candle shall be put out with him.
7 The steps of his strength shall be straitened, and his own counsel shall cast him down.
8 For he is cast into a net by his own feet, and he walketh upon a snare.
9 The gin shall take *him* by the heel, *and* the robber shall prevail against him.
10 The snare *is* laid for him in the ground, and a trap for him in the way.
11 Terrors shall make him afraid on every side, and shall drive him to his feet.
12 His strength shall be hungerbitten, and destruction *shall be* ready at his side.
13 It shall devour the strength of his skin: *even* the firstborn of death shall devour his strength.
14 His confidence shall be rooted out of his tabernacle, and it shall bring him to the king of terrors.
15 It shall dwell in his tabernacle, because *it is* none of his: brimstone shall be scattered upon his habitation.
16 His roots shall be dried up beneath, and above shall his branch be cut off.
17 His remembrance shall perish from the earth, and he shall have no name in the street.
18 He shall be driven from light into darkness, and chased out of the world.
19 He shall neither have son nor nephew among his people, nor any remaining in his dwellings.
20 They that come after *him* shall be astonied at his day, as they that went before were affrighted.
21 Surely such *are* the dwellings of the wicked, and this *is* the place *of him that* knoweth not God.

Job: You Vex My Soul

19 Then Job answered and said,
2 How long will ye vex my soul, and break me in pieces with words?
3 These ten times have ye reproached me: ye are not ashamed *that* ye make yourselves strange to me.
4 And be it indeed *that* I have erred, mine error remaineth with myself.
5 If indeed ye will magnify *yourselves* against me, and plead against me my reproach:
6 Know now that God hath overthrown me, and hath compassed me with his net.
7 Behold, I cry out of wrong, but I am not heard: I cry aloud, but *there is* no judgment.
8 He hath fenced up my way that I cannot pass, and he hath set darkness in my paths.
9 He hath stripped me of my glory, and taken the crown *from* my head.
10 He hath destroyed me on every side, and I am gone: and mine hope hath he removed like a tree.
11 He hath also kindled his wrath against me, and he counteth me unto him as *one of* his enemies.
12 His troops come together, and raise up their way against me, and encamp round about my tabernacle.
13 He hath put my brethren far from me, and mine acquaintance are verily estranged from me.
14 My kinsfolk have failed, and my familiar friends have forgotten me.
15 They that dwell in mine house, and my maids, count me for a stranger: I am an alien in their sight.
16 I called my servant, and he gave *me* no answer; I intreated him with my mouth.
17 My breath is strange to my wife, though I

18:9 gin

(Heb. *pach*) (Ps. 91:3; 119:110; Eccl. 9:12; Is. 8:14) H6341: From a root meaning "to spread out," this word usually refers to a snare used to catch a bird. In this sense it can be figurative, as in the following description of God's protection from those who seek to do us harm: "Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence" (Ps. 91:3). This image appears again in the famous prophecy found in Isaiah: the Messiah will be a sanctuary to those who trust in Him but "a stone of stumbling and . . . a rock of offense to both the houses of Israel . . . a gin and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem" (Is. 8:14).

18:9 robber ▸ *see Job 5:5.*
19:8 fence up ▸ *see 2 Kin. 22:6.*
19:11 kindle ▸ *see Ps. 124:3.*

intreated for the children's *sake* of mine own body.
18 Yea, young children despised me; I arose, and they spake against me.
19 All my inward friends abhorred me: and they whom I loved are turned against me.
20 My bone cleaveth to my skin and to my flesh, and I am escaped with the skin of my teeth.

My Redeemer Liveth

21 Have pity upon me, have pity upon me, O ye my friends; for the hand of God hath touched me.
22 Why do ye persecute me as God, and are not satisfied with my flesh?
23 Oh that my words were now written! oh that they were printed in a book!
24 That they were graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock for ever!
25 For I know *that* my redeemer liveth, and *that* he shall stand at the latter *day* upon the earth:
26 And *though* after my skin *worms* destroy this *body,* yet in my flesh shall I see God:
27 Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; *though* my reins be consumed within me.
28 But ye should say, Why persecute we him, seeing the root of the matter is found in me?
29 Be ye afraid of the sword: for wrath *bringeth* the punishments of the sword, that ye may know *there is* a judgment.

Zophar: The Wicked Will Perish

20 Then answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said,
2 Therefore do my thoughts cause me to answer, and for *this* I make haste.
3 I have heard the check of my reproach, and the spirit of my understanding causeth me to answer.
4 Knowest thou *not* this of old, since man was placed upon earth,
5 That the triumphing of the wicked *is* short, and the joy of the hypocrite *but* for a moment?
6 Though his excellency mount up to the heavens, and his head reach unto the clouds;
7 *Yet* he shall perish for ever like his own dung: they which have seen him shall say, Where *is* he?
8 He shall fly away as a dream, and shall not be found: yea, he shall be chased away as a vision of the night.
9 The eye also *which* saw him shall *see him* no more; neither shall his place any more behold him.
10 His children shall seek to please the poor, and his hands shall restore their goods.
11 His bones are full *of the sin* of his youth, which shall lie down with him in the dust.
12 Though wickedness be sweet in his mouth, *though* he hide it under his tongue;
13 *Though* he spare it, and forsake it not; but keep it still within his mouth:
14 *Yet* his meat in his bowels is turned, *it is* the gall of asps within him.
15 He hath swallowed down riches, and he shall vomit them up again: God shall cast them out of his belly.
16 He shall suck the poison of asps: the viper's tongue shall slay him.
17 He shall not see the rivers, the floods, the brooks of honey and butter.
18 That which he laboured for shall he restore, and shall not swallow *it* down: according to *his* substance *shall* the restitution *be,* and he shall not rejoice *therein.*
19 Because he hath oppressed *and* hath forsaken the poor; *because* he hath violently taken away an house which he builded not;

19:19 abhor ▸ *see Ps. 5:6.*

19:27 behold

(Heb. *ra'ah*) (Deut. 3:27; Eccl. 11:7; Is. 26:10; Lam. 1:9) H7200: This is the common term used in reference to the natural function of the eyes and is thus often translated as *see* (Gen. 48:10; 2 Kin. 3:14; Mic. 7:10). The word also has a number of metaphorical meanings, such as acceptance (Gen. 7:1; Num. 23:21) and provision (Gen. 22:8, 14; 1 Sam. 16:1). It can even convey the notion of assurance and salvation as is the case here. In Job 42:5 the word means "to see" in the sense of "to come to recognize" or "to experience fully" something previously known or understood. At times the word is associated with a prophetic message, as a prophet is described as seeing a vision from God (Is. 6:1; Jer. 1:11–13; Ezek. 1:1).

20:8 chase away ▸ *see Ps. 64:8.*

20:19 take away

(Heb. *gazal*) (Gen. 21:25; Job 24:2) H1497: The Hebrew root means to pluck or tear off, as skin (i.e., flay; see Mic. 3:2—"who pluck off their skin

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20 Surely he shall not feel quietness in his belly, he shall not save of that which he desired.
21 There shall none of his meat be left; therefore shall no man look for his goods.
22 In the fulness of his sufficiency he shall be in straits: every hand of the wicked shall come upon him.

The Fury of God's Wrath

23 *When* he is about to fill his belly, *God* shall cast the fury of his wrath upon him, and shall rain *it* upon him while he is eating.
24 He shall flee from the iron weapon, *and* the bow of steel shall strike him through.
25 It is drawn, and cometh out of the body; yea, the glittering sword cometh out of his gall: terrors *are* upon him.
26 All darkness *shall be* hid in his secret places: a fire not blown shall consume him; it shall go ill with him that is left in his tabernacle.
27 The heaven shall reveal his iniquity; and the earth shall rise up against him.
28 The increase of his house shall depart, *and his goods* shall flow away in the day of his wrath.
29 This *is* the portion of a wicked man from God, and the heritage appointed unto him by God.

Job: Why Do the Wicked Prevail?

21 But Job answered and said,
2 Hear diligently my speech, and let this be your consolations.
3 Suffer me that I may speak; and after that I have spoken, mock on.
4 As for me, *is* my complaint to man? and if *it were so,* why should not my spirit be troubled?
5 Mark me, and be astonished, and lay *your* hand upon *your* mouth.
6 Even when I remember I am afraid, and trembling taketh hold on my flesh.
7 Wherefore do the wicked live, become old, yea, are mighty in power?
8 Their seed is established in their sight with them, and their offspring before their eyes.
9 Their houses *are* safe from fear, neither *is* the rod of God upon them.
10 Their bull gendereth, and faileth not; their cow calveth, and casteth not her calf.
11 They send forth their little ones like a flock, and their children dance.
12 They take the timbrel and harp, and rejoice at the sound of the organ.
13 They spend their days in wealth, and in a moment go down to the grave.
14 Therefore they say unto God, Depart from us; for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways.
15 What *is* the Almighty, that we should serve him? and what profit should we have, if we pray unto him?
16 Lo, their good *is* not in their hand: the counsel of the wicked is far from me.
17 How oft is the candle of the wicked put out! and *how oft* cometh their destruction upon them! *God* distributeth sorrows in his anger.
18 They are as stubble before the wind, and as chaff that the storm carrieth away.
19 God layeth up his iniquity for his children: he rewardeth him, and he shall know *it.*
20 His eyes shall see his destruction, and he shall drink of the wrath of the Almighty.
21 For what pleasure *hath* he in his house after him, when the number of his months is cut off in the midst?

God Is Judge

22 Shall *any* teach God knowledge? seeing he judgeth those that are high.
23 One dieth in his full strength, being wholly at ease and quiet.
24 His breasts are full of milk, and his bones are moistened with marrow.
25 And another dieth in the bitterness of his soul, and never eateth with pleasure.
26 They shall lie down alike in the dust, and the worms shall cover them.
27 Behold, I know your thoughts, and

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from off them), and the most common meaning is to take away by force (Gen. 31:31). This can be rendered in various ways, including "pluck" (2 Sam. 23:21; Job 24:9), "rob" (Lev. 19:13), and "spoil" (Ps. 35:10). The term can also be applied to people, as in the capture of slaves (Judg. 21:23—"caught"). In Malachi 1:13, the word is rendered "torn" and used as a noun, i.e., that which has been stolen away.

20:27 reveal ▸ *see Amos 3:7.*
21:15 pray ▸ *see Jer. 27:18.*
21:17 sorrow ▸ *see Josh. 17:5.*

the devices *which* ye wrongfully imagine against me.
28 For ye say, Where *is* the house of the prince? and where *are* the dwelling places of the wicked?
29 Have ye not asked them that go by the way? and do ye not know their tokens,
30 That the wicked is reserved to the day of destruction? they shall be brought forth to the day of wrath.
31 Who shall declare his way to his face? and who shall repay him *what* he hath done?
32 Yet shall he be brought to the grave, and shall remain in the tomb.
33 The clods of the valley shall be sweet unto him, and every man shall draw after him, as *there are* innumerable before him.
34 How then comfort ye me in vain, seeing in your answers there remaineth falsehood?

Job Accused of Wickedness

22 Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said,
2 Can a man be profitable unto God, as he that is wise may be profitable unto himself?
3 *Is it* any pleasure to the Almighty, that thou art righteous? or *is it* gain *to him,* that thou makest thy ways perfect?
4 Will he reprove thee for fear of thee? will he enter with thee into judgment?
5 *Is* not thy wickedness great? and thine iniquities infinite?
6 For thou hast taken a pledge from thy brother for nought, and stripped the naked of their clothing.
7 Thou hast not given water to the weary to drink, and thou hast withholden bread from the hungry.
8 But *as for* the mighty man, he had the earth; and the honourable man dwelt in it.
9 Thou hast sent widows away empty, and the arms of the fatherless have been broken.
10 Therefore snares *are* round about thee, and sudden fear troubleth thee;
11 Or darkness, *that* thou canst not see; and abundance of waters cover thee.
12 *Is* not God in the height of heaven? and behold the height of the stars, how high they are!
13 And thou sayest, How doth God know? can he judge through the dark cloud?
14 Thick clouds *are* a covering to him, that he seeth not; and he walketh in the circuit of heaven.
15 Hast thou marked the old way which wicked men have trodden?
16 Which were cut down out of time, whose foundation was overflown with a flood:
17 Which said unto God, Depart from us: and what can the Almighty do for them?
18 Yet he filled their houses with good *things:* but the counsel of the wicked is far from me.
19 The righteous see *it,* and are glad: and the innocent laugh them to scorn.
20 Whereas our substance is not cut down, but the remnant of them the fire consumeth.
21 Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee.
22 Receive, I pray thee, the law from his mouth, and lay up his words in thine heart.
23 If thou return to the Almighty, thou shalt be built up, thou shalt put away iniquity far from thy tabernacles.
24 Then shalt thou lay up gold as dust, and the *gold* of Ophir as the stones of the brooks.
25 Yea, the Almighty shall be thy defence, and thou shalt have plenty of silver.

21:27 wrongfully

(Heb. *chamas*) (Prov. 8:36) H2554: The word, which appears only eight times in the Old Testament, means to oppress or treat violently. This can be violence done to people (Jer. 22:3), to the law (i.e., Ezek. 22:26—"violated My law" or Zeph. 3:4—"they have done violence to the law"), or against one's own soul (Prov. 8:36). The word can also carry the sense of tearing away violently, as Job 15:33 ("shake off") or Jeremiah 13:22 ("your heels made bare"—probably a euphemism for a violent tearing away of clothing, i.e., rape).

21:32 remain ▸ *see Jer. 1:12.*
22:2 be profitable ▸ *see Job 35:3.*

22:9 fatherless

(Heb. *yathom*) (Deut. 10:18; Job 24:3; Ps. 146:9; Zech. 7:10) H3490: Though the Hebrew root means to be lonely or bereaved, the term is used in Scripture exclusively of a child who is without a father (some English translations generalize this as "orphan," and the KJV renders the word "orphans" in Lamentations 5:3). The term can be either singular (Ex. 22:22—"fatherless child") or general (Ps. 82:3—"Defend the poor and fatherless"). It may be invoked as part of a curse (Ps. 109:9—"Let his children be fatherless") or as part of a promise of blessing (Jer. 49:11—"Leave thy fatherless children, I will preserve them alive").

Delight in the Almighty

26 For then shalt thou have thy delight in the Almighty, and shalt lift up thy face unto God.
27 Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he shall hear thee, and thou shalt pay thy vows.
28 Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways.
29 When *men* are cast down, then thou shalt say, *There is* lifting up; and he shall save the humble person.
30 He shall deliver the island of the innocent: and it is delivered by the pureness of thine hands.

Job: Argue My Cause

23 Then Job answered and said,
2 Even to day *is* my complaint bitter: my stroke is heavier than my groaning.
3 Oh that I knew where I might find him! *that* I might come *even* to his seat!
4 I would order *my* cause before him, and fill my mouth with arguments.
5 I would know the words *which* he would answer me, and understand what he would say unto me.
6 Will he plead against me with *his* great power? No; but he would put *strength* in me.
7 There the righteous might dispute with him; so should I be delivered for ever from my judge.
8 Behold, I go forward, but he *is* not *there;* and backward, but I cannot perceive him:
9 On the left hand, where he doth work, but I cannot behold *him:* he hideth himself on the right hand, that I cannot see *him:*
10 But he knoweth the way that I take: *when* he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.
11 My foot hath held his steps, his way have I kept, and not declined.
12 Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary *food.*
13 But he *is* in one *mind,* and who can turn him? and *what* his soul desireth, even *that* he doeth.
14 For he performeth *the thing that is* appointed for me: and many such *things are* with him.
15 Therefore am I troubled at his presence: when I consider, I am afraid of him.
16 For God maketh my heart soft, and the Almighty troubleth me:
17 Because I was not cut off before the darkness, *neither* hath he covered the darkness from my face.

Job: Sins of the Wicked

24 Why, seeing times are not hidden from the Almighty, do they that know him not see his days?
2 *Some* remove the landmarks; they violently take away flocks, and feed *thereof.*
3 They drive away the ass of the fatherless, they take the widow's ox for a pledge.
4 They turn the needy out of the way: the poor of the earth hide themselves together.
5 Behold, *as* wild asses in the desert, go they forth to their work; rising betimes for a prey: the wilderness *yieldeth* food for them *and* for *their* children.
6 They reap *every one* his corn in the field: and they gather the vintage of the wicked.
7 They cause the naked to lodge without clothing, that *they have* no covering in the cold.
8 They are wet with the showers of the mountains, and embrace the rock for want of a shelter.

23:10 way ▸ *see 2 Chr. 17:6.*
23:10 gold ▸ *see 1 Kin. 6:20.*
23:12 word ▸ *see Ps. 141:6.*

23:17 cut off

(Heb. *tsamath*) (Ps. 54:5; 94:23; 143:12) H6789: The Hebrew root means to be silent or stop speaking. The common translation, as here, is "cut off," which carries the implication of a forcible removal from a customary place or of destruction (thus the rendering "destroy," as in 2 Samuel 22:41 and Psalm 101:8 and elsewhere). Alternate renderings include "vanish" (Job 6:17) and "consumed" (Ps. 119:139), though both of these imply destruction or removal as well.

24:2 take away ▸ *see Job 20:19.*
24:3 drive ▸ *see 1 Chr. 13:7.*
24:3 fatherless ▸ *see Job 22:9.*

24:8 showers

(Heb. *zerem*) (Is. 4:6; Hab. 3:10) H2230: The Hebrew word refers to rain but also to a storm,

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9 They pluck the fatherless from the breast, and take a pledge of the poor.
10 They cause *him* to go naked without clothing, and they take away the sheaf *from* the hungry;
11 *Which* make oil within their walls, *and* tread *their* winepresses, and suffer thirst.
12 Men groan from out of the city, and the soul of the wounded crieth out: yet God layeth not folly *to them*.

Men of Darkness

13 They are of those that rebel against the light; they know not the ways thereof, nor abide in the paths thereof.
14 The murderer rising with the light killeth the poor and needy, and in the night is as a thief.
15 The eye also of the adulterer waiteth for the twilight, saying, No eye shall see me: and disguiseth *his* face.
16 In the dark they dig through houses, *which* they had marked for themselves in the daytime: they know not the light.
17 For the morning *is* to them even as the shadow of death: if *one* know *them, they are in* the terrors of the shadow of death.
18 He *is* swift as the waters; their portion is cursed in the earth: he beholdeth not the way of the vineyards.
19 Drought and heat consume the snow waters: *so doth* the grave *those which* have sinned.
20 The womb shall forget him; the worm shall feed sweetly on him; he shall be no more remembered; and wickedness shall be broken as a tree.
21 He evil entreateth the barren *that* beareth not: and doeth not good to the widow.
22 He draweth also the mighty with his power: he riseth up, and no *man* is sure of life.
23 *Though* it be given him *to be* in safety, whereon he resteth; yet his eyes *are* upon their ways.
24 They are exalted for a little while, but are gone and brought low; they are taken out of the way as all *other,* and cut off as the tops of the ears of corn.
25 And if *it be* not *so* now, who will make me a liar, and make my speech nothing worth?

Bildad: God Is Holy

25 Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,
2 Dominion and fear *are* with him, he maketh peace in his high places.
3 Is there any number of his armies? and upon whom doth not his light arise?
4 How then can man be justified with God? or how can he be clean *that is* born of a woman?
5 Behold even to the moon, and it shineth not; yea, the stars are not pure in his sight.
6 How much less man, *that is* a worm? and the son of man, *which is* a worm?

Job: God Is Great

26 But Job answered and said,
2 How hast thou helped *him that is* without power? *how* savest thou the arm *that hath* no strength?
3 How hast thou counselled *him that hath* no wisdom? and *how* hast thou plentifully declared the thing as it is?
4 To whom hast thou uttered words? and whose spirit came from thee?

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especially a violent storm (see Is. 28:2—"a tempest of hail and a destroying storm"), or a flood (see Hab. 3:10—"the overflowing of the water"). In Isaiah 25:4, the sense is of a storm strong enough to bring down a wall. The word can be used as a metaphor for God's voice (Is. 30:30) or might (Is. 28:2), but Isaiah 32:2 uses it figuratively to describe the protection afforded by a righteous prince ("covert from the tempest").

24:22 draw ▸ *see Judg. 4:7.*
25:5 moon ▸ *see Ps. 121:6.*

25:5 star

(Heb. *kobab*) (Gen. 37:9; Ps. 148:3; Obad. 4) H3556: The word is derived from the same root as two other words meaning to roll up (into a ball) and to blaze; thus the meaning "star," or ball of blazing light. The term certainly refers to literal stars (Gen. 1:16) but also to stars as used in metaphor (see Gen. 26:4 and Ex. 32:13, where the uncountable number of stars is likened to Abraham's offspring), prophecy (see Num. 24:17, describing the prophesied Messiah), time of day (in Neh. 4:21, the appearance of stars indicates the arrival of evening), and apocalyptic references (as Joel 3:15, describing the day of the Lord—"the stars shall withdraw their shining").

25:5 pure ▸ *see Job 15:15.*

5 Dead *things* are formed from under the waters, and the inhabitants thereof.
6 Hell *is* naked before him, and destruction hath no covering.
7 He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, *and* hangeth the earth upon nothing.
8 He bindeth up the waters in his thick clouds; and the cloud is not rent under them.
9 He holdeth back the face of his throne, *and* spreadeth his cloud upon it.
10 He hath compassed the waters with bounds, until the day and night come to an end.
11 The pillars of heaven tremble and are astonished at his reproof.
12 He divideth the sea with his power, and by his understanding he smiteth through the proud.
13 By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed the crooked serpent.
14 Lo, these *are* parts of his ways: but how little a portion is heard of him? but the thunder of his power who can understand?

Job: Integrity and Righteousness

27 Moreover Job continued his parable, and said,
2 *As* God liveth, *who* hath taken away my judgment; and the Almighty, *who* hath vexed my soul;
3 All the while my breath *is* in me, and the spirit of God *is* in my nostrils;
4 My lips shall not speak wickedness, nor my tongue utter deceit.
5 God forbid that I should justify you: till I die I will not remove mine integrity from me.
6 My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go: my heart shall not reproach *me* so long as I live.
7 Let mine enemy be as the wicked, and he that riseth up against me as the unrighteous.
8 For what *is* the hope of the hypocrite, though he hath gained, when God taketh away his soul?
9 Will God hear his cry when trouble cometh upon him?
10 Will he delight himself in the Almighty? will he always call upon God?
11 I will teach you by the hand of God: *that* which *is* with the Almighty will I not conceal.
12 Behold, all ye yourselves have seen *it;* why then are ye thus altogether vain?

Heritage of Oppressors

13 This *is* the portion of a wicked man with God, and the heritage of oppressors, *which* they shall receive of the Almighty.
14 If his children be multiplied, *it is* for the sword: and his offspring shall not be satisfied with bread.
15 Those that remain of him shall be buried in death: and his widows shall not weep.
16 Though he heap up silver as the dust, and prepare raiment as the clay;

26:6 hell

(Heb. *she'ol*) (2 Sam. 22:6; Ps. 16:10; Is. 5:14; Jon. 2:2) H7585: The Hebrew word translated *hell* possibly derives from the verb meaning "to inquire" or "to question," and could be associated with the prevalent ancient practice of necromancy, the attempt to communicate with the dead through a medium. Necromancy was condemned by God (Lev. 20:27; 1 Chr. 10:13). *Sheol* was a common name for the *grave* (Job 7:9; 14:13; Ps. 30:3) or *hell* (Ps. 139:8; Is. 14:9; Hab. 2:5). The Israelites understood Sheol to be the invisible domain for deceased souls of both the righteous and unrighteous—all awaiting resurrection on the last day. The Old Testament makes no distinction between the state of the righteous and unrighteous dead in Sheol, whereas Jesus' parable of the rich man and Lazarus implies separate realms for the two (Luke 16:19–31).

26:6 destruction ▸ *see Job 31:12.*
26:12 proud ▸ *see Job 9:13.*
26:14 thunder ▸ *see Ps. 81:7.*

27:5 integrity

(Heb. *tummah*) (Job 2:3, 9; Prov. 11:3) H8538: This word only appears in this form in Job and Proverbs. The Lord boasts about Job, for "he holdeth fast to his integrity," despite Satan's attacks. The word implies a sense of completeness—that there is no division between external appearances and internal spiritual reality. Job is called "perfect and upright . . . one that feareth God and escheweth evil" (Job 2:3). In her grief, Job's wife challenged his integrity (Job 2:9), but Job did not budge: "Let me be weighed in an even balance, that God may know mine integrity" (Job 31:6). Proverbs declares that "the integrity of the upright shall guide them" (Prov. 11:3).

27:8 hypocrite ▸ *see Job 8:13.*
27:9 trouble ▸ *see Ps. 54:7.*
27:13 oppressor ▸ *see Ezek. 31:12.*

17 He may prepare *it,* but the just shall put *it* on, and the innocent shall divide the silver.
18 He buildeth his house as a moth, and as a booth *that* the keeper maketh.
19 The rich man shall lie down, but he shall not be gathered: he openeth his eyes, and he *is* not.
20 Terrors take hold on him as waters, a tempest stealeth him away in the night.
21 The east wind carrieth him away, and he departeth: and as a storm hurleth him out of his place.
22 For *God* shall cast upon him, and not spare: he would fain flee out of his hand.
23 *Men* shall clap their hands at him, and shall hiss him out of his place.

The Search for Wisdom

28 Surely there is a vein for the silver, and a place for gold *where* they fine *it.*
2 Iron is taken out of the earth, and brass *is* molten *out of* the stone.
3 He setteth an end to darkness, and searcheth out all perfection: the stones of darkness, and the shadow of death.
4 The flood breaketh out from the inhabitant; *even the waters* forgotten of the foot: they are dried up, they are gone away from men.
5 *As for* the earth, out of it cometh bread: and under it is turned up as it were fire.
6 The stones of it *are* the place of sapphires: and it hath dust of gold.
7 *There is* a path which no fowl knoweth, and which the vulture's eye hath not seen:
8 The lion's whelps have not trodden it, nor the fierce lion passed by it.
9 He putteth forth his hand upon the rock; he overturneth the mountains by the roots.
10 He cutteth out rivers among the rocks; and his eye seeth every precious thing.
11 He bindeth the floods from overflowing; and *the thing that is* hid bringeth he forth to light.

The Price of Wisdom

12 But where shall wisdom be found? and where *is* the place of understanding?
13 Man knoweth not the price thereof; neither is it found in the land of the living.
14 The depth saith, It *is* not in me: and the sea saith, *It is* not with me.
15 It cannot be gotten for gold, neither shall silver be weighed *for* the price thereof.
16 It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx, or the sapphire.
17 The gold and the crystal cannot equal it: and the exchange of it *shall not be for* jewels of fine gold.
18 No mention shall be made of coral, or of pearls: for the price of wisdom *is* above rubies.
19 The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it, neither shall it be valued with pure gold.
20 Whence then cometh wisdom? and where *is* the place of understanding?
21 Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living, and kept close from the fowls of the air.
22 Destruction and death say, We have heard the fame thereof with our ears.

The Source of Wisdom

23 God understandeth the way thereof, and he knoweth the place thereof.
24 For he looketh to the ends of the earth, *and* seeth under the whole heaven;
25 To make the weight for the winds; and he weigheth the waters by measure.
26 When he made a decree for the rain, and a way for the lightning of the thunder:
27 Then did he see it, and declare it; he prepared it, yea, and searched it out.
28 And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that *is* wisdom; and to depart from evil *is* understanding.

27:17 divide ▸ *see Ps. 60:6.*
28:11 hid ▸ *see Job 11:6.*

28:25 weigh

(Heb. *takan*) (2 Kin. 12:11; Prov. 21:2) H8505: A word meaning to weigh out, or measure equally, as when the people gave money for repairing the temple and it was apportioned appropriately (2 Kin. 12:11). More commonly, however, the word is used to speak of God's ability to judge fairly and justly, so Hannah declared, "By Him actions are weighed" (1 Sam. 2:3). Similarly, Proverbs speaks of the Lord weighing "spirits" (Prov. 16:2) and "hearts" (Prov. 21:2). In other words, discerning motives and judging justly and fairly. In another context, Isaiah used the word, asking who has "metered out" heaven or "directed" the Lord's Spirit (Is. 40:12, 13).

28:28 understanding ▸ *see Prov. 23:23.*

Job's Former Blessings

29 Moreover Job continued his parable, and said,
2 Oh that I were as *in* months past, as *in* the days *when* God preserved me;
3 When his candle shined upon my head, *and when* by his light I walked *through* darkness;
4 As I was in the days of my youth, when the secret of God *was* upon my tabernacle;
5 When the Almighty *was* yet with me, *when* my children *were* about me;
6 When I washed my steps with butter, and the rock poured me out rivers of oil;

Job's Former Greatness

7 When I went out to the gate through the city, *when* I prepared my seat in the street!
8 The young men saw me, and hid themselves: and the aged arose, *and* stood up.
9 The princes refrained talking, and laid *their* hand on their mouth.
10 The nobles held their peace, and their tongue cleaved to the roof of their mouth.
11 When the ear heard *me,* then it blessed me; and when the eye saw *me,* it gave witness to me:

Job's Former Service

12 Because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and *him that had* none to help him.
13 The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me: and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy.
14 I put on righteousness, and it clothed me: my judgment *was* as a robe and a diadem.
15 I was eyes to the blind, and feet *was* I to the lame.
16 I *was* a father to the poor: and the cause *which* I knew not I searched out.
17 And I brake the jaws of the wicked, and plucked the spoil out of his teeth.
18 Then I said, I shall die in my nest, and I shall multiply *my* days as the sand.
19 My root *was* spread out by the waters, and the dew lay all night upon my branch.
20 My glory *was* fresh in me, and my bow was renewed in my hand.

Job's Former Status

21 Unto me *men* gave ear, and waited, and kept silence at my counsel.
22 After my words they spake not again; and my speech dropped upon them.
23 And they waited for me as for the rain; and they opened their mouth wide *as* for the latter rain.
24 *If* I laughed on them, they believed *it* not; and the light of my countenance they cast not down.
25 I chose out their way, and sat chief, and dwelt as a king in the army, as one *that* comforteth the mourners.

An Object of Contempt

30 But now *they that are* younger than I have me in derision, whose fathers I would have disdained to have set with the dogs of my flock.
2 Yea, whereto *might* the strength of their hands *profit* me, in whom old age was perished?
3 For want and famine *they were* solitary; fleeing into the wilderness in former time desolate and waste.
4 Who cut up mallows by the bushes, and juniper roots *for* their meat.
5 They were driven forth from among *men,* (they cried after them as *after* a thief;)
6 To dwell in the cliffs of the valleys, *in* caves of the earth, and *in* the rocks.
7 Among the bushes they brayed; under the nettles they were gathered together.
8 *They were* children of fools, yea, children of base men: they were viler than the earth.
9 And now am I their song, yea, I am their byword.

29:11 give witness

(Heb. *`ud*) (Deut. 30:19; 1 Sam. 8:9) H5749: The word means to "warn" or "witness." In his farewell address, Moses called "heaven and earth" as witnesses (Deut. 4:26; 30:19) against the people and encouraged them, "Set your hearts unto all the words which I testify among you this day" (Deut. 32:46). When the people demanded a king, Samuel was told to "protest solemnly unto them" (*`ud* is repeated twice for emphasis—1 Sam. 8:9). The people were judged for killing the prophets who "testified against them" (Neh. 9:26). So here, in Job, it is as if his eyes stood as witnesses, testifying to how Job had acted.

29:15 blind ▸ *see Is. 42:19.*
30:1 disdain ▸ *see Jer. 33:26.*
30:5 drive forth ▸ *see Josh. 24:18.*

10 They abhor me, they flee far from me, and spare not to spit in my face.
11 Because he hath loosed my cord, and afflicted me, they have also let loose the bridle before me.
12 Upon *my* right *hand* rise the youth; they push away my feet, and they raise up against me the ways of their destruction.
13 They mar my path, they set forward my calamity, they have no helper.
14 They came *upon me* as a wide breaking in *of waters:* in the desolation they rolled themselves *upon me.*
15 Terrors are turned upon me: they pursue my soul as the wind: and my welfare passeth away as a cloud.
16 And now my soul is poured out upon me; the days of affliction have taken hold upon me.
17 My bones are pierced in me in the night season: and my sinews take no rest.
18 By the great force *of my disease* is my garment changed: it bindeth me about as the collar of my coat.
19 He hath cast me into the mire, and I am become like dust and ashes.

Job's Cry to God

20 I cry unto thee, and thou dost not hear me: I stand up, and thou regardest me *not.*
21 Thou art become cruel to me: with thy strong hand thou opposest thyself against me.
22 Thou liftest me up to the wind; thou causest me to ride *upon it,* and dissolvest my substance.
23 For I know *that* thou wilt bring me *to* death, and *to* the house appointed for all living.
24 Howbeit he will not stretch out *his* hand to the grave, though they cry in his destruction.
25 Did not I weep for him that was in trouble? was *not* my soul grieved for the poor?
26 When I looked for good, then evil came *unto me:* and when I waited for light, there came darkness.
27 My bowels boiled, and rested not: the days of affliction prevented me.
28 I went mourning without the sun: I stood up, *and* I cried in the congregation.
29 I am a brother to dragons, and a companion to owls.
30 My skin is black upon me, and my bones are burned with heat.
31 My harp also is *turned* to mourning, and my organ into the voice of them that weep.

Job's Integrity

31 I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid?
2 For what portion of God *is there* from above? and *what* inheritance of the Almighty from on high?
3 *Is* not destruction to the wicked? and a strange *punishment* to the workers of iniquity?
4 Doth not he see my ways, and count all my steps?
5 If I have walked with vanity, or if my foot hath hasted to deceit;
6 Let me be weighed in an even balance, that God may know mine integrity.
7 If my step hath turned out of the way, and mine heart walked after mine eyes, and if any blot hath cleaved to mine hands;
8 *Then* let me sow, and let another eat; yea, let my offspring be rooted out.
9 If mine heart have been deceived by a woman, or *if* I have laid wait at my neighbour's door;
10 *Then* let my wife grind unto another, and let others bow down upon her.

30:15 welfare ▸ *see Is. 49:6.*

30:16 affliction

(Heb. *`oni*) (Gen. 29:32; Ex. 3:17; Neh. 9:9; Lam. 1:9) H6040: The Hebrew word translated *affliction* here comes from a root meaning "misery" or "poverty." The image evoked by this word is that of a person bowed down under the weight of a heavy burden. Scripture portrays the Lord as seeing the afflictions that bring pain to His people and hearing the anguished cries of those in distress (as in Gen. 16:11; Ex. 2:23–25). The Lord urges us to place our burdens on Him, for He is strong enough to bear them and loves us so much that He will assist us in our time of need (1 Pet. 5:7). Moreover, since He controls all events, we can be assured that He is accomplishing good out of the temporary difficulties we are now facing (Rom. 8:28). The entire story of Job provides vivid example of this fact (Job 42:10–17; 2 Cor. 12:7–10).

30:27 boil ▸ *see Job 41:31.*
30:27 prevent ▸ *see 2 Sam. 22:6.*
30:31 weep ▸ *see Lam. 1:2.*

11 For this *is* an heinous crime; yea, it *is* an iniquity *to be punished by* the judges.
12 For it *is* a fire *that* consumeth to destruction, and would root out all mine increase.
13 If I did despise the cause of my manservant or of my maidservant, when they contended with me;
14 What then shall I do when God riseth up? and when he visiteth, what shall I answer him?
15 Did not he that made me in the womb make him? and did not one fashion us in the womb?

Social Concerns

16 If I have withheld the poor from *their* desire, or have caused the eyes of the widow to fail;
17 Or have eaten my morsel myself alone, and the fatherless hath not eaten thereof;
18 (For from my youth he was brought up with me, as *with* a father, and I have guided her from my mother's womb;)
19 If I have seen any perish for want of clothing, or any poor without covering;
20 If his loins have not blessed me, and *if* he were *not* warmed with the fleece of my sheep;
21 If I have lifted up my hand against the fatherless, when I saw my help in the gate:
22 *Then* let mine arm fall from my shoulder blade, and mine arm be broken from the bone.
23 For destruction *from* God *was* a terror to me, and by reason of his highness I could not endure.
24 If I have made gold my hope, or have said to the fine gold, *Thou art* my confidence;
25 If I rejoiced because my wealth *was* great, and because mine hand had gotten much;
26 If I beheld the sun when it shined, or the moon walking *in* brightness;
27 And my heart hath been secretly enticed, or my mouth hath kissed my hand:
28 This also *were* an iniquity *to be punished by* the judge: for I should have denied the God *that is* above.
29 If I rejoiced at the destruction of him that hated me, or lifted up myself when evil found him:
30 Neither have I suffered my mouth to sin by wishing a curse to his soul.
31 If the men of my tabernacle said not, Oh that we had of his flesh! we cannot be satisfied.
32 The stranger did not lodge in the street: *but* I opened my doors to the traveller.
33 If I covered my transgressions as Adam, by hiding mine iniquity in my bosom:
34 Did I fear a great multitude, or did the contempt of families terrify me, that I kept silence, *and* went not out of the door?
35 Oh that one would hear me! behold, my desire *is, that* the Almighty would answer me, and *that* mine adversary had written a book.
36 Surely I would take it upon my shoulder, *and* bind it *as* a crown to me.
37 I would declare unto him the number of my steps; as a prince would I go near unto him.
38 If my land cry against me, or that the furrows likewise thereof complain;
39 If I have eaten the fruits thereof without money, or have caused the owners thereof to lose their life:
40 Let thistles grow instead of wheat, and cockle instead of barley. The words of Job are ended.

Elihu's Wrath

32 So these three men ceased to answer Job, because he *was* righteous in his own eyes.
2 Then was kindled the wrath of Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the kindred of Ram: against Job was his wrath kindled, because he justified himself rather than God.

31:12 destruction

(Heb. *'abaddon*) (Job 26:6; Ps. 88:11; Prov. 15:11) H0011: This word is often paired with the words for hell (H7585) or death (H4194). It refers to the afterlife as a place of destruction. So, the psalmists compared the place of destruction to the grave (Ps. 88:11), and Proverbs paired it with hell (Prov. 15:11; 27:20). Job spoke of adultery as a crime that would burn and destroy so utterly and completely that nothing would be left. As Job noted earlier, "destruction hath no covering" (Job 26:6). The word appears again in the New Testament in Revelation: "And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek . . . Apollyon" (Rev. 9:11).

31:14 rise up ▸ *see Ps. 113:7.*
31:27 kiss ▸ *see Song 8:1.*
31:35 desire ▸ *see Ezek. 9:4.*

3 Also against his three friends was his wrath kindled, because they had found no answer, and *yet* had condemned Job.
4 Now Elihu had waited till Job had spoken, because they *were* elder than he.
5 When Elihu saw that *there was* no answer in the mouth of *these* three men, then his wrath was kindled.
6 And Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite answered and said, I *am* young, and ye *are* very old; wherefore I was afraid, and durst not shew you mine opinion.
7 I said, Days should speak, and multitude of years should teach wisdom.
8 But *there is* a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.
9 Great men are not *always* wise: neither do the aged understand judgment.
10 Therefore I said, Hearken to me; I also will shew mine opinion.
11 Behold, I waited for your words; I gave ear to your reasons, whilst ye searched out what to say.
12 Yea, I attended unto you, and, behold, *there was* none of you that convinced Job, *or* that answered his words:
13 Lest ye should say, We have found out wisdom: God thrusteth him down, not man.
14 Now he hath not directed *his* words against me: neither will I answer him with your speeches.
15 They were amazed, they answered no more: they left off speaking.
16 When I had waited, (for they spake not, but stood still, *and* answered no more;)
17 *I said,* I will answer also my part, I also will shew mine opinion.
18 For I am full of matter, the spirit within me constraineth me.
19 Behold, my belly *is* as wine *which* hath no vent; it is ready to burst like new bottles.
20 I will speak, that I may be refreshed: I will open my lips and answer.
21 Let me not, I pray you, accept any man's person, neither let me give flattering titles unto man.
22 For I know not to give flattering titles; *in so doing* my maker would soon take me away.

Elihu's Challenge to Job

33 Wherefore, Job, I pray thee, hear my speeches, and hearken to all my words.
2 Behold, now I have opened my mouth, my tongue hath spoken in my mouth.
3 My words *shall be of* the uprightness of my heart: and my lips shall utter knowledge clearly.
4 The spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.
5 If thou canst answer me, set *thy words* in order before me, stand up.
6 Behold, I *am* according to thy wish in God's stead: I also am formed out of the clay.
7 Behold, my terror shall not make thee afraid, neither shall my hand be heavy upon thee.
8 Surely thou hast spoken in mine hearing, and I have heard the voice of *thy* words, *saying,*
9 I am clean without transgression, I *am* innocent; neither *is there* iniquity in me.
10 Behold, he findeth occasions against me, he counteth me for his enemy,
11 He putteth my feet in the stocks, he marketh all my paths.

God's Greatness

12 Behold, *in* this thou art not just: I will answer thee, that God is greater than man.
13 Why dost thou strive against him? for he giveth not account of any of his matters.
14 For God speaketh once, yea twice, *yet man* perceiveth it not.
15 In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed;
16 Then he openeth the ears of men, and sealeth their instruction,

32:11 search out

(Heb. *chaqar*) (Deut. 13:14; Ps. 44:21) H2713: The kind of "searching out" Job described is an intense, determined quest. It's like a miner digging "the stones of darkness, and the shadow of death" (Job 28:3). It is synonymous with the words "enquire" and "ask diligently" (Deut. 13:14). Indeed, it's the kind of careful searching out that the spies made of the Promised Land (Judg. 18:2). The Lord is described as the one who searches our hearts (Ps. 44:21; 139:1, 23) and tests the mind (Jer. 17:10). Thus, Jeremiah encouraged the people to "try our ways, and turn again to the LORD" (Lam. 3:40).

32:19 bottle ▸ *see 1 Chr. 10:13.*

17 That he may withdraw man *from his* purpose, and hide pride from man.
18 He keepeth back his soul from the pit, and his life from perishing by the sword.
19 He is chastened also with pain upon his bed, and the multitude of his bones with strong *pain:*
20 So that his life abhorreth bread, and his soul dainty meat.
21 His flesh is consumed away, that it cannot be seen; and his bones *that* were not seen stick out.
22 Yea, his soul draweth near unto the grave, and his life to the destroyers.
23 If there be a messenger with him, an interpreter, one among a thousand, to shew unto man his uprightness:
24 Then he is gracious unto him, and saith, Deliver him from going down to the pit: I have found a ransom.
25 His flesh shall be fresher than a child's: he shall return to the days of his youth:
26 He shall pray unto God, and he will be favourable unto him: and he shall see his face with joy: for he will render unto man his righteousness.
27 He looketh upon men, and *if any* say, I have sinned, and perverted *that which was* right, and it profited me not;
28 He will deliver his soul from going into the pit, and his life shall see the light.
29 Lo, all these *things* worketh God oftentimes with man,
30 To bring back his soul from the pit, to be enlightened with the light of the living.
31 Mark well, O Job, hearken unto me: hold thy peace, and I will speak.
32 If thou hast any thing to say, answer me: speak, for I desire to justify thee.
33 If not, hearken unto me: hold thy peace, and I shall teach thee wisdom.

Let Us Choose Judgment

34 Furthermore Elihu answered and said,
2 Hear my words, O ye wise *men;* and give ear unto me, ye that have knowledge.
3 For the ear trieth words, as the mouth tasteth meat.
4 Let us choose to us judgment: let us know among ourselves what *is* good.
5 For Job hath said, I am righteous: and God hath taken away my judgment.
6 Should I lie against my right? my wound *is* incurable without transgression.
7 What man *is* like Job, *who* drinketh up scorning like water?
8 Which goeth in company with the workers of iniquity, and walketh with wicked men.
9 For he hath said, It profiteth a man nothing that he should delight himself with God.
10 Therefore hearken unto me, ye men of understanding: far be it from God, *that he should do* wickedness; and *from* the Almighty, *that he should commit* iniquity.
11 For the work of a man shall he render unto him, and cause every man to find according to *his* ways.
12 Yea, surely God will not do wickedly, neither will the Almighty pervert judgment.
13 Who hath given him a charge over the earth? or who hath disposed the whole world?
14 If he set his heart upon man, *if* he gather unto himself his spirit and his breath;
15 All flesh shall perish together, and man shall turn again unto dust.

The Ways of Man

16 If now *thou hast* understanding, hear this: hearken to the voice of my words.

33:21 see ▸ *see Gen. 16:13.*

33:24 pit

(Heb. *shachath*) (Job 17:14; Ps. 7:15) H7845: The word *shachath* appears seven times in Job and is a poetic way to speak of death. It finds a parallel with "the worm" (an image of the corruption of death; Job 17:14), with "perishing by the sword" (Job 33:18), and with drawing near "to the destroyers" (Job 33:22). The psalms sometimes use the word in a more general sense to refer to a pit or a hole in the ground, such as someone might fall into (Ps. 7:15; 9:15), but Luke quoted Psalm 16:10 to speak of Jesus: "Thou shalt not suffer thy Holy One to see corruption" (Acts 13:35). Ultimately it is the Lord "who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies" (Ps. 103:4).

33:28 light ▸ *see Is. 2:5.*
33:30 enlighten ▸ *see Ps. 76:4.*
33:31 mark well ▸ *see Ps. 142:6.*
33:33 hold peace ▸ *see 2 Sam. 13:20.*
34:3 taste ▸ *see Ps. 34:8.*
34:9 profit ▸ *see Job 35:3.*

17 Shall even he that hateth right govern? and wilt thou condemn him that is most just?
18 *Is it fit* to say to a king, *Thou art* wicked? *and* to princes, *Ye are* ungodly?
19 *How much less to him* that accepteth not the persons of princes, nor regardeth the rich more than the poor? for they all *are* the work of his hands.
20 In a moment shall they die, and the people shall be troubled at midnight, and pass away: and the mighty shall be taken away without hand.
21 For his eyes *are* upon the ways of man, and he seeth all his goings.
22 *There is* no darkness, nor shadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves.
23 For he will not lay upon man more *than right;* that he should enter into judgment with God.
24 He shall break in pieces mighty men without number, and set others in their stead.
25 Therefore he knoweth their works, and he overturneth *them* in the night, so that they are destroyed.
26 He striketh them as wicked men in the open sight of others;
27 Because they turned back from him, and would not consider any of his ways:
28 So that they cause the cry of the poor to come unto him, and he heareth the cry of the afflicted.

I Have Borne Chastisement

29 When he giveth quietness, who then can make trouble? and when he hideth *his* face, who then can behold him? whether *it be done* against a nation, or against a man only:
30 That the hypocrite reign not, lest the people be ensnared.
31 Surely it is meet to be said unto God, I have borne *chastisement,* I will not offend *any more:*
32 *That which* I see not teach thou me: if I have done iniquity, I will do no more.
33 *Should it be* according to thy mind? he will recompense it, whether thou refuse, or whether thou choose; and not I: therefore speak what thou knowest.
34 Let men of understanding tell me, and let a wise man hearken unto me.
35 Job hath spoken without knowledge, and his words *were* without wisdom.
36 My desire *is that* Job may be tried unto the end because of *his* answers for wicked men.
37 For he addeth rebellion unto his sin, he clappeth *his hands* among us, and multiplieth his words against God.

God's Righteousness

35 Elihu spake moreover, and said,
2 Thinkest thou this to be right, *that* thou saidst, My righteousness *is* more than God's?
3 For thou saidst, What advantage will it be unto thee? *and,* What profit shall I have, *if I be cleansed* from my sin?
4 I will answer thee, and thy companions with thee.
5 Look unto the heavens, and see; and behold the clouds *which* are higher than thou.
6 If thou sinnest, what doest thou against him? or *if* thy transgressions be multiplied, what doest thou unto him?

34:17 govern

(Heb. *chabash*) (Job 5:18; Ps. 147:3; Is. 61:1; Hos. 6:1) H2280: Formally "to bind, wrap firmly," this word is used of tying a turban (Ex. 29:9), binding up wounds (Job 5:18), and saddling a donkey (Gen. 22:3). Offering an image of endless comfort, Psalm 147:3 tells us that God "healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds." This image is repeated elsewhere, including Hosea 6:1. This use of *chabash* is the only place where it is translated "govern," and this unusual word choice probably points to the fact that a just government binds a community together, keeping it strong and unified.

34:18 wicked ▸ *see 1 Sam. 30:22.*
34:19 prince ▸ *see 2 Kin. 24:12.*

35:3 advantage

(Heb. *sakan*) (1 Kin. 1:2; Job 22:2; 34:9) H5532: This word means "to be of use or service, profitable," and it comes from a root meaning "to be familiar with," indicating the need to be close to someone in order to anticipate his or her needs. In terms of etymology, it is related to the word that means "to dwell." In a clever play on words, Eliphaz asked Job, "Can a man be profitable unto God, he that is wise may be profitable unto himself?" (Job 22:2). Job here wondered, given his dire circumstances, what is the benefit of living a righteous life.

7 If thou be righteous, what givest thou him? or what receiveth he of thine hand?
8 Thy wickedness *may hurt* a man as thou *art;* and thy righteousness *may profit* the son of man.
9 By reason of the multitude of oppressions they make *the oppressed* to cry: they cry out by reason of the arm of the mighty.
10 But none saith, Where *is* God my maker, who giveth songs in the night;
11 Who teacheth us more than the beasts of the earth, and maketh us wiser than the fowls of heaven?
12 There they cry, but none giveth answer, because of the pride of evil men.

Judgment Before God

13 Surely God will not hear vanity, neither will the Almighty regard it.
14 Although thou sayest thou shalt not see him, *yet* judgment *is* before him; therefore trust thou in him.
15 But now, because *it is* not *so,* he hath visited in his anger; yet he knoweth *it* not in great extremity:
16 Therefore doth Job open his mouth in vain; he multiplieth words without knowledge.

God's Strength and Wisdom

36 Elihu also proceeded, and said,
2 Suffer me a little, and I will shew thee that *I have* yet to speak on God's behalf.
3 I will fetch my knowledge from afar, and will ascribe righteousness to my Maker.
4 For truly my words *shall* not *be* false: he that is perfect in knowledge *is* with thee.
5 Behold, God *is* mighty, and despiseth not *any: he is* mighty in strength *and* wisdom.
6 He preserveth not the life of the wicked: but giveth right to the poor.
7 He withdraweth not his eyes from the righteous: but with kings *are they* on the throne; yea, he doth establish them for ever, and they are exalted.
8 And if *they be* bound in fetters, *and* be holden in cords of affliction;
9 Then he sheweth them their work, and their transgressions that they have exceeded.
10 He openeth also their ear to discipline, and commandeth that they return from iniquity.
11 If they obey and serve *him,* they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures.
12 But if they obey not, they shall perish by the sword, and they shall die without knowledge.
13 But the hypocrites in heart heap up wrath: they cry not when he bindeth them.
14 They die in youth, and their life *is* among the unclean.
15 He delivereth the poor in his affliction, and openeth their ears in oppression.
16 Even so would he have removed thee out of the strait *into* a broad place, where *there is* no straitness; and that which should be set on thy table *should be* full of fatness.
17 But thou hast fulfilled the judgment of the wicked: judgment and justice take hold *on thee.*
18 Because *there is* wrath, *beware* lest he take thee away with *his* stroke: then a great ransom cannot deliver thee.
19 Will he esteem thy riches? *no,* not gold, nor all the forces of strength.
20 Desire not the night, when people are cut off in their place.
21 Take heed, regard not iniquity: for this hast thou chosen rather than affliction.
22 Behold, God exalteth by his power: who teacheth like him?
23 Who hath enjoined him his way? or who can say, Thou hast wrought iniquity?
24 Remember that thou magnify his work, which men behold.
25 Every man may see it; man may behold *it* afar off.
26 Behold, God *is* great, and we know *him*

35:11 wise ▸ *see Prov. 21:11.*

36:13 heap up

(Heb. *sum*) (Job 38:10; Ps. 78:7; Prov. 8:29; Jer. 24:6) H7760: This versatile word literally means "to put, to set in place," and is used of, among other things, plants (Is. 28:25; 41:19), armies (Josh. 8:12), homes (Num. 24:21), kings (Deut. 17:15), and the earth (Job 34:13). Isaiah 42:4 speaks of God establishing (*sum*) justice on the earth and verse 16 states that God makes (*sum*) the darkness light. In Jeremiah 17:5 we learn that we can put (*sum*) our trust in man's strength or in God. But we also read that God sets (*sum*) His eyes on us for good (Job 24:6).

36:16 straitness ▸ *see Job 37:10.*

not, neither can the number of his years be searched out.
27 For he maketh small the drops of water: they pour down rain according to the vapour thereof:
28 Which the clouds do drop *and* distil upon man abundantly.
29 Also can *any* understand the spreadings of the clouds, *or* the noise of his tabernacle?
30 Behold, he spreadeth his light upon it, and covereth the bottom of the sea.
31 For by them judgeth he the people; he giveth meat in abundance.
32 With clouds he covereth the light; and commandeth it *not to shine* by *the cloud* that cometh betwixt.
33 The noise thereof sheweth concerning it, the cattle also concerning the vapour.

God's Wondrous Works

37 At this also my heart trembleth, and is moved out of his place.
2 Hear attentively the noise of his voice, and the sound *that* goeth out of his mouth.
3 He directeth it under the whole heaven, and his lightning unto the ends of the earth.
4 After it a voice roareth: he thundereth with the voice of his excellency; and he will not stay them when his voice is heard.
5 God thundereth marvellously with his voice; great things doeth he, which we cannot comprehend.
6 For he saith to the snow, Be thou *on* the earth; likewise to the small rain, and to the great rain of his strength.
7 He sealeth up the hand of every man; that all men may know his work.
8 Then the beasts go into dens, and remain in their places.
9 Out of the south cometh the whirlwind: and cold out of the north.
10 By the breath of God frost is given: and the breadth of the waters is straitened.
11 Also by watering he wearieth the thick cloud: he scattereth his bright cloud:
12 And it is turned round about by his counsels: that they may do whatsoever he commandeth them upon the face of the world in the earth.
13 He causeth it to come, whether for correction, or for his land, or for mercy.
14 Hearken unto this, O Job: stand still, and consider the wondrous works of God.
15 Dost thou know when God disposed them, and caused the light of his cloud to shine?
16 Dost thou know the balancings of the clouds, the wondrous works of him which is perfect in knowledge?
17 How thy garments *are* warm, when he quieteth the earth by the south *wind?*
18 Hast thou with him spread out the sky, *which is* strong, *and* as a molten looking glass?
19 Teach us what we shall say unto him; *for* we cannot order *our speech* by reason of darkness.
20 Shall it be told him that I speak? if a man speak, surely he shall be swallowed up.
21 And now *men* see not the bright light which *is* in the clouds: but the wind passeth, and cleanseth them.
22 Fair weather cometh out of the north: with God *is* terrible majesty.
23 *Touching* the Almighty, we cannot find him out: *he is* excellent in power, and in judgment, and in plenty of justice: he will not afflict.
24 Men do therefore fear him: he respecteth not any *that are* wise of heart.

God Speaks to Job

38 Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said,
2 Who *is* this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?
3 Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me.

36:26 search out ▸ *see Prov. 25:3.*
36:33 noise ▸ *see Ex. 32:17.*
37:4 roar ▸ *see Joel 3:16.*
37:9 whirlwind ▸ *see Is. 21:1.*

37:10 straiten

(Heb. *mutsaq*) (Job 36:16; Is. 9:1) H4164: This word means "what is narrow." The root word means "to pour out." It is only used in two other places, where it is translated "restraint" (Job 36:16) and "distressed" (Is. 9:1). Here it means "frozen," in the sense of narrowing and stopping the path of water as it becomes a solid. The all-powerful breath of God, which can be thought of as the will of God, restrains both the natural world and men's hearts.

37:23 Almighty ▸ *see Gen. 49:25.*
38:2 counsel ▸ *see 2 Sam. 17:7.*
38:3 man ▸ *see Jer. 31:22.*

God Created the Earth

4 Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.
5 Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it?
6 Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof;
7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?
8 Or *who* shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth, *as if* it had issued out of the womb?
9 When I made the cloud the garment thereof, and thick darkness a swaddlingband for it,
10 And brake up for it my decreed *place,* and set bars and doors,
11 And said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further: and here shall thy proud waves be stayed?
12 Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days; *and* caused the dayspring to know his place;
13 That it might take hold of the ends of the earth, that the wicked might be shaken out of it?
14 It is turned as clay *to* the seal; and they stand as a garment.
15 And from the wicked their light is withholden, and the high arm shall be broken.
16 Hast thou entered into the springs of the sea? or hast thou walked in the search of the depth?
17 Have the gates of death been opened unto thee? or hast thou seen the doors of the shadow of death?
18 Hast thou perceived the breadth of the earth? declare if thou knowest it all.
19 Where *is* the way *where* light dwelleth? and *as for* darkness, where *is* the place thereof,
20 That thou shouldest take it to the bound thereof, and that thou shouldest know the paths *to* the house thereof?
21 Knowest thou *it,* because thou wast then born? or *because* the number of thy days *is* great?
22 Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail,
23 Which I have reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war?
24 By what way is the light parted, *which* scattereth the east wind upon the earth?
25 Who hath divided a watercourse for the overflowing of waters, or a way for the lightning of thunder;
26 To cause it to rain on the earth, *where* no man *is; on* the wilderness, wherein *there is* no man;
27 To satisfy the desolate and waste *ground;* and to cause the bud of the tender herb to spring forth?
28 Hath the rain a father? or who hath begotten the drops of dew?
29 Out of whose womb came the ice? and the hoary frost of heaven, who hath gendered it?
30 The waters are hid as *with* a stone, and the face of the deep is frozen.
31 Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion?
32 Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons?
33 Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven? canst thou set the dominion thereof in the earth?
34 Canst thou lift up thy voice to the clouds, that abundance of waters may cover thee?
35 Canst thou send lightnings, that they may go, and say unto thee, Here we *are?*
36 Who hath put wisdom in the inward parts? or who hath given understanding to the heart?

38:6 corner stone ▸ *see Zech. 10:4.*

38:7 shout

(Heb. *rua`*) (Num. 10:9; Josh. 6:20; Ezra 3:11; Zech. 9:9) H7321: From the root word meaning "to mar," this word means "to split the ears, blow an alarm, or cry out with a loud voice." It describes both battle cries (Num. 10:9) and joyous worship (1 Sam. 4:5). One of the most memorable uses of this word is the call to worship in Psalm 95:1, 2: "O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms."

38:10 set ▸ *see Job 36:13.*
38:11 wave ▸ *see Ps. 107:25.*
38:23 battle ▸ *see Zech. 14:3.*

37 Who can number the clouds in wisdom? or who can stay the bottles of heaven,
38 When the dust groweth into hardness, and the clods cleave fast together?
39 Wilt thou hunt the prey for the lion? or fill the appetite of the young lions,
40 When they couch in *their* dens, *and* abide in the covert to lie in wait?
41 Who provideth for the raven his food? when his young ones cry unto God, they wander for lack of meat.

God Created Life

39 Knowest thou the time when the wild goats of the rock bring forth? *or* canst thou mark when the hinds do calve?
2 Canst thou number the months *that* they fulfil? or knowest thou the time when they bring forth?
3 They bow themselves, they bring forth their young ones, they cast out their sorrows.
4 Their young ones are in good liking, they grow up with corn; they go forth, and return not unto them.
5 Who hath sent out the wild ass free? or who hath loosed the bands of the wild ass?
6 Whose house I have made the wilderness, and the barren land his dwellings.
7 He scorneth the multitude of the city, neither regardeth he the crying of the driver.
8 The range of the mountains *is* his pasture, and he searcheth after every green thing.
9 Will the unicorn be willing to serve thee, or abide by thy crib?
10 Canst thou bind the unicorn with his band in the furrow? or will he harrow the valleys after thee?
11 Wilt thou trust him, because his strength *is* great? or wilt thou leave thy labour to him?
12 Wilt thou believe him, that he will bring home thy seed, and gather *it into* thy barn?
13 *Gavest thou* the goodly wings unto the peacocks? or wings and feathers unto the ostrich?
14 Which leaveth her eggs in the earth, and warmeth them in dust,
15 And forgetteth that the foot may crush them, or that the wild beast may break them.
16 She is hardened against her young ones, as though *they were* not hers: her labour is in vain without fear;
17 Because God hath deprived her of wisdom, neither hath he imparted to her understanding.
18 What time she lifteth up herself on high, she scorneth the horse and his rider.
19 Hast thou given the horse strength? hast thou clothed his neck with thunder?
20 Canst thou make him afraid as a grasshopper? the glory of his nostrils *is* terrible.
21 He paweth in the valley, and rejoiceth in *his* strength: he goeth on to meet the armed men.
22 He mocketh at fear, and is not affrighted; neither turneth he back from the sword.
23 The quiver rattleth against him, the glittering spear and the shield.
24 He swalloweth the ground with fierceness and rage: neither believeth he that *it is* the sound of the trumpet.
25 He saith among the trumpets, Ha, ha; and he smelleth the battle afar off, the thunder of the captains, and the shouting.
26 Doth the hawk fly by thy wisdom, *and* stretch her wings toward the south?
27 Doth the eagle mount up at thy command, and make her nest on high?
28 She dwelleth and abideth on the rock, upon the crag of the rock, and the strong place.
29 From thence she seeketh the prey, *and* her eyes behold afar off.
30 Her young ones also suck up blood: and where the slain *are,* there *is* she.

Job's Submission to God

40 Moreover the LORD answered Job, and said,
2 Shall he that contendeth with the Almighty

39:13 wing

(Heb. *kanaph*) (Ex. 25:20; Ps. 91:4; 104:3; Mal. 4:2) H3671: The root word means "to cover," and this word is usually translated "wing" but can also mean "extremity" or "edge." In Scripture we read about the wings of the morning (Ps. 139:9) and the wings of the wind (Ps. 18:10; 104:3). Metaphorically it refers to protection (Ruth 2:12; Ps. 17:8; 36:7; 57:1). It can also refer to the edge of a skirt or bed covering (Deut. 22:12, 30; Ezek. 5:3). The most frequent use of this word is in connection with the cherubim, which each had two wings that stretched out and covered the mercy seat (1 Kin. 6:27).

39:25 thunder ▸ *see Ps. 81:7.*
40:2 contend ▸ *see Gen. 31:36.*

instruct *him?* he that reproveth God, let him answer it.
3 Then Job answered the LORD, and said,
4 Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee? I will lay mine hand upon my mouth.
5 Once have I spoken; but I will not answer: yea, twice; but I will proceed no further.

The Arm of God

6 Then answered the LORD unto Job out of the whirlwind, and said,
7 Gird up thy loins now like a man: I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me.
8 Wilt thou also disannul my judgment? wilt thou condemn me, that thou mayest be righteous?
9 Hast thou an arm like God? or canst thou thunder with a voice like him?
10 Deck thyself now *with* majesty and excellency; and array thyself with glory and beauty.
11 Cast abroad the rage of thy wrath: and behold every one *that is* proud, and abase him.
12 Look on every one *that is* proud, *and* bring him low; and tread down the wicked in their place.
13 Hide them in the dust together; *and* bind their faces in secret.
14 Then will I also confess unto thee that thine own right hand can save thee.
15 Behold now behemoth, which I made with thee; he eateth grass as an ox.
16 Lo now, his strength *is* in his loins, and his force *is* in the navel of his belly.
17 He moveth his tail like a cedar: the sinews of his stones are wrapped together.
18 His bones *are as* strong pieces of brass; his bones *are* like bars of iron.
19 He *is* the chief of the ways of God: he that made him can make his sword to approach *unto him.*
20 Surely the mountains bring him forth food, where all the beasts of the field play.
21 He lieth under the shady trees, in the covert of the reed, and fens.
22 The shady trees cover him *with* their shadow; the willows of the brook compass him about.
23 Behold, he drinketh up a river, *and* hasteth not: he trusteth that he can draw up Jordan into his mouth.
24 He taketh it with his eyes: *his* nose pierceth through snares.

The Leviathan's Power

41 Canst thou draw out leviathan with an hook? or his tongue with a cord *which* thou lettest down?
2 Canst thou put an hook into his nose? or bore his jaw through with a thorn?
3 Will he make many supplications unto thee? will he speak soft *words* unto thee?
4 Will he make a covenant with thee? wilt thou take him for a servant for ever?
5 Wilt thou play with him as *with* a bird? or wilt thou bind him for thy maidens?
6 Shall the companions make a banquet of him? shall they part him among the merchants?
7 Canst thou fill his skin with barbed irons? or his head with fish spears?
8 Lay thine hand upon him, remember the battle, do no more.
9 Behold, the hope of him is in vain: shall not *one* be cast down even at the sight of him?

God's Superiority

10 None *is so* fierce that dare stir him up: who then is able to stand before me?
11 Who hath prevented me, that I should repay *him? whatsoever is* under the whole heaven is mine.
12 I will not conceal his parts, nor his power, nor his comely proportion.
13 Who can discover the face of his garment? *or* who can come *to him* with his double bridle?

40:2 answer ▸ *see 1 Sam. 12:3.*
40:10 beauty ▸ *see Ps. 8:5.*
40:11 abase ▸ *see Jer. 13:18.*

40:16 loins

(Heb. *mothen*) (2 Kin. 1:8; Ps. 66:11; Prov. 31:17; Nah. 2:10) H4975: Taken from an unused root meaning "slender," this word refers to the abdomen. This was the seat of a person's strength (Deut. 33:11) and also the loins around which a man's robes were tucked into his belt so he could run (1 Kin. 18:46). It is sometimes translated "side" (Neh. 4:18; Ezek. 9:2). In this verse God was emphasizing the strength of the behemoth and by contrast drawing attention to the much greater strength of God Almighty.

40:16 belly ▸ *see Job 3:10.*
40:17 cedar ▸ *see Ps. 29:5.*
41:2 hook ▸ *see Prov. 26:9.*

14 Who can open the doors of his face? his teeth *are* terrible round about.
15 *His* scales *are his* pride, shut up together *as with* a close seal.
16 One is so near to another, that no air can come between them.
17 They are joined one to another, they stick together, that they cannot be sundered.
18 By his neesings a light doth shine, and his eyes *are* like the eyelids of the morning.
19 Out of his mouth go burning lamps, *and* sparks of fire leap out.
20 Out of his nostrils goeth smoke, as *out* of a seething pot or caldron.
21 His breath kindleth coals, and a flame goeth out of his mouth.
22 In his neck remaineth strength, and sorrow is turned into joy before him.
23 The flakes of his flesh are joined together: they are firm in themselves; they cannot be moved.
24 His heart is as firm as a stone; yea, as hard as a piece of the nether *millstone.*
25 When he raiseth up himself, the mighty are afraid: by reason of breakings they purify themselves.
26 The sword of him that layeth at him cannot hold: the spear, the dart, nor the habergeon.
27 He esteemeth iron as straw, *and* brass as rotten wood.
28 The arrow cannot make him flee: slingstones are turned with him into stubble.
29 Darts are counted as stubble: he laugheth at the shaking of a spear.
30 Sharp stones *are* under him: he spreadeth sharp pointed things upon the mire.
31 He maketh the deep to boil like a pot: he maketh the sea like a pot of ointment.
32 He maketh a path to shine after him; *one* would think the deep *to be* hoary.
33 Upon earth there is not his like, who is made without fear.
34 He beholdeth all high *things:* he *is* a king over all the children of pride.

Job's Repentance

42 Then Job answered the LORD, and said,
2 I know that thou canst do every *thing,* and *that* no thought can be withholden from thee.
3 Who *is* he that hideth counsel without knowledge? therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not.
4 Hear, I beseech thee, and I will speak: I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me.
5 I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee.
6 Wherefore I abhor *myself,* and repent in dust and ashes.
7 And it was *so,* that after the LORD had spoken these words unto Job, the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, My wrath is kindled against thee, and against thy two friends: for ye have not spoken of me *the thing that is* right, as my servant Job *hath.*
8 Therefore take unto you now seven bullocks and seven rams, and go to my servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and my servant Job shall pray for you: for him will I accept: lest I deal with you *after your* folly, in that ye have not spoken of me *the thing which is* right, like my servant Job.
9 So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite *and* Zophar the Naamathite went, and did according as the LORD commanded them: the LORD also accepted Job.
10 And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.
11 Then came there unto him all his brethren, and all his sisters, and all they that had been of his acquaintance before, and did eat bread with him in his house: and they bemoaned him, and comforted him over

41:31 boil

(Heb. *rathach*) (Job 30:27; Ezek. 24:5) H7570: This word describes the action of water when heated and means "to boil, to bubble up." In the Book of Job it is used twice, first metaphorically of Job's inner turmoil (Job 30:27) and here to show God's power over nature: He can make the entire sea boil. In Ezekiel 24, this word is used as part of a parable demonstrating the wrath of God that would bubble up and consume the Babylonians (Ezek. 24:5).

42:2 can do ▸ *see Num. 13:30.*

42:11 bemoan

(Heb. *nud*) (Ps. 69:20; Is. 24:20; Jer. 22:10; 48:27) H5110: Literally "to shake, waver," this word describes a reed quaking in the wind (1 Kin.

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all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him: every man also gave him a piece of money, and every one an earring of gold.

Job's Faithfulness Rewarded

12 So the LORD blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning: for he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she asses.
13 He had also seven sons and three daughters.
14 And he called the name of the first, Jemima; and the name of the second, Kezia; and the name of the third, Keren-happuch.
15 And in all the land were no women found *so* fair as the daughters of Job: and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren.

The Death of Job

16 After this lived Job an hundred and forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, *even* four generations.
17 So Job died, *being* old and full of days.

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14:15). In this verse, it offers a word picture of a sympathetic friend who is moved to console one who is in distress. Elsewhere it is translated "flee" (Ps. 11:1), "remove" (Is. 24:20), "wag" (Jer. 18:16), and "vagabond" (Gen. 4:14). In all these cases, there is a sense of personal distress and being moved or swept away by negative circumstances.

42:15 fair ▸ *see Song 6:4.*
42:17 die ▸ *see 2 Sam. 19:6.*

THE BOOK OF

PSALMS

THE BOOK OF PSALMS IS the largest and perhaps most widely used book in the Bible. It explores the full range of human experience in a very personal and practical way. Its 150 "songs" run from the Creation through the patriarchal, theocratic, monarchical, exilic, and postexilic periods. The tremendous breadth of subject matter in the Psalms includes diverse topics, such as jubilation, war, peace, worship, judgment, messianic prophecy, praise, and lament. The Psalms were set to the accompaniment of stringed instruments and served as the temple hymnbook and devotional guide for the Jewish people.

The Book of Psalms was gradually collected and originally unnamed, perhaps due to the great variety of material. It came to be known as *Sepher Tehillim*—"Book of Praises"—because almost every psalm contains some note of praise to God. The Septuagint uses the Greek word *Psalmoi* as its title for this book, meaning "Poems Sung to the Accompaniment of Musical Instruments." It also calls it the *Psalterium* ("A Collection of Songs"), and this word is the basis for the term *Psalter*. The Latin title is *Liber Psalmorum*, "Book of Psalms."

WATCH WORDS

- **joy** (exceeding gladness or rejoicing)—16:11
- **hope** (wait with expectation)—38:15 (also chapter 119)
- **heart** (a person's inner being, the seat of the affections, will, and mind)—51:10
- **praise** (adulation, commendation)—63:3 (also 117:1)
- **fortress** (fortified city, with walls and defenses that could protect against an enemy; stronghold)—91:2 (also 144:2)

BOOK I: Psalms 1–41

Psalm 1

Blessings on the Godly

1 BLESSED *is* the man that walketh not
in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth
in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat
of the scornful.
2 But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD;
and in his law doth he meditate day and
night.
3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the
rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in
his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and
whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

1:1 counsel ▸ *see 2 Sam. 17:7.*
1:1 stand ▸ *see 2 Sam. 2:23.*
1:1 seat ▸ *see Gen. 10:30.*
1:2 delight ▸ *see 1 Kin. 10:13.*
1:2 law ▸ *see Ps. 119:97.*

1:2 meditate

(Heb. *hagah*) (Ps. 71:24; Prov. 8:7; Jer. 48:31) H1897: Jeremiah compares meditating to "crying out" or "wailing," and so the word is sometimes translated as "mourning" (Jer. 48:31). In a similar way, the people "mourned" over calamity (Is. 16:7), expressing sounds verbally "like a dove" (Is. 38:14; 59:11). Although Isaiah also speaks of a lion "roaring" (*hagah*) over his prey, declaring possession over it (Is. 31:4). Proverbs compares meditating to speaking (Prov. 8:7), studying (Prov. 15:28), or devising (Prov. 24:2), but in every case it is an action involving the mouth or lips. The psalms, likewise, convey a sense of speaking (Ps. 35:28; 37:30) or talking (Ps. 71:24; 77:12).

1:3 prosper ▸ *see Gen. 24:21.*

4 The ungodly *are* not so: but *are* like the chaff which the wind driveth away.
5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
6 For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Psalm 2

God's Son Shall Reign

1 WHY do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?
2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, *saying,*
3 Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.
4 He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.
5 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.
6 Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.
7 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou *art* my Son; this day have I begotten thee.
8 Ask of me, and I shall give *thee* the heathen *for* thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth *for* thy possession.
9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.
10 Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth.
11 Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.
12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish *from* the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed *are* all they that put their trust in him.

Psalm 3

The Lord Protects His People

A Psalm of David, when he fled from Absalom his son.

1 LORD, how are they increased that trouble me! many *are* they that rise up against me.
2 Many *there be* which say of my soul, *There is* no help for him in God. *Selah.*
3 But thou, O LORD, *art* a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head.
4 I cried unto the LORD with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy hill. *Selah.*
5 I laid me down and slept; I awaked; for the LORD sustained me.
6 I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people, that have set *themselves* against me round about.
7 Arise, O LORD; save me, O my God: for thou hast smitten all mine enemies *upon* the cheek bone; thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.

1:5 sinner ▸ *see Gen. 13:13.*
1:6 righteous ▸ *see Lam. 1:18.*
1:6 ungodly ▸ *see Prov. 10:16.*

2:1 heathen

(Heb. *goy*) (Josh. 4:1; Judg. 2:21; Ps. 10:16) H1471: The Hebrew word *goy* basically means a body or group of people and is sometimes translated *nation*. Although *goy* can be used to designate the people of Israel, especially before their settlement in Canaan (Josh. 4:1; 5:6), the term generally refers to neighboring pagan nations (Deut. 4:38; Judg. 2:21, 22). These nations, characterized by wickedness (Deut. 9:4, 5), were considered enemies of God (Ps. 2:1; 10:16). Yet the heathen were not without hope, for the Old Testament also speaks of the grace of God extending to all people through the coming of the promised Messiah (Is. 2:2; 11:10; 42:6).

2:2 anointed ▸ *see Dan. 9:25.*
2:4 heaven ▸ *see Gen. 1:9.*
2:4 laugh ▸ *see Ps. 80:6.*
2:8 uttermost ▸ *see Ps. 98:3.*

3:title psalm

(Heb. *mizmor*) (Ps. 42:title; 88:title) H4210: A psalm is a kind of Hebrew poetry used to express devotion or worship to God, such as: "O LORD God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before thee. Let my prayer come before thee: incline thine ear unto my cry" (Ps. 88:1, 2). Psalms were often accompanied by music (e.g. Ps. 4; 5; 12) and are rich in imagery: "As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God" (Ps. 42:1). The majority of psalms that have an author attached to them are ascribed to David (e.g. Ps. 3–6). Others are attributed to "the sons of Korah" (e.g. Ps. 47–49) or Asaph (Ps. 50; 73), while some are anonymous (Ps. 66; 67; 92; 98), or have no inscription at all (Ps. 150).

3:5 sleep ▸ *see Ps. 4:8.*
3:6 set ▸ *see Gen. 4:25.*

8 Salvation *belongeth* unto the LORD: thy blessing *is* upon thy people. *Selah*.

Psalm 4

Safety in the Lord

To the chief Musician on Neginoth,
A Psalm of David.

1 HEAR me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me *when I was* in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.
2 O ye sons of men, how long *will ye turn* my glory into shame? *how long* will ye love vanity, *and* seek after leasing? *Selah*.
3 But know that the LORD hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the LORD will hear when I call unto him.
4 Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. *Selah*.
5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the LORD.
6 *There be* many that say, Who will shew us *any* good? LORD, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.
7 Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than in the time *that* their corn and their wine increased.
8 I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety.

Psalm 5

God Abhors Wickedness

To the chief Musician upon Nehiloth,
A Psalm of David.

1 GIVE ear to my words, O LORD, consider my meditation.
2 Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: for unto thee will I pray.
3 My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct *my prayer* unto thee, and will look up.
4 For thou *art* not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness: neither shall evil dwell with thee.
5 The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity.
6 Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing: the LORD will abhor the bloody and deceitful man.
7 But as for me, I will come *into* thy house in the multitude of thy mercy: *and* in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.
8 Lead me, O LORD, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy way straight before my face.
9 For *there is* no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward part *is* very wickedness; their throat *is* an open sepulchre; they flatter with their tongue.
10 Destroy thou them, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions; for they have rebelled against thee.
11 But let all those that put their trust in thee

4:3 set apart ▸ *see Ps. 139:14.*
4:3 godly ▸ *see Ps. 37:28.*

4:8 sleep

(Heb. *yashen*) (Gen. 2:21; Ps. 3:5; 13:3; Eccl. 5:12) H3462: With a literal definition of "to be slack, languid," this word can refer to literal sleep or to death (metaphorical sleep). It can also mean old (Lev. 26:10). This is the word used when God put Adam to sleep to create Eve (Gen. 2:21). In Psalm 44:23, the psalmist asks God why He sleeps—why He does not act—but in Psalm 121:4 we read, "he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep." Often sleep is an image for peace, the just reward of righteous living (Eccl. 5:12). Both man and beast can sleep because God takes care of them (Ps. 3:5; Ezek. 34:25).

5:2 hearken ▸ *see Ps. 142:6.*
5:5 hate ▸ *see Lev. 19:17.*

5:6 abhor

(Heb. *ta`ab*) (Job 19:19; Ps. 14:1; 119:163; Is. 49:7) H8581: This word means "to detest, loathe." It can also mean "abominable" or "abhorrent." The Israelites were commanded to abhor idols (Deut. 7:26), and God abhors bloodthirsty and deceitful men (Ps. 5:6). By contrast, God urges the Israelites to not abhor the Edomites (Deut. 23:7). This word is also used to describe certain sins—"abominable" works (Job 15:16; Ps. 14:1; 53:1). Both Job (Job 19:19) and the nation of Israel (Ps. 106:40) knew the sorrow of being abhorred, and the Messianic prophecy of Isaiah 49 declares that Christ would also be abhorred by the nations (Is. 49:7).

5:7 temple ▸ *see Hag. 2:15.*
5:8 straight ▸ *see Prov. 3:6.*

rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.
12 For thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as *with* a shield.

Psalm 6

A Plea for Mercy

To the chief Musician on Neginoth upon Sheminith, A Psalm of David.

1 O LORD, rebuke me not in thine anger, neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.
2 Have mercy upon me, O LORD; for I *am* weak: O LORD, heal me; for my bones are vexed.
3 My soul is also sore vexed: but thou, O LORD, how long?
4 Return, O LORD, deliver my soul: oh save me for thy mercies' sake.
5 For in death *there is* no remembrance of thee: in the grave who shall give thee thanks?
6 I am weary with my groaning; all the night make I my bed to swim; I water my couch with my tears.
7 Mine eye is consumed because of grief; it waxeth old because of all mine enemies.
8 Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity; for the LORD hath heard the voice of my weeping.
9 The LORD hath heard my supplication; the LORD will receive my prayer.
10 Let all mine enemies be ashamed and sore vexed: let them return *and* be ashamed suddenly.

Psalm 7

A Plea for Protection from Enemies

Shiggaion of David, which he sang unto the LORD, concerning the words of Cush the Benjamite.

1 O LORD my God, in thee do I put my trust: save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me:
2 Lest he tear my soul like a lion, rending *it* in pieces, while *there is* none to deliver.
3 O LORD my God, if I have done this; if there be iniquity in my hands;
4 If I have rewarded evil unto him that was at peace with me; (yea, I have delivered him that without cause is mine enemy:)
5 Let the enemy persecute my soul, and take *it;* yea, let him tread down my life upon the earth, and lay mine honour in the dust. *Selah.*
6 Arise, O LORD, in thine anger, lift up thyself because of the rage of mine enemies: and awake for me *to* the judgment *that* thou hast commanded.
7 So shall the congregation of the people compass thee about: for their sakes therefore return thou on high.
8 The LORD shall judge the people: judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness, and according to mine integrity *that is* in me.
9 Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just: for the righteous God trieth the hearts and reins.

5:11 rejoice ▸ *see 2 Kin. 11:20.*
5:12 shield ▸ *see 2 Chr. 11:12.*

6:6 weary

(Heb. *yaga'*) (Ps. 69:3; Eccl. 10:15; Is. 40:28; Mal. 2:17) H3021: Literally "to gasp," this word describes exhaustion from effort and toil. Occasionally it is translated "labour" (Josh. 24:13). The psalmist offers a vivid picture of being weary, both here and in Psalm 69:3, which reads "I am weary of my crying: my throat is dried: mine eyes fail while I wait for my God." How comforting it is for the weary to read that "the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary" (Is. 40:28). He helps weary youths run with strength (Is. 40:30, 31). Nevertheless, God is capable of becoming weary of our sin (Is. 43:24; Mal. 2:17).

6:6 groaning ▸ *see Jer. 45:3.*
6:6 tear ▸ *see Ps. 116:8.*
7:9 come to an end ▸ *see Ps. 138:8.*

7:9 heart

(Heb. *libbah*) (Ps. 125:4; Prov. 17:3; Is. 44:18) H3826: A feminine form of the word for "inner man, will, and intellect," this form of the word only appears eight times in Scripture, although its masculine relatives appear over a thousand times. In Hebrew thought, the heart was the inner self in charge of thought, feeling, and will. It was the true essence of a person, including his character and personality. In Scripture we learn that God tests hearts (Prov. 21:2) and that He hardens hearts that have turned away from Him (Is. 44:18). That is why it is important to be a person who is upright of heart (Ps. 125:4).

10 My defence *is* of God, which saveth the upright in heart.
11 God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry *with the wicked* every day.
12 If he turn not, he will whet his sword; he hath bent his bow, and made it ready.
13 He hath also prepared for him the instruments of death; he ordaineth his arrows against the persecutors.
14 Behold, he travaileth with iniquity, and hath conceived mischief, and brought forth falsehood.
15 He made a pit, and digged it, and is fallen into the ditch *which* he made.
16 His mischief shall return upon his own head, and his violent dealing shall come down upon his own pate.
17 I will praise the LORD according to his righteousness: and will sing praise to the name of the LORD most high.

Psalm 8

God's Excellent Name

To the chief Musician upon Gittith,
A Psalm of David.

1 O LORD, our Lord, how excellent *is* thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.
2 Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.
3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;
4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?
5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.
6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all *things* under his feet:
7 All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;
8 The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, *and whatsoever* passeth through the paths of the seas.
9 O LORD our Lord, how excellent *is* thy name in all the earth!

Psalm 9

Praise for God's Judgment

To the chief Musician, upon Muthlabben,
A Psalm of David.

1 I WILL praise *thee,* O LORD, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works.
2 I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High.
3 When mine enemies are turned back, they shall fall and perish at thy presence.
4 For thou hast maintained my right and my cause; thou satest in the throne judging right.
5 Thou hast rebuked the heathen, thou hast destroyed the wicked, thou hast put out their name for ever and ever.
6 O thou enemy, destructions are come to a perpetual end: and thou hast destroyed cities; their memorial is perished with them.
7 But the LORD shall endure for ever: he hath prepared his throne for judgment.
8 And he shall judge the world in righteousness, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness.
9 The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.
10 And they that know thy name will put

7:15 pit ▸ *see Job 33:24.*
8:3 moon ▸ *see Ps. 121:6.*
8:4 man ▸ *see Job 4:17.*
8:4 visit ▸ *see Ex. 4:31.*
8:5 glory ▸ *see Ezek. 43:2.*

8:5 honour

(Heb. *hadar*) (Job 40:10; Ps. 145:5) H1926: This particular word captures with it a sense of beauty or glory. So trees might be called *hadar* (Lev. 23:40), but the Messianic figure of Isaiah had nothing that was *hadar* about Him (Is. 53:2). God is often described using this word, reflecting His glory (Job 40:10) and "majesty" (Ps. 29:4), since "strength and beauty are in his sanctuary" (Ps. 96:6). Indeed, David speaks of meditating on "the glorious honour of [God's] majesty" (Ps. 145:5). However, in His holiness, the "glory of his majesty" is fearful to behold (Is. 2:19, 21). The *hadar* of old men "is the gray head," a symbol of wisdom gained over time (Prov. 20:29).

9:6 perish ▸ *see Deut. 2:16.*
9:8 judge ▸ *see Deut. 32:36.*

their trust in thee: for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.
11 Sing praises to the LORD, which dwelleth in Zion: declare among the people his doings.
12 When he maketh inquisition for blood, he remembereth them: he forgetteth not the cry of the humble.

Rejoice in God's Salvation

13 Have mercy upon me, O LORD; consider my trouble *which I suffer* of them that hate me, thou that liftest me up from the gates of death:
14 That I may shew forth all thy praise in the gates of the daughter of Zion: I will rejoice in thy salvation.
15 The heathen are sunk down in the pit *that* they made: in the net which they hid is their own foot taken.
16 The LORD is known *by* the judgment *which* he executeth: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Higgaion. *Selah*.
17 The wicked shall be turned into hell, *and* all the nations that forget God.
18 For the needy shall not alway be forgotten: the expectation of the poor shall *not* perish for ever.
19 Arise, O LORD; let not man prevail: let the heathen be judged in thy sight.
20 Put them in fear, O LORD: *that* the nations may know themselves *to be but* men. *Selah*.

Psalm 10

Oppression of the Poor

1 WHY standest thou afar off, O LORD? *why* hidest thou *thyself* in times of trouble?
2 The wicked in *his* pride doth persecute the poor: let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined.
3 For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire, and blesseth the covetous, *whom* the LORD abhorreth.
4 The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek *after God:* God *is* not in all his thoughts.
5 His ways are always grievous; thy judgments *are* far above out of his sight: *as for* all his enemies, he puffeth at them.
6 He hath said in his heart, I shall not be moved: for *I shall* never *be* in adversity.
7 His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and fraud: under his tongue *is* mischief and vanity.
8 He sitteth in the lurking places of the villages: in the secret places doth he murder the innocent: his eyes are privily set against the poor.
9 He lieth in wait secretly as a lion in his den: he lieth in wait to catch the poor: he doth catch the poor, when he draweth him into his net.
10 He croucheth, *and* humbleth himself, that the poor may fall by his strong ones.
11 He hath said in his heart, God hath forgotten: he hideth his face; he will never see *it*.

A Plea for Punishment of the Wicked

12 Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up thine hand: forget not the humble.
13 Wherefore doth the wicked contemn God? he hath said in his heart, Thou wilt not require *it*.

9:11 Zion ▸ *see Ps. 128:5.*

9:16 judgment

(Heb. *mishpat*) (Ex. 23:6; 1 Kin. 7:7; Amos 5:7) H4941: Judgment specifies what is just and right, not only as measured by a code of law, but also by what makes for right relationships as well as harmony and peace. The Old Testament prophets were champions of social justice. God's judgment is His just, fair, and impartial treatment of all people. His actions and decisions are true and right (Job 34:12; Rev. 16:7). His demands on individuals and nations to look after victims of oppression are just demands (Ps. 82:1–8). As Lord and Judge, God brings justice to nations (Ps. 67:4) and sets things right in behalf of the poor, the oppressed, and the victims of injustice (Ps. 103:6; 146:6–9). For the wicked, the unjust, and the oppressor, God as supreme Judge of the earth is a dreaded force. But for all who are unjustly treated, God's judgment is reason for hope.

10:2 poor ▸ *see Ps. 40:17.*
10:9 net ▸ *see Ps. 140:5.*

10:10 poor

(Heb. *chel*) (Ps. 122:7; Is. 26:1; Lam. 2:8) H2426: *Chel* ("defense") and *chelekah* (H2489) are joined here to indicate defenselessness. *Chel* often refers to a wall or bulwark built for defense (2 Sam. 20:15; Ps. 122:7). In this passage it refers to the army or band of the afflicted, so we might imagine the wicked overpowering the defenses of God's people with superior strength.

14 Thou hast seen *it;* for thou beholdest mischief and spite, to requite *it* with thy hand: the poor committeth himself unto thee; thou art the helper of the fatherless.
15 Break thou the arm of the wicked and the evil *man:* seek out his wickedness *till* thou find none.
16 The LORD *is* King for ever and ever: the heathen are perished out of his land.
17 LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear:
18 To judge the fatherless and the oppressed, that the man of the earth may no more oppress.

Psalm 11

The Lord Loves Righteousness

To the chief Musician, *A Psalm* of David.

1 IN the LORD put I my trust: how say ye to my soul, Flee *as* a bird to your mountain?
2 For, lo, the wicked bend *their* bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string, that they may privily shoot at the upright in heart.
3 If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?
4 The LORD *is* in his holy temple, the LORD's throne *is* in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men.
5 The LORD trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth.
6 Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: *this shall be* the portion of their cup.
7 For the righteous LORD loveth righteousness; his countenance doth behold the upright.

Psalm 12

God Shall Preserve the Godly

To the chief Musician upon Sheminith, A Psalm of David.

1 HELP, LORD; for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men.
2 They speak vanity every one with his neighbour: *with* flattering lips *and* with a double heart do they speak.
3 The LORD shall cut off all flattering lips, *and* the tongue that speaketh proud things:
4 Who have said, With our tongue will we prevail; our lips *are* our own: who *is* lord over us?
5 For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the LORD; I will set *him* in safety *from him that* puffeth at him.
6 The words of the LORD *are* pure words: *as* silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.
7 Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.
8 The wicked walk on every side, when the vilest men are exalted.

10:16 heathen ▸ *see Ps. 2:1.*

11:3 foundation

(Heb. *shathah*) (Is. 19:10) H8356: Used only twice, this word means "foundation, support, or pillar." It comes from the root word meaning "to put, to place." The word is used figuratively to refer to the political or moral supports in a society. When the noble people, those who stand for what is right, have been overturned and rendered powerless so that it seems the foundation of society is shaken, the righteous can turn to God the Almighty who sits on the throne and rules over all things (Ps. 11:4).

11:4 holy ▸ *see Ex. 36:6.*
11:4 temple ▸ *see Hag. 2:15.*
11:5 violence ▸ *see Hab. 1:9.*
12:5 sighing ▸ *see Ps. 79:11.*

12:6 word

(Heb. *'imrah*) (Deut. 33:9; Is. 32:9) H0565: This Hebrew word, based on the common verb meaning "to say," occurs mainly in poetry. Over half of its appearances are in Psalm 119, where it refers to what God has said. It is also used to refer to the prophetic warning of Isaiah (Is. 28:23), the humble prayer of the psalmists (Ps. 17:6), or even the prideful boast of Lamech (Gen. 4:23). In Psalm 119, the term is used in parallel with "statute," "commandment," "judgment," "precept," and "testimony." The psalmist describes treacherous people as not keeping God's word, but the psalmist himself treasures God's word in his heart as a guide for life, that he might not sin against the Lord (Ps. 119:11, 67, 133, 158).

12:6 pure ▸ *see Lev. 13:37.*

Psalm 13

A Prayer for God's Grace

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

1 HOW long wilt thou forget me, O LORD? for ever? how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?
2 How long shall I take counsel in my soul, *having* sorrow in my heart daily? how long shall mine enemy be exalted over me?
3 Consider *and* hear me, O LORD my God: lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the *sleep of* death;
4 Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him; *and* those that trouble me rejoice when I am moved.
5 But I have trusted in thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation.
6 I will sing unto the LORD, because he hath dealt bountifully with me.

Psalm 14

Man Is Corrupt

To the chief Musician, *A Psalm* of David.

1 THE fool hath said in his heart, *There is* no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, *there* is none that doeth good.
2 The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, *and* seek God.
3 They are all gone aside, they are *all* together become filthy: *there is* none that doeth good, no, not one.
4 Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people *as* they eat bread, and call not upon the LORD.
5 There were they in great fear: for God *is* in the generation of the righteous.
6 Ye have shamed the counsel of the poor, because the LORD *is* his refuge.
7 Oh that the salvation of Israel *were come* out of Zion! when the LORD bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, *and* Israel shall be glad.

Psalm 15

Abiding in God's Tabernacle

A Psalm of David.

1 LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?
2 He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.
3 *He that* backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour.
4 In whose eyes a vile person is contemned;

13:3 sleep ▸ *see Ps. 4:8.*

13:3 death

(Heb. *maveth*) (Gen. 25:11; Josh. 2:13; Prov. 11:19; Hab. 2:5) H4194: Death is a common theme in the Old Testament. This word can refer to death by natural causes (Num. 16:29), violent death as in battle (Jer. 18:21), or death by execution as punishment for a crime (Deut. 21:22). Death is often portrayed as a negative, even evil reality (Deut. 30:15—"death and evil" as an opposite alternative to "life and good"; see also Ps. 18:4—"sorrows of death" and Ps. 55:4—"terrors of death"), but it can be viewed as a good thing (Ps. 116:15). The term can also be used figuratively (Prov. 2:18), as a personification (Hos. 13:14), or as a place (Job 38:17).

13:5 trust ▸ *see Ps. 52:7.*
13:5 mercy ▸ *see Ex. 34:6.*
14:1 abominable ▸ *see Ps. 5:6.*
14:2 understand ▸ *see Jer. 3:15.*

14:3 filthy

(Heb. *'alach*) (Job 15:16; Ps. 53:3) H0444: The word appears only three times in the Old Testament and refers to corruption in a moral sense. The Hebrew root means "to muddle" and is closely related to an Arabic word meaning "to turn sour," as milk. The rendering in Job 15:16 is also "filthy," again in a moral sense, as one who "drinketh iniquity like water." The two usages in the Book of Psalms are nearly identical in construction; the second half of each passage ("There is none that doeth good, no, not one") is echoed in Ecclesiastes 7:20 and quoted by Paul in Romans 3:10.

15:1 holy ▸ *see Ex. 36:6.*

15:3 reproach

(Heb. *cherpah*) (Gen. 30:23; 1 Sam. 11:2; Ps. 119:39; Lam. 5:1) H2781: The word means scorn or contempt and can refer either to contempt shown to someone (Jer. 23:40) or shame that rests on a person because of status (for example, Is. 54:4—"the reproach of thy widowhood") or rebuke (Is. 25:8; Jer. 15:15). The term is used in a figurative sense

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but he honoureth them that fear the LORD. *He that* sweareth to *his own* hurt, and changeth not.
5 *He that* putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these *things* shall never be moved.

Psalm 16

God Preserves His People

Michtam of David.

1 PRESERVE me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust.
2 *O my soul,* thou hast said unto the LORD, Thou *art* my Lord: my goodness *extendeth* not to thee;
3 *But* to the saints that *are* in the earth, and *to* the excellent, in whom *is* all my delight.
4 Their sorrows shall be multiplied *that* hasten *after* another *god:* their drink offerings of blood will I not offer, nor take up their names into my lips.
5 The LORD *is* the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot.
6 The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant *places;* yea, I have a goodly heritage.
7 I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night seasons.
8 I have set the LORD always before me: because *he is* at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.
10 For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.
11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence *is* fulness of joy; at thy right hand *there are* pleasures for evermore.

Psalm 17

A Plea for God's Protection

A Prayer of David.

1 HEAR the right, O LORD, attend unto my cry, give ear unto my prayer, *that goeth* not out of feigned lips.
2 Let my sentence come forth from thy presence; let thine eyes behold the things that are equal.
3 Thou hast proved mine heart; thou hast visited *me* in the night; thou hast tried me, *and* shalt find nothing; I am purposed *that* my mouth shall not transgress.
4 Concerning the works of men, by the word of thy lips I have kept *me from* the paths of the destroyer.
5 Hold up my goings in thy paths, *that* my footsteps slip not.
6 I have called upon thee, for thou wilt hear me, O God: incline thine ear unto me, *and hear* my speech.
7 Shew thy marvellous lovingkindness, O thou that savest by thy right hand them which put their trust *in thee* from those that rise up *against them.*
8 Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings,

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in Isaiah 47:3, referring to (female) genitalia—"Thy nakedness shall be uncovered, yea, thy shame shall be seen."

16:5 inheritance ▸ *see Zech. 2:12.*
16:8 always ▸ *see Ex. 28:30.*
16:10 hell ▸ *see Job 26:6.*

16:11 joy

(Heb. *simchah*) (Neh. 8:12, 17; Prov. 21:15; Jon. 4:6) H8057: This Hebrew word is one of several frequently occurring Hebrew words that express exceeding gladness or rejoicing. Like its synonyms, this word can apply to a disposition of the heart (Prov. 14:10; Jer. 15:16). It is frequently set in a context of feasting (Neh. 8:12) and singing (1 Sam. 18:6; Ps. 137:3), as it is in a prophecy concerning God's singing over Jerusalem (Zeph. 3:17). The word is also used for the senseless happiness of the enemies of God's people (Judg. 16:23; Ezek. 35:15; 36:5), of the foolish (Prov. 15:21), of the lazy (Prov. 21:17), and of the hypocrites (Job 20:5). However, joy in the Bible is usually associated with the people of God, who celebrate God's blessing at a number of occasions—feasts, coronations of kings, victories in battle, and the dedication of the rebuilt walls of Jerusalem (Num. 10:10; 1 Kin. 1:40; 2 Chr. 20:27; Neh. 12:27). In fact, Moses exhorts the Israelites to serve God with joy, so that they would not lose their blessing (see Deut. 28:47).

17:1 cry ▸ *see Ps. 30:5.*
17:2 equal ▸ *see Prov. 2:9.*
17:3 purposed ▸ *see Ps. 37:12.*
17:5 footstep ▸ *see Ps. 85:13.*

9 From the wicked that oppress me, *from* my deadly enemies, *who* compass me about.
10 They are inclosed in their own fat: with their mouth they speak proudly.
11 They have now compassed us in our steps: they have set their eyes bowing down to the earth;
12 Like as a lion *that* is greedy of his prey, and as it were a young lion lurking in secret places.

Cast Down the Wicked

13 Arise, O LORD, disappoint him, cast him down: deliver my soul from the wicked, *which is* thy sword:
14 From men *which are* thy hand, O LORD, from men of the world, *which have* their portion in *this* life, and whose belly thou fillest with thy hid *treasure:* they are full of children, and leave the rest of their *substance* to their babes.
15 As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

Psalm 18

A Call for God's Deliverance

To the chief Musician, *A Psalm* of David, the servant of the LORD, who spake unto the LORD the words of this song in the day *that* the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul: And he said,

1 I WILL love thee, O LORD, my strength.
2 The LORD *is* my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, *and* my high tower.
3 I will call upon the LORD, *who is worthy* to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.
4 The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of ungodly men made me afraid.
5 The sorrows of hell compassed me about: the snares of death prevented me.

God's Answer

6 In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, *even* into his ears.
7 Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because he was wroth.
8 There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it.
9 He bowed the heavens also, and came down: and darkness *was* under his feet.
10 And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, he did fly upon the wings of the wind.
11 He made darkness his secret place; his pavilion round about him *were* dark waters *and* thick clouds of the skies.
12 At the brightness *that was* before him his thick clouds passed, hail *stones* and coals of fire.
13 The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave his voice; hail *stones* and coals of fire.
14 Yea, he sent out his arrows, and scattered them; and he shot out lightnings, and discomfited them.
15 Then the channels of waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were discovered at thy rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of thy nostrils.
16 He sent from above, he took me, he drew me out of many waters.
17 He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them which hated me: for they were too strong for me.
18 They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the LORD was my stay.
19 He brought me forth also into a large place; he delivered me, because he delighted in me.

17:9 oppress

(Heb. *shadad*) (Prov. 19:26; Jer. 4:20) H7703: This is the only instance in the Old Testament of the rendering "oppress"; more common renderings include "spoil" (Prov. 24:15; Is. 21:2; Jer. 4:13; Ezek. 32:12), "destroy" (Prov. 11:3), and "spoiler" (Is. 16:4; Jer. 12:12; 15:8). The Hebrew root means to be burly or powerful, but when used as a noun the sense is generally negative, denoting physical might or strength used for theft, destruction, or even death (Judg. 5:27). However, as the action can also be ascribed to God (Jer. 25:36), the term must not be mistaken as universally negative in a moral sense.

18:2 horn ▸ *see Ezek. 29:21.*
18:2 high tower ▸ *see Ps. 48:3.*
18:3 call ▸ *see Jer. 33:3.*
18:8 nostrils ▸ *see 2 Kin. 13:3.*
18:16 draw ▸ *see Ex. 2:10.*
18:18 prevent ▸ *see 2 Sam. 22:6.*

God's Reward

20 The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me.
21 For I have kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God.
22 For all his judgments *were* before me, and I did not put away his statutes from me.
23 I was also upright before him, and I kept myself from mine iniquity.
24 Therefore hath the LORD recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight.
25 With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful; with an upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright;
26 With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and with the froward thou wilt shew thyself froward.
27 For thou wilt save the afflicted people; but wilt bring down high looks.
28 For thou wilt light my candle: the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness.
29 For by thee I have run through a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall.

God's Way Is Perfect

30 *As for* God, his way *is* perfect: the word of the LORD is tried: he *is* a buckler to all those that trust in him.
31 For who *is* God save the LORD? or who *is* a rock save our God?
32 *It is* God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect.
33 He maketh my feet like hinds' *feet,* and setteth me upon my high places.
34 He teacheth my hands to war, so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.
35 Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy right hand hath holden me up, and thy gentleness hath made me great.
36 Thou hast enlarged my steps under me, that my feet did not slip.
37 I have pursued mine enemies, and overtaken them: neither did I turn again till they were consumed.
38 I have wounded them that they were not able to rise: they are fallen under my feet.
39 For thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle: thou hast subdued under me those that rose up against me.

The Destruction of Enemies

40 Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies; that I might destroy them that hate me.
41 They cried, but *there was* none to save *them: even* unto the LORD, but he answered them not.
42 Then did I beat them small as the dust before the wind: I did cast them out as the dirt in the streets.
43 Thou hast delivered me from the strivings of the people; *and* thou hast made me the head of the heathen: a people *whom* I have not known shall serve me.
44 As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me: the strangers shall submit themselves unto me.
45 The strangers shall fade away, and be afraid out of their close places.

God's Deliverance

46 The LORD liveth; and blessed *be* my rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted.
47 *It is* God that avengeth me, and subdueth the people under me.
48 He delivereth me from mine enemies: yea, thou liftest me up above those that rise up against me: thou hast delivered me from the violent man.
49 Therefore will I give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the heathen, and sing praises unto thy name.
50 Great deliverance giveth he to his king; and sheweth mercy to his anointed, to David, and to his seed for evermore.

18:30 buckler

(Heb. *magen*) (Gen. 15:1; 2 Sam. 22:3; Ps. 47:9) H4043: This Hebrew noun for *buckler* or *shield* is derived from the verb *ganan*, which means "to defend" and signifies the protective guardianship of God. The shield is a common biblical symbol for protection. Kings and rulers are described as "shields" protecting their people (Ps. 47:9), and the Bible frequently depicts God as a shield protecting those who trust in Him (Ps. 18:30). This imagery has its roots in the Abrahamic covenant, where God describes Himself as Abraham's shield (Gen. 15:1). David praises the Lord for being his "shield," "tower," and "refuge" (2 Sam. 22:3).

18:50 great ▸ *see Gen. 48:19.*

Psalm 19

The Heavens Declare God's Glory

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

1 THE heavens declare the glory of God;
and the firmament sheweth his handywork.
2 Day unto day uttereth speech,
and night unto night sheweth knowledge.
3 *There is* no speech nor language,
where their voice is not heard.
4 Their line is gone out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.
In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,
5 Which *is* as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.
6 His going forth *is* from the end of the heaven,
and his circuit unto the ends of it:
and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

God's Law Is Perfect

7 The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul:
the testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple.
8 The statutes of the LORD *are* right, rejoicing the heart:
the commandment of the LORD *is* pure, enlightening the eyes.
9 The fear of the LORD *is* clean, enduring for ever:
the judgments of the LORD *are* true *and* righteous altogether.
10 More to be desired *are they* than gold, yea, than much fine gold:
sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.
11 Moreover by them is thy servant warned:
and in keeping of them *there is* great reward.
12 Who can understand *his* errors?
cleanse thou me from secret *faults*.
13 Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous *sins;*
let them not have dominion over me:
then shall I be upright,
and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.
14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart,
be acceptable in thy sight,
O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

Psalm 20

A Plea for God's Help

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

1 THE LORD hear thee in the day of trouble;
the name of the God of Jacob defend thee;
2 Send thee help from the sanctuary,
and strengthen thee out of Zion;
3 Remember all thy offerings,
and accept thy burnt sacrifice; *Selah*.
4 Grant thee according to thine own heart,
and fulfil all thy counsel.
5 We will rejoice in thy salvation,
and in the name of our God we will set up *our* banners:
the LORD fulfil all thy petitions.
6 Now know I that the LORD saveth his anointed;
he will hear him from his holy heaven
with the saving strength of his right hand.
7 Some *trust* in chariots, and some in

19:6 going forth ▸ *see Hos. 6:3.*
19:7 wise ▸ *see Prov. 21:11.*
19:7 simple ▸ *see Prov. 7:7.*

19:8 pure

(Heb. *bar*) (Ps. 24:4; Prov. 14:4) H1249: This Hebrew term appears only seven times in the Bible and always in the poetic books. Possibly it derives from a verb that can mean (1) to purify, (2) to choose or select, or (3) to make shine or polish. In Psalm 19:8, the word is associated with the eyes, suggesting radiance (compare Prov. 4:18). The concepts of "selectness" and "radiance" may fit the use of this word in the description of the chaste and pure Shulamite (the word is translated as "choice" and "clear" in Song 6:9, 10). The term appears with other words denoting cleanness and purity (Ps. 19:7–9), especially purity of the heart (Ps. 24:4; 73:1).

19:9 righteous ▸ *see Gen. 38:26.*
19:10 honeycomb ▸ *see Prov. 24:13.*
19:12 cleanse ▸ *see Num. 14:18.*
19:14 word ▸ *see Ps. 141:6.*
19:14 acceptable ▸ *see Deut. 33:23.*

20:7 chariot

(Heb. *rekeb*) (Ex. 14:6; Judg. 1:19; 2 Kin. 2:11) H7393: Pulled by a horse, the chariot was an important symbol of military power and might. Thus, Pharaoh's strength is emphasized by the repeated mention of his chariots and horsemen (Ex. 14:6, 9, 17, 18, 23, 26). But God's superior power is highlighted by their utter destruction when the Red Sea collapsed on them (Ex. 14:28). The Israelites struggled against the "inhabitants of the valley, because they had chariots of iron," most likely referring to the wheels (Judg. 1:19). Solomon's wealth was measured in part by

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horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.
8 They are brought down and fallen: but we are risen, and stand upright.
9 Save, LORD: let the king hear us when we call.

Psalm 21

Rejoicing in God's Strength

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

1 THE king shall joy in thy strength, O LORD; and in thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!
2 Thou hast given him his heart's desire, and hast not withholden the request of his lips. *Selah.*
3 For thou preventest him with the blessings of goodness: thou settest a crown of pure gold on his head.
4 He asked life of thee, *and* thou gavest *it* him, *even* length of days for ever and ever.
5 His glory *is* great in thy salvation: honour and majesty hast thou laid upon him.
6 For thou hast made him most blessed for ever: thou hast made him exceeding glad with thy countenance.
7 For the king trusteth in the LORD, and through the mercy of the most High he shall not be moved.
8 Thine hand shall find out all thine enemies: thy right hand shall find out those that hate thee.
9 Thou shalt make them as a fiery oven in the time of thine anger: the LORD shall swallow them up in his wrath, and the fire shall devour them.
10 Their fruit shalt thou destroy from the earth, and their seed from among the children of men.
11 For they intended evil against thee: they imagined a mischievous device, *which* they are not able *to perform.*
12 Therefore shalt thou make them turn their back, *when* thou shalt make ready *thine arrows* upon thy strings against the face of them.
13 Be thou exalted, LORD, in thine own strength: *so* will we sing and praise thy power.

Psalm 22

A Plea for God's Presence

To the chief Musician upon Aijeleth Shahar, A Psalm of David.

1 MY God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? *why art thou so* far from helping me, *and from* the words of my roaring?
2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not; and in the night season, and am not silent.
3 But thou *art* holy, *O thou* that inhabitest the praises of Israel.
4 Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them.
5 They cried unto thee, and were delivered: they trusted in thee, and were not confounded.
6 But I *am* a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people.
7 All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, *saying,*
8 He trusted on the LORD *that* he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him.
9 But thou *art* he that took me out of the womb: thou didst make me hope *when I was* upon my mother's breasts.

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chariots (1 Kin. 10:26), and Elijah was taken into heaven by a "chariot of fire" (2 Kin. 2:11). However, "some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God" (Ps. 20:7).

20:7 horse ▸ *see 2 Chr. 1:16.*
21:1 strength ▸ *see Jer. 16:19.*
21:4 ever ▸ *see Mic. 4:5.*
21:5 majesty ▸ *see 1 Chr. 29:11.*

21:9 swallow

(Heb. *bala'*) (Ps. 35:25; Jon. 1:17) H1104: The most dramatic examples of this word describe the great fish that very literally swallowed Jonah (Jon. 1:17), and the ground that swallowed up Korah, Dathan, and Abiram (Num. 16:32). Most other uses are metaphorical, as when Habakkuk speaks of the wicked "devouring" the righteous (Hab. 1:13), or David prays against the attacks of his enemies (Ps. 35:25). Proverbs warns, "The mouth of the wicked devoureth iniquity" (Prov. 19:28), and in Ecclesiastes we read that "the lips of a fool will swallow up himself" (Eccl. 10:12). Synonymous with destruction, it becomes a warning in the prophets as they foretell the judgment against Israel (Lam. 2:2, 5).

10 I was cast upon thee from the womb: thou *art* my God from my mother's belly.
11 Be not far from me; for trouble *is* near; for *there is* none to help.
12 Many bulls have compassed me: strong *bulls* of Bashan have beset me round.
13 They gaped upon me *with* their mouths, *as* a ravening and a roaring lion.
14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels.
15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the dust of death.
16 For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet.
17 I may tell all my bones: they look *and* stare upon me.
18 They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.
19 But be not thou far from me, O LORD: O my strength, haste thee to help me.
20 Deliver my soul from the sword; my darling from the power of the dog.
21 Save me from the lion's mouth: for thou hast heard me from the horns of the unicorns.

Praise and Worship the Lord

22 I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.
23 Ye that fear the LORD, praise him; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him; and fear him, all ye the seed of Israel.
24 For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath he hid his face from him; but when he cried unto him, he heard.
25 My praise *shall be* of thee in the great congregation: I will pay my vows before them that fear him.
26 The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the LORD that seek him: your heart shall live for ever.
27 All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.
28 For the kingdom *is* the LORD's: and he *is* the governor among the nations.
29 All *they that be* fat upon earth shall eat and worship: all they that go down to the dust shall bow before him: and none can keep alive his own soul.
30 A seed shall serve him; it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation.
31 They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done *this.*

Psalm 23

The Lord Is My Shepherd

A Psalm of David.

1 THE LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.
2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.
3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for

22:10 womb ▸ *see Num. 3:12.*

22:11 be far

(Heb. *rachaq*) (Ps. 103:12; Prov. 4:24) H7368: The word *rachaq* can be used to speak of physical distance. So, Pharaoh initially promised to let the people go, just not "very far away" (Ex. 8:28), and Joshua set his army not "very far" from Ai (Josh. 8:4). But the word can also be used spiritually, as in the prayer, "O LORD, be not far from me" (Ps. 35:22; 38:21), or the great promise, "As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us" (Ps. 103:12). By analogy, we are told to keep ourselves "far from a false matter" (Ex. 23:7), put iniquity "far away" (Job 11:14; 22:23), and "put perverse lips far from" us (Prov. 4:24). The prophets are grieved that "judgment is far from us" (Is. 59:9).

22:14 melt ▸ *see Is. 34:3.*
22:18 garment ▸ *see Prov. 27:13.*
22:18 lots ▸ *see Josh. 16:1.*
22:20 darling ▸ *see Gen. 22:2.*
22:26 meek ▸ *see Zeph. 2:3.*
22:27 end ▸ *see Ps. 98:3.*
22:29 dust ▸ *see Num. 23:10.*
23:1 shepherd ▸ *see Jer. 25:34.*
23:2 still ▸ *see Is. 28:12.*
23:4 valley ▸ *see 2 Chr. 26:9.*

thou *art* with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Psalm 24

A Pure Heart

A Psalm of David.

1 THE earth *is* the LORD's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.
2 For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.
3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place?
4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.
5 He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
6 This *is* the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. *Selah.*

The King of Glory

7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.
8 Who *is* this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.
9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift *them* up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.
10 Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he *is* the King of glory. *Selah.*

Psalm 25

Trust in the Lord

A Psalm of David.

1 UNTO thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul.
2 O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me.
3 Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.
4 Shew me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths.
5 Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou *art* the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.

23:4 comfort

(Heb. *nacham*) (Is. 40:1; 66:13) H5162: *Nacham* can sometimes mean "sorry" or "grieved," as when "it repented the LORD that he had made man" (Gen. 6:6). However, most often the word is used in reference to the kind of comfort offered in a time of tragedy. "Isaac was comforted after his mother's death" (Gen. 24:67), as was Judah (Gen. 38:12) and Bathsheba (2 Sam. 12:24). Job's friends supposedly came "to comfort him" in his grief (Job 2:11). As David recognizes in this psalm, however, God is the source of all comfort, which He provides with a tenderness that resembles a gentle mother (Is. 66:13).

23:5 table ▸ *see 2 Sam. 9:7.*
23:5 cup ▸ *see Jer. 49:12.*
23:6 for ever ▸ *see Job 12:12.*
24:3 ascend ▸ *see Ex. 19:20.*
24:4 clean ▸ *see Job 17:8.*
24:4 pure ▸ *see Ps. 19:8.*
24:4 deceitfully ▸ *see Ps. 55:23.*
24:6 face ▸ *see Gen. 33:10.*
24:7 gate ▸ *see Josh. 2:5.*

24:7 door

(Heb. *pethach*) (Gen. 6:16; 2 Sam. 11:9) H6607: Speaking poetically, the Lord warned Cain that sin lay at the door, meaning that sin was very near; waiting to come in and take over (Gen. 4:7). The ark had a door (Gen. 6:16) that was presumably quite large and made of wood. Tents could have doors as well (Gen. 18:1), as did the tabernacle (Ex. 26:36). The "door" of the tabernacle was an important location for sacrifices (Lev. 4:4, 7). Uriah, in a very symbolic manner, "slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants," refusing to go into the house while the battle still raged (2 Sam. 11:9). Wisdom is described as crying out "at the openings of the gates"—in other words, in the most public and well-traveled part of the city (Prov. 1:21)—while the foolish woman seeks to lead people astray by sitting "at the door of her house" (Prov. 9:14).

24:8 battle ▸ *see Josh. 5:6.*
25:3 ashamed ▸ *see Ezek. 16:63.*

6 Remember, O LORD, thy tender mercies and thy lovingkindnesses; for they *have been* ever of old.
7 Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O LORD.
8 Good and upright *is* the LORD: therefore will he teach sinners in the way.
9 The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way.
10 All the paths of the LORD *are* mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.
11 For thy name's sake, O LORD, pardon mine iniquity; for it *is* great.
12 What man *is* he that feareth the LORD? him shall he teach in the way *that* he shall choose.
13 His soul shall dwell at ease; and his seed shall inherit the earth.

The Fear of the Lord

14 The secret of the LORD *is* with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant.
15 Mine eyes *are* ever toward the LORD; for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.
16 Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; for I *am* desolate and afflicted.
17 The troubles of my heart are enlarged: *O* bring thou me out of my distresses.
18 Look upon mine affliction and my pain; and forgive all my sins.
19 Consider mine enemies; for they are many; and they hate me with cruel hatred.
20 O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in thee.
21 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on thee.
22 Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

Psalm 26

Examine and Prove Me

A Psalm of David.

1 JUDGE me, O LORD; for I have walked in mine integrity: I have trusted also in the LORD; *therefore* I shall not slide.
2 Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; try my reins and my heart.
3 For thy lovingkindness *is* before mine eyes: and I have walked in thy truth.
4 I have not sat with vain persons, neither will I go in with dissemblers.
5 I have hated the congregation of evildoers; and will not sit with the wicked.
6 I will wash mine hands in innocency: so will I compass thine altar, O LORD:
7 That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works.
8 LORD, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth.
9 Gather not my soul with sinners, nor my life with bloody men:
10 In whose hands *is* mischief, and their right hand is full of bribes.
11 But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity: redeem me, and be merciful unto me.

25:6 remember

(Heb. *zakar*) (Gen. 42:9; Ps. 106:45; Lam. 1:9) H2142: This Hebrew verb has as its basic meaning "to contemplate" or "to call to mind." When it refers to recalling past ideas or events it is translated *remember* (Gen. 42:9; Num. 11:5). In other passages, it pertains to thinking about the future but can still be translated *remember* (Eccl. 5:20; Lam. 1:9). The psalmists frequently call on God to remember His people (Ps. 106:4) or His mercy (Ps. 25:6, 7). This does not imply that God has forgotten, but instead it is a request that God would take action according to His promises.

25:7 goodness ▸ *see 2 Kin. 8:9.*
25:9 teach ▸ *see Is. 48:17.*
25:15 net ▸ *see Ps. 140:5.*
25:17 enlarge ▸ *see Deut. 19:8.*
25:17 distress ▸ *see Zeph. 1:15.*
25:20 trust ▸ *see Zeph. 3:12.*
26:2 examine ▸ *see Mal. 3:10.*
26:6 innocency ▸ *see Gen. 20:5.*

26:8 habitation

(Heb. *ma`on*) (Ps. 71:3; 90:1) H4583: The habitation is the place where someone lives. The Lord describes the tabernacle as His dwelling place (1 Sam. 2:29), but Moses also speaks of the Lord's habitation as being in heaven (Deut. 26:15). The psalmist describes God's presence as a place of refuge (*ma`on*) to which he can "continually resort" (Ps. 71:3). Indeed, the Lord has "been our dwelling place in all generations" (Ps. 90:1). In punishment for sin, the Lord promises to make "Jerusalem heaps, and a den of dragons" (Jer. 9:11), a prophecy uttered against Babylon as well (Jer. 51:37).

12 My foot standeth in an even place: in the congregations will I bless the LORD.

Psalm 27

My Heart Shall Not Fear

A Psalm of David.

1 THE LORD *is* my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD *is* the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
2 When the wicked, *even* mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.
3 Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this *will* I *be* confident.
4 One *thing* have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.
5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.
6 And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD.
7 Hear, O LORD, *when* I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me.
8 *When thou saidst,* Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek.
9 Hide not thy face *far* from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.
10 When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me up.

Teach Me Thy Way

11 Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.
12 Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty.
13 *I had fainted,* unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.
14 Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.

Psalm 28

A Plea for Deliverance

A Psalm of David.

1 UNTO thee will I cry, O LORD my rock; be not silent to me: lest, *if* thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit.
2 Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry unto thee, when I lift up my hands toward thy holy oracle.
3 Draw me not away with the wicked, and with the workers of iniquity, which speak peace to their neighbours, but mischief *is* in their hearts.
4 Give them according to their deeds, and according to the wickedness of their endeavours: give them after the work of their hands; render to them their desert.
5 Because they regard not the works of the LORD, nor the operation of his hands, he shall destroy them, and not build them up.

27:1 strength ▸ *see Is. 27:5.*
27:5 secret ▸ *see Jer. 38:16.*
27:11 teach ▸ *see Ps. 32:8.*
27:13 living ▸ *see Ezek. 1:5.*
27:14 wait ▸ *see Lam. 3:25.*
27:14 good courage ▸ *see Josh. 1:9.*

27:14 strengthen

(Heb. *'amats*) (Josh. 1:6; Is. 41:10) H0553: Negatively, this word can imply obstinacy (Deut. 2:30), or even a hardening (Deut. 15:7). Positively, Moses encouraged Joshua to "be strong and of a good courage" (Deut. 31:6, 7), as did the Lord (Josh. 1:6, 7, 9, 18). It was an encouragement David repeated almost verbatim to his son Solomon (1 Chr. 28:20). Ruth is described as being "stedfastly minded" (*'amats*) to go with Naomi (Ruth 1:18). Even buildings could be strengthened (reinforced), as the workers did for the temple (2 Chr. 24:13). Ultimately, God is the source of all strength, and He promises, "I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness" (Is. 41:10).

28:5 operation

(Heb. *ma`aseh*) (Ex. 23:12; Is. 64:8) H4639: In this psalm, the word translated "operation" is

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6 Blessed *be* the LORD, because he hath heard the voice of my supplications.
7 The LORD *is* my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.
8 The LORD *is* their strength, and he *is* the saving strength of his anointed.
9 Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance: feed them also, and lift them up for ever.

Psalm 29

The Voice of the Lord

A Psalm of David.

1 GIVE unto the LORD, O ye mighty, give unto the LORD glory and strength.
2 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
3 The voice of the LORD *is* upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth: the LORD *is* upon many waters.
4 The voice of the LORD *is* powerful; the voice of the LORD *is* full of majesty.
5 The voice of the LORD breaketh the cedars; yea, the LORD breaketh the cedars of Lebanon.
6 He maketh them also to skip like a calf; Lebanon and Sirion like a young unicorn.
7 The voice of the LORD divideth the flames of fire.
8 The voice of the LORD shaketh the wilderness; the LORD shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh.
9 The voice of the LORD maketh the hinds to calve, and discovereth the forests: and in his temple doth every one speak of *his* glory.
10 The LORD sitteth upon the flood; yea, the LORD sitteth King for ever.
11 The LORD will give strength unto his people; the LORD will bless his people with peace.

Psalm 30

Praise for God's Holiness

A Psalm *and* Song *at* the dedication of the house of David.

1 I WILL extol thee, O LORD; for thou hast lifted me up, and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me.
2 O LORD my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.
3 O LORD, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.
4 Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.
5 For his anger *endureth but* a moment; in his favour *is* life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy *cometh* in the morning.

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more or less synonymous with "works." Thus, Pharaoh challenged Moses and Aaron for taking "the people from their works" (Ex. 5:4), but the Law stipulated that for "six days thou shalt do thy work, and on the seventh day thou shalt rest" (Ex. 23:12). The Lord spoke of blessing "all the works" of the people (Deut. 2:7) but rendering "to every man according to his work" (Ps. 62:12). "The heavens are the work of [the LORD's] hands" (Ps. 102:25), and ultimately, "we all are the work of [His] hand" (Is. 64:8).

28:7 trust ▸ *see Ps. 52:7.*
28:7 rejoice ▸ *see Ps. 108:7.*
28:8 strength ▸ *see Is. 27:5.*
29:2 give ▸ *see Josh. 18:4.*

29:5 cedar

(Heb. *'erez*) (2 Sam. 7:2; 1 Kin. 6:18; Job 40:17) H0730: Cedar wood was renowned for its distinctive scent and was thus used in many sacrifices (Lev. 14:4, 49, 51; Num. 19:6). It was also used in construction because of its excellent strength and resistance to decay. So, David's house was built of cedar (2 Sam. 7:2), and Solomon built the temple out of cedar (1 Kin. 6:9, 18). Solomon's palace was made almost entirely of cedar (1 Kin. 7:2, 3) supplied by King Hiram of Tyre (1 Kin. 9:11). Since cedar symbolized strength, the Leviathan is said to have a tail like a cedar (Job 40:17), the Lord's voice is strong enough to break cedars (as here), and "the righteous shall . . . grow like a cedar" (Ps. 92:12).

30:1 extol ▸ *see Ps. 145:1.*
30:4 saint ▸ *see Ps. 37:28.*
30:5 favour ▸ *see Deut. 33:23.*
30:5 night ▸ *see Ps. 65:8.*

30:5 joy

(Heb. *rinnah*) (Ps. 17:1; 105:43) H7440: The Hebrew word *rinnah* describes any kind of crying out. So, Solomon's prayer of dedication of

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6 And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be moved.
7 LORD, by thy favour thou hast made my mountain to stand strong: thou didst hide thy face, *and* I was troubled.
8 I cried to thee, O LORD; and unto the LORD I made supplication.
9 What profit *is there* in my blood, when I go down to the pit? Shall the dust praise thee? shall it declare thy truth?
10 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me: LORD, be thou my helper.
11 Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness;
12 To the end that *my* glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

Psalm 31

My Rock and My Fortress

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

1 IN thee, O LORD, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in thy righteousness.
2 Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily: be thou my strong rock, for an house of defence to save me.
3 For thou *art* my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me.
4 Pull me out of the net that they have laid privily for me: for thou *art* my strength.
5 Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O LORD God of truth.
6 I have hated them that regard lying vanities: but I trust in the LORD.
7 I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy: for thou hast considered my trouble; thou hast known my soul in adversities;
8 And hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy: thou hast set my feet in a large room.
9 Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am in trouble: mine eye is consumed with grief, *yea,* my soul and my belly.
10 For my life is spent with grief, and my years with sighing: my strength faileth because of mine iniquity, and my bones are consumed.
11 I was a reproach among all mine enemies, but especially among my neighbours, and a fear to mine acquaintance: they that did see me without fled from me.
12 I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind: I am like a broken vessel.
13 For I have heard the slander of many: fear *was* on every side: while they took counsel together against me, they devised to take away my life.
14 But I trusted in thee, O LORD: I said, Thou *art* my God.
15 My times *are* in thy hand: deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me.
16 Make thy face to shine upon thy servant: save me for thy mercies' sake.
17 Let me not be ashamed, O LORD; for I have called upon thee: let the wicked be ashamed, *and* let them be silent in the grave.
18 Let the lying lips be put to silence; which speak grievous things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous.

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the temple is described as a "cry and [a] prayer" (1 Kin. 8:28), and David prays, "O LORD, attend unto my cry" (Ps. 17:1, and similarly in Ps. 61:1; 88:2). It can be positive or negative in tone; thus many psalms tie together "joy and praise" (Ps. 42:4) and speak of the "gladness" of God's people (Ps. 105:43). But when Ahab was defeated in battle, "there went a proclamation throughout the host" (1 Kin. 22:36), and the Lord rescued the people from Egypt "when he heard their cry" (Ps. 106:44).

30:5 morning ▸ *see Jer. 21:12.*

31:8 large room

(Heb. *merchab*) (Ps. 118:5; Hab. 1:6) H4800: The opposite of being caught in a net (Ps. 31:4) is the blessing of being placed in a wide place (Ps. 31:8). *Merchab* describes a plot of land that is free from boundary or border, far from any restrictions, walls, or limitations. So, the Chaldeans are described as marching unhindered "through the breadth of the land," possessing everything in their path (Hab. 1:6). Nothing could stand in their way. In her sin, Israel is described as "a lamb in a large place," separated from her flock and her shepherd (Hos. 4:16). But the Lord, in His mercy, rescues His people from attack and places them "in a large place," far away from the snares of the enemy (Ps. 118:5).

31:12 forget ▸ *see Eccl. 9:5.*

God's Goodness

19 *Oh* how great *is* thy goodness, which thou
hast laid up for them that fear thee; *which*
thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee
before the sons of men!
20 Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy
presence from the pride of man: thou shalt
keep them secretly in a pavilion from the
strife of tongues.
21 Blessed *be* the LORD: for he hath shewed
me his marvellous kindness in a strong city.
22 For I said in my haste, I am cut off from
before thine eyes: nevertheless thou heardest
the voice of my supplications when I cried
unto thee.
23 O love the LORD, all ye his saints: *for* the
LORD preserveth the faithful, and plentifully
rewardeth the proud doer.
24 Be of good courage, and he shall
strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the
LORD.

Psalm 32

Confession and Forgiveness

A Psalm of David, Maschil.

1 BLESSED *is he whose* transgression *is*
forgiven, *whose* sin *is* covered.
2 Blessed *is* the man unto whom the LORD
imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit
there is no guile.
3 When I kept silence, my bones waxed old
through my roaring all the day long.
4 For day and night thy hand was heavy
upon me: my moisture is turned into the
drought of summer. *Selah.*
5 I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and
mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will
confess my transgressions unto the LORD;
and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.
Selah.
6 For this shall every one that is godly pray
unto thee in a time when thou mayest be
found: surely in the floods of great waters
they shall not come nigh unto him.
7 Thou *art* my hiding place; thou shalt
preserve me from trouble; thou shalt
compass me about with songs of deliverance.
Selah.
8 I will instruct thee and teach thee in the
way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee
with mine eye.
9 Be ye not as the horse, *or* as the mule,
which have no understanding: whose mouth
must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they
come near unto thee.
10 Many sorrows *shall be* to the wicked: but
he that trusteth in the LORD, mercy shall
compass him about.
11 Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righ-
teous: and shout for joy, all *ye that are* upright
in heart.

Psalm 33

Praise for God's Goodness

1 REJOICE in the LORD, O ye righteous: *for*
praise is comely for the upright.
2 Praise the LORD with harp: sing unto him

31:19 great

(Heb. *rab*) (Num. 14:18; Lam. 3:23) H7227: The Hebrew word *rab* is used often in the Old Testament. "The wickedness of man was great in the earth," so the Lord sent the flood (Gen. 6:5). The Lord is described as "longsuffering and of great [*rab*] mercy" (Num. 14:18). Joshua reached the end of his life "a long [*rab*] time after that the LORD had given rest unto Israel" (Josh. 23:1). It can also refer to distance, as when David stood on a hill, "a great space being between them" (1 Sam. 26:13). Most significantly for us, "Great is [God's] faithfulness" (Lam. 3:23).

32:1 transgression ▸ *see Lev. 16:16.*
32:1 forgive ▸ *see 1 Sam. 25:28.*
32:2 spirit ▸ *see Joel 2:28.*
32:4 heavy ▸ *see Ps. 87:3.*

32:8 teach

(Heb. *yarah*) (Ex. 24:12; Ps. 27:11) H3384: *Yarah* can be used to speak of shooting an arrow (1 Sam. 20:20; 2 Sam. 11:24), throwing firebrands (Prov. 26:18), or even raining righteousness (Hos. 10:12). The translation into English in these cases (and many others) is dependent upon the context. Thus, clearly the archers did not "teach" King Josiah—they shot him (2 Chr. 35:23). In most cases the word refers to the act of transferring knowledge or wisdom. So, "for a long season Israel [was] without . . . a teaching priest, and without law" (2 Chr. 15:3). The Lord gave Moses the commandments so that he might "teach them" to the people (Ex. 24:12). David prayed that the Lord would teach him the right way to go (Ps. 27:11).

32:8 way ▸ *see 2 Chr. 17:6.*
32:10 wicked ▸ *see Prov. 10:16.*

with the psaltery *and* an instrument of ten strings.
3 Sing unto him a new song; play skilfully with a loud noise.
4 For the word of the LORD *is* right; and all his works *are done* in truth.
5 He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

God's Power

6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.
7 He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses.
8 Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.
9 For he spake, and it was *done;* he commanded, and it stood fast.
10 The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect.
11 The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

God's Chosen People

12 Blessed *is* the nation whose God *is* the LORD; *and* the people *whom* he hath chosen for his own inheritance.
13 The LORD looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men.
14 From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth.
15 He fashioneth their hearts alike; he considereth all their works.
16 There is no king saved by the multitude of an host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength.
17 An horse *is* a vain thing for safety: neither shall he deliver *any* by his great strength.
18 Behold, the eye of the LORD *is* upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy;
19 To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

Trust in His Holy Name

20 Our soul waiteth for the LORD: he *is* our help and our shield.
21 For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name.
22 Let thy mercy, O LORD, be upon us, according as we hope in thee.

Psalm 34

Praise to the Lord

A Psalm of David, when he changed his behaviour before Abimelech; who drove him away, and he departed.

1 I WILL bless the LORD at all times: his praise *shall* continually *be* in my mouth.
2 My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear *thereof,* and be glad.
3 O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.
4 I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.
5 They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.
6 This poor man cried, and the LORD heard *him,* and saved him out of all his troubles.
7 The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.
8 O taste and see that the LORD *is* good: blessed *is* the man *that* trusteth in him.

33:7 sea ▸ *see 2 Chr. 4:2.*

33:7 storehouse

(Heb. *'otsar*) (1 Kin. 7:51; 2 Kin. 24:13) H0214: Clearly the language here is poetic, emphasizing the Lord's absolute authority over all things—only He has the power to collect together the untamable ocean into "storehouses," just as a farmer might collect together wheat into a barn. The word *'otsar* is often translated "treasury," since it usually refers to storage used by either a king (2 Chr. 32:27) or the Lord Himself (1 Kin. 7:51). So, when the king of Babylon entered Jerusalem, "he carried out . . . all the treasures [*'otsar*] of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house" (2 Kin. 24:13).

33:14 place ▸ *see Ps. 104:5.*
33:18 fear ▸ *see Ps. 118:4.*
33:20 wait ▸ *see Dan. 12:12.*
34:3 exalt ▸ *see Ps. 145:1.*
34:7 angel ▸ *see Zech. 4:1.*

34:8 taste

(Heb. *ta`am*) (1 Sam. 14:24; Job 34:3) H2938: Under oath to King Saul, "none of the people tasted any food," meaning, they didn't eat any-

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Fear the Lord

9 O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for *there is* no want to them that fear him.
10 The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good *thing.*
11 Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
12 What man *is he that* desireth life, *and* loveth *many* days, that he may see good?
13 Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.
14 Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.
15 The eyes of the LORD *are* upon the righteous, and his ears *are open* unto their cry.
16 The face of the LORD *is* against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

Cries of the Righteous Heard

17 *The righteous* cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.
18 The LORD *is* nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.
19 Many *are* the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.
20 He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.
21 Evil shall slay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.
22 The LORD redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.

Psalm 35

A Prayer for Safety

A Psalm of David.

1 PLEAD *my cause,* O LORD, with them that strive with me: fight against them that fight against me.
2 Take hold of shield and buckler, and stand up for mine help.
3 Draw out also the spear, and stop *the way* against them that persecute me: say unto my soul, I *am* thy salvation.
4 Let them be confounded and put to shame that seek after my soul: let them be turned back and brought to confusion that devise my hurt.
5 Let them be as chaff before the wind: and let the angel of the LORD chase *them.*
6 Let their way be dark and slippery: and let the angel of the LORD persecute them.
7 For without cause have they hid for me their net *in* a pit, *which* without cause they have digged for my soul.
8 Let destruction come upon him at unawares; and let his net that he hath hid catch himself: into that very destruction let him fall.

Rejoicing in God's Salvation

9 And my soul shall be joyful in the LORD: it shall rejoice in his salvation.
10 All my bones shall say, LORD, who *is* like unto thee, which deliverest the poor from him that is too strong for him, yea, the poor and the needy from him that spoileth him?

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thing at all (1 Sam. 14:24). But Jonathan "tasted a little . . . honey" (1 Sam. 14:29), meaning, he only ate a small amount. David's companion Barzillai, in his old age, complained of literally being unable to "taste" food anymore (2 Sam. 19:35). In the same way, Job spoke of the mouth (or the palate) "tasting" food (Job 12:11; 34:3). Clearly one cannot "taste," in that same sense, that the Lord is good, but by inference David was encouraging total, complete trust in the Lord—a faith David hopes we have internalized completely.

34:14 good ▸ *see Ezek. 34:14.*
34:16 cut off ▸ *see Ex. 34:27.*
34:18 nigh ▸ *see Ezek. 42:13.*
34:22 redeem ▸ *see Neh. 1:10.*
35:4 put to shame ▸ *see 2 Sam. 10:5.*
35:4 confusion ▸ *see Ps. 71:24.*

35:8 destruction

(Heb. *sho'*) (Ps. 35:17; Prov. 1:27; Is. 47:11; Zeph. 1:15) H7722: From an unused root meaning "to rush over, a tempest," this word refers to violent destruction or devastation that renders a place a desolate wasteland. It often refers to destruction that comes on suddenly, sometimes specifically caused by a storm. Proverbs 1:27 sums up the sense of this word well: "When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you." The believer can find courage in the face of such destruction: "Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh. For the LORD shall be thy confidence" (Prov. 3:25, 26).

11 False witnesses did rise up; they laid to my charge *things* that I knew not.
12 They rewarded me evil for good *to* the spoiling of my soul.
13 But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing *was* sackcloth: I humbled my soul with fasting; and my prayer returned into mine own bosom.
14 I behaved myself as though *he had been* my friend *or* brother: I bowed down heavily, as one that mourneth *for his* mother.
15 But in mine adversity they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together: *yea,* the abjects gathered themselves together against me, and I knew *it* not; they did tear *me,* and ceased not:
16 With hypocritical mockers in feasts, they gnashed upon me with their teeth.

Rescue My Soul

17 Lord, how long wilt thou look on? rescue my soul from their destructions, my darling from the lions.
18 I will give thee thanks in the great congregation: I will praise thee among much people.
19 Let not them that are mine enemies wrongfully rejoice over me: *neither* let them wink with the eye that hate me without a cause.
20 For they speak not peace: but they devise deceitful matters against *them that are* quiet in the land.
21 Yea, they opened their mouth wide against me, *and* said, Aha, aha, our eye hath seen *it*.

Judge Me with Righteousness

22 *This* thou hast seen, O LORD: keep not silence: O Lord, be not far from me.
23 Stir up thyself, and awake to my judgment, *even* unto my cause, my God and my Lord.
24 Judge me, O LORD my God, according to thy righteousness; and let them not rejoice over me.
25 Let them not say in their hearts, Ah, so would we have it: let them not say, We have swallowed him up.
26 Let them be ashamed and brought to confusion together that rejoice at mine hurt: let them be clothed with shame and dishonour that magnify *themselves* against me.
27 Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.
28 And my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness *and* of thy praise all the day long.

Psalm 36

The Transgression of the Wicked

To the chief Musician, *A Psalm* of David, the servant of the LORD.

1 THE transgression of the wicked saith within my heart, *that there is* no fear of God before his eyes.
2 For he flattereth himself in his own eyes, until his iniquity be found to be hateful.
3 The words of his mouth *are* iniquity and deceit: he hath left off to be wise, *and* to do good.
4 He deviseth mischief upon his bed; he setteth himself in a way *that is* not good; he abhorreth not evil.

God's Mercy and Lovingkindness

5 Thy mercy, O LORD, *is* in the heavens; *and* thy faithfulness *reacheth* unto the clouds.
6 Thy righteousness *is* like the great mountains; thy judgments *are* a great deep: O LORD, thou preservest man and beast.
7 How excellent *is* thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

35:13 sick ▸ *see Is. 38:9.*
35:16 gnash ▸ *see Job 16:9.*
35:17 destruction ▸ *see Ps. 35:8.*
35:19 without a cause ▸ *see Ps. 119:161.*
35:22 keep silence ▸ *see 2 Sam. 13:20.*
35:25 swallow ▸ *see Ps. 21:9.*

35:26 shame

(Heb. *bosheth*) (Job 8:22; Ps. 40:15; Zeph. 3:19) H1322: Related to the word "ashamed" that appears earlier in this verse, this word encompasses both the feeling of shame, the condition of being ashamed, and the cause of shame. "Ignominy" is a synonym. Shame is often caused by the awareness or public exposure of sin. Sometimes it is related to an injured reputation or sense of embarrassment even if no sin is involved. The psalmist wished shame to befall those who had shamed him, and prayed for shame to cover them as a garment.

8 They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.
9 For with thee *is* the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.
10 O continue thy lovingkindness unto them that know thee; and thy righteousness to the upright in heart.
11 Let not the foot of pride come against me, and let not the hand of the wicked remove me.
12 There are the workers of iniquity fallen: they are cast down, and shall not be able to rise.

Psalm 37

Trust in the Lord

A Psalm of David.

1 FRET not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.
2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.
3 Trust in the LORD, and do good; *so* shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.
4 Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.
5 Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring *it* to pass.
6 And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.
7 Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.
8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.

The Fate of the Wicked

9 For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth.
10 For yet a little while, and the wicked *shall* not *be:* yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it *shall* not *be.*
11 But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.
12 The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth.
13 The Lord shall laugh at him: for he seeth that his day is coming.
14 The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, *and* to slay such as be of upright conversation.
15 Their sword shall enter into their own heart, and their bows shall be broken.
16 A little that a righteous man hath *is* better than the riches of many wicked.
17 For the arms of the wicked shall be broken: but the LORD upholdeth the righteous.
18 The LORD knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever.
19 They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.

36:9 fountain

(Heb. *maqor*) (Prov. 14:27; 18:4; Jer. 17:13) H4726: From the root meaning "dig," this word refers to a source of flowing water. "Living water" was a natural spring that flowed with fresh water, as opposed to a manmade cistern that captured rainwater and was not as fresh. This particular word for fountain is only used in a metaphorical sense, and it refers to life that flows from encouraging words (Prov. 10:11), wisdom (Prov. 13:14; 16:22), tears (Jer. 9:1), and God Himself (Jer. 2:13). A typical use of this word is Proverbs 14:27: "The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death."

37:1 evildoer ▸ *see Ps. 119:115.*
37:5 commit ▸ *see Prov. 16:3.*
37:7 rest ▸ *see Jer. 47:6.*

37:12 plot

(Heb. *zamam*) (Gen. 11:6; Ps. 17:3; Lam. 2:17; Zech. 8:15) H2161: The translation of "plot" gets at the intent of this word, which means to consider, purpose, or devise, usually in a bad sense. It is closely related to the word for "murmur" and "mutter," the sounds a person makes when devising a plan. Other translations for this word include "purpose" (Ps. 17:3), "consider" (Prov. 31:16), "devise" (Ps. 31:13; Jer. 51:12), and "think" (Zech. 8:15). The purposes or plotting that take place in Scripture can be either good or bad—God determines (*zamam*) both punishment (Zech. 8:14) and blessing (Zech. 8:15).

37:12 gnash ▸ *see Job 16:9.*
37:13 laugh ▸ *see Eccl. 3:4.*

20 But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the LORD *shall be* as the fat of lambs: they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away.
21 The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again: but the righteous sheweth mercy, and giveth.
22 For *such as be* blessed of him shall inherit the earth; and *they that be* cursed of him shall be cut off.

God Delights in a Good Man

23 The steps of a *good* man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.
24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth *him with* his hand.
25 I have been young, and *now* am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.
26 *He is* ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed *is* blessed.
27 Depart from evil, and do good; and dwell for evermore.
28 For the LORD loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.
29 The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein for ever.
30 The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment.
31 The law of his God *is* in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.
32 The wicked watcheth the righteous, and seeketh to slay him.
33 The LORD will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged.

Wait on the Lord

34 Wait on the LORD, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see *it*.
35 I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree.
36 Yet he passed away, and, lo, he *was* not: yea, I sought him, but he could not be found.
37 Mark the perfect *man,* and behold the upright: for the end of *that* man *is* peace.
38 But the transgressors shall be destroyed together: the end of the wicked shall be cut off.
39 But the salvation of the righteous *is* of the LORD: *he is* their strength in the time of trouble.
40 And the LORD shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him.

Psalm 38

Sins Are a Heavy Burden

A Psalm of David, to bring to remembrance.

1 O LORD, rebuke me not in thy wrath: neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.
2 For thine arrows stick fast in me, and thy hand presseth me sore.
3 *There is* no soundness in my flesh because of thine anger; neither *is there any* rest in my bones because of my sin.
4 For mine iniquities are gone over mine head: as an heavy burden they are too heavy for me.
5 My wounds stink *and* are corrupt because of my foolishness.
6 I am troubled; I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long.
7 For my loins are filled with a loathsome *disease:* and *there is* no soundness in my flesh.
8 I am feeble and sore broken: I have roared by reason of the disquietness of my heart.
9 Lord, all my desire *is* before thee; and my groaning is not hid from thee.

37:25 forsaken ▸ *see Jer. 12:7.*

37:28 saint

(Heb. *chasid*) (2 Chr. 6:41; Ps. 4:3; 30:4; 116:15) H2623: The root word from which this word comes is translated "show thyself merciful." With a literal meaning of "kind, excellent," this word means "merciful and gracious" when it is used to describe God, and "pious" when it is used to describe people. This double meaning is demonstrated well in 2 Samuel 22:26: "With the merciful [*chasid*] thou wilt show thyself merciful [*chasid*]; with the upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright." Most uses of this word are translated "saints" and refer to those who love the Lord.

37:37 perfect ▸ *see Job 1:1.*
38:3 anger ▸ *see Ps. 78:49.*
38:4 heavy burden ▸ *see Ex. 7:14.*
38:5 wound ▸ *see Is. 53:5.*
38:5 stink ▸ *see 1 Sam. 27:12.*
38:9 desire ▸ *see Gen. 3:6.*
38:9 groaning ▸ *see Jer. 45:3.*

10 My heart panteth, my strength faileth me: as for the light of mine eyes, it also is gone from me.
11 My lovers and my friends stand aloof from my sore; and my kinsmen stand afar off.
12 They also that seek after my life lay snares *for me:* and they that seek my hurt speak mischievous things, and imagine deceits all the day long.
13 But I, as a deaf *man,* heard not; and *I was* as a dumb man *that* openeth not his mouth.
14 Thus I was as a man that heareth not, and in whose mouth *are* no reproofs.

A Repentant Heart

15 For in thee, O LORD, do I hope: thou wilt hear, O Lord my God.
16 For I said, *Hear me,* lest *otherwise* they should rejoice over me: when my foot slippeth, they magnify *themselves* against me.
17 For I *am* ready to halt, and my sorrow *is* continually before me.
18 For I will declare mine iniquity; I will be sorry for my sin.
19 But mine enemies *are* lively, *and* they are strong: and they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied.
20 They also that render evil for good are mine adversaries; because I follow *the thing that* good *is.*
21 Forsake me not, O LORD: O my God, be not far from me.
22 Make haste to help me, O Lord my salvation.

Psalm 39

Control of the Tongue

To the chief Musician, *even* to Jeduthun,
A Psalm of David.

1 I SAID, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue: I will keep my mouth with a bridle, while the wicked is before me.
2 I was dumb with silence, I held my peace, *even* from good; and my sorrow was stirred.
3 My heart was hot within me, while I was musing the fire burned: *then* spake I with my tongue,
4 LORD, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it *is; that* I may know how frail I *am.*
5 Behold, thou hast made my days *as* an handbreadth; and mine age *is* as nothing before thee: verily every man at his best state *is* altogether vanity. *Selah.*
6 Surely every man walketh in a vain shew: surely they are disquieted in vain: he heapeth up *riches,* and knoweth not who shall gather them.

Deliver Me from My Transgressions

7 And now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope *is* in thee.
8 Deliver me from all my transgressions: make me not the reproach of the foolish.
9 I was dumb, I opened not my mouth; because thou didst *it.*
10 Remove thy stroke away from me: I am consumed by the blow of thine hand.
11 When thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity, thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth: surely every man *is* vanity. *Selah.*

38:15 hope

(Heb. *yachal*) (Job 13:15; Is. 51:5; Lam. 3:21) H3176: This Hebrew word signifies "to wait with expectation." Almost half of its occurrences are in Psalms, and it is especially frequent in Psalm 119. Sometimes the idea of hope is expressed with confidence (Job 13:15; Is. 51:5), and sometimes hope is clearly in vain (Ezek. 13:6). The Bible describes Noah as waiting for seven days to send out the dove (Gen. 8:12) and men as waiting to hear the counsel of Job (Job 29:21); but by far the main object of "expectant waiting" or "hope" is God, His word, His judgment, and His mercy (Ps. 33:18; 119:43; Mic. 7:7). That hope is not misplaced, for the One in whom we hope is completely faithful to His promises (Heb. 10:23).

39:5 handbreadth

(Heb. *tephach*) (1 Kin. 7:26; 2 Chr. 4:5) H2947: Used only four times in Scripture, the word means "palm"—the open hand. In two of the instances, the word is used as a measurement equal to the width of four adjacent fingers (i.e., the width of the palm, not of the splayed fingers), or about three inches (1 Kin. 7:26 and 2 Chr. 4:5 both describe the thickness of the walls of the "Sea," the great basin placed by Solomon in front of the temple). Here the term is used figuratively to describe the shortness of human life. In 1 Kings 7:9 the term is rendered "coping" and refers to the supports of roof beams.

12 Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear unto my cry; hold not thy peace at my tears: for I *am* a stranger with thee, *and* a sojourner, as all my fathers *were*.
13 O spare me, that I may recover strength, before I go hence, and be no more.

Psalm 40

Praise for God's Deliverance

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

1 I WAITED patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.
2 He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, *and* established my goings.
3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth, *even* praise unto our God: many shall see *it,* and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.
4 Blessed *is* that man that maketh the LORD his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.
5 Many, O LORD my God, *are* thy wonderful works *which* thou hast done, and thy thoughts *which are* to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: *if* I would declare and speak *of them,* they are more than can be numbered.
6 Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required.

God's Law in My Heart

7 Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book *it is* written of me,
8 I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law *is* within my heart.
9 I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I have not refrained my lips, O LORD, thou knowest.
10 I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great congregation.
11 Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O LORD: let thy lovingkindness and thy truth continually preserve me.
12 For innumerable evils have compassed me about: mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up; they are more than the hairs of mine head: therefore my heart faileth me.
13 Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me: O LORD, make haste to help me.
14 Let them be ashamed and confounded together that seek after my soul to destroy it; let them be driven backward and put to shame that wish me evil.
15 Let them be desolate for a reward of their shame that say unto me, Aha, aha.
16 Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually, The LORD be magnified.
17 But I *am* poor and needy; *yet* the Lord thinketh upon me: thou *art* my help and my deliverer; make no tarrying, O my God.

Psalm 41

Blessings on Those Caring for the Poor

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

1 BLESSED *is* he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble.
2 The LORD will preserve him, and keep him alive; *and* he shall be blessed upon the earth: and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies.
3 The LORD will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness.

40:2 pit ▸ *see Ps. 88:6.*
40:2 set ▸ *see Ps. 113:7.*
40:4 man ▸ *see Jer. 31:22.*
40:12 able ▸ *see Num. 13:30.*
40:15 shame ▸ *see Ps. 35:26.*
40:16 rejoice ▸ *see Is. 64:5.*

40:17 poor

(Heb. *`ani*) (Deut. 15:11; Ps. 10:2) H6041: The *`ani* are those who, for whatever reason, have no money or resources. The Law had guidelines for lending to the poor (Ex. 22:25), ensuring they could still eat (Lev. 19:10; 23:22), and demanding that people care for the "poor and . . . needy" (Deut. 15:11). The poor are at the mercy of those in power (Job 24:4; Ps. 10:2) and murderers (Job 24:14). However, the Lord hears their cry and brings justice (Job 36:6), so the word could therefore also be used to speak of anyone feeling overwhelmed by life or oppressed by others. So David often spoke of being "desolate and afflicted" (Ps. 25:16) or "poor" (Ps. 34:6). In his neediness, David recognized that the only person he could turn to was God (Ps. 69:29).

Enemies Speak Evil of Me

4 I said, LORD, be merciful unto me: heal my soul; for I have sinned against thee.
5 Mine enemies speak evil of me, When shall he die, and his name perish?
6 And if he come to see *me,* he speaketh vanity: his heart gathereth iniquity to itself; *when* he goeth abroad, he telleth *it.*
7 All that hate me whisper together against me: against me do they devise my hurt.
8 An evil disease, *say they,* cleaveth fast unto him: and *now* that he lieth he shall rise up no more.
9 Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up *his* heel against me.

Be Merciful and Raise Me Up

10 But thou, O LORD, be merciful unto me, and raise me up, that I may requite them.
11 By this I know that thou favourest me, because mine enemy doth not triumph over me.
12 And as for me, thou upholdest me in mine integrity, and settest me before thy face for ever.
13 Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel from everlasting, and to everlasting. Amen, and Amen.

BOOK II: Psalms 42–72

Psalm 42

My Soul Thirsts for the Lord

To the chief Musician, Maschil,
for the sons of Korah.

1 AS the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.
2 My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?
3 My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, Where *is* thy God?
4 When I remember these *things,* I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday.
5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and *why* art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him *for* the help of his countenance.
6 O my God, my soul is cast down within me: therefore will I remember thee from the land of Jordan, and of the Hermonites, from the hill Mizar.
7 Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts: all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.
8 *Yet* the LORD will command his loving-kindness in the daytime, and in the night his song *shall be* with me, *and* my prayer unto the God of my life.

Hope in the Lord

9 I will say unto God my rock, Why hast thou forgotten me? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?
10 *As* with a sword in my bones, mine enemies reproach me; while they say daily unto me, Where *is* thy God?
11 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope

41:7 whisper

(Heb. *lachash*) (2 Sam. 12:19; Ps. 58:5) H3907: The Hebrew word refers either to whispering or to a charmer (i.e., one who whispers incantations). Two of the three times the word appears in the Old Testament it refers to whispering behind the hearer's back, but in 2 Samuel 12:19, the whispering is not malicious as it is here. The only other instance is Psalm 58:5, where the rendering is "charmers," referring to snake charmers. The word is onomatopoeic, meaning it sounds like its meaning—the spoken word sounds like a whisper.

42:title *Maschil* ▸ *see Ps. 3:title.*
42:4 pour out ▸ *see 1 Kin. 13:5.*

42:4 multitude

(Heb. *hamon*) (Judg. 4:7; 2 Sam. 6:19; Is. 16:14; Jer. 51:42) H1995: The word literally means "noise" and can refer to the noise of much rain (1 Kin. 18:41), the sound of singing (Ezek. 26:13; Amos 5:23), or the noise of a crowd (1 Sam. 4:14; 14:19). From this third sense comes the meaning "multitude," which is the most common rendering, usually referring to men, especially soldiers (Judg. 4:7). Related renderings include "many" (2 Chr. 11:23) and "store," as a multitude of materials (1 Chr. 29:16), offerings (2 Chr. 31:10), or wealth (Eccl. 5:10).

42:9 oppression ▸ *see Ps. 43:2.*

thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, *who is* the health of my countenance, and my God.

Psalm 43

Deliverance from the Unjust Man

1 JUDGE me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation: O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man.
2 For thou *art* the God of my strength: why dost thou cast me off? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?
3 O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles.
4 Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy: yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God my God.
5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God: for I shall yet praise him, *who is* the health of my countenance, and my God.

Psalm 44

Remember the Past

To the chief Musician for the sons of Korah, Maschil.

1 WE have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, *what* work thou didst in their days, in the times of old.
2 *How* thou didst drive out the heathen with thy hand, and plantedst them; *how* thou didst afflict the people, and cast them out.
3 For they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them: but thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst a favour unto them.
4 Thou art my King, O God: command deliverances for Jacob.
5 Through thee will we push down our enemies: through thy name will we tread them under that rise up against us.
6 For I will not trust in my bow, neither shall my sword save me.
7 But thou hast saved us from our enemies, and hast put them to shame that hated us.
8 In God we boast all the day long, and praise thy name for ever. *Selah.*

Cast Off by God

9 But thou hast cast off, and put us to shame; and goest not forth with our armies.
10 Thou makest us to turn back from the enemy: and they which hate us spoil for themselves.
11 Thou hast given us like sheep *appointed* for meat; and hast scattered us among the heathen.
12 Thou sellest thy people for nought, and dost not increase *thy wealth* by their price.
13 Thou makest us a reproach to our neighbours, a scorn and a derision to them that are round about us.
14 Thou makest us a byword among the heathen, a shaking of the head among the people.

Search Our Hearts

15 My confusion *is* continually before me, and the shame of my face hath covered me,
16 For the voice of him that reproacheth and blasphemeth; by reason of the enemy and avenger.
17 All this is come upon us; yet have we not

43:2 oppression

(Heb. *lachats*) (Ex. 3:9; Deut. 26:7; Ps. 42:9; 44:24) H3906: The Hebrew word signifies pressure and is derived from a similar word meaning "distress"; thus, the translation "oppression" (pressure leading to distress) or "affliction" (used figuratively, as in 1 Kin. 22:27 and 2 Chr. 18:26—"feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction"). In Job 36:15, the rendering is "oppression," but the sense is more of a calamity. The word appears only twelve times in ten verses in the Old Testament and is rendered either "oppression" or "affliction" in every case.

43:3 send out ▸ *see Ps. 144:7.*
44:5 enemy ▸ *see Num. 10:9.*

44:6 bow

(Heb. *qesheth*) (Gen. 27:3; 2 Kin. 13:15; Lam. 3:12) H7198: The word is derived from another Hebrew word meaning to harden or stiffen, thus the meaning to bend, as a bow (i.e., make taut in preparation for shooting arrows). In Isaiah 21:17 and 22:3 the term is rendered "archers" (those who employ bows and arrows in warfare), and in Job 41:28 the translation is "arrow" (literally "son of a bow"). In Genesis 9:13, God placed His own bow in the sky ("I do set my bow in the cloud") as a reminder of His promise never again to destroy the earth with a flood.

44:11 sheep ▸ *see Mic. 2:12.*

forgotten thee, neither have we dealt falsely in thy covenant.
18 Our heart is not turned back, neither have our steps declined from thy way;
19 Though thou hast sore broken us in the place of dragons, and covered us with the shadow of death.
20 If we have forgotten the name of our God, or stretched out our hands to a strange god;
21 Shall not God search this out? for he knoweth the secrets of the heart.
22 Yea, for thy sake are we killed all the day long; we are counted as sheep for the slaughter.

Redeem Us

23 Awake, why sleepest thou, O Lord? arise, cast *us* not off for ever.
24 Wherefore hidest thou thy face, *and* forgettest our affliction and our oppression?
25 For our soul is bowed down to the dust: our belly cleaveth unto the earth.
26 Arise for our help, and redeem us for thy mercies' sake.

Psalm 45

The Eternal Kingdom

To the chief Musician upon Shoshannim,
for the sons of Korah, Maschil,
A Song of loves.

1 MY heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the king: my tongue *is* the pen of a ready writer.
2 Thou art fairer than the children of men: grace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.
3 Gird thy sword upon *thy* thigh, O *most* mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty.
4 And in thy majesty ride prosperously because of truth and meekness *and* righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.
5 Thine arrows *are* sharp in the heart of the king's enemies; *whereby* the people fall under thee.
6 Thy throne, O God, *is* for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom *is* a right sceptre.
7 Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.
8 All thy garments *smell* of myrrh, and aloes, *and* cassia, out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.

Worship the Glorious King

9 Kings' daughters *were* among thy honourable women: upon thy right hand did stand the queen in gold of Ophir.
10 Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house;
11 So shall the king greatly desire thy beauty: for he *is* thy Lord; and worship thou him.
12 And the daughter of Tyre *shall be there* with a gift; *even* the rich among the people shall intreat thy favour.
13 The king's daughter *is* all glorious within: her clothing *is* of wrought gold.
14 She shall be brought unto the king in raiment of needlework: the virgins her companions that follow her shall be brought unto thee.
15 With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought: they shall enter into the king's palace.
16 Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children, whom thou mayest make princes in all the earth.
17 I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations: therefore shall the people praise thee for ever and ever.

44:21 search out ▸ *see Job 32:11.*
44:21 secret ▸ *see Job 11:6.*
44:24 oppression ▸ *see Ps. 43:2.*
45:1 tongue ▸ *see Eccl. 10:11.*
45:5 sharp ▸ *see Ps. 120:4.*
45:7 righteousness ▸ *see Is. 62:1.*
45:8 myrrh ▸ *see Song 3:6.*

45:14 virgin

(Heb. *betulah*) (Gen. 24:16; Lev. 21:3) H1330: A virgin was a young unmarried woman (Lev. 21:3) who had not yet slept with a man (Gen. 24:16; Judg. 21:12). She was protected under the Law from being abused (Ex. 22:16; Deut. 22:19, 28), and Job expressed disgust at looking upon a "maid" with desire (Job 31:1). The word might also sometimes be used to speak of the friends of a young woman about to be married (as here) or of young women in general (Ps. 148:12). The Lord speaks often of Israel as his "virgin daughter," a metaphor describing both her precious value and need to be cared for and protected (Jer. 14:17; 31:4, 21).

Psalm 46

Our Refuge and Strength

To the chief Musician for the sons of Korah, A Song upon Alamoth.

1 GOD *is* our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
2 Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;
3 *Though* the waters thereof roar *and* be troubled, *though* the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. *Selah*.
4 *There is* a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy *place* of the tabernacles of the most High.
5 God *is* in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, *and that* right early.
6 The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted.
7 The LORD of hosts *is* with us; the God of Jacob *is* our refuge. *Selah*.

The Works of the Lord

8 Come, behold the works of the LORD, what desolations he hath made in the earth.
9 He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire.
10 Be still, and know that I *am* God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.
11 The LORD of hosts *is* with us; the God of Jacob *is* our refuge. *Selah*.

Psalm 47

Exalt the Lord Most High

To the chief Musician, A Psalm for the sons of Korah.

1 O CLAP your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph.
2 For the LORD most high *is* terrible; *he is* a great King over all the earth.
3 He shall subdue the people under us, and the nations under our feet.
4 He shall choose our inheritance for us, the excellency of Jacob whom he loved. *Selah*.
5 God is gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
6 Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises.
7 For God *is* the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding.
8 God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.
9 The princes of the people are gathered together, *even* the people of the God of Abraham: for the shields of the earth *belong* unto God: he is greatly exalted.

Psalm 48

Greatness of the Lord

A Song *and* Psalm for the sons of Korah.

1 GREAT *is* the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, *in* the mountain of his holiness.

46:3 roar ▸ *see Is. 17:12.*
46:4 make glad ▸ *see 2 Kin. 11:20.*

46:8 desolation

(Heb. *shammah*) (Deut. 28:37; Is. 13:9; Jer. 42:18; Joel 1:7) H8047: Defined as "astonishment," this word refers to ruin, wasting, and desolation. In most cases it is used in a curse on a nation—the wrath of God poured out in response to sin. For example, "Babylon shall become heaps, a dwellingplace for dragons, an astonishment, and an hissing, without an inhabitant" (Jer. 51:37). This word is used in the warning of what will happen to Israel if they fail to obey the voice of the Lord. Among other things, they will be sent into exile and shall "become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword, among all nations whither the LORD shall lead thee" (Deut. 28:37).

46:9 end ▸ *see 2 Kin. 7:5.*

47:1 clap

(Heb. *taqa`*) (Josh. 6:13; Prov. 6:1) H8628: The word *taqa`* is often translated as "blow," such as when the priests were to "blow" the silver trumpets (Num. 10:3, 4, 10). Joshua, likewise, had priests who "blew the trumpets" (Josh. 6:13, 20), as did Gideon (Judg. 7:20). Horns were blown at the anointing of Solomon (1 Kin. 1:34) and Jehu (2 Kin. 9:13). However, the word can also be used to speak of shaking hands, as one might do in a pledge (Job 17:3; Prov. 6:1) or in praise (Ps. 47:1).

47:2 most high ▸ *see Gen. 14:18.*
47:6 sing praises ▸ *see Judg. 5:3.*
47:8 reign ▸ *see 2 Sam. 8:15.*
47:9 shield ▸ *see Ps. 18:30.*

2 Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, *is* mount Zion, *on* the sides of the north, the city of the great King.
3 God is known in her palaces for a refuge.
4 For, lo, the kings were assembled, they passed by together.
5 They saw *it, and* so they marvelled; they were troubled, *and* hasted away.
6 Fear took hold upon them there, *and* pain, as of a woman in travail.
7 Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish with an east wind.
8 As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God: God will establish it for ever. *Selah.*

The Lovingkindness of the Lord

9 We have thought of thy lovingkindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple.
10 According to thy name, O God, so *is* thy praise unto the ends of the earth: thy right hand is full of righteousness.
11 Let mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of thy judgments.
12 Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof.
13 Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell *it* to the generation following.
14 For this God *is* our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide *even* unto death.

Psalm 49

Trust Not in Riches

To the chief Musician, A Psalm for the sons of Korah.

1 HEAR this, all *ye* people; give ear, all *ye* inhabitants of the world:
2 Both low and high, rich and poor, together.
3 My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart *shall be* of understanding.
4 I will incline mine ear to a parable: I will open my dark saying upon the harp.
5 Wherefore should I fear in the days of evil, *when* the iniquity of my heels shall compass me about?
6 They that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches;
7 None *of them* can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him:
8 (For the redemption of their soul *is* precious, and it ceaseth for ever:)
9 That he should still live for ever, *and* not see corruption.
10 For he seeth *that* wise men die, likewise the fool and the brutish person perish, and leave their wealth to others.

48:2 beautiful ▸ *see Song 6:4.*
48:2 city ▸ *see Prov. 29:8.*

48:3 refuge

(Heb. *misgab*) (2 Sam. 22:3; Ps. 18:2; 59:16; 144:2) H4869: With a literal definition of "height," this word refers to a cliff or high stronghold. By extension, it is used figuratively to mean a safe place. Other Hebrew words for refuge focus on asylum or seeking safety, but this one focuses on the image of a high rock that protects a person from storms and enemies. Psalm 18:2 offers word pictures that illustrate the thrust of this word: "The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower."

48:7 Tarshish

(Heb. *tarshish*) (1 Kin. 10:22; Is. 23:1; Jon. 1:3) H8659: Made famous by Jonah's unsuccessful attempt to flee from God's presence and calling (Jon. 1:3), this city's name literally means "yellow jasper." It was a trading city on the Mediterranean that was known for its wealth, power, and pride. The ships of Tarshish seem to have been more important than the city itself, and the fact that they carried "gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks" (1 Kin. 10:22) made them a symbol of trade and wealth. God humbled the nations by destroying the ships of Tarshish (2 Chr. 20:35–37).

48:10 end ▸ *see Is. 26:15.*

49:10 fool

(Heb. *kesil*) (Prov. 3:35; 13:20; 15:14; 18:2) H3684: With a literal definition of "fat," the word for fool means "stupid, silly, and lazy." It has connotations of lacking intelligence and judgment while being arrogant at the same time. The best way to understand this word is to look at the portrait the Book of Proverbs gives of a foolish man. He is known for hating knowledge (Prov. 1:22), being complacent (Prov. 1:32), grieving his parents (Prov. 10:1),

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11 Their inward thought *is, that* their houses *shall continue* for ever, *and* their dwelling places to all generations; they call *their* lands after their own names.

God Will Redeem

12 Nevertheless man *being* in honour abideth not: he is like the beasts *that* perish.
13 This their way *is* their folly: yet their posterity approve their sayings. *Selah.*
14 Like sheep they are laid in the grave; death shall feed on them; and the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning; and their beauty shall consume in the grave from their dwelling.
15 But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for he shall receive me. *Selah.*
16 Be not thou afraid when one is made rich, when the glory of his house is increased;
17 For when he dieth he shall carry nothing away: his glory shall not descend after him.
18 Though while he lived he blessed his soul: and *men* will praise thee, when thou doest well to thyself.
19 He shall go to the generation of his fathers; they shall never see light.
20 Man *that is* in honour, and understandeth not, is like the beasts *that* perish.

Psalm 50

God Will Judge

A Psalm of Asaph.

1 THE mighty God, *even* the LORD, hath spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.
2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined.
3 Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him.
4 He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people.
5 Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.
6 And the heavens shall declare his righteousness: for God *is* judge himself. *Selah.*
7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, and I will testify against thee: I *am* God, *even* thy God.

God Does Not Need Sacrifices

8 I will not reprove thee for thy sacrifices or thy burnt offerings, *to have been* continually before me.
9 I will take no bullock out of thy house, *nor* he goats out of thy folds.
10 For every beast of the forest *is* mine, *and* the cattle upon a thousand hills.
11 I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field *are* mine.
12 If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world *is* mine, and the fulness thereof.
13 Will I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

God Requires a Thankful Heart

14 Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High:
15 And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

God Sees and Punishes Wicked Acts

16 But unto the wicked God saith, What hast thou to do to declare my statutes, or *that* thou shouldest take my covenant in thy mouth?
17 Seeing thou hatest instruction, and castest my words behind thee.

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deceit (Prov. 14:8), rage (Prov. 14:16), and failing to hold his emotions in check (Prov. 29:11).

49:12 honour ▸ *see Esth. 6:6.*
50:2 beauty ▸ *see Ezek. 28:12.*
50:5 gather ▸ *see Gen. 35:29.*

50:10 forest

(Heb. *ya`ar*) (2 Kin. 19:23; Is. 44:23; Ezek. 20:47; 34:25) H3293: This word for forest or copse of bushes carries with it the connotation of a luxuriant thicket of overflowing verdure. Such lush forests were more common in ancient Israel than they are in that region today. Lebanon in particular was known for its trees. As a symbol, forests represent human pride (2 Kin. 19:23), fearsome judgment (Is. 56:9), and luxurious growth and fruitfulness (Is. 32:15; 44:23). The promise of God is that during the messianic age, the forest that was once a scary place full of danger and wild animals will become a place of safety: "They shall dwell safely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods" (Ezek. 34:25).

50:10 thousand ▸ *see 1 Sam. 29:5.*
50:11 field ▸ *see Neh. 11:25.*

18 When thou sawest a thief, then thou consentedst with him, and hast been partaker with adulterers.
19 Thou givest thy mouth to evil, and thy tongue frameth deceit.
20 Thou sittest *and* speakest against thy brother; thou slanderest thine own mother's son.
21 These *things* hast thou done, and I kept silence; thou thoughtest that I was altogether *such an one* as thyself: *but* I will reprove thee, and set *them* in order before thine eyes.
22 Now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear *you* in pieces, and *there be* none to deliver.

The Salvation of God

23 Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth *his* conversation *aright* will I shew the salvation of God.

Psalm 51

A Plea for Forgiveness

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in to Bath-sheba.

1 HAVE mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.
2 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
3 For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin *is* ever before me.
4 Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done *this* evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, *and* be clear when thou judgest.
5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.
6 Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden *part* thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

A Plea for Cleansing

7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
8 Make me to hear joy and gladness; *that* the bones *which* thou hast broken may rejoice.
9 Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.
10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.
11 Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.
12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me *with thy* free spirit.

Praise for Forgiveness

13 *Then* will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.
14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: *and* my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.
15 O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

A Broken and Contrite Heart

16 For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give *it:* thou delightest not in burnt offering.
17 The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

51:2 cleanse ▸ *see 2 Chr. 29:16.*
51:2 sin ▸ *see Lev. 9:2.*
51:7 clean ▸ *see 2 Chr. 29:16.*

51:10 heart

(Heb. *leb*) (Prov. 15:14; Jer. 31:33; Ezek. 36:26) H3820: The Hebrew nouns *leb* and *lebab* are synonymous words, which speak of a person's inner being and therefore are often translated *heart*. To the Hebrews, the heart was the seat of affections, will, and mind. One's emotions and understanding were centered in the heart (Prov. 15:13, 14), thus blurring the common dichotomy between mind and heart, intellect and emotions. Therefore to have a "clean heart" (Ps. 51:10) is to have pure thoughts and desires. To have a "hardened heart" (Ex. 4:21) or a "heart of stone" (Ezek. 36:26) is to have a closed mind and deadened emotions. Early in human history, God identified the human heart as the center of rebellion, producing all kinds of evil (Gen. 8:21). For this reason, people found it impossible to obey God's simple command to love Him "with all [their] heart" (Deut. 6:5). To remedy this deplorable situation, God determined to replace their "stony heart" with a "heart of flesh," one which would love and obey its Creator (Ezek. 36:26, 27).

51:14 sing aloud ▸ *see Ps. 132:9.*
51:17 despise ▸ *see Esth. 3:6.*

A Plea for Blessings on Zion

18 Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem.
19 Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering: then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.

Psalm 52

Evildoers Will Be Destroyed

To the chief Musician, Maschil, *A Psalm* of David, when Doeg the Edomite came and told Saul, and said unto him, David is come to the house of Ahimelech.

1 WHY boastest thou thyself in mischief, O mighty man? the goodness of God *endureth* continually.
2 The tongue deviseth mischiefs; like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.
3 Thou lovest evil more than good; *and* lying rather than to speak righteousness. *Selah.*
4 Thou lovest all devouring words, O *thou* deceitful tongue.
5 God shall likewise destroy thee for ever, he shall take thee away, and pluck thee out of *thy* dwelling place, and root thee out of the land of the living. *Selah.*
6 The righteous also shall see, and fear, and shall laugh at him:
7 Lo, *this is* the man *that* made not God his strength; but trusted in the abundance of his riches, *and* strengthened himself in his wickedness.

The Faithful Will Be Rewarded

8 But I *am* like a green olive tree in the house of God: I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.
9 I will praise thee for ever, because thou hast done *it:* and I will wait on thy name; for *it is* good before thy saints.

Psalm 53

The Ungodly Man's Fear of the Lord

To the chief Musician upon Mahalath, Maschil, *A Psalm* of David.

1 THE fool hath said in his heart, *There is* no God. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: *there is* none that doeth good.
2 God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were *any* that did understand, that did seek God.
3 Every one of them is gone back: they are altogether become filthy; *there is* none that doeth good, no, not one.
4 Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people *as* they eat bread: they have not called upon God.
5 There were they in great fear, *where* no fear was: for God hath scattered the bones of him that encampeth *against* thee: thou hast put *them* to shame, because God hath despised them.
6 Oh that the salvation of Israel *were come* out of Zion! When God bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, *and* Israel shall be glad.

51:19 bullock ▸ *1 Chr. 15:26.*

52:7 trust

(Heb. *batach*) (2 Kin. 18:5; Ps. 13:5; 28:7; Jer. 48:7) H0982: The Hebrew root means to hasten to refuge and is closely related to an Arabic term meaning to throw down; thus, by extension, casting down one's cares, being secure, trusting. Often rendered "confident," the term can indicate security or a complete lack of fear, even in the face of extreme danger, as Job 40:23, "He trusteth that he can draw up Jordan into his mouth." The word is used in a positive sense of the security of those who fear God (Is. 12:2) and negatively of those who place their trust in themselves (Prov. 14:16) or anything else (Amos 6:1; Zeph. 3:2).

52:8 olive tree ▸ *see Deut. 28:40.*
53:3 filthy ▸ *see Ps. 14:3.*

53:5 bone

(Heb. *`etsem*) (Gen. 50:25; Ex. 13:19; Job 10:11; Mic. 3:2) H6106: Derived from another word meaning "strong," the word refers to the strongest and firmest part of the body. It can refer to physical bones (Josh. 24:32; Lam. 3:4; see also Ezek. 37:1–14) or be used figuratively, indicating kinship (Gen. 29:14—"Surely thou art my bone and my flesh"). Bones are sometimes used to indicate a person's whole body (Ps. 38:3—"Neither is there any rest in my bones") or innermost self (Jer. 20:9). By extension, the word can also mean the substance of something, used for emphasis (Ex. 24:10—"the body of heaven").

Psalm 54

The Lord's Deliverance

To the chief Musician, on Neginoth, Maschil, *A Psalm* of David, when the Ziphims came and said to Saul, Doth not David hide himself with us?

1 SAVE me, O God, by thy name, and judge me by thy strength.
2 Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.
3 For strangers are risen up against me, and oppressors seek after my soul: they have not set God before them. *Selah*.
4 Behold, God *is* mine helper: the Lord *is* with them that uphold my soul.
5 He shall reward evil unto mine enemies: cut them off in thy truth.
6 I will freely sacrifice unto thee: I will praise thy name, O LORD; for *it is* good.
7 For he hath delivered me out of all trouble: and mine eye hath seen *his desire* upon mine enemies.

Psalm 55

The Plea of the Fearful

To the chief Musician, on Neginoth, Maschil, *A Psalm* of David.

1 GIVE ear to my prayer, O God; and hide not thyself from my supplication.
2 Attend unto me, and hear me: I mourn in my complaint, and make a noise;
3 Because of the voice of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked: for they cast iniquity upon me, and in wrath they hate me.
4 My heart is sore pained within me: and the terrors of death are fallen upon me.
5 Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me, and horror hath overwhelmed me.
6 And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! *for then* would I fly away, and be at rest.
7 Lo, *then* would I wander far off, *and* remain in the wilderness. *Selah*.
8 I would hasten my escape from the windy storm *and* tempest.

A Plea for Revenge

9 Destroy, O Lord, *and* divide their tongues: for I have seen violence and strife in the city.
10 Day and night they go about it upon the walls thereof: mischief also and sorrow *are* in the midst of it.
11 Wickedness *is* in the midst thereof: deceit and guile depart not from her streets.

Betrayed by a Friend

12 For *it was* not an enemy *that* reproached me; then I could have borne *it:* neither *was it* he that hated me *that* did magnify *himself* against me; then I would have hid myself from him:
13 But *it was* thou, a man mine equal, my guide, and mine acquaintance.
14 We took sweet counsel together, *and* walked unto the house of God in company.
15 Let death seize upon them, *and* let them go down quick into hell: for wickedness *is* in their dwellings, *and* among them.

Trust in the Lord

16 As for me, I will call upon God; and the LORD shall save me.
17 Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.
18 He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle *that was* against me: for there were many with me.
19 God shall hear, and afflict them, even he that abideth of old. *Selah*. Because they have no changes, therefore they fear not God.
20 He hath put forth his hands against such as be at peace with him: he hath broken his covenant.

54:5 cut off ▸ *see Job 23:17.*

54:7 trouble

(Heb. *tsarah*) (2 Kin. 19:3; Neh. 9:27; Job 27:9; Is. 8:22) H6869: This word is the feminine form of H6862 *tsar* (which means an enemy or adversary) but is used only once (1 Sam. 1:6) to refer to a female adversary. The more general meaning indicates tightness and by extension distress and is often so rendered (Gen. 35:3; 1 Kin. 1:29; Prov. 1:27). Other renderings include "tribulation" (1 Sam. 26:24), "affliction" (2 Chr. 20:9), "anguish" (Jer. 6:24), and "adversity" (Prov. 17:17).

55:7 wander ▸ *see Ps. 64:8.*
55:17 pray ▸ *see Ps. 77:12.*
55:18 battle ▸ *see Zech. 14:3.*

21 *The words* of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war *was* in his heart: his words were softer than oil, yet *were* they drawn swords.
22 Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.
23 But thou, O God, shalt bring them down into the pit of destruction: bloody and deceitful men shall not live out half their days; but I will trust in thee.

Psalm 56

Times of Distress

To the chief Musician upon Jonath-elem-rechokim, Michtam of David, when the Philistines took him in Gath.

1 BE merciful unto me, O God: for man would swallow me up; he fighting daily oppresseth me.
2 Mine enemies would daily swallow *me* up: for *they be* many that fight against me, O thou most High.
3 What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee.
4 In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.
5 Every day they wrest my words: all their thoughts *are* against me for evil.
6 They gather themselves together, they hide themselves, they mark my steps, when they wait for my soul.
7 Shall they escape by iniquity? in *thine* anger cast down the people, O God.
8 Thou tellest my wanderings: put thou my tears into thy bottle: *are they* not in thy book?

Assurance of God's Protection

9 When I cry *unto thee,* then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know; for God *is* for me.
10 In God will I praise *his* word: in the LORD will I praise *his* word.
11 In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.
12 Thy vows *are* upon me, O God: I will render praises unto thee.
13 For thou hast delivered my soul from death: *wilt* not *thou deliver* my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living?

Psalm 57

A Plea for Mercy

To the chief Musician, Altaschith, Michtam of David, when he fled from Saul in the cave.

1 BE merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until *these* calamities be overpast.

55:22 sustain

(Heb. *kul*) (1 Kin. 17:9; Neh. 9:21) H3557: The Hebrew word *kul* can also be translated as "provide," or nourish. So, Joseph encouraged his family to move to Goshen, where he promised to "nourish" them (Gen. 45:11; 50:21). In his marriage to Ruth, Boaz was seen as a "nourisher" to Naomi (Ruth 4:15). Solomon had governors who "provided victuals" for the king (1 Kin. 4:7), and the Lord sent ravens to "feed" Elijah (1 Kin. 17:4) and a widow to "sustain" him (1 Kin. 17:9). Indeed, it was the Lord who "sustained" the people in the wilderness (Neh. 9:21) and will sustain us now (Ps. 55:22).

55:23 deceitful

(Heb. *mirmah*) (Gen. 34:13; Ps. 24:4; Dan. 11:23) H4820: Derived from another Hebrew word meaning to throw or shoot (with a bow), this word carries the sense of throwing down or tripping up, thus deceit or fraud. It can refer to a lying tongue (Ps. 24:4), the lies told by a deceitful person (Ps. 34:13) or by a false witness (Prov. 12:17), fraudulent weights (for deception in buying and selling—Amos 8:5; Mic. 6:11), or financial fraud (Jer. 5:27). It can also refer to trickery (Gen. 27:35) or cunning (Dan. 8:25).

56:5 wrest

(Heb. *`atsab*) (Neh. 8:11; Ps. 78:40) H6087: This is the only instance of the rendering "wrest," here meaning work (as with words, to change their meaning). The Hebrew root means to carve or cut, as wood or stone, leading to a related sense of toiling with pain or grief (hence the most common rendering, the verb "to grieve"). This can refer to an act or state of mourning (2 Sam. 19:2—"The king is grieved for his son"), regret (Gen. 6:6—"He was grieved in His heart"), or sorrow (Neh. 8:11—"do not be grieved"). It can also refer to physical pain (Eccl. 10:9) or anger (Gen. 34:7; Is. 63:10).

56:8 tell ▸ *see Ps. 118:17.*
56:8 tear ▸ *see Ps. 116:8.*

2 I will cry unto God most high; unto God that performeth *all things* for me.
3 He shall send from heaven, and save me *from* the reproach of him that would swallow me up. *Selah*. God shall send forth his mercy and his truth.
4 My soul *is* among lions: *and* I lie *even among* them that are set on fire, *even* the sons of men, whose teeth *are* spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword.
5 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; *let* thy glory *be* above all the earth.
6 They have prepared a net for my steps; my soul is bowed down: they have digged a pit before me, into the midst whereof they are fallen *themselves.* *Selah*.

Praise for God's Mercy

7 My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise.
8 Awake up, my glory; awake, psaltery and harp: I *myself* will awake early.
9 I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people: I will sing unto thee among the nations.
10 For thy mercy *is* great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds.
11 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: *let* thy glory *be* above all the earth.

Psalm 58

Unjust Judges

To the chief Musician, Altaschith, Michtam of David.

1 DO ye indeed speak righteousness, O congregation? do ye judge uprightly, O ye sons of men?
2 Yea, in heart ye work wickedness; ye weigh the violence of your hands in the earth.
3 The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies.
4 Their poison *is* like the poison of a serpent: *they are* like the deaf adder *that* stoppeth her ear;
5 Which will not hearken to the voice of charmers, charming never so wisely.

God's Punishment

6 Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth: break out the great teeth of the young lions, O LORD.
7 Let them melt away as waters *which* run continually: *when* he bendeth *his bow to shoot* his arrows, let them be as cut in pieces.
8 As a snail *which* melteth, let *every one of them* pass away: *like* the untimely birth of a woman, *that* they may not see the sun.
9 Before your pots can feel the thorns, he shall take them away as with a whirlwind, both living, and in *his* wrath.

Rejoicing of Righteous

10 The righteous shall rejoice when he seeth the vengeance: he shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked.
11 So that a man shall say, Verily *there is* a reward for the righteous: verily he is a God that judgeth in the earth.

57:2 perform ▸ *see Ps. 138:8.*

57:4 set on fire

(Heb. *lahat*) (Deut. 32:22; Ps. 83:14; Is. 42:25) H3857: Used just 11 times in the Old Testament, the word means to burn or cause to burn. Here the usage is figurative, with the sense of devouring; elsewhere the term refers to physical flames (Ps. 83:14). In Job 41:21, the word is used in reference to the powerful breath of the creature Leviathan ("His breath kindleth coals, and a flame goeth out of his mouth"), and in Malachi 4:1, it refers to judgment ("the day that cometh shall burn them up").

57:6 net ▸ *see Ps. 140:5.*
57:8 harp ▸ *see 1 Sam. 16:16.*
58:5 charmer ▸ *see Ps. 41:7.*

58:7 arrow

(Heb. *chets*) (Num. 24:8; 1 Sam. 20:36; Jer. 50:14) H2671: The word literally means "piercer" and is derived from another word meaning "archers." Furthermore, it is related to a word that indicates wood; thus the translation "arrow," though 1 Samuel 17:7 translates it "staff," as the shaft of a spear. The word can be used figuratively, as Zechariah 9:14 ("His arrow shall go forth as the lightning") or Ezekiel 5:16 ("arrows of famine"); Jeremiah 9:8 refers to a lying tongue as an arrow. Genesis 49:23 renders the word "archers," and Job 34:6 uses it to refer to the wound caused by an arrow.

Psalm 59

A Plea for Deliverance from Enemies

To the chief Musician, Altaschith, Michtam of David; when Saul sent, and they watched the house to kill him.

1 DELIVER me from mine enemies, O my God: defend me from them that rise up against me.
2 Deliver me from the workers of iniquity, and save me from bloody men.
3 For, lo, they lie in wait for my soul: the mighty are gathered against me; not *for* my transgression, nor *for* my sin, O LORD.
4 They run and prepare themselves without *my* fault: awake to help me, and behold.
5 Thou therefore, O LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel, awake to visit all the heathen: be not merciful to any wicked transgressors. *Selah.*
6 They return at evening: they make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city.
7 Behold, they belch out with their mouth: swords *are* in their lips: for who, *say they,* doth hear?

God's Defence of the Righteous

8 But thou, O LORD, shalt laugh at them; thou shalt have all the heathen in derision.
9 *Because of* his strength will I wait upon thee: for God *is* my defence.
10 The God of my mercy shall prevent me: God shall let me see *my desire* upon mine enemies.
11 Slay them not, lest my people forget: scatter them by thy power; and bring them down, O Lord our shield.
12 *For* the sin of their mouth *and* the words of their lips let them even be taken in their pride: and for cursing and lying *which* they speak.
13 Consume *them* in wrath, consume *them,* that they *may* not *be:* and let them know that God ruleth in Jacob unto the ends of the earth. *Selah.*
14 And at evening let them return; *and* let them make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city.
15 Let them wander up and down for meat, and grudge if they be not satisfied.

Praise for God's Defence

16 But I will sing of thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning: for thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble.
17 Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing: for God *is* my defence, *and* the God of my mercy.

Psalm 60

A Plea for God's Presence

To the chief Musician upon Shushan-eduth, Michtam of David, to teach; when he strove with Aram-naharaim and with Aram-zobah, when Joab returned, and smote of Edom in the valley of salt twelve thousand.

1 O GOD, thou hast cast us off, thou hast scattered us, thou hast been displeased; O turn thyself to us again.
2 Thou hast made the earth to tremble; thou hast broken it: heal the breaches thereof; for it shaketh.
3 Thou hast shewed thy people hard things: thou hast made us to drink the wine of astonishment.
4 Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. *Selah.*
5 That thy beloved may be delivered; save *with* thy right hand, and hear me.

Victory with God's Help

6 God hath spoken in his holiness; I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.

59:6 dog

(Heb. *keleb*) (1 Sam. 17:43; 2 Kin. 9:10; Eccl. 9:4) H3611: The meaning of the Hebrew word comes from the noises dogs make; the literal meaning is "to yelp" or "to bark." The word is always rendered "dog" (singular, plural, or possessive) but can refer to cruel men (Ps. 22:16) or to someone of little value (2 Kin. 8:13). David referred to himself as a "dead dog" when protesting his lack of consequence to Saul (1 Sam. 24:14; see 2 Sam. 9:8 for a similar usage). Because dogs were considered shameless and despised animals, the term was used as a euphemism for a male prostitute (Deut. 23:18).

59:12 pride ▸ *see Ezek. 32:12.*
59:16 refuge ▸ *see Ps. 48:3.*

60:6 divide

(Heb. *chalaq*) (Gen. 49:7; Josh. 13:7; Job 27:17; Ezek. 47:21) H2505: The literal meaning of the

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7 Gilead *is* mine, and Manasseh *is* mine; Ephraim also *is* the strength of mine head; Judah *is* my lawgiver;
8 Moab *is* my washpot; over Edom will I cast out my shoe: Philistia, triumph thou because of me.
9 Who will bring me *into* the strong city? who will lead me into Edom?
10 *Wilt* not thou, O God, *which* hadst cast us off? and *thou,* O God, *which* didst not go out with our armies?
11 Give us help from trouble: for vain *is* the help of man.
12 Through God we shall do valiantly: for he *it is that* shall tread down our enemies.

Psalm 61

The Higher Rock

To the chief Musician upon Neginah,
A Psalm of David.

1 HEAR my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer.
2 From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock *that* is higher than I.
3 For thou hast been a shelter for me, *and* a strong tower from the enemy.
4 I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings. *Selah.*
5 For thou, O God, hast heard my vows: thou hast given *me* the heritage of those that fear thy name.
6 Thou wilt prolong the king's life: *and* his years as many generations.
7 He shall abide before God for ever: O prepare mercy and truth, *which* may preserve him.
8 So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever, that I may daily perform my vows.

Psalm 62

My Rock and My Salvation

To the chief Musician, to Jeduthun,
A Psalm of David.

1 TRULY my soul waiteth upon God: from him *cometh* my salvation.
2 He only *is* my rock and my salvation; *he is* my defence; I shall not be greatly moved.
3 How long will ye imagine mischief against a man? ye shall be slain all of you: as a bowing wall *shall ye be, and as* a tottering fence.
4 They only consult to cast *him* down from his excellency: they delight in lies: they bless with their mouth, but they curse inwardly. *Selah.*
5 My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation *is* from him.
6 He only *is* my rock and my salvation: *he is* my defence; I shall not be moved.
7 In God *is* my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, *and* my refuge, *is* in God.

Trust in the Lord

8 Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God *is* a refuge for us. *Selah.*
9 Surely men of low degree *are* vanity, *and* men of high degree *are* a lie: to be laid in the balance, they *are* altogether *lighter* than vanity.

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word is "to be smooth"; the sense of dividing is derived from the smoothness of stones used as lots when apportioning land (Josh. 18:10), assigning tasks (1 Chr. 24:5), or dividing spoils (Gen. 49:27). In Psalms and Proverbs, the word is also used of flattery (i.e., smoothness of tongue—Ps. 5:9; 36:2; Prov. 29:5). Isaiah 41:7 uses the word in a more literal sense ("smootheth"), whereas in Job 39:17 the word is rendered "imparted" (i.e., apportioned, as understanding).

61:3 shelter ▸ *see Prov. 14:26.*

61:5 heritage

(Heb. *yerushah*) (Judg. 21:17; 2 Chr. 20:11) H3425: Derived from another word that means "to occupy" or "to take possession of" (as by conquest), the Hebrew word means (and is usually rendered) "possession." This can be an object (i.e., something possessed or owned—Deut. 2:5; Josh. 12:6) or a status (i.e., the state of ownership, as Josh. 1:15—"the land of your possession"). Judges 21:17 and Jeremiah 32:8 render the word "inheritance," or something possessed by succession. The rendering "heritage" appears only here and is similar in meaning to "inheritance."

62:5 expectation ▸ *see Hos. 2:15.*

62:9 balance

(Heb. *mo'zen*) (Lev. 19:36; Prov. 11:1; Ezek. 45:10) H3976: The Hebrew word comes from another

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10 Trust not in oppression, and become not vain in robbery: if riches increase, set not your heart *upon them*.
11 God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power *belongeth* unto God.
12 Also unto thee, O Lord, *belongeth* mercy: for thou renderest to every man according to his work.

Psalm 63

A Thirsting Soul

A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah.

1 O GOD, thou *art* my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;
2 To see thy power and thy glory, so *as* I have seen thee in the sanctuary.
3 Because thy lovingkindness *is* better than life, my lips shall praise thee.
4 Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name.

Praise and Meditation

5 My soul shall be satisfied as *with* marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise *thee* with joyful lips:
6 When I remember thee upon my bed, *and* meditate on thee in the *night* watches.
7 Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.
8 My soul followeth hard after thee: thy right hand upholdeth me.
9 But those *that* seek my soul, to destroy *it,* shall go into the lower parts of the earth.
10 They shall fall by the sword: they shall be a portion for foxes.
11 But the king shall rejoice in God; every one that sweareth by him shall glory: but the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped.

Psalm 64

A Plea for God's Protection

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

1 HEAR my voice, O God, in my prayer: preserve my life from fear of the enemy.
2 Hide me from the secret counsel of the wicked; from the insurrection of the workers of iniquity:
3 Who whet their tongue like a sword, *and* bend *their bows to shoot* their arrows, *even* bitter words:
4 That they may shoot in secret at the perfect: suddenly do they shoot at him, and fear not.
5 They encourage themselves *in* an evil matter: they commune of laying snares privily; they say, Who shall see them?
6 They search out iniquities; they accomplish a diligent search: both the inward *thought* of every one *of them,* and the heart, *is* deep.

God Will Intercede

7 But God shall shoot at them *with* an arrow; suddenly shall they be wounded.
8 So they shall make their own tongue to fall upon themselves: all that see them shall flee away.

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word meaning "to weigh" and is only used in the plural. Scales are often used as a metaphor for justice or fairness (Job 31:6), which is pleasing to the Lord (Prov. 16:11). By contrast, just as a dishonest merchant might skew his scales in order to cheat his customers, false or dishonest balances are a metaphor for injustice (Prov. 20:23).

63:3 praise

(Heb. *shabach*) (Ps. 117:1; Eccl. 8:15) H7623: Just as David promised to praise the Lord with his mouth (i.e., verbally, audibly), so, too, does he envision a time when even the Gentiles will praise God for His love (Ps. 117:1). The Israelites were to praise [God's] works to the next generation (Ps. 145:4), a command that presumably involved worship, prayer, and instruction. In a similar way, Ecclesiastes speaks of "commending" enjoyment, meaning encouraging, recommending (Eccl. 8:15). When David brought the ark into Jerusalem, the people prayed for deliverance from the Gentiles, so that they might "glory" in God's praise (1 Chr. 16:35).

63:5 satisfy ▸ *see Amos 4:8.*

64:8 flee away

(Heb. *nadad*) (Job 20:8; Ps. 55:7; Is. 22:3; Hos. 9:17) H5074: Drawn from the image of a bird fleeing, this word literally means "to move to and fro; to flap." In context, it usually means "to flee, fly away" or "to wander." Proverbs 27:8 uses the

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9 And all men shall fear, and shall declare the work of God; for they shall wisely consider of his doing.
10 The righteous shall be glad in the LORD, and shall trust in him; and all the upright in heart shall glory.

Psalm 65

Praise to the Lord

To the chief Musician, A Psalm *and* Song of David.

1 PRAISE waiteth for thee, O God, in Sion: and unto thee shall the vow be performed.
2 O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.
3 Iniquities prevail against me: *as for* our transgressions, thou shalt purge them away.
4 Blessed *is the man whom* thou choosest, and causest to approach *unto thee, that* he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, *even* of thy holy temple.
5 *By* terrible things in righteousness wilt thou answer us, O God of our salvation; *who art* the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off *upon* the sea:

God's Majesty and Power

6 Which by his strength setteth fast the mountains; *being* girded with power:
7 Which stilleth the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people.
8 They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at thy tokens: thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice.
9 Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it: thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, *which* is full of water: thou preparest them corn, when thou hast so provided for it.
10 Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: thou settlest the furrows thereof: thou makest it soft with showers: thou blessest the springing thereof.
11 Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness.
12 They drop *upon* the pastures of the wilderness: and the little hills rejoice on every side.
13 The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn; they shout for joy, they also sing.

Psalm 66

Make a Joyful Noise

To the chief Musician, A Song *or* Psalm.

1 MAKE a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands:
2 Sing forth the honour of his name: make his praise glorious.
3 Say unto God, How terrible *art thou in* thy works! through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee.
4 All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee; they shall sing *to* thy name. *Selah*.
5 Come and see the works of God: *he is* terrible *in his* doing toward the children of men.
6 He turned the sea into dry *land:* they went through the flood on foot: there did we rejoice in him.
7 He ruleth by his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves. *Selah*.
8 O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard:

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image of a bird in combination with this word to convey the idea of aimless flight: "As a bird that wandereth [*nadad*] from her nest, so is a man that wandereth [*nadad*] from his place." The combination of this word with the image of a bird is found in several places (Is. 10:14; 16:2; Jer. 4:25).

65:4 court ▸ *see 2 Chr. 23:5.*
65:4 satisfy ▸ *see Amos 4:8.*
65:4 holy ▸ *see Lev. 19:2.*
65:5 end ▸ *see Is. 26:15.*
65:7 wave ▸ *see Ps. 107:25.*

65:8 evening

(Heb. *`ereb*) (Gen. 1:5; Ex. 27:21; Ps. 30:5; 141:2) H6153: Referring to the time around sunset or the early part of the night, this word signified the time at which Hebrews thought of the old day ending and the new day beginning. A day did not begin at sunrise, but rather at sunset. This was also the time of day when evening sacrifices were made (Ex. 29:39; Ps. 141:2). A famous verse containing this word is Psalm 30:5: "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning."

65:12 pasture ▸ *see Amos 1:2.*

9 Which holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved.
10 For thou, O God, hast proved us: thou hast tried us, as silver is tried.
11 Thou broughtest us into the net; thou laidst affliction upon our loins.
12 Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water: but thou broughtest us out into a wealthy *place*.

Worship the Lord

13 I will go into thy house with burnt offerings: I will pay thee my vows,
14 Which my lips have uttered, and my mouth hath spoken, when I was in trouble.
15 I will offer unto thee burnt sacrifices of fatlings, with the incense of rams; I will offer bullocks with goats. *Selah*.
16 Come *and* hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul.
17 I cried unto him with my mouth, and he was extolled with my tongue.
18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear *me:*
19 *But* verily God hath heard *me;* he hath attended to the voice of my prayer.
20 Blessed *be* God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.

Psalm 67

All People Shall Praise the Lord

To the chief Musician, on Neginoth, A Psalm *or* Song.

1 GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us; *and* cause his face to shine upon us; *Selah*.
2 That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.
3 Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.
4 O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. *Selah*.
5 Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.
6 *Then* shall the earth yield her increase; *and* God, *even* our own God, shall bless us.
7 God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

Psalm 68

The Triumphant God

To the chief Musician, A Psalm *or* Song of David.

1 LET God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him.
2 As smoke is driven away, *so* drive *them* away: as wax melteth before the fire, *so* let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
3 But let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God: yea, let them exceedingly rejoice.
4 Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name JAH, and rejoice before him.

66:10 silver ▸ *see 2 Kin. 15:20.*
66:11 loins ▸ *see Job 40:16.*

66:15 bullock

(Heb. *baqar*) (Gen. 24:35; Is. 65:25; Jer. 31:12; Hab. 3:17) H1241: Used in reference to any kind of animal in the ox family, either male or female, this word can refer to cattle or oxen. These hollow-horned, divided-hoof, cud-chewing livestock were considered clean. They were used for food and to work in the fields. They were symbols of blessing and prosperity (Job 42:12), and the unblemished ones could be offered as sacrifices (Lev. 3:1; 2 Chr. 7:5). This type of animal appears in the end times prophecy of Isaiah 65:25: "The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock."

66:18 iniquity ▸ *see Prov. 22:8.*
67:2 saving health ▸ *see Is. 49:6.*

67:4 govern

(Heb. *nachah*) (Ex. 13:21; Neh. 9:19; Ps. 139:10; Is. 58:11) H5148: This word for govern means "to guide, to transport (into exile, for instance)." It is often used of God governing people, as in Psalm 23:3: "He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake." The most prominent leading by God in the history and memory of the Israelites was the way God led them through the wilderness after the Exodus, guiding them with a pillar of cloud by day and fire by night (Ex. 13:21; Neh. 9:19; Ps. 78:14).

68:4 JAH ▸ *see Is. 12:2.*
68:4 rejoice ▸ *see Ps. 108:7.*

5 A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, *is* God in his holy habitation.
6 God setteth the solitary in families: he bringeth out those which are bound with chains: but the rebellious dwell in a dry *land.*
7 O God, when thou wentest forth before thy people, when thou didst march through the wilderness; *Selah*:
8 The earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God: *even* Sinai itself *was moved* at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
9 Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful rain, whereby thou didst confirm thine inheritance, when it was weary.
10 Thy congregation hath dwelt therein: thou, O God, hast prepared of thy goodness for the poor.

God's Power in Battle

11 The Lord gave the word: great *was* the company of those that published *it.*
12 Kings of armies did flee apace: and she that tarried at home divided the spoil.
13 Though ye have lien among the pots, *yet shall ye be as* the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold.
14 When the Almighty scattered kings in it, it was *white* as snow in Salmon.
15 The hill of God *is as* the hill of Bashan; an high hill *as* the hill of Bashan.
16 Why leap ye, ye high hills? *this is* the hill *which* God desireth to dwell in; yea, the LORD will dwell *in it* for ever.
17 The chariots of God *are* twenty thousand, *even* thousands of angels: the Lord *is* among them, *as in* Sinai, in the holy *place.*
18 Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men; yea, *for* the rebellious also, that the LORD God might dwell *among them.*

God of Salvation

19 Blessed *be* the Lord, *who* daily loadeth us *with benefits, even* the God of our salvation. *Selah.*
20 *He that is* our God *is* the God of salvation; and unto GOD the Lord *belong* the issues from death.
21 But God shall wound the head of his enemies, and the hairy scalp of such an one as goeth on still in his trespasses.
22 The Lord said, I will bring again from Bashan, I will bring *my people* again from the depths of the sea:
23 That thy foot may be dipped in the blood of *thine* enemies, *and* the tongue of thy dogs in the same.
24 They have seen thy goings, O God; *even* the goings of my God, my King, in the sanctuary.
25 The singers went before, the players on instruments *followed* after; among *them were* the damsels playing with timbrels.
26 Bless ye God in the congregations, *even* the Lord, from the fountain of Israel.
27 There *is* little Benjamin *with* their ruler, the princes of Judah *and* their council, the princes of Zebulun, *and* the princes of Naphtali.

68:5 father

(Heb. *'ab*) (Gen. 2:24; Deut. 10:22) H0001: The Hebrew word *'ab* appears just over a thousand times in the Old Testament. A "father" is a man who has children (Gen. 2:24). In the Old Testament, lineage was most often traced through the father's line (Num. 1:20). Thus, even though Abraham had only eight children himself (Gen. 25:1, 2; Gal. 4:22), he could still be referred to as the "father" of all Israel (Is. 51:2). Thus, "father" could also be another way to speak of ancestors (Deut. 10:11, 22). Elisha even referred to Elijah, his mentor, as a "father," in a spiritual sense (2 Kin. 2:12).

68:5 widow ▸ *see 1 Kin. 17:9.*
68:9 rain ▸ *see Lev. 26:4.*

68:13 dove

(Heb. *yonah*) (Gen. 8:11; Is. 59:11) H3123: In the romantic poetry of Song of Solomon, the author often compares the eyes of the lovers to doves (Song 1:15; 4:1; 5:12). The cooing sound doves make is reminiscent of the cries of someone in mourning (Is. 38:14; 59:11). Doves are not known for their wisdom—Hosea compares Ephraim to a "silly dove without heart" (Hos. 7:11). Due to their abundance, people who couldn't afford to sacrifice bulls or goats or sheep offered doves (Lev. 5:7; 12:8). Perhaps the most famous dove in the Bible is the one Noah released after the flood, to assess whether or not the waters had receded (Gen. 8:8, 9, 11).

68:18 on high ▸ *see Ps. 148:1.*
68:27 little ▸ *see 1 Sam. 9:21.*

God's Gift of Strength

28 Thy God hath commanded thy strength: strengthen, O God, that which thou hast wrought for us.
29 Because of thy temple at Jerusalem shall kings bring presents unto thee.
30 Rebuke the company of spearmen, the multitude of the bulls, with the calves of the people, *till every one* submit himself with pieces of silver: scatter thou the people *that* delight in war.
31 Princes shall come out of Egypt; Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God.

All Kingdoms Praise the Lord

32 Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth; O sing praises unto the Lord; *Selah*:
33 To him that rideth upon the heavens of heavens, *which were* of old; lo, he doth send out his voice, *and that* a mighty voice.
34 Ascribe ye strength unto God: his excellency *is* over Israel, and his strength *is* in the clouds.
35 O God, *thou art* terrible out of thy holy places: the God of Israel *is* he that giveth strength and power unto *his* people. Blessed *be* God.

Psalm 69

A Cry for Help

To the chief Musician upon Shoshannim, *A Psalm* of David.

1 SAVE me, O God; for the waters are come in unto *my* soul.
2 I sink in deep mire, where *there is* no standing: I am come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me.
3 I am weary of my crying: my throat is dried: mine eyes fail while I wait for my God.
4 They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of mine head: they that would destroy me, *being* mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty: then I restored *that* which I took not away.
5 O God, thou knowest my foolishness; and my sins are not hid from thee.
6 Let not them that wait on thee, O Lord GOD of hosts, be ashamed for my sake: let not those that seek thee be confounded for my sake, O God of Israel.
7 Because for thy sake I have borne reproach; shame hath covered my face.
8 I am become a stranger unto my brethren, and an alien unto my mother's children.
9 For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up; and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me.
10 When I wept, *and chastened* my soul with fasting, that was to my reproach.
11 I made sackcloth also my garment; and I became a proverb to them.
12 They that sit in the gate speak against me; and I *was* the song of the drunkards.

Draw Nigh and Redeem My Soul

13 But as for me, my prayer *is* unto thee, O LORD, *in* an acceptable time: O God, in the multitude of thy mercy hear me, in the truth of thy salvation.
14 Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink: let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters.
15 Let not the waterflood overflow me, neither let the deep swallow me up, and let not the pit shut her mouth upon me.
16 Hear me, O LORD; for thy lovingkindness *is* good: turn unto me according to the multitude of thy tender mercies.
17 And hide not thy face from thy servant; for I am in trouble: hear me speedily.
18 Draw nigh unto my soul, *and* redeem it: deliver me because of mine enemies.
19 Thou hast known my reproach, and my shame, and my dishonour: mine adversaries *are* all before thee.
20 Reproach hath broken my heart; and I

68:29 present ▸ *see Is. 18:7.*
69:3 weary ▸ *see Ps. 6:6.*

69:7 shame

(Heb. *kelimmah*) (Is. 30:3; 50:6) H3639: Shame is very closely linked to honor (and dishonor). Thus, the people faced "confusion" (*kelimmah*) at the hands of the Lord for putting their trust in Pharaoh instead of God (Is. 30:3). Likewise, those who follow idols will "go to confusion together" as a result (Is. 45:16). The messianic figure is shamed by enemies who strike Him, pluck out His beard and spit on Him; all signs of public ridicule and embarrassment (Is. 50:6). The words of Israel's enemies are translated into English as "shame" (Ezek. 36:15), but the Lord will vindicate His people (Jer. 20:11).

69:9 reproach ▸ *see 1 Sam. 17:10.*

am full of heaviness: and I looked *for some* to take pity, but *there was* none; and for comforters, but I found none.
21 They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

The Fate of Enemies

22 Let their table become a snare before them: and *that which should have been* for *their* welfare, *let it become* a trap.
23 Let their eyes be darkened, that they see not; and make their loins continually to shake.
24 Pour out thine indignation upon them, and let thy wrathful anger take hold of them.
25 Let their habitation be desolate; *and* let none dwell in their tents.
26 For they persecute *him* whom thou hast smitten; and they talk to the grief of those whom thou hast wounded.
27 Add iniquity unto their iniquity: and let them not come into thy righteousness.
28 Let them be blotted out of the book of the living, and not be written with the righteous.

Thanksgiving and Praise

29 But I *am* poor and sorrowful: let thy salvation, O God, set me up on high.
30 I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving.
31 *This* also shall please the LORD better than an ox *or* bullock that hath horns and hoofs.
32 The humble shall see *this, and* be glad: and your heart shall live that seek God.
33 For the LORD heareth the poor, and despiseth not his prisoners.
34 Let the heaven and earth praise him, the seas, and every thing that moveth therein.
35 For God will save Zion, and will build the cities of Judah: that they may dwell there, and have it in possession.
36 The seed also of his servants shall inherit it: and they that love his name shall dwell therein.

Psalm 70

Let God Be Magnified

To the chief Musician, *A Psalm* of David, to bring to remembrance.

1 *MAKE haste,* O God, to deliver me; make haste to help me, O LORD.
2 Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul: let them be turned backward, and put to confusion, that desire my hurt.
3 Let them be turned back for a reward of their shame that say, Aha, aha.
4 Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: and let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified.
5 But I *am* poor and needy: make haste unto me, O God: thou *art* my help and my deliverer; O LORD, make no tarrying.

Psalm 71

A Rock and a Fortress

1 IN thee, O LORD, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion.
2 Deliver me in thy righteousness, and cause me to escape: incline thine ear unto me, and save me.
3 Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto

69:20 take pity ▸ *see Job 42:11.*
69:25 habitation ▸ *see Ezek. 25:4.*
69:25 tent ▸ *see 2 Sam. 20:1.*

69:30 song

(Heb. *shir*) (Ex. 15:1; Is. 42:10) H7892: There is much singing in the Bible. Moses sang a song to the Lord after Pharaoh was defeated (Ex. 15:1), the people sang a song when the Lord provided water in the desert (Num. 21:17), and Moses finished his ministry with a song that all the people were to learn and remember (Deut. 32:44). Solomon is said to have written "a thousand and five" songs (1 Kin. 4:32), and David set men to minister to the Lord through song in the temple (1 Chr. 6:31, 32). Many of the psalms are explicitly referred to as songs (see titles for Ps. 18; 30; 45; 65; etc.). Others are implied (Ps. 33:3; 40:3; 42:8).

70:5 needy

(Heb. *'ebyon*) (1 Sam. 2:8; Ps. 72:12) H0034: The person who is *'ebyon* might be materially poor, as were the poor who could eat from the fallow ground during the seventh year (Ex. 23:11), or the poor who "shall never cease out of the land" and to whom the people were to "open wide" their hands (Deut. 15:11). The *'ebyon* are like "beggars," relying on others for help (1 Sam. 2:8). The Lord is the hope of the needy (Job 5:15), for He hears them (Ps. 49:2). Indeed, "he shall deliver the needy," and "spare" them and "save the souls of the needy" (Ps. 72:12, 13).

71:3 habitation ▸ *see Ps. 26:8.*

I may continually resort: thou hast given commandment to save me; for thou *art* my rock and my fortress.
4 Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked, out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.
5 For thou *art* my hope, O Lord GOD: *thou art* my trust from my youth.
6 By thee have I been holden up from the womb: thou art he that took me out of my mother's bowels: my praise *shall be* continually of thee.
7 I am as a wonder unto many; but thou *art* my strong refuge.
8 Let my mouth be filled *with* thy praise *and with* thy honour all the day.

God's Presence When Strength Fails

9 Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth.
10 For mine enemies speak against me; and they that lay wait for my soul take counsel together,
11 Saying, God hath forsaken him: persecute and take him; for *there is* none to deliver *him*.
12 O God, be not far from me: O my God, make haste for my help.
13 Let them be confounded *and* consumed that are adversaries to my soul; let them be covered *with* reproach and dishonour that seek my hurt.
14 But I will hope continually, and will yet praise thee more and more.
15 My mouth shall shew forth thy righteousness *and* thy salvation all the day; for I know not the numbers *thereof*.
16 I will go in the strength of the Lord GOD: I will make mention of thy righteousness, *even* of thine only.
17 O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works.
18 Now also when I am old and greyheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed thy strength unto *this* generation, *and* thy power to every one *that* is to come.

God's Righteousness

19 Thy righteousness also, O God, *is* very high, who hast done great things: O God, who *is* like unto thee!
20 *Thou,* which hast shewed me great and sore troubles, shalt quicken me again, and shalt bring me up again from the depths of the earth.
21 Thou shalt increase my greatness, and comfort me on every side.
22 I will also praise thee with the psaltery, *even* thy truth, O my God: unto thee will I sing with the harp, O thou Holy One of Israel.
23 My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto thee; and my soul, which thou hast redeemed.
24 My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long: for they are confounded, for they are brought unto shame, that seek my hurt.

71:3 commandment ▸ *see Num. 5:2.*
71:3 rock ▸ *see Num. 20:10.*

71:17 wondrous works

(Heb. *pala'*) (Lev. 22:21; Deut. 17:8; 2 Sam. 13:2; Ps. 72:18; Prov. 30:18) H6381: The core meaning of this word is "to do something extraordinary." In reference to people, the word is used to describe an action or understanding beyond the normal capacity of humans (Deut. 17:8; 30:11; 2 Sam. 13:2; Prov. 30:18) or beyond normal obligations (Lev. 22:21; 27:2; Num. 6:2; 15:3, 8). However, the highest sense of the word is reserved for God alone, especially in Psalms in which it occurs most frequently and always in reference to God (Ps. 72:18; 136:4). God is wonderful in counsel; nothing is too marvelous for Him (Gen. 18:14; Is. 28:29). His wondrous works are cosmic (Job 37:14; Ps. 107:24), national (Ex. 3:20; Is. 29:14), and personal (Job 10:16; Ps. 31:21). Not everyone understands them (Ps. 78:32; 106:7), but the Bible exhorts believers to remember these wonderful works of God and publicly praise Him for them (1 Chr. 16:9, 12, 24; Ps. 96:3; 105:2, 5).

71:24 talk ▸ *see Ps. 1:2.*

71:24 bring unto shame

(Heb. *chapher*) (Job 6:20; Ps. 35:4) H2659: Job speaks of travelers led off the path to look for water that ends up not being there. The result is that "they were confounded because they had hoped; they came thither, and were ashamed [*chapher*]" (Job 6:20). Their confidence turns out to be unfounded, and their pride is turned into embarrassment. In a similar way, David prays repeatedly for his enemies to be "brought to confusion" (Ps. 35:4, 26).

Psalm 72

The Righteous King

A Psalm for Solomon.

1 GIVE the king thy judgments, O God, and thy righteousness unto the king's son.
2 He shall judge thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with judgment.
3 The mountains shall bring peace to the people, and the little hills, by righteousness.
4 He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor.
5 They shall fear thee as long as the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations.
6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass: as showers *that* water the earth.
7 In his days shall the righteous flourish; and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth.
8 He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth.
9 They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him; and his enemies shall lick the dust.
10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.
11 Yea, all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him.
12 For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and *him* that hath no helper.
13 He shall spare the poor and needy, and shall save the souls of the needy.
14 He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence: and precious shall their blood be in his sight.
15 And he shall live, and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba: prayer also shall be made for him continually; *and* daily shall he be praised.
16 There shall be an handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon: and *they* of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth.

The Everlasting Kingdom

17 His name shall endure for ever: his name shall be continued as long as the sun: and *men* shall be blessed in him: all nations shall call him blessed.
18 Blessed *be* the LORD God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things.
19 And blessed *be* his glorious name for ever: and let the whole earth be filled *with* his glory; Amen, and Amen.
20 The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

BOOK III: Psalms 73–89

Psalm 73

Prosperity of the Wicked

A Psalm of Asaph.

1 TRULY God *is* good to Israel, *even* to such as are of a clean heart.
2 But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped.
3 For I was envious at the foolish, *when* I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
4 For *there are* no bands in their death: but their strength *is* firm.
5 They *are* not in trouble *as other* men; neither are they plagued like *other* men.
6 Therefore pride compasseth them about as a chain; violence covereth them *as* a garment.
7 Their eyes stand out with fatness: they have more than heart could wish.

72:8 dominion

(Heb. *radah*) (Gen. 1:28; 1 Kin. 4:24) H7287: Although speaking here of his desire for a large kingdom to rule over, Solomon's prayer is reminiscent of God's charge to Adam and Eve to "be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea" (Gen. 1:28). To exercise dominion is to rule over someone else, as Solomon "had dominion over all the region on this side the river" (1 Kin. 4:24), as well as "five hundred and fifty [chiefs] which bare rule over the people" (1 Kin. 9:23). Even priests could "rule," but they were condemned for abusing that power through the prophet Jeremiah (Jer. 5:31).

72:12 needy ▸ *see Ps. 70:5.*
72:13 spare ▸ *see Ezek. 8:18.*
72:17 blessed ▸ *see Prov. 31:28.*
72:18 wondrous things ▸ *see Ps. 71:17.*
72:19 fill ▸ *see Jer. 23:24.*

73:7 wish

(Heb. *maskith*) (Lev. 26:1; Ezek. 8:12) H4906: The Hebrew word *maskith* described an engraving

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8 They are corrupt, and speak wickedly *concerning* oppression: they speak loftily.
9 They set their mouth against the heavens, and their tongue walketh through the earth.
10 Therefore his people return hither: and waters of a full *cup* are wrung out to them.
11 And they say, How doth God know? and is there knowledge in the most High?
12 Behold, these *are* the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase *in* riches.

Chastening of the Righteous

13 Verily I have cleansed my heart *in* vain, and washed my hands in innocency.
14 For all the day long have I been plagued, and chastened every morning.
15 If I say, I will speak thus; behold, I should offend *against* the generation of thy children.
16 When I thought to know this, it *was* too painful for me;
17 Until I went into the sanctuary of God; *then* understood I their end.

God's View of Wickedness

18 Surely thou didst set them in slippery places: thou castedst them down into destruction.
19 How are they *brought* into desolation, as in a moment! they are utterly consumed with terrors.
20 As a dream when *one* awaketh; *so,* O Lord, when thou awakest, thou shalt despise their image.
21 Thus my heart was grieved, and I was pricked in my reins.
22 So foolish *was* I, and ignorant: I was *as* a beast before thee.
23 Nevertheless I *am* continually with thee: thou hast holden *me* by my right hand.
24 Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me *to* glory.
25 Whom have I in heaven *but thee?* and *there is* none upon earth *that* I desire beside thee.
26 My flesh and my heart faileth: *but* God *is* the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.
27 For, lo, they that are far from thee shall perish: thou hast destroyed all them that go a whoring from thee.
28 But *it is* good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, that I may declare all thy works.

Psalm 74

Remember Your Chosen People

Maschil of Asaph.

1 O GOD, why hast thou cast *us* off for ever? *why* doth thine anger smoke against the sheep of thy pasture?
2 Remember thy congregation, *which* thou hast purchased of old; the rod of thine inheritance, *which* thou hast redeemed; this mount Zion, wherein thou hast dwelt.
3 Lift up thy feet unto the perpetual desolations; *even* all *that* the enemy hath done wickedly in the sanctuary.

Defilement of the Temple

4 Thine enemies roar in the midst of thy congregations; they set up their ensigns *for* signs.
5 *A man* was famous according as he had lifted up axes upon the thick trees.
6 But now they break down the carved work thereof at once with axes and hammers.
7 They have cast fire into thy sanctuary, they have defiled *by casting down* the dwelling place of thy name to the ground.
8 They said in their hearts, Let us destroy

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or carved design of some sort. So, the Law condemns the production of idols and carved images: "Neither shall ye set up any image [*maskith*] of stone in your land" (Lev. 26:1). Indeed, the Lord commanded Moses to tell the people to "drive out all the inhabitants of the land" and "destroy all their pictures" (Num. 33:52). Proverbs compares discretion to "apples of gold in pictures of silver" (Prov. 25:11). And the Lord condemns Israel for worshiping their secret idols (Ezek. 8:12). Thus, the word translated as "wish" brings to mind something false, something created by man that is worth nothing.

73:12 prosper ▸ *see Zech. 7:7.*
73:13 innocency ▸ *see Gen. 20:5.*
73:22 beast ▸ *see Ezra 1:6.*
73:23 hold ▸ *see 2 Sam. 6:6.*

74:8 destroy

(Heb. *yanah*) (Lev. 19:33; Is. 49:26) H3238: The Hebrew word *yanah* is most often translated "oppress," as when the Law forbids the oppression of others (Lev. 19:33; 25:14; Deut. 23:16). The prophets recognize that the Lord will exact pun-

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them together: they have burned up all the synagogues of God in the land.
9 We see not our signs: *there is* no more any prophet: neither *is there* among us any that knoweth how long.
10 O God, how long shall the adversary reproach? shall the enemy blaspheme thy name for ever?
11 Why withdrawest thou thy hand, even thy right hand? pluck *it* out of thy bosom.

The King of Old

12 For God *is* my King of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth.
13 Thou didst divide the sea by thy strength: thou brakest the heads of the dragons in the waters.
14 Thou brakest the heads of leviathan in pieces, *and* gavest him *to be* meat to the people inhabiting the wilderness.
15 Thou didst cleave the fountain and the flood: thou driedst up mighty rivers.
16 The day *is* thine, the night also *is* thine: thou hast prepared the light and the sun.
17 Thou hast set all the borders of the earth: thou hast made summer and winter.
18 Remember this, *that* the enemy hath reproached, O LORD, and *that* the foolish people have blasphemed thy name.
19 O deliver not the soul of thy turtledove unto the multitude *of the wicked:* forget not the congregation of thy poor for ever.
20 Have respect unto the covenant: for the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty.
21 O let not the oppressed return ashamed: let the poor and needy praise thy name.
22 Arise, O God, plead thine own cause: remember how the foolish man reproacheth thee daily.
23 Forget not the voice of thine enemies: the tumult of those that rise up against thee increaseth continually.

Psalm 75

The Righteous Judge

To the chief Musician, Altaschith, A Psalm *or* Song of Asaph.

1 UNTO thee, O God, do we give thanks, *unto thee* do we give thanks: for *that* thy name is near thy wondrous works declare.
2 When I shall receive the congregation I will judge uprightly.
3 The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved: I bear up the pillars of it. *Selah.*
4 I said unto the fools, Deal not foolishly: and to the wicked, Lift not up the horn:
5 Lift not up your horn on high: speak *not with* a stiff neck.
6 For promotion *cometh* neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south.
7 But God *is* the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.
8 For in the hand of the LORD *there is* a cup, and the wine is red; it is full of mixture; and he poureth out of the same: but the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall wring *them* out, *and* drink *them.*
9 But I will declare for ever; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.
10 All the horns of the wicked also will I cut off; *but* the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

Psalm 76

The Glorious God

To the chief Musician on Neginoth, A Psalm *or* Song of Asaph.

1 IN Judah *is* God known: his name *is* great in Israel.

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ishment on Israel's oppressors: "I will feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh" (Is. 49:26). But at the same time, even Israel is condemned for failing to care for the needy (Ezek. 22:7, 29) and for "vexing" them. Indeed, the Lord's wrath will be felt by the leaders of the people "because of the fierceness of the oppressor, and because of his fierce anger" (Jer. 25:38).

75:2 uprightly ▸ *see Prov. 2:9.*

75:8 wine

(Heb. *yayin*) (Gen. 9:21; Is. 55:1) H3196: Wine is a fermented drink made from grapes. Drinking too much wine can lead to drunkenness (Gen. 9:21; 2 Sam. 13:28) or even cause someone to pass out (Gen. 19:32, 33). "Wine is a mocker" (Prov. 20:1) and can lead to grave sin (Prov. 9:5; Is. 5:11, 12). Priests were forbidden alcohol when serving in the tabernacle (Lev. 10:9), as were Nazarites during their vow (Judg. 13:7). Wine itself could be used as a sacrifice (Lev. 23:13), a payment (2 Chr. 2:10), or a symbol of provision (Is. 55:1).

75:8 drink ▸ *see Num. 21:22.*

2 In Salem also is his tabernacle, and his dwelling place in Zion.
3 There brake he the arrows of the bow, the shield, and the sword, and the battle. *Selah*.
4 Thou *art* more glorious *and* excellent than the mountains of prey.
5 The stouthearted are spoiled, they have slept their sleep: and none of the men of might have found their hands.
6 At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob, both the chariot and horse are cast into a dead sleep.
7 Thou, *even* thou, *art* to be feared: and who may stand in thy sight when once thou art angry?
8 Thou didst cause judgment to be heard from heaven; the earth feared, and was still,
9 When God arose to judgment, to save all the meek of the earth. *Selah*.
10 Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee: the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain.
11 Vow, and pay unto the LORD your God: let all that be round about him bring presents unto him that ought to be feared.
12 He shall cut off the spirit of princes: *he is* terrible to the kings of the earth.

Psalm 77

Recalling the Wonders of God

To the chief Musician, to Jeduthun,
A Psalm of Asaph.

1 I CRIED unto God with my voice, *even* unto God with my voice; and he gave ear unto me.
2 In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord: my sore ran in the night, and ceased not: my soul refused to be comforted.
3 I remembered God, and was troubled: I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed. *Selah*.
4 Thou holdest mine eyes waking: I am so troubled that I cannot speak.
5 I have considered the days of old, the years of ancient times.
6 I call to remembrance my song in the night: I commune with mine own heart: and my spirit made diligent search.
7 Will the Lord cast off for ever? and will he be favourable no more?
8 Is his mercy clean gone for ever? doth *his* promise fail for evermore?
9 Hath God forgotten to be gracious? hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies? *Selah*.
10 And I said, This *is* my infirmity: *but I will remember* the years of the right hand of the most High.
11 I will remember the works of the LORD: surely I will remember thy wonders of old.
12 I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings.

God's Greatness and Goodness

13 Thy way, O God, *is* in the sanctuary: who *is so* great a God as *our* God?
14 Thou *art* the God that doest wonders: thou hast declared thy strength among the people.
15 Thou hast with *thine* arm redeemed thy people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph. *Selah*.

76:4 glorious

(Heb.*'or*) (Job 33:30; Ps. 97:4; Eccl. 8:1) H0215: This Hebrew word is the common word meaning "to give light." The author of Proverbs likens the life of the just to the light of the sun (Prov. 4:18). For one's eyes to be lit means that one has been revived or has received wisdom or understanding (1 Sam. 14:27–29; Ezra 9:8; Ps. 13:3; 19:8). The common prayer request that God would cause His face to shine upon someone was always, except for one possible early exception (Num. 6:25), a petition that God would grant mercy from distress (Ps. 31:16; 67:1; 80:3, 7, 19; 119:135; Dan. 9:17). In the present passage, as elsewhere, the light is from the glory of God's presence, which is to be reflected by His people (Is. 60:1–3; Ezek. 43:2). One day, the light of the sun and moon will be completely replaced by the light of God's glory (Is. 60:19, 20; Rev. 21:23; 22:5).

76:5 might ▸ *see Zech. 4:6.*
76:11 pay ▸ *see Lev. 24:18.*
76:11 present ▸ *see Is. 18:7.*
77:2 night ▸ *see Ps. 134:1.*

77:12 talk

(Heb. *siach*) (Ps. 55:17; 119:15) H7878: This Hebrew word occurs almost exclusively in the Psalms and can be translated using a variety of related words in English. When David says he talks to God "evening and morning and at noon," he clearly means prayer (Ps. 55:17). When Asaph was "troubled" and "overwhelmed," he "complained" (*siach*) to God (Ps. 77:3). To "talk" about God's "precepts," "statutes," or "wondrous works," is more akin to "meditating" upon them (Ps. 119:15, 23, 27, 48, 78, 148). Finally, when Job talked about the extreme suffering he was experiencing, he said, "I will complain in the bitterness of my soul" (Job 7:11).

16 The waters saw thee, O God, the waters saw thee; they were afraid: the depths also were troubled.
17 The clouds poured out water: the skies sent out a sound: thine arrows also went abroad.
18 The voice of thy thunder *was* in the heaven: the lightnings lightened the world: the earth trembled and shook.
19 Thy way *is* in the sea, and thy path in the great waters, and thy footsteps are not known.
20 Thou leddest thy people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Psalm 78

Teach Children God's Laws

Maschil of Asaph.

1 GIVE ear, O my people, *to* my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2 I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old:
3 Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us.
4 We will not hide *them* from their children, shewing to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done.
5 For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children:
6 That the generation to come might know *them, even* the children *which* should be born; *who* should arise and declare *them* to their children:
7 That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments:
8 And might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation; a generation *that* set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not stedfast with God.

God's Great and Marvellous Works

9 The children of Ephraim, *being* armed, *and* carrying bows, turned back in the day of battle.
10 They kept not the covenant of God, and refused to walk in his law;
11 And forgat his works, and his wonders that he had shewed them.
12 Marvellous things did he in the sight of their fathers, in the land of Egypt, *in* the field of Zoan.
13 He divided the sea, and caused them to pass through; and he made the waters to stand as an heap.
14 In the daytime also he led them with a cloud, and all the night with a light of fire.
15 He clave the rocks in the wilderness, and gave *them* drink as *out of* the great depths.
16 He brought streams also out of the rock, and caused waters to run down like rivers.

Ingratitude for Provisions

17 And they sinned yet more against him by provoking the most High in the wilderness.
18 And they tempted God in their heart by asking meat for their lust.
19 Yea, they spake against God; they said, Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?
20 Behold, he smote the rock, that the waters gushed out, and the streams overflowed; can he give bread also? can he provide flesh for his people?
21 Therefore the LORD heard *this,* and was wroth: so a fire was kindled against Jacob, and anger also came up against Israel;
22 Because they believed not in God, and trusted not in his salvation:
23 Though he had commanded the clouds from above, and opened the doors of heaven,

78:18 voice ▸ *see Ex. 20:18.*
78:18 thunder ▸ *see Ps. 81:7.*
78:7 set ▸ *see Job 36:13.*

78:7 hope

(Heb. *kesel*) (Lev. 3:4; Prov. 3:26) H3689: Although translated here as "hope," the Hebrew word *kesel* refers primarily to the "flanks" or loins of an animal—the flesh near the lower back, along the spine, near the kidneys (Lev. 3:4, 10). It can also refer to the waist, where we accumulate fat (Job 15:27). By inference, the word can also imply confidence, as "the LORD shall be thy confidence [*kesel*], and shall keep thy foot from being taken" (Prov. 3:26). Thus Job argues that he has not made gold his "hope," and the psalmist encourages us to tell the next generation about the Lord, "that they might set their hope in God" (Ps. 78:7).

78:9 battle ▸ *see Zech. 14:3.*
78:20 stream ▸ *see Is. 35:6.*
78:23 door ▸ *see Is. 57:8.*

24 And had rained down manna upon them to eat, and had given them of the corn of heaven.
25 Man did eat angels' food: he sent them meat to the full.
26 He caused an east wind to blow in the heaven: and by his power he brought in the south wind.
27 He rained flesh also upon them as dust, and feathered fowls like as the sand of the sea:
28 And he let *it* fall in the midst of their camp, round about their habitations.
29 So they did eat, and were well filled: for he gave them their own desire;
30 They were not estranged from their lust. But while their meat *was* yet in their mouths,
31 The wrath of God came upon them, and slew the fattest of them, and smote down the chosen *men* of Israel.

A Plea for God's Mercy

32 For all this they sinned still, and believed not for his wondrous works.
33 Therefore their days did he consume in vanity, and their years in trouble.
34 When he slew them, then they sought him: and they returned and enquired early after God.
35 And they remembered that God *was* their rock, and the high God their redeemer.
36 Nevertheless they did flatter him with their mouth, and they lied unto him with their tongues.
37 For their heart was not right with him, neither were they stedfast in his covenant.

The Compassionate God

38 But he, *being* full of compassion, forgave *their* iniquity, and destroyed *them* not: yea, many a time turned he his anger away, and did not stir up all his wrath.
39 For he remembered that they *were but* flesh; a wind that passeth away, and cometh not again.
40 How oft did they provoke him in the wilderness, *and* grieve him in the desert!
41 Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel.

God's Miraculous Deliverance

42 They remembered not his hand, *nor* the day when he delivered them from the enemy.
43 How he had wrought his signs in Egypt, and his wonders in the field of Zoan:
44 And had turned their rivers into blood; and their floods, that they could not drink.
45 He sent divers sorts of flies among them, which devoured them; and frogs, which destroyed them.
46 He gave also their increase unto the caterpiller, and their labour unto the locust.
47 He destroyed their vines with hail, and their sycomore trees with frost.
48 He gave up their cattle also to the hail, and their flocks to hot thunderbolts.
49 He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger, wrath, and indignation, and trouble, by sending evil angels *among them.*
50 He made a way to his anger; he spared not their soul from death, but gave their life over to the pestilence;
51 And smote all the firstborn in Egypt; the

78:29 desire ▸ *see Gen. 3:6.*
78:33 vanity ▸ *see Eccl. 2:1.*
78:35 high ▸ *see Gen. 14:18.*
78:40 grieve ▸ *see Ps. 56:5.*

78:41 tempt

(Heb. *nasah*) (Num. 14:22; Judg. 6:39) H5254: In their rebellion, the people didn't so much "tempt" God (in the way that Eve was tempted) as they tried His patience (Ps. 78:41). They put Him to the test, as Moses had condemned them for doing in the desert (Ex. 17:2, 7). As the Lord said, they "have tempted [*nasah*] me now these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice" (Num. 14:22). Indeed, "ye shall not tempt the LORD your God" (Deut. 6:16). Sometimes, however, the Lord tested His people, as He did in the desert, to humble them (Deut. 8:2, 16). Finally, Gideon put out his fleece in order to test God, for confirmation of the Lord's leading (Judg. 6:39).

78:49 indignation

(Heb. *za`am*) (Ps. 38:3; Jer. 10:10; Ezek. 22:31; Zeph. 3:8) H2195: With a literal translation of "foam," this word gives a picture of extreme anger, fury, and indignation. The root word means "to denounce, be enraged, foam at the mouth." It is most often used to describe the wrath of God. One can almost picture God foaming at the mouth over the sin of the nations when reading Nahum 1:6: "Who can stand before his indignation? and who can abide in the fierceness of his anger? his fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by him."

chief of *their* strength in the tabernacles of Ham:
52 But made his own people to go forth like sheep, and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.
53 And he led them on safely, so that they feared not: but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.
54 And he brought them to the border of his sanctuary, *even to* this mountain, *which* his right hand had purchased.
55 He cast out the heathen also before them, and divided them an inheritance by line, and made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.
56 Yet they tempted and provoked the most high God, and kept not his testimonies:
57 But turned back, and dealt unfaithfully like their fathers: they were turned aside like a deceitful bow.
58 For they provoked him to anger with their high places, and moved him to jealousy with their graven images.
59 When God heard *this,* he was wroth, and greatly abhorred Israel:
60 So that he forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh, the tent *which* he placed among men;
61 And delivered his strength into captivity, and his glory into the enemy's hand.
62 He gave his people over also unto the sword; and was wroth with his inheritance.
63 The fire consumed their young men; and their maidens were not given to marriage.
64 Their priests fell by the sword; and their widows made no lamentation.

God Remembers His People

65 Then the Lord awaked as one out of sleep, *and* like a mighty man that shouteth by reason of wine.
66 And he smote his enemies in the hinder parts: he put them to a perpetual reproach.
67 Moreover he refused the tabernacle of Joseph, and chose not the tribe of Ephraim:
68 But chose the tribe of Judah, the mount Zion which he loved.
69 And he built his sanctuary like high *palaces,* like the earth which he hath established for ever.
70 He chose David also his servant, and took him from the sheepfolds:
71 From following the ewes great with young he brought him to feed Jacob his people, and Israel his inheritance.
72 So he fed them according to the integrity of his heart; and guided them by the skilfulness of his hands.

Psalm 79

God's Sanctuary Defiled

A Psalm of Asaph.

1 O GOD, the heathen are come into thine inheritance; thy holy temple have they defiled; they have laid Jerusalem on heaps.
2 The dead bodies of thy servants have they given *to be* meat unto the fowls of the heaven, the flesh of thy saints unto the beasts of the earth.
3 Their blood have they shed like water round about Jerusalem; and *there was* none to bury *them.*
4 We are become a reproach to our neighbours, a scorn and derision to them that are round about us.
5 How long, LORD? wilt thou be angry for ever? shall thy jealousy burn like fire?
6 Pour out thy wrath upon the heathen that have not known thee, and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon thy name.
7 For they have devoured Jacob, and laid waste his dwelling place.
8 O remember not against us former iniquities: let thy tender mercies speedily prevent us: for we are brought very low.
9 Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name: and deliver us, and purge away our sins, for thy name's sake.
10 Wherefore should the heathen say, Where *is* their God? let him be known among the heathen in our sight *by* the revenging of the blood of thy servants *which is* shed.
11 Let the sighing of the prisoner come before thee; according to the greatness of thy power preserve thou those that are appointed to die;

78:60 Shiloh ▸ *see Jer. 26:9.*

79:11 sighing

(Heb. *'anaqah*) (Ps. 12:5; 102:20; Mal. 2:13) H0603: From a root meaning "to shriek, cry, or groan," this word describes a cry of anguish. It is only used four times in Scripture, all of them describing the anguish of someone who is oppressed: the needy (Ps. 12:5), prisoners (Ps. 102:20), and the

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12 And render unto our neighbours sevenfold into their bosom their reproach, wherewith they have reproached thee, O Lord.
13 So we thy people and sheep of thy pasture will give thee thanks for ever: we will shew forth thy praise to all generations.

Psalm 80

Come and Save Us

To the chief Musician upon Shoshannim-Eduth, A Psalm of Asaph.

1 GIVE ear, O Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; thou that dwellest *between* the cherubims, shine forth.
2 Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh stir up thy strength, and come *and* save us.
3 Turn us again, O God, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.
4 O LORD God of hosts, how long wilt thou be angry against the prayer of thy people?
5 Thou feedest them with the bread of tears; and givest them tears to drink in great measure.
6 Thou makest us a strife unto our neighbours: and our enemies laugh among themselves.
7 Turn us again, O God of hosts, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.
8 Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt: thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it.
9 Thou preparedst *room* before it, and didst cause it to take deep root, and it filled the land.
10 The hills were covered with the shadow of it, and the boughs thereof *were like* the goodly cedars.
11 She sent out her boughs unto the sea, and her branches unto the river.

The Ravaged Vine

12 Why hast thou *then* broken down her hedges, so that all they which pass by the way do pluck her?
13 The boar out of the wood doth waste it, and the wild beast of the field doth devour it.
14 Return, we beseech thee, O God of hosts: look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine;
15 And the vineyard which thy right hand hath planted, and the branch *that* thou madest strong for thyself.
16 *It is* burned with fire, *it is* cut down: they perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.
17 Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand, upon the son of man *whom* thou madest strong for thyself.
18 So will not we go back from thee: quicken us, and we will call upon thy name.
19 Turn us again, O LORD God of hosts, cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

Psalm 81

Sing to the Lord

To the chief Musician upon Gittith, *A Psalm* of Asaph.

1 SING aloud unto God our strength: make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob.
2 Take a psalm, and bring hither the timbrel, the pleasant harp with the psaltery.
3 Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.
4 For this *was* a statute for Israel, *and* a law of the God of Jacob.
5 This he ordained in Joseph *for* a testimony, when he went out through the land of Egypt: *where* I heard a language *that* I understood not.
6 I removed his shoulder from the burden: his hands were delivered from the pots.
7 Thou calledst in trouble, and I delivered

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guilt-ridden (Mal. 2:13). It is comforting to read that God hears the anguished groans of those who cry out to Him: "For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the LORD; I will set him in safety from him that puffeth at him" (Ps. 12:5).

79:13 pasture ▸ *see Hos. 13:6.*

80:6 laugh

(Heb. *la`ag*) (Neh. 4:1; Ps. 2:4; Prov. 17:5; Is. 37:22) H3932: In reference to the unintelligible words of a mocker, this word literally means "to stammer." It is rightly translated "mock, deride, laugh in scorn." This is not good-natured laughter at something funny, but rather the laughter of an enemy rejoicing in the downfall of another. The most famous verse containing this word is Psalm 2:4 where God laughs at the futility of the nations arraying themselves against Him: "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision."

thee; I answered thee in the secret place of thunder: I proved thee at the waters of Meribah. *Selah*.

Hearken to the Lord

8 Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee: O Israel, if thou wilt hearken unto me;
9 There shall no strange god be in thee; neither shalt thou worship any strange god.
10 I *am* the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.
11 But my people would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would none of me.
12 So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lust: *and* they walked in their own counsels.
13 Oh that my people had hearkened unto me, *and* Israel had walked in my ways!
14 I should soon have subdued their enemies, and turned my hand against their adversaries.
15 The haters of the LORD should have submitted themselves unto him: but their time should have endured for ever.
16 He should have fed them also with the finest of the wheat: and with honey out of the rock should I have satisfied thee.

Psalm 82

Unjust Judges

A Psalm of Asaph.

1 GOD standeth in the congregation of the mighty; he judgeth among the gods.
2 How long will ye judge unjustly, and accept the persons of the wicked? *Selah*.
3 Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy.
4 Deliver the poor and needy: rid *them* out of the hand of the wicked.
5 They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course.
6 I have said, Ye *are* gods; and all of you *are* children of the most High.
7 But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes.
8 Arise, O God, judge the earth: for thou shalt inherit all nations.

Psalm 83

Israel's Name Forgotten

A Song *or* Psalm of Asaph.

1 KEEP not thou silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God.
2 For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head.
3 They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones.
4 They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from *being* a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.
5 For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee:
6 The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes;
7 Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre;
8 Assur also is joined with them: they have holpen the children of Lot. *Selah*.
9 Do unto them as *unto* the Midianites; as *to* Sisera, as *to* Jabin, at the brook of Kison:
10 *Which* perished at En-dor: they became *as* dung for the earth.
11 Make their nobles like Oreb, and like Zeeb: yea, all their princes as Zebah, and as Zalmunna:

81:7 thunder

(Heb. *ra`am*) (Job 26:14; 39:25; Ps. 77:18; 104:7) H7482: From a root meaning "to tumble, be violently agitated, crash," this word evokes the raging tumult of a peal of thunder. It is used metaphorically to describe God's power (Job 26:14; Ps. 81:7; 104:7), the thunder of God's armies (Job 39:25), God's voice (Ps. 77:18), and the natural disasters resulting from God's wrath (Is. 29:6). Job 26:14 uses this word beautifully: "Lo, these are parts of his ways: but how little a portion is heard of him? but the thunder of his power who can understand?"

82:4 poor

(Heb. *dal*) (Ps. 113:7; Is. 11:4; 25:4; Amos 5:11) H1800: This word, which literally means "something hanging, swinging, or dangling," is used metaphorically to refer to someone who is weak or powerless. It sometimes refers to someone who is financially destitute, but it can also indicate a lowly position (Judg. 6:15), humility (Zeph. 3:12), or physical weakness (2 Sam. 13:4). Throughout Scripture God shows special concern for the poor, insisting that they be shown fairness and compassion. Indeed, one of the key messianic promises is that Christ will bring justice to the poor (Is. 11:4).

83:3 counsel ▸ *see Prov. 11:13.*

12 Who said, Let us take to ourselves the houses of God in possession.
13 O my God, make them like a wheel; as the stubble before the wind.
14 As the fire burneth a wood, and as the flame setteth the mountains on fire;
15 So persecute them with thy tempest, and make them afraid with thy storm.
16 Fill their faces with shame; that they may seek thy name, O LORD.
17 Let them be confounded and troubled for ever; yea, let them be put to shame, and perish:
18 That *men* may know that thou, whose name alone *is* JEHOVAH, *art* the most high over all the earth.

Psalm 84

Rejoicing in God's Tabernacle

To the chief Musician upon Gittith,
A Psalm for the sons of Korah.

1 HOW amiable are *thy* tabernacles, O LORD of hosts!
2 My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.
3 Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, *even* thine altars, O LORD of hosts, my King, and my God.
4 Blessed *are* they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. *Selah.*
5 Blessed *is* the man whose strength *is* in thee; in whose heart *are* the ways *of them.*
6 *Who* passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools.
7 They go from strength to strength, *every one of them* in Zion appeareth before God.
8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob. *Selah.*
9 Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed.
10 For a day in thy courts *is* better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.
11 For the LORD God *is* a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good *thing* will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.
12 O LORD of hosts, blessed *is* the man that trusteth in thee.

Psalm 85

God's Past Mercies

To the chief Musician, A Psalm
for the sons of Korah.

1 LORD, thou hast been favourable unto thy land: thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob.
2 Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people, thou hast covered all their sin. *Selah.*
3 Thou hast taken away all thy wrath: thou hast turned *thyself* from the fierceness of thine anger.
4 Turn us, O God of our salvation, and cause thine anger toward us to cease.

83:14 set on fire ▸ *see Ps. 57:4.*

83:15 tempest

(Heb. *sa`ar*) (Ps. 107:25; Is. 29:6; Ezek. 13:13; Jon. 1:4) H5591: This word can mean "whirlwind," "hurricane," or "tempest." The root word means "to rush upon, be violently shaken," highlighting the suddenness of a violent storm. This is the word used to describe the way God spoke to Job "out of the whirlwind" (Job 38:1; 40:6). In Scripture a tempest is a frightful thing (Is. 29:6; Jer. 30:23), but God has power even over the most violent forces of nature, as stated in Psalm 107: "For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof. . . . He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still" (Ps. 107:25, 29).

84:3 sparrow ▸ *see Is. 31:5.*
84:8 prayer ▸ *see 2 Chr. 6:20.*

84:11 sun

(Heb. *shemesh*) (Josh. 10:12; Is. 60:19; Mal. 4:2). H8121: The Hebrew word for *sun* most often refers to the celestial body that illuminates the earth (Ps. 136:7, 8). The idiom "before the sun" may describe an action done openly or in public (2 Sam. 12:12). The sun is also a biblical symbol for righteousness (Mal. 4:2) and even a title for God in the Psalms (Ps. 84:11). Many of the ancients worshiped the sun, moon, and stars (2 Kin. 21:3; Ezek. 8:16), but the psalmist understood that the sun, moon, and stars worshiped God because He created them (Ps. 148:3). In the new creation, there will be no need of the sun because God Himself will be an everlasting light to the people (Is. 60:19).

84:11 grace ▸ *see Zech. 12:10.*
84:12 blessed ▸ *see Ps. 127:5.*
85:4 turn ▸ *see Ezek. 14:6.*

5 Wilt thou be angry with us for ever? wilt thou draw out thine anger to all generations?
6 Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?
7 Shew us thy mercy, O LORD, and grant us thy salvation.
8 I will hear what God the LORD will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: but let them not turn again to folly.
9 Surely his salvation *is* nigh them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our land.
10 Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed *each other.*
11 Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
12 Yea, the LORD shall give *that which is* good; and our land shall yield her increase.
13 Righteousness shall go before him; and shall set *us* in the way of his steps.

Psalm 86

God's Readiness to Forgive

A Prayer of David.

1 BOW down thine ear, O LORD, hear me: for I *am* poor and needy.
2 Preserve my soul; for I *am* holy: O thou my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee.
3 Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I cry unto thee daily.
4 Rejoice the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
5 For thou, Lord, *art* good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.
6 Give ear, O LORD, unto my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications.
7 In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me.
8 Among the gods *there is* none like unto thee, O Lord; neither *are there any works* like unto thy works.
9 All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name.
10 For thou *art* great, and doest wondrous things: thou *art* God alone.

A God of Mercy

11 Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.
12 I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore.
13 For great *is* thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell.
14 O God, the proud are risen against me, and the assemblies of violent *men* have sought after my soul; and have not set thee before them.
15 But thou, O Lord, *art* a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.
16 O turn unto me, and have mercy upon me; give thy strength unto thy servant, and save the son of thine handmaid.
17 Shew me a token for good; that they which hate me may see *it,* and be ashamed: because thou, LORD, hast holpen me, and comforted me.

85:10 righteousness ▸ *see Is. 62:1.*

85:13 steps

(Heb. *pa'am*) (Ps. 17:5; 140:4; Nah. 1:9) H6471: This word literally means "stroke, occurrence" and is used many different ways. It describes a discrete event, whether unique or repeated—"now" or "times" (Gen. 2:23; 46:30; Num. 14:22), the strike of an anvil (Is. 41:7), and the tread of a foot (Ps. 17:5). It is most often translated "time," in which case it emphasizes not a time of day but rather something that occurs finitely as opposed to an ongoing event. For example, Elijah stretched himself over the dead boy three times (1 Kin. 17:21) and the Lord called Samuel three times (1 Sam. 3:10).

86:11 truth

(Heb. *'emet*) (1 Kin. 10:6; Esth. 9:30; Is. 59:14) H0571: This Hebrew term signifies truth that conforms to a standard—either to created reality or to God's standards. Truth is often associated with mercy, especially God's mercy (Gen. 24:49; Ps. 57:3; 117:2). This word is also frequently used in the context of legal language: In secular contexts it is used in speaking of witnesses and judgments (Prov. 14:25; Zech. 8:16), while in religious contexts it is used in reference to the law and commandments of God (Ps. 119:142, 151). Truth is precious, and its absence was lamented by the prophets (Is. 59:14; Jer. 9:5; Hos. 4:1). God desires truth in the inward parts of His people (Ps. 15:2; 51:6); thus it is the basis of a lifestyle that pleases Him (Ps. 25:5, 10; 26:3).

Psalm 87

Glorious Zion

A Psalm *or* Song for the sons of Korah.

1 HIS foundation *is* in the holy mountains.
2 The LORD loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.
3 Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. *Selah*.
4 I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon to them that know me: behold Philistia, and Tyre, with Ethiopia; this *man* was born there.
5 And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her: and the highest himself shall establish her.
6 The LORD shall count, when he writeth up the people, *that* this *man* was born there. *Selah*.
7 As well the singers as the players on instruments *shall be there:* all my springs *are* in thee.

Psalm 88

A Trouble-Filled Soul

A Song *or* Psalm for the sons of Korah,
to the chief Musician upon Mahalath
Leannoth, Maschil of Heman the Ezrahite.

1 O LORD God of my salvation, I have cried day *and* night before thee:
2 Let my prayer come before thee: incline thine ear unto my cry;
3 For my soul is full of troubles: and my life draweth nigh unto the grave.
4 I am counted with them that go down into the pit: I am as a man *that hath* no strength:
5 Free among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave, whom thou rememberest no more: and they are cut off from thy hand.
6 Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit, in darkness, in the deeps.
7 Thy wrath lieth hard upon me, and thou hast afflicted *me* with all thy waves. *Selah*.
8 Thou hast put away mine acquaintance far from me; thou hast made me an abomination unto them: *I am* shut up, and I cannot come forth.
9 Mine eye mourneth by reason of affliction: LORD, I have called daily upon thee, I have stretched out my hands unto thee.
10 Wilt thou shew wonders to the dead? shall the dead arise *and* praise thee? *Selah*.
11 Shall thy lovingkindness be declared in the grave? *or* thy faithfulness in destruction?
12 Shall thy wonders be known in the dark? and thy righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?

God's Hidden Face

13 But unto thee have I cried, O LORD; and in the morning shall my prayer prevent thee.
14 LORD, why castest thou off my soul? *why* hidest thou thy face from me?
15 I *am* afflicted and ready to die from *my* youth up: *while* I suffer thy terrors I am distracted.
16 Thy fierce wrath goeth over me; thy terrors have cut me off.

87:3 glorious thing

(Heb. *kabad*) (Ex. 20:12; Ps. 32:4) H3513: The word *kabad* can mean "heavy," as when describing Eli in his old age (1 Sam. 4:18), the judgment of God on the Philistines who had stolen the ark (1 Sam. 5:6), or the conviction of sin as experienced, by David (Ps. 32:4; 38:4). Likewise, Solomon's son Rehoboam foolishly boasted, "My father made your yoke heavy, and I will add to your yoke" (1 Kin. 12:14). That same heaviness can be applied metaphorically to imply honor, as the people are commanded, "Honour thy father and thy mother," (Ex. 20:12). The Lord promises that "those that honour me I will honour" (1 Sam. 2:30), and David tells the people to "glorify" (Ps. 22:23) God (meaning bring Him honor).

87:3 city ▸ *see Deut. 20:10.*
88:title psalm ▸ *see Ps. 3:title.*
88:5 cut off ▸ *see Ps. 136:13.*

88:6 pit

(Heb. *bor*) (Ex. 21:33; Ps. 40:2) H0953: A pit is any kind of hole in the ground (Ex. 21:33). Joseph was thrown into a pit deep enough that he could not climb out (Gen. 37:24). The same word can also refer to a formal form of imprisonment, as when Joseph was later put into the Pharaoh's dungeon (Gen. 41:14). A *bor* might also be a cistern for storing water (Lev. 11:36) or an actual well (2 Sam. 23:15). Sometimes a pit might be used for hunting, as when Benaiah killed a lion in a pit on a snowy day (2 Sam. 23:20). Thus, in poetry, the word symbolizes a place of abandonment and loneliness (Ps. 40:2), even death (Ps. 30:3).

88:11 destruction ▸ *see Job 31:12.*
88:15 terrors ▸ *see Job 13:21.*

17 They came round about me daily like water; they compassed me about together.
18 Lover and friend hast thou put far from me, *and* mine acquaintance into darkness.

Psalm 89

Mercies of the Lord

Maschil of Ethan the Ezrahite.

1 I WILL sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.
2 For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever: thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the very heavens.
3 I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant,
4 Thy seed will I establish for ever, and build up thy throne to all generations. *Selah*.

God's Greatness and Power

5 And the heavens shall praise thy wonders, O LORD: thy faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints.
6 For who in the heaven can be compared unto the LORD? *who* among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the LORD?
7 God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all *them that are* about him.
8 O LORD God of hosts, who *is* a strong LORD like unto thee? or to thy faithfulness round about thee?
9 Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them.
10 Thou hast broken Rahab in pieces, as one that is slain; thou hast scattered thine enemies with thy strong arm.
11 The heavens *are* thine, the earth also *is* thine: *as for* the world and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them.
12 The north and the south thou hast created them: Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in thy name.
13 Thou hast a mighty arm: strong is thy hand, *and* high is thy right hand.
14 Justice and judgment *are* the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face.
15 Blessed *is* the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O LORD, in the light of thy countenance.
16 In thy name shall they rejoice all the day: and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted.
17 For thou *art* the glory of their strength: and in thy favour our horn shall be exalted.
18 For the LORD *is* our defence; and the Holy One of Israel *is* our king.

God Exalts His Chosen One

19 Then thou spakest in vision to thy holy one, and saidst, I have laid help upon *one that is* mighty; I have exalted *one* chosen out of the people.
20 I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him:
21 With whom my hand shall be established: mine arm also shall strengthen him.
22 The enemy shall not exact upon him; nor the son of wickedness afflict him.
23 And I will beat down his foes before his face, and plague them that hate him.

89:2 for ever ▸ *see Is. 60:19.*
89:3 chosen ▸ *see Ps. 106:5.*
89:4 seed ▸ *see Gen. 22:18.*
89:6 liken ▸ *see Is. 40:25.*

89:7 fear

(Heb. *`arats*) (Josh. 1:9; Is. 8:13) H6206: When spying out the Promised Land, Moses warned the people, "Dread [*`arats*] not, neither be afraid of them" (Deut. 1:29), a command the Lord repeated to Joshua after Moses died (Josh. 1:9). The Psalms declare, "God is greatly to be feared," which is paralleled with the idea of holding Him "in reverence" (Ps. 89:7). God's awesome presence sends people into hiding "when he ariseth to shake [*`arats*] terribly the earth" (Is. 2:19, 21). Isaiah declares, "let [God] be your fear, and let him be your dread" (Is. 8:13).

89:8 LORD ▸ *see Is. 12:2.*
89:8 faithfulness ▸ *see Prov. 28:20.*
89:22 afflict ▸ *see Judg. 16:6.*

89:23 plague

(Heb. *nagaph*) (Ex. 8:2; 12:23) H5062: The Hebrew word *nagaph* can be used to speak of a literal plague, as when the Lord threatened to "smite" (*nagaph*) all Egypt with a plague of frogs (Ex. 8:2). The Bible also speaks of the Lord "smiting" or "striking" (*nagaph*) people down; such as the Egyptians (Ex. 12:23), Nabal (1 Sam. 25:38), Saul (1 Sam. 26:10), Bathsheba's baby (2 Sam. 12:15), Jeroboam (2 Chr. 13:20), or Jehoram (2 Chr.

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24 But my faithfulness and my mercy *shall be* with him: and in my name shall his horn be exalted.
25 I will set his hand also in the sea, and his right hand in the rivers.
26 He shall cry unto me, Thou *art* my father, my God, and the rock of my salvation.

God's Covenant Stands Fast

27 Also I will make him *my* firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth.
28 My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him.
29 His seed also will I make *to endure* for ever, and his throne as the days of heaven.
30 If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments;
31 If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments;
32 Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes.
33 Nevertheless my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail.
34 My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.
35 Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David.
36 His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the sun before me.
37 It shall be established for ever as the moon, and *as* a faithful witness in heaven. *Selah*.
38 But thou hast cast off and abhorred, thou hast been wroth with thine anointed.
39 Thou hast made void the covenant of thy servant: thou hast profaned his crown *by casting it* to the ground.
40 Thou hast broken down all his hedges; thou hast brought his strong holds to ruin.
41 All that pass by the way spoil him: he is a reproach to his neighbours.
42 Thou hast set up the right hand of his adversaries; thou hast made all his enemies to rejoice.
43 Thou hast also turned the edge of his sword, and hast not made him to stand in the battle.
44 Thou hast made his glory to cease, and cast his throne down to the ground.
45 The days of his youth hast thou shortened: thou hast covered him with shame. *Selah*.

Plea for Fulfillment of God's Promise

46 How long, LORD? wilt thou hide thyself for ever? shall thy wrath burn like fire?
47 Remember how short my time is: wherefore hast thou made all men in vain?
48 What man *is he that* liveth, and shall not see death? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave? *Selah*.
49 Lord, where *are* thy former lovingkindnesses, *which* thou swarest unto David in thy truth?
50 Remember, Lord, the reproach of thy servants; *how* I do bear in my bosom *the reproach of* all the mighty people;
51 Wherewith thine enemies have reproached, O LORD; wherewith they have reproached the footsteps of thine anointed.
52 Blessed *be* the LORD for evermore. Amen, and Amen.

BOOK IV: Psalms 90–106

Psalm 90

The Eternal God

A Prayer of Moses the man of God.

1 LORD, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.

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21:18). As such, the word can also signify defeat, as when the Philistines defeated Israel (1 Sam. 4:10), or when Israel defeated Syria (2 Sam. 10:15).

89:30 law ▸ *see Ps. 119:97.*

89:45 shame

(Heb. *bushah*) (Ezek. 7:18; Obad. 1:10; Mic. 7:10) H0955: This Hebrew word only appears four times in the Old Testament. Here in Psalms the word conveys a sense of total humiliation. Not only has the anointed one been defeated, but he has been thoroughly disgraced in the process. The word is used in an almost identical way in Ezekiel, as the prophet speaks of God's judgment against Israel. "Horror shall cover them; and shame shall be upon all faces" (Ezek. 7:18). Why? Because they will be utterly ruined by the righteous punishment of God. This justice extends to Edom as well, for the violence committed against Israel (Obad. 1:10), as well as all Israel's enemies (Mic. 7:10).

89:50 bosom ▸ *see Ruth 4:16.*
90:1 dwelling place ▸ *see Ps. 26:8.*

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou *art* God.
3 Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

The Timeless God

4 For a thousand years in thy sight *are but* as yesterday when it is past, and *as* a watch in the night.
5 Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are *as* a sleep: in the morning *they are* like grass *which* groweth up.
6 In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.
7 For we are consumed by thine anger, and by thy wrath are we troubled.
8 Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret *sins* in the light of thy countenance.
9 For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale *that is told*.
10 The days of our years *are* threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength *they be* fourscore years, yet *is* their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.
11 Who knoweth the power of thine anger? even according to thy fear, *so is* thy wrath.
12 So teach *us* to number our days, that we may apply *our* hearts unto wisdom.

A Plea for Mercy

13 Return, O LORD, how long? and let it repent thee concerning thy servants.
14 O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
15 Make us glad according to the days *wherein* thou hast afflicted us, *and* the years *wherein* we have seen evil.
16 Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children.
17 And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

Psalm 91

The Secret Place of the Most High

1 HE that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
2 I will say of the LORD, *He is* my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.
3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, *and* from the noisome pestilence.
4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth *shall be thy* shield and buckler.
5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; *nor* for the arrow *that* flieth by day;
6 *Nor* for the pestilence *that* walketh in darkness; *nor* for the destruction *that* wasteth at noonday.
7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; *but* it shall not come nigh thee.

90:7 consume

(Heb. *kalah*) (Josh. 24:20; 1 Sam. 15:18) H3615: To "consume" something or someone means to overwhelm or defeat them completely. The Lord warned the Israelites in the desert that if He dwelled in their midst, He might "consume" them (Ex. 33:3) if they forsook Him and worshipped other gods (Josh. 24:20). He commanded Saul to "fight against [the Amalekites] until they be consumed" (1 Sam. 15:18), and Jeremiah prophesied that the people would be "consumed by the sword and by famine" (Jer. 16:4). However, the word can also mean "to finish," as when the Lord finished creating the world (Gen. 2:1, 2), or when Solomon finished building the temple (1 Kin. 6:9).

90:8 set ▸ *see Gen. 4:25.*
90:9 wrath ▸ *see Is. 14:6.*

91:2 fortress

(Heb. *matsud*) (2 Sam. 5:7; Ps. 144:2) H4686: A fortress was any kind of fortified city, with walls and defenses that could protect against an enemy. David spent time in and out of various strongholds as he fled from Saul (1 Sam. 22:4; 24:22), before eventually capturing "the strong hold of Zion" (2 Sam. 5:7). In poetry the stronghold represents a place of safety and assurance. "The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer" (Ps. 18:2); "Be thou my strong rock, for an house of defence to save me" (Ps. 31:2); "Thou art my rock and my fortress" (Ps. 31:3; 71:3). God is both "my goodness, and my fortress; my high tower, and my deliverer" (Ps. 144:2).

91:3 snare ▸ *see Job 18:9.*
91:4 wing ▸ *see Job 39:13.*

8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.
9 Because thou hast made the LORD, *which is* my refuge, *even* the most High, thy habitation;
10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

The Charge of God's Angels

11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.
12 They shall bear thee up in *their* hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.
13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.
14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.
15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I *will be* with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.
16 With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

Psalm 92

Give Thanks to the Lord

A Psalm *or* Song for the sabbath day.

1 *IT is a* good *thing* to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High:
2 To shew forth thy lovingkindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night,
3 Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the psaltery; upon the harp with a solemn sound.
4 For thou, LORD, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands.
5 O LORD, how great are thy works! *and* thy thoughts are very deep.
6 A brutish man knoweth not; neither doth a fool understand this.
7 When the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish; *it is* that they shall be destroyed for ever:
8 But thou, LORD, *art most* high for evermore.
9 For, lo, thine enemies, O LORD, for, lo, thine enemies shall perish; all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.
10 But my horn shalt thou exalt like *the horn of* an unicorn: I shall be anointed with fresh oil.
11 Mine eye also shall see *my desire* on mine enemies, *and* mine ears shall hear *my desire* of the wicked that rise up against me.

The Righteous Shall Flourish

12 The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
13 Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.
14 They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing;
15 To shew that the LORD *is* upright: *he is* my rock, and *there is* no unrighteousness in him.

Psalm 93

The Majesty of the Lord

1 THE LORD reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the LORD is clothed with strength, *wherewith* he hath girded himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved.
2 Thy throne *is* established of old: thou *art* from everlasting.
3 The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves.
4 The LORD on high *is* mightier than the noise of many waters, *yea, than* the mighty waves of the sea.

91:16 long ▸ *see Job 12:12.*

92:10 oil

(Heb. *shemen*) (Gen. 28:18; 1 Sam. 16:13) H8081: Oil was often poured out as part of religious rituals, as when Jacob poured oil on the stone he had used as a pillow when dreaming of a ladder to heaven (Gen. 28:18), or the pillar Jacob poured oil on in Bethel (Gen. 35:14). The lamps in the tabernacle were filled with pure oil of pressed olives (Ex. 27:20), and oil was mixed with other offerings as part of the sacrificial system (Ex. 29:2). Oil was used for anointing kings, such as Saul (1 Sam. 10:1), David (1 Sam. 16:13), and Solomon (1 Kin. 1:39). It was also used for anointing priests, as when Moses anointed Aaron and his sons (Lev. 8:30).

93:1 clothed ▸ *see Is. 52:1.*

5 Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh thine house, O LORD, for ever.

Psalm 94

Vengeance Belongs to the Lord

1 O LORD God, to whom vengeance belongeth; O God, to whom vengeance belongeth, shew thyself.
2 Lift up thyself, thou judge of the earth: render a reward to the proud.
3 LORD, how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked triumph?
4 *How long* shall they utter *and* speak hard things? *and* all the workers of iniquity boast themselves?
5 They break in pieces thy people, O LORD, and afflict thine heritage.
6 They slay the widow and the stranger, and murder the fatherless.
7 Yet they say, The LORD shall not see, neither shall the God of Jacob regard *it*.
8 Understand, ye brutish among the people: and *ye* fools, when will ye be wise?
9 He that planted the ear, shall he not hear? he that formed the eye, shall he not see?
10 He that chastiseth the heathen, shall not he correct? he that teacheth man knowledge, *shall not he know?*
11 The LORD knoweth the thoughts of man, that they *are* vanity.
12 Blessed *is* the man whom thou chastenest, O LORD, and teachest him out of thy law;
13 That thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit be digged for the wicked.
14 For the LORD will not cast off his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance.
15 But judgment shall return unto righteousness: and all the upright in heart shall follow it.

God's Help and Mercy

16 Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? *or* who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?
17 Unless the LORD *had been* my help, my soul had almost dwelt in silence.
18 When I said, My foot slippeth; thy mercy, O LORD, held me up.
19 In the multitude of my thoughts within me thy comforts delight my soul.
20 Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which frameth mischief by a law?
21 They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, and condemn the innocent blood.

93:5 become

(Heb. *na'ah*) (Song 1:10; Is. 52:7) H4998: The Heb. word *na'ah* only appears three times in the Old Testament. As used here, it describes the way in which God's "house" is filled with His holiness. To "be becoming" in this sense means that His holiness is befitting to the place in which He dwells. In Song of Songs, the lover refers to the beauty of his beloved by comparing her to a mare pulling Pharaoh's chariot; her cheeks as "comely with rows of jewels" (Song 1:10). The image is of a beautiful horse arrayed with expensive decoration befitting royalty. Finally, Isaiah declares, "How beautiful (*na'ah*) upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tiding" (Is. 52:7).

94:8 brutish

(Heb. *ba`ar*) (Is. 19:11; Jer. 20:9) H1197: As here, the word *ba`ar* can sometimes refer to someone who exercises poor judgment or makes bad decisions. So Isaiah notes that Pharaoh's wise counselors give "brutish" counsel (Is. 19:11). Jeremiah characterizes the wise men of the nations as "altogether brutish and foolish" (Jer. 10:8), and those who worship idols as "brutish" without knowledge (Jer. 10:14; 51:17). In other usage, the word is often translated as "burn," or "kindle," as the bush where Moses encountered God (Ex. 3:2), or as God's Word was in Jeremiah's heart "like a burning fire" (Jer. 20:9).

94:14 inheritance ▸ *see Josh. 13:7.*
94:16 evildoer ▸ *see Ps. 119:115.*

94:19 comfort

(Heb. *tanchum*) (Is. 66:11; Jer. 16:7) H8575: As the psalmist notes here, the Lord is the only one who brings comfort and peace in the middle of anxiety, fear, and distress. Job's friend Eliphaz accuses, "Are the consolations [*tanchum*] of God small with thee?" (Job 15:11). Isaiah speaks of a day when Jerusalem will be restored and invites people to "suck, and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations" (Is. 66:11). The image is of a nursing child being protected, nurtured, and nourished. In contrast, speaking of the judgment against Israel, Jeremiah says that no comfort will be offered, "neither shall men give them the cup of consolation" (Jer. 16:7).

22 But the LORD is my defence; and my God *is* the rock of my refuge.
23 And he shall bring upon them their own iniquity, and shall cut them off in their own wickedness; *yea,* the LORD our God shall cut them off.

Psalm 95

Sing Praises to the Lord

1 O COME, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.
3 For the LORD *is* a great God, and a great King above all gods.
4 In his hand *are* the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills *is* his also.
5 The sea *is* his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry *land.*
6 O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker.
7 For he *is* our God; and we *are* the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. To day if ye will hear his voice,

Harden Not Your Heart

8 Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, *and* as *in* the day of temptation in the wilderness:
9 When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my work.
10 Forty years long was I grieved with *this* generation, and said, It *is* a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways:
11 Unto whom I sware in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest.

Psalm 96

The Greatness of the Lord

1 O SING unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the earth.
2 Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day.
3 Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people.
4 For the LORD *is* great, and greatly to be praised: he *is* to be feared above all gods.
5 For all the gods of the nations *are* idols: but the LORD made the heavens.
6 Honour and majesty *are* before him: strength and beauty *are* in his sanctuary.

Give Glory to the Lord

7 Give unto the LORD, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength.
8 Give unto the LORD the glory *due unto* his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts.
9 O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.
10 Say among the heathen *that* the LORD reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: he shall judge the people righteously.

94:23 cut off ▸ *see Job 23:17.*

95:2 thanksgiving

(Heb. *todah*) (Neh. 12:31; Ps. 100:1) H8426: "Thanksgiving" is praise and worship offered to the Lord in response to His provision for us. The Law stipulated certain sacrifices of thanksgiving (Lev. 7:12; 22:29). Hezekiah offered such sacrifices himself and encouraged others to do so as well (2 Chr. 29:31). At the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem, the people offered verbal praise and thanksgiving (Neh. 12:27) with "two great companies" (Neh. 12:31). There is an entire psalm devoted to thanksgiving (Ps. 100), and many others that encourage an attitude of thankfulness toward God (Ps. 107:22; 116:17; 147:7).

95:6 kneel ▸ *see Ps. 145:2.*
95:7 people ▸ *see Ruth 1:16.*
95:10 err ▸ *see Amos 2:4.*
95:11 swear ▸ *see Deut. 1:8.*
96:2 shew forth ▸ *see Is. 61:1.*
96:3 declare ▸ *see Ps. 118:17.*
96:4 great ▸ *see Gen. 21:18.*

96:6 beauty

(Heb. *tiph'arah*) (Ex. 28:2; 1 Chr. 29:11; Is. 62:3; Jer. 33:9) H8597: Used literally or figuratively, this word means "ornamented, beautiful, glorious." It is translated as "glory" about as often as it is translated "beautiful." God is interested in the beauty of His creation and the accoutrements used in worship, because those things reflect His beauty and glorify Him in the process. In Isaiah's vision of heaven, this word illustrates God's glory: "The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the LORD shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory" (Is. 60:19).

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.
12 Let the field be joyful, and all that *is* therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice
13 Before the LORD: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.

Psalm 97

The Righteous Reign of the Lord

1 THE LORD reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad *thereof.*
2 Clouds and darkness *are* round about him: righteousness and judgment *are* the habitation of his throne.
3 A fire goeth before him, and burneth up his enemies round about.
4 His lightnings enlightened the world: the earth saw, and trembled.
5 The hills melted like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
6 The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the people see his glory.
7 Confounded be all they that serve graven images, that boast themselves of idols: worship him, all *ye* gods.
8 Zion heard, and was glad; and the daughters of Judah rejoiced because of thy judgments, O LORD.
9 For thou, LORD, *art* high above all the earth: thou art exalted far above all gods.

Hate Evil

10 Ye that love the LORD, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.
11 Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart.
12 Rejoice in the LORD, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

Psalm 98

Make a Joyful Noise

A Psalm.

1 O SING unto the LORD a new song; for he hath done marvellous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.
2 The LORD hath made known his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.
3 He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
4 Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.
5 Sing unto the LORD with the harp; with the harp, and the voice of a psalm.
6 With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the LORD, the King.
7 Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.
8 Let the floods clap *their* hands: let the hills be joyful together

96:12 rejoice ▸ *see Ps. 108:7.*
97:2 habitation ▸ *see Ps. 104:5.*
97:4 enlighten ▸ *see Ps. 76:4.*

97:10 love

(Heb. *'ahab*) (Lev. 19:18; Deut. 6:5) H0157: Love describes a variety of intensely close emotional bonds. So Abraham loved his son Isaac (Gen. 22:2), Isaac loved his son Esau (Gen. 25:28), and "Israel loved Joseph more than all his children" (Gen. 37:3). In a more romantic manner, Isaac loved his wife Rebekah (Gen. 24:67), and Jacob loved Rachel (Gen. 29:18), but Delilah manipulated Samson by challenging his love for her (Judg. 14:16). We are all called to love the Lord, by expressing obedience to His commandments (Deut. 6:5), and to "love thy neighbour as thyself" (Lev. 19:18). Moreover, "he that getteth wisdom loveth his own soul" (Prov. 19:8).

97:12 remembrance ▸ *see Ps. 102:12.*

98:3 end

(Heb. *'ephes*) (Ps. 2:8; 22:27; Prov. 30:4; Is. 45:6) H0657: Often used in the phrase "the ends of the earth," this word means "extremity" and refers to the cessation of something or the physical end of something (such as a foot—Ezek. 47:3). The root means "to disappear, cease." A typical usage is Isaiah 52:10: "The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God."

98:3 earth ▸ *see Gen. 12:1.*

9 Before the LORD; for he cometh to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.

Psalm 99

The Holiness of God

1 THE LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: he sitteth *between* the cherubims; let the earth be moved.
2 The LORD *is* great in Zion; and he *is* high above all the people.
3 Let them praise thy great and terrible name; *for* it *is* holy.
4 The king's strength also loveth judgment; thou dost establish equity, thou executest judgment and righteousness in Jacob.
5 Exalt ye the LORD our God, and worship at his footstool; *for* he *is* holy.
6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among them that call upon his name; they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.
7 He spake unto them in the cloudy pillar: they kept his testimonies, and the ordinance *that* he gave them.
8 Thou answeredst them, O LORD our God: thou wast a God that forgavest them, though thou tookest vengeance of their inventions.
9 Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy hill; for the LORD our God *is* holy.

Psalm 100

Serve with Gladness

A Psalm of praise.

1 MAKE a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.
2 Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.
3 Know ye that the LORD he *is* God: *it is* he *that* hath made us, and not we ourselves; *we are* his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, *and* into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, *and* bless his name.
5 For the LORD *is* good; his mercy *is* everlasting; and his truth *endureth* to all generations.

99:4 equity ▸ *see Prov. 2:9.*

99:8 invention

(Heb. *`alilah*) (1 Chr. 16:8; Ps. 103:7; 105:1; Ezek. 24:14) H5949: Used of something that causes a change, this word can refer to a deed of God, a performance, or an opportunity. It is translated as "action" (1 Sam. 2:3), "deeds" (1 Chr. 16:8), "works" (Ps. 14:1), and "doings" (Ezek. 20:43). Often this word points out the contrast between the glorious deeds of God and the sinful acts of man. For example, Ezekiel 20:44 states, "And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I have

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wrought with you for my name's sake, not according to your wicked ways, nor according to your corrupt doings, O ye house of Israel, saith the Lord GOD."

100:title praise ▸ *see Ps. 95:2.*

100:2 serve

(Heb. *`abad*) (Ex. 20:9; Josh. 24:31) H5647: One of the first things the Lord commanded man to do was to "dress [*`abad*] and keep" the garden of Eden (Gen. 2:15; 3:23). In other words, Adam was to work. In a similar way, Jacob had to serve Laban by working for him for seven years in order to marry Rachel (Gen. 29:18), and "the Egyptians made the children of Israel to serve with rigour," in other words, in slavery (Ex. 1:13). The Law stipulated that for "six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work," before resting on the Sabbath (Ex. 20:9). The word can also imply worship and dedication, as when the people "served" the Lord (Josh. 24:31).

100:3 pasture ▸ *see Hos. 13:6.*
100:4 gate ▸ *see Josh. 2:5.*

100:4 praise

(Heb. *tehillah*) (Neh. 12:46; Is. 61:3) H8416: A common word in the psalms, *tehillah* describes worship expressed directly to the Lord that is often corporate in nature. So, "in the days of David and Asaph of old there were chief of the singers, and songs of praise and thanksgiving unto God" (Neh. 12:46). Indeed, God is described as "thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel" (Ps. 22:3). The people are told to "sing unto the LORD a new song, and his praise from the end of the earth" (Is. 42:10). Prophetically, Isaiah looks forward to a day when the Lord will "appoint unto them that mourn" and will give them "the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness" (Is. 61:3), a role Jesus would apply to His own ministry (Luke 4:18).

100:5 truth ▸ *see Prov. 28:20.*

Psalm 101

Walk with a Perfect Heart

A Psalm of David.

1 I WILL sing of mercy and judgment: unto thee, O LORD, will I sing.
2 I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.
3 I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; *it* shall not cleave to me.
4 A froward heart shall depart from me: I will not know a wicked *person*.
5 Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, him will I cut off: him that hath an high look and a proud heart will not I suffer.
6 Mine eyes *shall be* upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me: he that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serve me.
7 He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight.
8 I will early destroy all the wicked of the land; that I may cut off all wicked doers from the city of the LORD.

Psalm 102

The Lonely Soul

A Prayer of the afflicted, when he is overwhelmed, and poureth out his complaint before the LORD.

1 HEAR my prayer, O LORD, and let my cry come unto thee.
2 Hide not thy face from me in the day *when* I am in trouble; incline thine ear unto me: in the day *when* I call answer me speedily.
3 For my days are consumed like smoke, and my bones are burned as an hearth.
4 My heart is smitten, and withered like grass; so that I forget to eat my bread.
5 By reason of the voice of my groaning my bones cleave to my skin.
6 I am like a pelican of the wilderness: I am like an owl of the desert.
7 I watch, and am as a sparrow alone upon the house top.
8 Mine enemies reproach me all the day; *and* they that are mad against me are sworn against me.
9 For I have eaten ashes like bread, and mingled my drink with weeping,
10 Because of thine indignation and thy wrath: for thou hast lifted me up, and cast me down.
11 My days *are* like a shadow that declineth; and I am withered like grass.

Mercy on Zion

12 But thou, O LORD, shalt endure for ever; and thy remembrance unto all generations.
13 Thou shalt arise, *and* have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come.
14 For thy servants take pleasure in her stones, and favour the dust thereof.
15 So the heathen shall fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth thy glory.
16 When the LORD shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory.
17 He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer.

The Caring Lord

18 This shall be written for the generation to

101:5 slander

(Heb. *lashan*) (Prov. 30:10) H3960: Literally "to lap," this word could be translated "to make tongue." It evokes the image of someone licking his lips as he invents false accusations. The root word means "tongue" and refers to either the body part or language. This form of the word is used only here and in Proverbs 30:10: "Accuse not a servant unto his master, lest he curse thee, and thou be found guilty."

101:6 serve ▸ *see 1 Chr. 16:4.*
102:2 speedily ▸ *see Ps. 143:7.*

102:12 remembrance

(Heb. *zeker*) (Ex. 3:15; Ps. 97:12; 135:13; Hos. 12:5) H2143: To the Hebrews, *remembrance* included both thought and action—for God to remember His covenant was for Him to intervene on behalf of His people. Thus the word for remembrance means memorializing an event as a call to action. In Exodus 3:14 the name "I AM" is described as a memorial because it is a call to serve and obey God. In other places this word is used in connection with blotting out the memory or name of a nation (Deut. 32:26). The works of God are to be remembered because they express His character and lead us to worship Him (Ps. 111:4).

102:14 favour ▸ *see Ps. 123:2.*

come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the LORD.
19 For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from heaven did the LORD behold the earth;
20 To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death;
21 To declare the name of the LORD in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem;
22 When the people are gathered together, and the kingdoms, to serve the LORD.
23 He weakened my strength in the way; he shortened my days.
24 I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days: thy years *are* throughout all generations.

God's Years Have No End

25 Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens *are* the work of thy hands.
26 They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed:
27 But thou *art* the same, and thy years shall have no end.
28 The children of thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before thee.

Psalm 103

Bless the Lord's Holy Character

A Psalm of David.

1 BLESS the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, *bless* his holy name.
2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:
3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;
4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;
5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good *things; so that* thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.
6 The LORD executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.
7 He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.
8 The LORD *is* merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.
9 He will not always chide: neither will he keep *his anger* for ever.
10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.
11 For as the heaven is high above the earth, *so* great is his mercy toward them that fear him.
12 As far as the east is from the west, *so* far hath he removed our transgressions from us.
13 Like as a father pitieth *his* children, *so* the LORD pitieth them that fear him.
14 For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we *are* dust.

102:19 height ▸ *see Ps. 148:1.*
102:20 groaning ▸ *see Ps. 79:11.*
102:20 loose ▸ *see Jer. 40:4.*

103:1 soul

(Heb. *nephesh*) (Lev. 26:30; Is. 1:14; Jer. 5:9) H5315: This Hebrew word occurs more than 750 times in the Bible. It has quite a number of meanings, but most of them can be reduced to the following three categories: (1) life or the life force, especially in connection with blood (Gen. 9:4, 5; Lev. 17:11, 14); (2) one's soul or the immaterial being, the seat of intellect and emotion (1 Sam. 1:10; 2 Sam. 5:8; Ps. 42:1, 2; 86:4; Prov. 23:7; Song 1:7); and (3) an individual or person (Gen. 2:7; Judg. 12:3; Ps. 84:2; Ezek. 18:4). Originally the word probably referred to the breath (Job 41:21). The Bible typically considers a person as an interconnected whole. This is why the Bible tells us to love God with all our heart, soul, and strength—in other words, with our entire being (Deut. 6:4, 5; Josh. 22:5).

103:3 forgive

(Heb. *salach*) (Is. 55:7; Jer. 31:34) H5545: The ability to forgive iniquity belongs to the Lord alone, for "he will abundantly pardon" (Is. 55:7). Forgiveness involves a complete pardon for any wrongs that have been committed, but a price still has to be paid. Thus, the Law stipulated specific sacrifices that had to be offered in order for forgiveness to be granted, such as bulls (Lev. 4:20), goats (Lev. 4:31), or lambs (Lev. 4:35). However, some sins were so terrible they were not forgiven (2 Kin. 24:4). That said, Jeremiah looked forward to a day when everyone would know the Lord, who would "forgive their iniquity" and would "remember their sin no more" (Jer. 31:34).

103:5 renew ▸ *see Lam. 5:21.*
103:7 act ▸ *see Ps. 99:8.*
103:12 as far ▸ *see Ps. 22:11.*
103:14 frame ▸ *see Gen. 8:21.*

15 *As for* man, his days *are* as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.
16 For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.
17 But the mercy of the LORD *is* from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;
18 To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

Bless the Lord

19 The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.
20 Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.
21 Bless ye the LORD, all *ye* his hosts; *ye* ministers of his, that do his pleasure.
22 Bless the LORD, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the LORD, O my soul.

Psalm 104

God's Marvellous Creation

1 BLESS the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty.
2 Who coverest *thyself* with light as *with* a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain:
3 Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: who maketh the clouds his chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind:
4 Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire:
5 *Who* laid the foundations of the earth, *that* it should not be removed for ever.
6 Thou coveredst it with the deep as *with* a garment: the waters stood above the mountains.
7 At thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away.
8 They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys unto the place which thou hast founded for them.
9 Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over; that they turn not again to cover the earth.
10 He sendeth the springs into the valleys, *which* run among the hills.
11 They give drink to every beast of the field: the wild asses quench their thirst.
12 By them shall the fowls of the heaven have their habitation, *which* sing among the branches.
13 He watereth the hills from his chambers: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works.
14 He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth;
15 And wine *that* maketh glad the heart of man, *and* oil to make *his* face to shine, and bread *which* strengtheneth man's heart.
16 The trees of the LORD are full *of sap;* the cedars of Lebanon, which he hath planted;
17 Where the birds make their nests: *as for* the stork, the fir trees *are* her house.
18 The high hills *are* a refuge for the wild goats; *and* the rocks for the conies.
19 He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth his going down.
20 Thou makest darkness, and it is night: wherein all the beasts of the forest do creep *forth.*
21 The young lions roar after their prey, and seek their meat from God.
22 The sun ariseth, they gather themselves together, and lay them down in their dens.
23 Man goeth forth unto his work and to his labour until the evening.

103:19 throne ▸ *see 1 Chr. 17:12.*
103:19 rule ▸ *see Gen. 37:8.*
103:21 host ▸ *see Is. 10:16.*
103:22 dominion ▸ *see Ps. 114:2.*
104:3 wing ▸ *see Job 39:13.*

104:5 foundation

(Heb. *makon*) (Ex. 15:17; 2 Chr. 6:30; Ps. 33:14; 97:2) H4349: The word for *foundation* refers to a fixed place, such as a habitation, dwelling, or abode. The word lends a sense of permanence to the place it describes. The tabernacle, and later the temple, was God's dwelling place—the place He chose to meet with His people and live among them (1 Kin. 8:13). But of course God is everywhere, and so heaven is also His dwelling place (Ps. 33:14). In this verse, the word "foundation" reminds us that God created the earth and makes it stand.

104:7 flee ▸ *see Num. 35:6.*
104:7 thunder ▸ *see Ps. 81:7.*
104:18 refuge ▸ *see Prov. 14:26.*

24 O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.
25 *So is* this great and wide sea, wherein *are* things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.
26 There go the ships: *there is* that leviathan, *whom* thou hast made to play therein.
27 These wait all upon thee; that thou mayest give *them* their meat in due season.
28 *That* thou givest them they gather: thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good.
29 Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust.
30 Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.

God's Glory Endures Forever

31 The glory of the LORD shall endure for ever: the LORD shall rejoice in his works.
32 He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth: he toucheth the hills, and they smoke.
33 I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.
34 My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the LORD.
35 Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless thou the LORD, O my soul. Praise ye the LORD.

Psalm 105

God's Wondrous Works

1 O GIVE thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people.
2 Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works.
3 Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD.
4 Seek the LORD, and his strength: seek his face evermore.
5 Remember his marvellous works that he hath done; his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth;
6 O ye seed of Abraham his servant, ye children of Jacob his chosen.
7 He *is* the LORD our God: his judgments *are* in all the earth.

God's Covenant

8 He hath remembered his covenant for ever, the word *which* he commanded to a thousand generations.
9 Which *covenant* he made with Abraham, and his oath unto Isaac;
10 And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law, *and* to Israel *for* an everlasting covenant:
11 Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance:
12 When they were *but* a few men in number; yea, very few, and strangers in it.
13 When they went from one nation to another, from *one* kingdom to another people;
14 He suffered no man to do them wrong: yea, he reproved kings for their sakes;
15 *Saying,* Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.
16 Moreover he called for a famine upon the land: he brake the whole staff of bread.

Joseph Was Used to Save Israel

17 He sent a man before them, *even* Joseph, *who* was sold for a servant:
18 Whose feet they hurt with fetters: he was laid in iron:
19 Until the time that his word came: the word of the LORD tried him.
20 The king sent and loosed him; *even* the ruler of the people, and let him go free.

105:1 give thanks

(Heb. *yadah*) (Ps. 122:4; 136:1) H3034: Surprisingly in Hebrew, there is no verb that means "to thank" in the way the English word *thank* is used as a common expression of gratitude between people. The meaning of the Hebrew word is "to make public acknowledgment," and its association with the Hebrew noun *yad*, meaning "hand," suggests hands outstretched toward God. The word is used regularly in the Bible to depict public commendation of God's person and attributes, and the public testimony to what He has done for His people; this is the core meaning of *praise*. Old Testament believers such as Leah (Gen. 29:35), David (2 Chr. 7:6), the psalmists (Ps. 7:17; 42:5; 118:21), and the prophets (Is. 25:1; Jer. 33:11) all gave thanks, praising the Lord for His mercy toward them.

105:1 deed ▸ *see Ps. 99:8.*
105:6 chosen ▸ *see Ps. 106:5.*
105:8 command ▸ *see Num. 5:2.*

21 He made him lord of his house, and ruler of all his substance:
22 To bind his princes at his pleasure; and teach his senators wisdom.
23 Israel also came into Egypt; and Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.
24 And he increased his people greatly; and made them stronger than their enemies.
25 He turned their heart to hate his people, to deal subtilly with his servants.

Moses Was Used to Free Israel

26 He sent Moses his servant; *and* Aaron whom he had chosen.
27 They shewed his signs among them, and wonders in the land of Ham.
28 He sent darkness, and made it dark; and they rebelled not against his word.
29 He turned their waters into blood, and slew their fish.
30 Their land brought forth frogs in abundance, in the chambers of their kings.
31 He spake, and there came divers sorts of flies, *and* lice in all their coasts.
32 He gave them hail for rain, *and* flaming fire in their land.
33 He smote their vines also and their fig trees; and brake the trees of their coasts.
34 He spake, and the locusts came, and caterpillers, and that without number,
35 And did eat up all the herbs in their land, and devoured the fruit of their ground.
36 He smote also all the firstborn in their land, the chief of all their strength.
37 He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and *there was* not one feeble *person* among their tribes.
38 Egypt was glad when they departed: for the fear of them fell upon them.
39 He spread a cloud for a covering; and fire to give light in the night.
40 *The people* asked, and he brought quails, and satisfied them with the bread of heaven.
41 He opened the rock, and the waters gushed out; they ran in the dry places *like* a river.

God's Faithfulness to Israel

42 For he remembered his holy promise, *and* Abraham his servant.
43 And he brought forth his people with joy, *and* his chosen with gladness:
44 And gave them the lands of the heathen: and they inherited the labour of the people;
45 That they might observe his statutes, and keep his laws. Praise ye the LORD.

Psalm 106

God's Mercy Endures Forever

1 PRAISE ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; for *he is* good: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.
2 Who can utter the mighty acts of the LORD? *who* can shew forth all his praise?
3 Blessed *are* they that keep judgment, *and* he that doeth righteousness at all times.
4 Remember me, O LORD, with the favour *that thou bearest unto* thy people: O visit me with thy salvation;
5 That I may see the good of thy chosen, that I may rejoice in the gladness of thy nation, that I may glory with thine inheritance.
6 We have sinned with our fathers, we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.

105:28 dark ▸ *see Mic. 3:6.*

105:29 fish

(Heb. *dagah*) (Ex. 7:21; Is. 50:2; Ezek. 47:10; Jon. 2:1) H1710: This word is the feminine form of "fish" and appears 15 times in the Old Testament. Fish were one of the types of animals that man was given dominion over (Gen. 1:26). In the ancient world, fish were caught by either net, hook, or harpoon and were an important industry. In the curse against Egypt, Ezekiel states, "But I will put hooks in thy jaws, and I will cause the fish of thy rivers to stick unto thy scales" (Ezek. 29:4).

105:34 locust ▸ *see Joel 1:4.*
105:39 covering ▸ *see Is. 22:8.*
105:43 joy ▸ *see Ps. 30:5.*
105:44 labour ▸ *see Eccl. 5:18.*

106:5 chosen

(Heb. *bachir*) (Ps. 89:3; 105:6; Is. 42:1; 65:9) H0972: Throughout the Old Testament the Hebrews are often called by the epithet "chosen ones." These were the people God chose to be His special possession. Synonyms for this Hebrew word include "select" and "elect." The root word means "to try or approve." David is called a chosen servant (Ps. 89:3). Of course, the ultimate "chosen one" is the Messiah, as expressed in Isaiah 42:1: "Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles."

7 Our fathers understood not thy wonders
in Egypt; they remembered not the multi-
tude of thy mercies; but provoked *him* at the
sea, *even* at the Red sea.
8 Nevertheless he saved them for his name's
sake, that he might make his mighty power
to be known.
9 He rebuked the Red sea also, and it was
dried up: so he led them through the depths,
as through the wilderness.
10 And he saved them from the hand of him
that hated *them,* and redeemed them from
the hand of the enemy.
11 And the waters covered their enemies:
there was not one of them left.
12 Then believed they his words; they sang
his praise.

Israel Sinned Repeatedly

13 They soon forgat his works; they waited
not for his counsel:
14 But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness,
and tempted God in the desert.
15 And he gave them their request; but sent
leanness into their soul.
16 They envied Moses also in the camp, *and*
Aaron the saint of the LORD.
17 The earth opened and swallowed up
Dathan and covered the company of Abiram.
18 And a fire was kindled in their company;
the flame burned up the wicked.
19 They made a calf in Horeb, and wor-
shipped the molten image.
20 Thus they changed their glory into the
similitude of an ox that eateth grass.
21 They forgat God their saviour, which had
done great things in Egypt;
22 Wondrous works in the land of Ham, *and*
terrible things by the Red sea.
23 Therefore he said that he would destroy
them, had not Moses his chosen stood before
him in the breach, to turn away his wrath,
lest he should destroy *them*.

Israel Refused to Enter the Land

24 Yea, they despised the pleasant land, they
believed not his word:
25 But murmured in their tents, *and* hark-
ened not unto the voice of the LORD.
26 Therefore he lifted up his hand against
them, to overthrow them in the wilder-
ness:
27 To overthrow their seed also among the
nations, and to scatter them in the lands.

Israel Worshipped Idols

28 They joined themselves also unto Baal-
peor, and ate the sacrifices of the dead.
29 Thus they provoked *him* to anger with
their inventions: and the plague brake in
upon them.
30 Then stood up Phinehas, and executed
judgment: and *so* the plague was stayed.
31 And that was counted unto him for right-
eousness unto all generations for evermore.
32 They angered *him* also at the waters of
strife, so that it went ill with Moses for their
sakes:
33 Because they provoked his spirit, so that
he spake unadvisedly with his lips.
34 They did not destroy the nations,
concerning whom the LORD commanded
them:
35 But were mingled among the heathen,
and learned their works.
36 And they served their idols: which were a
snare unto them.
37 Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their
daughters unto devils,
38 And shed innocent blood, *even* the blood
of their sons and of their daughters, whom
they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan: and
the land was polluted with blood.
39 Thus were they defiled with their own
works, and went a whoring with their own
inventions.

God's Wrath and Mercy

40 Therefore was the wrath of the LORD

106:10 enemy ▸ *see Josh. 7:8.*
106:13 wait ▸ *see Dan. 12:12.*
106:27 scatter ▸ *see Jer. 15:7.*
106:36 idol ▸ *see Ps. 115:4.*

106:38 pollute

(Heb. *chaneph*) (Is. 24:5; Jer. 23:11) H2610: The "pollution" of blood here describes a cancerous growth of moral sin spreading throughout the land. By sacrificing children to idols, the people brought spiritual corruption into the land. Isaiah speaks of the earth being "defiled" by those who disobey the Lord and break His covenant (Is. 24:5). Jeremiah likens the behavior of the Israelites to an adulterous woman, "greatly polluted," morally and spiritually (Jer. 3:1), because of her idolatry (Jer. 3:9). Even their prophets and priests "are profane"—the very people who should be the holiest have become the most unclean (Jer. 23:11).

kindled against his people, insomuch that he abhorred his own inheritance.
41 And he gave them into the hand of the heathen; and they that hated them ruled over them.
42 Their enemies also oppressed them, and they were brought into subjection under their hand.
43 Many times did he deliver them; but they provoked *him* with their counsel, and were brought low for their iniquity.
44 Nevertheless he regarded their affliction, when he heard their cry:
45 And he remembered for them his covenant, and repented according to the multitude of his mercies.
46 He made them also to be pitied of all those that carried them captives.
47 Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the heathen, to give thanks unto thy holy name, *and* to triumph in thy praise.
48 Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting: and let all the people say, Amen. Praise ye the LORD.

BOOK V: Psalms 107–150

Psalm 107

God's Redemptive Power

1 O GIVE thanks unto the LORD, for *he is* good: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.
2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say *so,* whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;
3 And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south.
4 They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in.
5 Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.
6 Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, *and* he delivered them out of their distresses.
7 And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation.
8 Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men!
9 For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.
10 Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, *being* bound in affliction and iron;
11 Because they rebelled against the words of God, and contemned the counsel of the most High:
12 Therefore he brought down their heart with labour; they fell down, and *there was* none to help.
13 Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, *and* he saved them out of their distresses.
14 He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and brake their bands in sunder.
15 Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men!
16 For he hath broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder.

Deliverance from Transgressions

17 Fools because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted.
18 Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat; and they draw near unto the gates of death.
19 Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, *and* he saveth them out of their distresses.
20 He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered *them* from their destructions.
21 Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men!
22 And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of

106:45 remember ▸ *see Ps. 25:6.*
107:5 hungry ▸ *see Ps. 146:7.*
107:6 distress ▸ *see Zeph. 1:15.*

107:9 longing

(Heb. *shaqaq*) (Is. 29:8; 33:4) H8264: Isaiah captures the meaning of this word the best, describing a hungry man who dreams about food but wakes up to find nothing, and a thirsty man who dreams about water but finds he has none (Is. 29:8). That's the kind of longing the psalmist has in mind here. It's an intense craving. Elsewhere Isaiah uses the word to describe the voracious appetite of locusts (Is. 33:4), and Joel uses it to describe the dreadful, unstoppable force of a massive and terrifying army swarming through the land, destroying everything in its path (Joel 2:9).

107:9 hungry ▸ *see Ps. 146:7.*
107:16 bar ▸ *see Is. 15:5.*

thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing.

Deliverance from Storms

23 They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters;
24 These see the works of the LORD, and his wonders in the deep.
25 For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof.
26 They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths: their soul is melted because of trouble.
27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wit's end.
28 Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses.
29 He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.
30 Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.
31 Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men!
32 Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

God's Power Over Nature

33 He turneth rivers into a wilderness, and the watersprings into dry ground;
34 A fruitful land into barrenness, for the wickedness of them that dwell therein.
35 He turneth the wilderness into a standing water, and dry ground into watersprings.
36 And there he maketh the hungry to dwell, that they may prepare a city for habitation;
37 And sow the fields, and plant vineyards, which may yield fruits of increase.
38 He blesseth them also, so that they are multiplied greatly; and suffereth not their cattle to decrease.

Deliverance Comes from the Lord

39 Again, they are minished and brought low through oppression, affliction, and sorrow.
40 He poureth contempt upon princes, and causeth them to wander in the wilderness, *where there is* no way.
41 Yet setteth he the poor on high from affliction, and maketh *him* families like a flock.
42 The righteous shall see *it,* and rejoice: and all iniquity shall stop her mouth.
43 Whoso *is* wise, and will observe these *things,* even they shall understand the lovingkindness of the LORD.

Psalm 108

Praise the Exalted God

A Song *or* Psalm of David.

1 O GOD, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory.
2 Awake, psaltery and harp: I *myself* will awake early.
3 I will praise thee, O LORD, among the people: and I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.
4 For thy mercy *is* great above the heavens: and thy truth *reacheth* unto the clouds.
5 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: and thy glory above all the earth;
6 That thy beloved may be delivered: save *with* thy right hand, and answer me.

Victory Over Enemies

7 God hath spoken in his holiness; I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.

107:25 stormy ▸ *see Ps. 83:15.*

107:25 wave

(Heb. *gal*) (2 Kin. 19:25; Job 38:11; Ps. 65:7; Is. 48:18) H1530: Literally "something rolled," this word often refers to a heap of stones (Gen. 31:52; Josh. 7:26). In Psalms and the prophetic books usage is extended to mean a heap of water, a wave or billow: "Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts: all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me" (Ps. 42:7). Scripture makes it clear that God has power over the heaps and rolls of water: "Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them" (Ps. 89:9).

107:37 vineyard ▸ *see Deut. 22:9.*

108:7 rejoice

(Heb. *`alaz*) (Ps. 28:7; 68:4; 96:12; Zeph. 3:14) H5937: This word for *rejoice* means "to jump for joy, exult, be joyful." Other words for rejoice focus on crying out with joy, spinning with joy, or the joy's cause. This one is more action-oriented and playful. Occasionally this word refers to triumph

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8 Gilead *is* mine; Manasseh *is* mine; Ephraim also *is* the strength of mine head; Judah *is* my lawgiver;
9 Moab *is* my washpot; over Edom will I cast out my shoe; over Philistia will I triumph.
10 Who will bring me into the strong city? who will lead me into Edom?
11 *Wilt* not *thou,* O God, *who* hast cast us off? and wilt not thou, O God, go forth with our hosts?
12 Give us help from trouble: for vain *is* the help of man.
13 Through God we shall do valiantly: for he *it is that* shall tread down our enemies.

Psalm 109

A Slanderous Tongue

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

1 HOLD not thy peace, O God of my praise;
2 For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful are opened against me: they have spoken against me with a lying tongue.
3 They compassed me about also with words of hatred; and fought against me without a cause.
4 For my love they are my adversaries: but I *give myself unto* prayer.
5 And they have rewarded me evil for good, and hatred for my love.

Punish the Wicked

6 Set thou a wicked man over him: and let Satan stand at his right hand.
7 When he shall be judged, let him be condemned: and let his prayer become sin.
8 Let his days be few; *and* let another take his office.
9 Let his children be fatherless, and his wife a widow.
10 Let his children be continually vagabonds, and beg: let them seek *their bread* also out of their desolate places.
11 Let the extortioner catch all that he hath; and let the strangers spoil his labour.
12 Let there be none to extend mercy unto him: neither let there be any to favour his fatherless children.
13 Let his posterity be cut off; *and* in the generation following let their name be blotted out.
14 Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered with the LORD; and let not the sin of his mother be blotted out.
15 Let them be before the LORD continually, that he may cut off the memory of them from the earth.
16 Because that he remembered not to shew mercy, but persecuted the poor and needy man, that he might even slay the broken in heart.
17 As he loved cursing, so let it come unto him: as he delighted not in blessing, so let it be far from him.
18 As he clothed himself with cursing like as with his garment, so let it come into his bowels like water, and like oil into his bones.
19 Let it be unto him as the garment *which* covereth him, and for a girdle wherewith he is girded continually.
20 *Let* this *be* the reward of mine adversaries from the LORD, and of them that speak evil against my soul.

Save Me According to Thy Mercy

21 But do thou for me, O GOD the Lord, for thy name's sake: because thy mercy *is* good, deliver thou me.
22 For I *am* poor and needy, and my heart is wounded within me.
23 I am gone like the shadow when it declineth: I am tossed up and down as the locust.
24 My knees are weak through fasting; and my flesh faileth of fatness.

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over one's enemies (2 Sam. 1:20; Ps. 94:3). Psalm 149:5 illustrates the sense of this word well: "Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds."

109:5 hatred

(Heb. *sin'ah*) (Deut. 9:28; Prov. 10:12; 15:17; Ezek. 35:11) H8135: The use of this word is varied, ranging from strong dislike to violent aggression. In Hebrew thought hatred was either or both an emotion or an act of the will. In many cases this word is placed in opposition to love: "Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins" (Prov. 10:12). In this verse, David the psalmist points out the unjust irony of his enemies expressing hatred in return for his love.

109:24 fast ▸ *see Jon. 3:5.*

25 I became also a reproach unto them: *when* they looked upon me they shaked their heads.
26 Help me, O LORD my God: O save me according to thy mercy:
27 That they may know that this *is* thy hand; *that* thou, LORD, hast done it.
28 Let them curse, but bless thou: when they arise, let them be ashamed; but let thy servant rejoice.
29 Let mine adversaries be clothed with shame, and let them cover themselves with their own confusion, as with a mantle.
30 I will greatly praise the LORD with my mouth; yea, I will praise him among the multitude.
31 For he shall stand at the right hand of the poor, to save *him* from those that condemn his soul.

Psalm 110

The Lord's Ruling Power

A Psalm of David.

1 THE LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.
2 The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.
3 Thy people *shall be* willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.
4 The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou *art* a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.
5 The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath.
6 He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill *the places* with the dead bodies; he shall wound the heads over many countries.
7 He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up the head.

Psalm 111

The Greatness of God's Works

1 PRAISE ye the LORD. I will praise the LORD with *my* whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and *in* the congregation.
2 The works of the LORD *are* great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.
3 His work *is* honourable and glorious: and his righteousness endureth for ever.
4 He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the LORD *is* gracious and full of compassion.
5 He hath given meat unto them that fear him: he will ever be mindful of his covenant.
6 He hath shewed his people the power of his works, that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.

Verity and Judgment

7 The works of his hands *are* verity and judgment; all his commandments *are* sure.
8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *and are* done in truth and uprightness.
9 He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend *is* his name.
10 The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do *his commandments:* his praise endureth for ever.

110:1 make ▸ *see Gen. 4:25.*
110:1 enemy ▸ *see Josh. 7:8.*

110:1 footstool

(Heb. *hadom*) (1 Chr. 28:2; Ps. 132:7; Is. 66:1; Lam. 2:1) H1916: This very famous messianic prophecy, which is quoted in Matthew 22:44, Mark 12:36, and Luke 20:43, centers around Christ's victorious rule over His enemies. The word for *footstool* comes from a root meaning "to stamp upon." The footstool was a place of disgrace that symbolized subjugation—here contrasted with the right hand, which was a place of honor. The ark of the covenant is called a footstool of God (1 Chr. 28:2; Ps. 99:5), and in Isaiah 66 the entire earth is called God's footstool (Is. 66:1). Both of these uses remind us of God's supreme rule over all things.

111:9 redemption

(Heb. *peduth*) (Ex. 8:23; Ps. 130:7; Is. 50:2) H6304: Used only four times in Scripture, this word means "distinction, division, or liberation." Redemption is a drawing out, a division between those who belong to God and those who do not. Of course the end result of redemption is freedom and liberation from the power of sin. The meaning of this word is illustrated well by the beautiful words of Psalm 130:7: "Let Israel hope in the LORD: for with the LORD there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption."

Psalm 112

The Man Who Fears God

1 PRAISE ye the LORD. Blessed *is* the man *that* feareth the LORD, *that* delighteth greatly in his commandments.
2 His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed.
3 Wealth and riches *shall be* in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever.
4 Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: *he is* gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.
5 A good man sheweth favour, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with discretion.
6 Surely he shall not be moved for ever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.
7 He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD.
8 His heart *is* established, he shall not be afraid, until he see *his desire* upon his enemies.
9 He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.
10 The wicked shall see *it,* and be grieved; he shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away: the desire of the wicked shall perish.

Psalm 113

The High and Glorious Lord

1 PRAISE ye the LORD. Praise, O ye servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD.
2 Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and for evermore.
3 From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the LORD's name *is* to be praised.
4 The LORD *is* high above all nations, *and* his glory above the heavens.
5 Who *is* like unto the LORD our God, who dwelleth on high,
6 Who humbleth *himself* to behold *the things that are* in heaven, and in the earth!
7 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, *and* lifteth the needy out of the dunghill;
8 That he may set *him* with princes, *even* with the princes of his people.
9 He maketh the barren woman to keep house, *and to be* a joyful mother of children. Praise ye the LORD.

Psalm 114

Tremble at the Presence of the Lord

1 WHEN Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language;
2 Judah was his sanctuary, *and* Israel his dominion.

112:1 delight

(Heb. *chaphets*) (Prov. 21:1; Mic. 7:18) H2654: The Hebrew word *chaphets* can be used to speak of a romantic love, as Shechem "delighted" in Dinah (Gen. 34:19), or King Ahasuerus chose women depending on whom he "delighted" in (Esth. 2:14). It can also represent a man's respect for a friend, as Jonathan "delighted" in David (1 Sam. 19:2) or some men "favoured" Joab (2 Sam. 20:11). The Lord is described as delighting in mercy (Mic. 7:18) but taking "no pleasure in the death of the wicked" (Ezek. 33:11). In Proverbs 21:1 we read that "the king's heart is in the hand of the LORD . . . He turneth it whithersoever he will [*chaphets*]."

112:10 gnash ▸ *see Job 16:9.*

113:7 raise

(Heb. *qum*) (Num. 24:17; Job 31:14; Ps 40:2; Is. 61:4) H6965: Literally "to arise, as from a seat or bed," this word can refer to rising up or standing against an enemy (Josh. 7:13; Is. 31:2), the rising of a star (Num. 24:17), growing up (Ps. 78:6), being confirmed (Prov. 19:21), or rebuilding from ruins (Is. 44:26; 58:12). A common request in the psalms is for God to rise up to defend His people and execute justice—"Arise, O God, judge the earth: for thou shalt inherit all nations" (Ps. 82:8). On an individual level, He also raises up the destitute person who cries to Him for help: "But thou, O LORD, be merciful unto me, and raise me up" (Ps. 41:10).

113:7 poor ▸ *see Ps. 82:4.*
113:9 barren ▸ *see Gen. 11:30.*

114:2 dominion

(Heb. *memshalah*) (Gen. 1:16; Ps. 103:22; 145:13; Dan. 11:5) H4475: Usually rendered "dominion" or "rule," this word refers to what is under someone's jurisdiction. It refers to the sun and moon ruling over the day and night (Gen. 1:16), to a king's realm (2 Kin. 20:13), and to the way God rules over all things as the supreme King. His dominion is all of creation: "Thy kingdom is an

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3 The sea saw *it,* and fled: Jordan was driven back.
4 The mountains skipped like rams, *and* the little hills like lambs.
5 What *ailed* thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest? thou Jordan, *that* thou wast driven back?
6 Ye mountains, *that* ye skipped like rams; *and* ye little hills, like lambs?
7 Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob;
8 Which turned the rock *into* a standing water, the flint into a fountain of waters.

Psalm 115

Glory to God's Name

1 NOT unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, *and* for thy truth's sake.
2 Wherefore should the heathen say, Where *is* now their God?
3 But our God *is* in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.

Idols of Silver and Gold

4 Their idols *are* silver and gold, the work of men's hands.
5 They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not:
6 They have ears, but they hear not: noses have they, but they smell not:
7 They have hands, but they handle not: feet have they, but they walk not: neither speak they through their throat.
8 They that make them are like unto them; *so is* every one that trusteth in them.

Trust in the Lord

9 O Israel, trust thou in the LORD: he *is* their help and their shield.
10 O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD: he *is* their help and their shield.
11 Ye that fear the LORD, trust in the LORD: he *is* their help and their shield.
12 The LORD hath been mindful of us: he will bless *us;* he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron.
13 He will bless them that fear the LORD, *both* small and great.
14 The LORD shall increase you more and more, you and your children.
15 Ye *are* blessed of the LORD which made heaven and earth.

The Heavens Are the Lord's

16 The heaven, *even* the heavens, *are* the LORD's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.
17 The dead praise not the LORD, neither any that go down into silence.
18 But we will bless the LORD from this time forth and for evermore. Praise the LORD.

Psalm 116

Beseech the Lord

1 I LOVE the LORD, because he hath heard my voice *and* my supplications.
2 Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon *him* as long as I live.
3 The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow.
4 Then called I upon the name of the LORD; O LORD, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

A Gracious Lord

5 Gracious *is* the LORD, and righteous; yea, our God *is* merciful.
6 The LORD preserveth the simple: I was brought low, and he helped me.
7 Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the LORD hath dealt bountifully with thee.
8 For thou hast delivered my soul from

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everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations" (Ps. 145:13). He claims special dominion or rule over Judah and Israel—the chosen nation.

115:4 idol

(Heb. *`atsab*) (Ps. 106:36; Hos. 8:4; Mic. 1:7; Zech. 13:2) H6091: This plural word for "idol" is particularly associated with the destruction of idols or the destruction they cause in the lives of those who worship them. It comes from a root meaning "to fashion, to labor," indicating that idols are things made by human hands. Idols are things people make to worship instead of the living God who made all things, including people. Throughout Scripture, idols lead people to greater and greater sin (Ps. 106:36), and the worship of idols invokes the wrath of God.

116:3 find ▸ *see 1 Chr. 24:4.*
116:7 rest ▸ *see 1 Chr. 6:31.*
116:7 deal bountifully ▸ *see Ps. 131:2.*

death, mine eyes from tears, *and* my feet from falling.
9 I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.
10 I believed, therefore have I spoken: I was greatly afflicted:
11 I said in my haste, All men *are* liars.

Call on the Name of the Lord

12 What shall I render unto the LORD *for* all his benefits toward me?
13 I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD.
14 I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people.
15 Precious in the sight of the LORD *is* the death of his saints.
16 O LORD, truly I *am* thy servant; I *am* thy servant, *and* the son of thine handmaid: thou hast loosed my bonds.

The Sacrifice of Thanksgiving

17 I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD.
18 I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people,
19 In the courts of the LORD's house, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise ye the LORD.

Psalm 117

God's Mercy and Truth

1 O PRAISE the LORD, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people.
2 For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the LORD *endureth* for ever. Praise ye the LORD.

Psalm 118

God's Mercy

1 O GIVE thanks unto the LORD; for *he is* good: because his mercy *endureth* for ever.
2 Let Israel now say, that his mercy *endureth* for ever.
3 Let the house of Aaron now say, that his mercy *endureth* for ever.
4 Let them now that fear the LORD say, that his mercy *endureth* for ever.

The Lord Is on My Side

5 I called upon the LORD in distress: the LORD answered me, *and set me* in a large place.
6 The LORD *is* on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?
7 The LORD taketh my part with them that help me: therefore shall I see *my desire* upon them that hate me.
8 *It is* better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.

116:8 tear

(Heb. *dim`ah*) (Ps. 6:6; 56:8; 126:5; Jer. 13:17) H1832: Taken from the root word meaning "juice," this word refers to tears or weeping. In terms of usage, this word is usually used poetically to convey deep sorrow. The hyperbole of Psalm 6:6 is typical: "I am weary with my groaning; all the night make I my bed to swim; I water my couch with my tears." Yet despite the multitude of tears a person sheds during a lifetime, God cares for each one: "Thou tellest my wanderings; put thou my tears into thy bottle: are they not in thy book?" (Ps 56:8).

116:10 believe ▸ *see Gen. 15:6.*
116:15 precious ▸ *see 1 Kin. 7:9.*
116:15 saint ▸ *see Ps. 37:28.*
117:1 praise ▸ *see Ps. 63:3.*

117:1 people

(Heb. *'ummah*) (Gen. 25:16; Num. 25:15) H0523: Used of a community of persons—a tribe or a nation—this plural form of the word is only used three times in Scripture. It refers to a general grouping of tribes from all over the world, not the twelve tribes of Israel. The psalmist urges all nations to praise God, just as He promises they will at Christ's triumphant return (Is. 45:23; Rev. 5:9).

118:4 fear

(Heb. *yare'*) (Gen. 22:12; 2 Kin. 17:33; Job 1:1; Ps. 33:18; Is. 50:10) H3373: A straightforward word that means "fear," this word is often used to refer to fear of God, humble awe. It also can mean fear of one's enemies (Deut. 7:19; Judg. 7:3). In Scripture there is a clear distinction between those who fear God and those who fear men—and a belief that proper respect for God gives one courage to face any enemy. Consider Psalm 34:7: "The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them."

118:5 large place ▸ *see Ps. 31:8.*
118:8 trust ▸ *see Zeph. 3:12*

9 *It is* better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes.
10 All nations compassed me about: but in the name of the LORD will I destroy them.
11 They compassed me about; yea, they compassed me about: but in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.
12 They compassed me about like bees; they are quenched as the fire of thorns: for in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.
13 Thou hast thrust sore at me that I might fall: but the LORD helped me.
14 The LORD *is* my strength and song, and is become my salvation.

The Voice of Rejoicing and Salvation

15 The voice of rejoicing and salvation *is* in the tabernacles of the righteous: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.
16 The right hand of the LORD is exalted: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.
17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.
18 The LORD hath chastened me sore: but he hath not given me over unto death.

Praise the Lord

19 Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, *and* I will praise the LORD:
20 This gate of the LORD, into which the righteous shall enter.
21 I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation.
22 The stone *which* the builders refused is become the head *stone* of the corner.
23 This is the LORD's doing; it *is* marvellous in our eyes.
24 This *is* the day *which* the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.
25 Save now, I beseech thee, O LORD: O LORD, I beseech thee, send now prosperity.
26 Blessed *be* he that cometh in the name of the LORD: we have blessed you out of the house of the LORD.
27 God *is* the LORD, which hath shewed us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, *even* unto the horns of the altar.
28 Thou *art* my God, and I will praise thee: *thou art* my God, I will exalt thee.
29 O give thanks unto the LORD; for *he is* good: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

Psalm 119

Abide in God's Word

א ALEPH

1 BLESSED *are* the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD.
2 Blessed *are* they that keep his testimonies, *and that* seek him with the whole heart.
3 They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways.
4 Thou hast commanded *us* to keep thy precepts diligently.
5 O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes!
6 Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments.
7 I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments.
8 I will keep thy statutes: O forsake me not utterly.

ב BETH

9 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed *thereto* according to thy word.
10 With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments.
11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.
12 Blessed *art* thou, O LORD: teach me thy statutes.
13 With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth.

118:10 compass ▸ *see Josh. 6:14.*

118:17 declare

(Heb. *saphar*) (Gen. 15:5; Ps. 56:8; 96:3; Hos. 1:10) H5608: In keeping with ancient forms of writing, this word literally means "to scratch, scrape, score, or tally." It is translated as "tell" or "number" (Gen. 15:5) or "declare" (Job 15:17). In the places where it seems to refer to a verbal form of communication and is thus translated "declare," it means to enumerate or list. This is not a remembrance of one or two works of God, but rather a recounting of a long list of God's glorious deeds.

118:19 gate ▸ *see Josh. 2:5.*
118:22 corner ▸ *see Zech. 10:4.*
119:10 seek ▸ *see Amos 5:4.*

14 I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as *much as* in all riches.
15 I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways.
16 I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.

ג GIMEL

17 Deal bountifully with thy servant, *that* I may live, and keep thy word.
18 Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.
19 I *am* a stranger in the earth: hide not thy commandments from me.
20 My soul breaketh for the longing *that it hath* unto thy judgments at all times.
21 Thou hast rebuked the proud *that are* cursed, which do err from thy commandments.
22 Remove from me reproach and contempt; for I have kept thy testimonies.
23 Princes also did sit *and* speak against me: *but* thy servant did meditate in thy statutes.
24 Thy testimonies also *are* my delight *and* my counsellors.

ד DALETH

25 My soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken thou me according to thy word.
26 I have declared my ways, and thou heardest me: teach me thy statutes.
27 Make me to understand the way of thy precepts: so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.
28 My soul melteth for heaviness: strengthen thou me according unto thy word.
29 Remove from me the way of lying: and grant me thy law graciously.
30 I have chosen the way of truth: thy judgments have I laid *before me*.
31 I have stuck unto thy testimonies: O LORD, put me not to shame.
32 I will run the way of thy commandments, when thou shalt enlarge my heart.

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33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it *unto* the end.
34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with *my* whole heart.
35 Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight.
36 Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.
37 Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; *and* quicken thou me in thy way.
38 Stablish thy word unto thy servant, who *is devoted* to thy fear.
39 Turn away my reproach which I fear: for thy judgments *are* good.
40 Behold, I have longed after thy precepts: quicken me in thy righteousness.

ו VAU

41 Let thy mercies come also unto me, O LORD, *even* thy salvation, according to thy word.
42 So shall I have wherewith to answer him that reproacheth me: for I trust in thy word.

119:15 meditate ▸ *see Ps. 77:12.*

119:15 precept

(Heb. *piqud*) (Ps. 119:93, 104) H6490: A precept is a rule or commandment that guides behavior and leads people to do the right thing. Thus, "the statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart" (Ps. 19:8). In other words, the guidelines God gives us are not just good, but also lead to true human flourishing. Indeed, "all His commandments are sure" (Ps. 111:7), and we have been commanded to keep them "diligently" (Ps. 119:4). The psalmist says, "With them thou hast quickened me" (Ps. 119:93) and "through thy precepts I get understanding" (Ps. 119:104).

119:16 statute ▸ *see Lev. 20:8.*
119:18 eyes ▸ *see Num. 22:11.*
119:35 go ▸ *see Deut. 11:25.*

119:35 commandment

(Heb. *mitsvah*) (Ex. 24:12; Prov. 6:23) H4687: The commandments of the Lord are His unchangeable statutes or laws that govern all human activity. Literally written in stone (Ex. 24:12), they are to be obeyed completely and unwaveringly. Breaking any of them results in guilt that has to be atoned for through sacrifices (Lev. 4:2, 13, 22, 27; 5:17). The people were told, "keep . . . his statutes and his commandments . . . that it may go well with thee . . . upon the earth" (Deut. 4:40), but they often failed (Judg. 2:17). Solomon describes the Lord's commandments as "a lamp" that leads to life (Prov. 6:23).

119:39 reproach ▸ *see Ps. 15:3.*

43 And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth; for I have hoped in thy judgments.
44 So shall I keep thy law continually for ever and ever.
45 And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts.
46 I will speak of thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed.
47 And I will delight myself in thy commandments, which I have loved.
48 My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved; and I will meditate in thy statutes.

ז ZAIN

49 Remember the word unto thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to hope.
50 This *is* my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me.
51 The proud have had me greatly in derision: *yet* have I not declined from thy law.
52 I remembered thy judgments of old, O LORD; and have comforted myself.
53 Horror hath taken hold upon me because of the wicked that forsake thy law.
54 Thy statutes have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimage.
55 I have remembered thy name, O LORD, in the night, and have kept thy law.
56 This I had, because I kept thy precepts.

ח CHETH

57 *Thou art* my portion, O LORD: I have said that I would keep thy words.
58 I intreated thy favour with *my* whole heart: be merciful unto me according to thy word.
59 I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.
60 I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments.
61 The bands of the wicked have robbed me: *but* I have not forgotten thy law.
62 At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee because of thy righteous judgments.
63 I *am* a companion of all *them* that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts.
64 The earth, O LORD, is full of thy mercy: teach me thy statutes.

ט TETH

65 Thou hast dealt well with thy servant, O LORD, according unto thy word.
66 Teach me good judgment and knowledge: for I have believed thy commandments.
67 Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.
68 Thou *art* good, and doest good; teach me thy statutes.
69 The proud have forged a lie against me: *but* I will keep thy precepts with *my* whole heart.
70 Their heart is as fat as grease; *but* I delight in thy law.
71 *It is* good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.
72 The law of thy mouth *is* better unto me than thousands of gold and silver.

י JOD

73 Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.
74 They that fear thee will be glad when they see me; because I have hoped in thy word.
75 I know, O LORD, that thy judgments *are* right, and *that* thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.
76 Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kindness be for my comfort, according to thy word unto thy servant.
77 Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live: for thy law *is* my delight.
78 Let the proud be ashamed; for they dealt perversely with me without a cause: *but* I will meditate in thy precepts.
79 Let those that fear thee turn unto me, and those that have known thy testimonies.

119:54 pilgrimage ▸ *see Gen. 47:9.*

119:63 companion

(Heb. *chaber*) (Judg. 20:11; Eccl. 4:10) H2270: A companion is more than just an acquaintance; he or she is a close friend and ally. "So all the men of Israel were gathered against the city, knit together [*chaber*] as one man" (Judg. 20:11). In other words, they were unified as a team. The author of Ecclesiastes notes the importance of such a close bond, for if one person falls, the other "will lift up his fellow" (Eccl. 4:10). Negatively, Isaiah speaks of the companions of idol-makers being "gathered together" and "ashamed together" (Is. 44:11). Their punishment is just, but the emphasis is once again on unity among the group.

119:77 delight ▸ *see Ps. 119:143.*

80 Let my heart be sound in thy statutes; that I be not ashamed.

כ CAPH

81 My soul fainteth for thy salvation: *but* I hope in thy word.
82 Mine eyes fail for thy word, saying, When wilt thou comfort me?
83 For I am become like a bottle in the smoke; *yet* do I not forget thy statutes.
84 How many *are* the days of thy servant? when wilt thou execute judgment on them that persecute me?
85 The proud have digged pits for me, which *are* not after thy law.
86 All thy commandments *are* faithful: they persecute me wrongfully; help thou me.
87 They had almost consumed me upon earth; but I forsook not thy precepts.
88 Quicken me after thy lovingkindness; so shall I keep the testimony of thy mouth.

ל LAMED

89 For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.
90 Thy faithfulness *is* unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.
91 They continue this day according to thine ordinances: for all *are* thy servants.
92 Unless thy law *had been* my delights, I should then have perished in mine affliction.
93 I will never forget thy precepts: for with them thou hast quickened me.
94 I *am* thine, save me; for I have sought thy precepts.
95 The wicked have waited for me to destroy me: *but* I will consider thy testimonies.
96 I have seen an end of all perfection: *but* thy commandment *is* exceeding broad.

מ MEM

97 O how love I thy law! it *is* my meditation all the day.
98 Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they *are* ever with me.
99 I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies *are* my meditation.
100 I understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts.
101 I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word.
102 I have not departed from thy judgments: for thou hast taught me.
103 How sweet are thy words unto my taste! *yea, sweeter* than honey to my mouth!
104 Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.

נ NUN

105 Thy word *is* a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.
106 I have sworn, and I will perform *it,* that I will keep thy righteous judgments.
107 I am afflicted very much: quicken me, O LORD, according unto thy word.
108 Accept, I beseech thee, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD, and teach me thy judgments.

119:93 precept ▸ *see Ps. 119:15.*

119:97 law

(Heb. *torah*) (Ex. 24:12; Ps. 1:2; 89:30) H8451: Although usually translated *law*, the noun *torah* is derived from the verb *yarah*, meaning "to teach," and should be understood as carrying the idea of "instruction." The term can refer to any set of regulations, such as the instructions of parents (Prov. 1:8) or of a psalmist (Ps. 78:1). But usually the word refers to God's law. The writer of Psalm 119 expressed great love for God's law, because it led him to wisdom and righteousness (Ps. 119:97–176). In the New Testament, Paul also praised God's law because it pointed out his sin and made him realize his desperate need for a Savior (Rom. 7:7).

119:100 ancient

(Heb. *zaqen*) (1 Kin. 12:8; Ezra 3:12) H2205: The Hebrew word *zaqen* can refer specifically to someone's age, as "Abraham and Sarah were old [*zaqen*] and well stricken in age" (Gen. 18:11), or Samuel was seen as "an old man" (1 Sam. 28:14), or the "ancient men" who had seen the first temple wept at the sight of the new one (Ezra 3:12). By extension it can also be applied to the group of (generally) older men in a city or nation who functioned as civic leaders or authorities, as in the cities of refuge (Josh. 20:4). Elders were to be respected, and Rehoboam comes across as foolish for rejecting the wise advice of the elders (1 Kin. 12:8).

119:104 precept ▸ *see Ps. 119:15.*

109 My soul *is* continually in my hand: yet do I not forget thy law.
110 The wicked have laid a snare for me: yet I erred not from thy precepts.
111 Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever: for they *are* the rejoicing of my heart.
112 I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes alway, *even unto* the end.

ס SAMECH

113 I hate *vain* thoughts: but thy law do I love.
114 Thou *art* my hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word.
115 Depart from me, ye evildoers: for I will keep the commandments of my God.
116 Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live: and let me not be ashamed of my hope.
117 Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe: and I will have respect unto thy statutes continually.
118 Thou hast trodden down all them that err from thy statutes: for their deceit *is* falsehood.
119 Thou puttest away all the wicked of the earth *like* dross: therefore I love thy testimonies.
120 My flesh trembleth for fear of thee; and I am afraid of thy judgments.

ע AIN

121 I have done judgment and justice: leave me not to mine oppressors.
122 Be surety for thy servant for good: let not the proud oppress me.
123 Mine eyes fail for thy salvation, and for the word of thy righteousness.
124 Deal with thy servant according unto thy mercy, and teach me thy statutes.
125 I *am* thy servant; give me understanding, that I may know thy testimonies.
126 *It is* time for *thee,* LORD, to work: *for* they have made void thy law.
127 Therefore I love thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold.
128 Therefore I esteem all *thy* precepts *concerning* all *things to be* right; *and* I hate every false way.

פ PE

129 Thy testimonies *are* wonderful: therefore doth my soul keep them.
130 The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.
131 I opened my mouth, and panted: for I longed for thy commandments.
132 Look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me, as thou usest to do unto those that love thy name.
133 Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.
134 Deliver me from the oppression of man: so will I keep thy precepts.
135 Make thy face to shine upon thy servant; and teach me thy statutes.
136 Rivers of waters run down mine eyes, because they keep not thy law.

צ TZADDI

137 Righteous *art* thou, O LORD, and upright *are* thy judgments.
138 Thy testimonies *that* thou hast commanded *are* righteous and very faithful.
139 My zeal hath consumed me, because mine enemies have forgotten thy words.
140 Thy word *is* very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.
141 I *am* small and despised: *yet* do not I forget thy precepts.
142 Thy righteousness *is* an everlasting righteousness, and thy law *is* the truth.
143 Trouble and anguish have taken hold

119:110 snare ▸ *see Job 18:9.*

119:115 evildoer

(Heb. *ra`a`*) (Ps. 37:1; 94:16; Is. 14:20; Jer. 20:13) H7489: Derived from different Hebrew roots meaning "to make a loud noise" and "to break," the word's figurative meaning comes from the sense of raging or causing an uproar. The word refers both to being evil (Deut. 15:9—"and thine eye be evil") and doing evil (1 Kin. 14:9—"hast done evil"; see also 1 Sam. 26:21—"I will no more do thee harm"), and thus by extension to those who do evil (Prov. 17:4). The sense of breaking or being broken found in the root word is also in scriptural usage (e.g., Ps. 2:9; Is. 24:19).

119:122 be surety ▸ *see Gen. 43:9.*
119:133 iniquity ▸ *see Prov. 22:8.*
119:143 take hold ▸ *see 1 Chr. 24:4.*

on me: *yet* thy commandments *are* my delights.
144 The righteousness of thy testimonies *is* everlasting: give me understanding, and I shall live.

ק KOPH

145 I cried with *my* whole heart; hear me, O LORD: I will keep thy statutes.
146 I cried unto thee; save me, and I shall keep thy testimonies.
147 I prevented the dawning of the morning, and cried: I hoped in thy word.
148 Mine eyes prevent the *night* watches, that I might meditate in thy word.
149 Hear my voice according unto thy lovingkindness: O LORD, quicken me according to thy judgment.
150 They draw nigh that follow after mischief: they are far from thy law.
151 Thou *art* near, O LORD; and all thy commandments *are* truth.
152 Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old that thou hast founded them for ever.

ר RESH

153 Consider mine affliction, and deliver me: for I do not forget thy law.
154 Plead my cause, and deliver me: quicken me according to thy word.
155 Salvation *is* far from the wicked: for they seek not thy statutes.
156 Great *are* thy tender mercies, O LORD: quicken me according to thy judgments.
157 Many *are* my persecutors and mine enemies; *yet* do I not decline from thy testimonies.
158 I beheld the transgressors, and was grieved; because they kept not thy word.
159 Consider how I love thy precepts: quicken me, O LORD, according to thy lovingkindness.
160 Thy word *is* true *from* the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments *endureth* for ever.

שׁ SCHIN

161 Princes have persecuted me without a cause: but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.
162 I rejoice at thy word, as one that findeth great spoil.
163 I hate and abhor lying: *but* thy law do I love.
164 Seven times a day do I praise thee because of thy righteous judgments.
165 Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.
166 LORD, I have hoped for thy salvation, and done thy commandments.
167 My soul hath kept thy testimonies; and I love them exceedingly.
168 I have kept thy precepts and thy testimonies: for all my ways *are* before thee.

ת TAU

169 Let my cry come near before thee, O LORD: give me understanding according to thy word.
170 Let my supplication come before thee: deliver me according to thy word.
171 My lips shall utter praise, when thou hast taught me thy statutes.
172 My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments *are* righteousness.

119:143 delight

(Heb. *sha`shua`*) (Ps. 119:77; Prov. 8:31) H8191: The Hebrew word comes from another word meaning "to stroke" or "to spread," thus to comfort or delight. The word is used nine times in the Old Testament, and five of the appearances are in Psalm 119, where the term is applied to God's Law, Word, or commandments. In Proverbs 8:30, 31, the word applies to people (either oneself or others); and in Isaiah 5:7 and Jeremiah 31:20, the word is rendered "pleasant" (i.e., bringing or causing delight).

119:154 plead ▸ *see Gen. 31:36.*
119:155 far ▸ *see Judg. 18:7.*

119:161 without a cause

(Heb. *chinnam*) (1 Sam. 19:5; Ps. 35:19; Prov. 3:30) H2600: The primary meaning of the Hebrew word is "without cost," which comes from the meaning of the parent word ("grace" or "favor"). This meaning is reflected in passages such as Genesis 29:15 ("shouldest thou therefore serve me for nought?") and 2 Samuel 24:24 ("that which doth cost me nothing"). A related but different meaning is found in Job 1:9, where the sense is closer to "in vain" ("Doth Job fear God for nought?"). This sense leads to the most common rendering, "without cause" (Job 9:17; Prov. 24:28; Lam. 3:52).

119:163 abhor ▸ *see Ps. 5:6.*

173 Let thine hand help me; for I have chosen thy precepts.
174 I have longed for thy salvation, O LORD; and thy law *is* my delight.
175 Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee; and let thy judgments help me.
176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek thy servant; for I do not forget thy commandments.

Psalm 120

Deliverance from Lying Lips

A Song of degrees.

1 IN my distress I cried unto the LORD, and he heard me.
2 Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying lips, *and* from a deceitful tongue.
3 What shall be given unto thee? or what shall be done unto thee, thou false tongue?
4 Sharp arrows of the mighty, with coals of juniper.
5 Woe is me, that I sojourn in Mesech, *that* I dwell in the tents of Kedar!
6 My soul hath long dwelt with him that hateth peace.
7 I *am for* peace: but when I speak, they *are* for war.

Psalm 121

God Neither Slumbers Nor Sleeps

A Song of degrees.

1 I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.
2 My help *cometh* from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.
3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.
4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.
5 The LORD *is* thy keeper: the LORD *is* thy shade upon thy right hand.
6 The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.
7 The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.
8 The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

Psalm 122

Joy in the House of the Lord

A Song of degrees of David.

1 I WAS glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.
2 Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.
3 Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together:
4 Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the LORD.
5 For there are set thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.
6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.

120:4 sharp

(Heb. *shanan*) (Ps. 45:5; Prov. 25:18; Is. 5:28) H8150: Used only nine times in the Old Testament, the word can refer to the act of sharpening something (i.e., "whet"—Deut. 32:41) or, as here, the state of being sharp. By extension, it can also refer to being pierced, as by something sharp (but used figuratively, as Ps. 73:21—"I was pricked in my reins"). Similarly, in Deuteronomy 6:7, the rendering is "teach (them) diligently" (i.e., instill in them).

121:3 foot ▸ *see 2 Sam. 14:25.*

121:6 moon

(Heb. *yareach*) (Deut. 4:19; Job 25:5; Ps. 8:3; Ezek. 32:7) H3394: The moon played a crucial role in ancient Israelite society, as the calendar was based on lunar cycles. The moon thus dictated the time of the various feasts and festivals required by law. The moon appears frequently in Scripture as a symbol of stability (as Ps. 89:37—"It shall be established for ever as the moon"). It also factors in apocalyptic literature (e.g., Joel 2:31—"The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come").

121:7 preserve ▸ *see Job 10:12.*
122:1 glad ▸ *see 2 Kin. 11:20.*
122:4 give thanks ▸ *see Ps. 105:1.*

122:6 prosper

(Heb. *shalah*) (Job 12:6; Lam. 1:5) H7951: This seldom-used Hebrew word appears only five times in the Old Testament and is derived from a

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7 Peace be within thy walls, *and* prosperity within thy palaces.
8 For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace *be* within thee.
9 Because of the house of the LORD our God I will seek thy good.

Psalm 123

Wait on the Lord

A Song of degrees.

1 UNTO thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens.
2 Behold, as the eyes of servants *look* unto the hand of their masters, *and* as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes *wait* upon the LORD our God, until that he have mercy upon us.
3 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us: for we are exceedingly filled with contempt.
4 Our soul is exceedingly filled with the scorning of those that are at ease, *and* with the contempt of the proud.

Psalm 124

Help Comes from the Lord

A Song of degrees of David.

1 IF *it had* not *been* the LORD who was on our side, now may Israel say;
2 If *it had not been* the LORD who was on our side, when men rose up against us:
3 Then they had swallowed us up quick, when their wrath was kindled against us:
4 Then the waters had overwhelmed us, the stream had gone over our soul:
5 Then the proud waters had gone over our soul.
6 Blessed *be* the LORD, who hath not given us *as* a prey to their teeth.
7 Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped.
8 Our help *is* in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

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primitive root meaning "tranquil." It is variably rendered "in safety" (Job 3:26) and "happy" (Jer. 12:1). The sense is of safety and security, particularly in combination with wealth or at least freedom from great need. The word is used of the righteous (as here—those who pray for the peace of Jerusalem) and the unrighteous (Job 12:6). The prosperity of the wicked is cause for complaint to the Lord (Jer. 12:1).

122:7 walls ▸ *see Ps. 10:10.*

123:2 mercy

(Heb. *chanan*) (Ex. 33:19; Ps. 102:14; Is. 26:10) H2603: This term signifies an act of graciousness to someone in need, from a person of superior rank or circumstance. The writers of wisdom literature frequently commend showing mercy to the needy (Ps. 112:5; Prov. 14:21, 31; 28:8). But most of the references to *mercy* in the Bible pertain to God as the direct agent of mercy. The Scripture records God's mercy being sought on numerous occasions, often using the phrase familiar from the psalms of lament, "Have mercy on me" (Ps. 4:1; 6:2; 25:16; 51:1; 86:16). God shows His graciousness in many ways, including the prevention of harm, the bestowal of family and possessions, and the communication of divine law (Gen. 33:5, 11; 2 Kin. 13:23; Ps. 119:29, 124).

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124:3 kindle

(Heb. *charah*) (Ex. 4:14; Job 19:11; Zech. 10:3) H2734: Derived from a primitive root, the word literally means to glow, grow warm, or burn, but it is universally used in Scripture in a figurative sense describing anger, such as Gen. 30:2—"Jacob's anger was kindled." The word can describe the growth of anger or the state of anger (as Neh. 5:6—"I was very angry"). The word can describe the anger of an individual (as Samson—Judg. 14:19), a group (as the sons of Jacob—Gen. 34:7), or of God (Judg. 2:20; 2 Sam. 6:7).

124:5 proud

(Heb. *zedon*) H2121: This is the only time the word is used in the Old Testament. It literally means "boiling," as water, but the word is derived from another word meaning "proud" or "arrogant," but also "to boil up," as a temper (i.e., to seethe). Here the word is used in a figurative sense, describing an overflowing of troubles assaulting the soul. Tellingly, the beginning of the Book of Psalms acknowledges that it is because of the Lord's help that trouble has *not* overwhelmed the writer. The psalm ends with praise to God, "who made heaven and earth."

Psalm 125

Safety in the Lord

A Song of degrees.

1 THEY that trust in the LORD *shall be* as mount Zion, *which* cannot be removed, *but* abideth for ever.
2 *As* the mountains *are* round about Jerusalem, so the LORD *is* round about his people from henceforth even for ever.
3 For the rod of the wicked shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous; lest the righteous put forth their hands unto iniquity.
4 Do good, O LORD, unto *those that be* good, and to *them that are* upright in their hearts.
5 As for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways, the LORD shall lead them forth with the workers of iniquity: *but* peace *shall be* upon Israel.

Psalm 126

Sow Tears and Reap Joy

A Song of degrees.

1 WHEN the LORD turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream.
2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The LORD hath done great things for them.
3 The LORD hath done great things for us; *whereof* we are glad.
4 Turn again our captivity, O LORD, as the streams in the south.
5 They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.
6 He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves *with him*.

Psalm 127

Labouring in Vain

A Song of degrees for Solomon.

1 EXCEPT the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh *but* in vain.
2 *It is* vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: *for* so he giveth his beloved sleep.
3 Lo, children *are* an heritage of the LORD: *and* the fruit of the womb *is his* reward.
4 As arrows *are* in the hand of a mighty man; so *are* children of the youth.
5 Happy *is* the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.

125:4 heart ▸ *see Ps. 7:9.*

125:5 crooked ways

(Heb. *ʿaqalqal*) (Judg. 5:6) H6128: Used only twice in Scripture, the word means "winding" and is derived from another Hebrew word meaning "to twist," especially in the sense of perverting right into wrong (see Hab. 1:4). Here the derivative word is used figuratively to describe wrong living; in Judges 5:6 the term is more literal, describing twisty back roads as opposed to straight highways. In both instances, the sense is negative, indicating that straightness (or in this case righteousness) is to be preferred over crookedness.

126:1 captivity

(Heb. *shibah*) H7870: Only used here, this word means "return." The root word is used over a thousand times in Scripture and means "to turn back, restore." The theme of return, and especially return from captivity, looms large in Scripture and indeed could be said to be the overarching message of the Bible. Just as the Israelites suffered in captivity many times in the Old Testament and relied on God to rescue them, we are all in captivity to sin and without hope apart from God's rescue through the work of Christ.

126:3 glad ▸ *see 2 Chr. 7:10.*
126:5 tear ▸ *see Ps. 116:8.*
127:1 wake ▸ *see Jer. 1:12.*

127:5 happy

(Heb. *'esher*) (Ps. 84:12; 144:15; Eccl. 10:17) H0835: This Hebrew word can also mean "blessed" or "fortunate." As in Psalm 1:1, it is often used in congratulatory exclamation. The characteristic biblical beatitude concerns a person who trusts in the Lord and lives by His revelation (Ps. 1:1, 2; 34:8; Prov. 16:20). The word is often associated with those who have found wisdom or express benevolence; thus over half of its occurrences are in Psalms, with several more in Proverbs (Ps. 41:1; Prov. 3:13, 18; 14:21). Jesus begins the Sermon on the Mount with a list of beatitudes that conform to the Old Testament pattern (Matt. 5:3–12).

Psalm 128

Fear the Lord

A Song of degrees.

1 BLESSED *is* every one that feareth the LORD; that walketh in his ways.
2 For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy *shalt* thou *be,* and *it shall be* well with thee.
3 Thy wife *shall be* as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table.
4 Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the LORD.
5 The LORD shall bless thee out of Zion: and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life.
6 Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, *and* peace upon Israel.

Psalm 129

God's Righteous Power

A Song of degrees.

1 MANY a time have they afflicted me from my youth, may Israel now say:
2 Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth: yet they have not prevailed against me.
3 The plowers plowed upon my back: they made long their furrows.
4 The LORD *is* righteous: he hath cut asunder the cords of the wicked.
5 Let them all be confounded and turned back that hate Zion.
6 Let them be as the grass *upon* the housetops, which withereth afore it groweth up:
7 Wherewith the mower filleth not his hand; nor he that bindeth sheaves his bosom.
8 Neither do they which go by say, The blessing of the LORD *be* upon you: we bless you in the name of the LORD.

Psalm 130

Hoping and Waiting for the Lord

A Song of degrees.

1 OUT of the depths have I cried unto thee, O LORD.
2 Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.
3 If thou, LORD, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?
4 But *there is* forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.
5 I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope.
6 My soul *waiteth* for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: *I say, more than* they that watch for the morning.
7 Let Israel hope in the LORD: for with the LORD *there is* mercy, and with him *is* plenteous redemption.

128:1 walk ▸ *see Gen. 5:24.*
128:3 fruitful ▸ *see Gen. 28:3.*

128:5 Zion

(Heb. *tsiyon*) (2 Kin. 19:31; 2 Chr. 5:2; Ps. 9:11; Zech. 8:3) H6726: Literally meaning "parched place," this name is used of the City of David (2 Sam. 5:7) and the mountain on which the temple was built (Ps. 132:13). In a more general sense, it refers to the nation of Israel as the people of God. Zion is the place where God dwells among His people (Ps. 132:13). In the New Testament the name Zion is expanded to refer to the heavenly kingdom that awaits all of God's people from every nation (Rev. 14:1). In that sense we are all "children of Zion" (Ps. 149:2).

129:3 furrow

(Heb. *ma`anah*) (1 Sam. 14:14) H4618: A furrow is "a depression made from tilling," or, in other words, a long, narrow trench created by a plow. This word is only used twice in Scripture. The root word means "bestow labor upon someone" or "afflict." The psalmist is using the image of deep furrows created by a plow to illustrate the affliction of Israel. The righteous have been torn and abused by their enemies.

130:3 iniquity

(Heb. *`avon*) (Lev. 16:21; 2 Sam. 24:10) H5771: The word *`avon* can be used to speak of the sin itself as well as the punishment for such sin. So David prays, "O LORD, take away the iniquity of thy servant" (2 Sam. 24:10) after he realizes his mistake in ordering a census. The four lepers, when similarly convicted for remaining silent about the Syrians' sudden departure, fear "some mischief" (*`avon*) might come upon them as a result (2 Kin. 7:9). Job likens iniquity to a transgression of the Law (Job 7:21), and so the Law provides multiple avenues for forgiveness to take place (Lev. 16:21).

130:7 redemption ▸ *see Ps. 111:9.*

8 And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Psalm 131

A Humble Heart

A Song of degrees of David.

1 LORD, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty: neither do I exercise myself in great matters, or in things too high for me.
2 Surely I have behaved and quieted myself, as a child that is weaned of his mother: my soul *is* even as a weaned child.
3 Let Israel hope in the LORD from henceforth and for ever.

Psalm 132

A Habitation for the Lord

A Song of degrees.

1 LORD, remember David, *and* all his afflictions:
2 How he sware unto the LORD, *and* vowed unto the mighty *God* of Jacob;
3 Surely I will not come into the tabernacle of my house, nor go up into my bed;
4 I will not give sleep to mine eyes, *or* slumber to mine eyelids,
5 Until I find out a place for the LORD, an habitation for the mighty *God* of Jacob.
6 Lo, we heard of it at Ephratah: we found it in the fields of the wood.
7 We will go into his tabernacles: we will worship at his footstool.
8 Arise, O LORD, into thy rest; thou, and the ark of thy strength.
9 Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness; and let thy saints shout for joy.
10 For thy servant David's sake turn not away the face of thine anointed.
11 The LORD hath sworn *in* truth unto David; he will not turn from it; Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne.
12 If thy children will keep my covenant and my testimony that I shall teach them, their children shall also sit upon thy throne for evermore.
13 For the LORD hath chosen Zion; he hath desired *it* for his habitation.
14 This *is* my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it.
15 I will abundantly bless her provision: I will satisfy her poor with bread.
16 I will also clothe her priests with salvation: and her saints shall shout aloud for joy.
17 There will I make the horn of David to bud: I have ordained a lamp for mine anointed.
18 His enemies will I clothe with shame: but upon himself shall his crown flourish.

Psalm 133

Dwell Together in Unity

A Song of degrees of David.

1 BEHOLD, how good and how pleasant *it is* for brethren to dwell together in unity!

131:2 wean

(Heb. *gamal*) (Gen. 21:8; 1 Sam. 24:17; Ps. 116:7; Is. 63:7) H1580: This word is defined as "to treat a person (well or ill), requite or reward, to ripen, to wean." Elsewhere it is defined as "to deal fully or adequately with." It refers to the effect of a person's actions on another, so it is used of doing good to someone (Ps. 13:6), bringing evil upon oneself (Is. 3:9), or repaying someone for their deeds, either good or ill (Ps. 18:20). By extension it is used for an infant being weaned (Is. 28:9) and fruit ripening (Num. 17:8).

131:2 mother ▸ *see Prov. 30:11.*
132:7 footstool ▸ *see Ps. 110:1.*

132:9 shout for joy

(Heb. *ranan*) (Ps. 51:14; Is. 35:6) H7442: This Hebrew word means "to utter loudly," with the vast majority of references being to shouts of joy or hearty, joyful singing (Ps. 35:27; 59:16; 71:23). Twice the term is used of the summons of wisdom and once for the boisterous clamoring of a drunk (Ps. 78:65; Prov. 1:20; 8:3). About half of its occurrences are in Psalms and about one-fourth are in Isaiah. This word is associated with many terms for joy in the Old Testament (Ps. 32:11; Is. 49:13; Zech. 2:10). It is used to summon the heavens, the Gentiles, and most frequently the people of God—collectively and individually—to rejoice in God's blessings (Deut. 32:43; Ps. 33:11; Is. 44:23; Zech. 2:10). Our loud rejoicing in the Lord is based on His greatness and His goodness to us (Lev. 9:24; Ps. 5:11; 145:7; Is. 12:6).

132:17 lamp ▸ *see 2 Chr. 21:7.*

133:1 brother

(Heb. *'ach*) (Gen. 4:8; Lev. 19:17) H0251: This word can refer to sons who have the same parents, such

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2 *It is* like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, *even* Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;
3 As the dew of Hermon, *and as the dew* that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, *even* life for evermore.

Psalm 134

Bless the Lord

A Song of degrees.

1 BEHOLD, bless ye the LORD, all *ye* servants of the LORD, which by night stand in the house of the LORD.
2 Lift up your hands *in* the sanctuary, and bless the LORD.
3 The LORD that made heaven and earth bless thee out of Zion.

Psalm 135

Praise the Lord

1 PRAISE ye the LORD. Praise ye the name of the LORD; praise *him*, O ye servants of the LORD.
2 Ye that stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God,
3 Praise the LORD; for the LORD *is* good: sing praises unto his name; for *it is* pleasant.
4 For the LORD hath chosen Jacob unto himself, *and* Israel for his peculiar treasure.
5 For I know that the LORD *is* great, and *that* our Lord *is* above all gods.
6 Whatsoever the LORD pleased, *that* did he in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places.
7 He causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings for the rain; he bringeth the wind out of his treasuries.
8 Who smote the firstborn of Egypt, both of man and beast.
9 *Who* sent tokens and wonders into the midst of thee, O Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his servants.
10 Who smote great nations, and slew mighty kings;
11 Sihon king of the Amorites, and Og king of Bashan, and all the kingdoms of Canaan:
12 And gave their land *for* an heritage, an heritage unto Israel his people.

The Lord's Name Endures Forever

13 Thy name, O LORD, *endureth* for ever; *and* thy memorial, O LORD, throughout all generations.
14 For the LORD will judge his people, and he will repent himself concerning his servants.
15 The idols of the heathen *are* silver and gold, the work of men's hands.

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as the ill-fated brothers Cain and Abel (Gen. 4:8), or Jacob and Esau (Gen. 25:26). It can also be used more broadly to speak of a close family relationship, as between Abraham and Lot (Gen. 14:16) or Laban and Jacob (Gen. 29:15). David refers to his best friend, Jonathan, as his brother (2 Sam. 1:26), and more generally still, Moses considered all the Israelites to be his "brethren" (Ex. 2:11). Similarly, the Law commands, "Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart," clearly envisioning a wider circle than immediate family (Lev. 19:17).

134:1 night

(Heb. *layil*) (Gen. 1:5; 8:22; Ps 77:2; Zech. 14:7) H3915: This word refers to the middle of the night. Specifically in this verse, the reference is to the priests who stayed in the temple through the night to guard the elements of worship. Figuratively "night" can refer to adversity or trouble—a shadow falling on life's path or times of emotional darkness. Like the priests in the house of God, we can praise God in the literal or figurative nighttime: "At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee, because of thy righteous judgments" (Ps. 119:62).

135:10 mighty

(Heb. *`atsum*) (Gen. 18:18; Ex. 1:9; Is. 53:12; Joel 2:11) H6099: Used here to describe the source of the mighty men's power, this word means "numerous, strong." It refers to collective powers—nations with a strong military. Often this word is used in demonstrating that God's strength is superior to every earthly power: "Then will the LORD drive out all these nations from before you, and ye shall possess greater nations and mightier than yourselves" (Deut. 11:23). At the end of the Old Testament we get a vision of all the mighty nations bowing before God: "Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the LORD" (Zech. 8:22).

135:13 memorial ▸ *see Ps. 102:12.*

16 They have mouths, but they speak not; eyes have they, but they see not;
17 They have ears, but they hear not; neither is there *any* breath in their mouths.
18 They that make them are like unto them: *so is* every one that trusteth in them.
19 Bless the LORD, O house of Israel: bless the LORD, O house of Aaron:
20 Bless the LORD, O house of Levi: ye that fear the LORD, bless the LORD.
21 Blessed be the LORD out of Zion, which dwelleth at Jerusalem. Praise ye the LORD.

Psalm 136

Give Thanks for All God's Mercies

1 O GIVE thanks unto the LORD; for *he is* good: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.
2 O give thanks unto the God of gods: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.
3 O give thanks to the Lord of lords: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.
4 To him who alone doeth great wonders: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.
5 To him that by wisdom made the heavens: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.
6 To him that stretched out the earth above the waters: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.
7 To him that made great lights: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:
8 The sun to rule by day: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:
9 The moon and stars to rule by night: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.
10 To him that smote Egypt in their firstborn: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:
11 And brought out Israel from among them: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:
12 With a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.
13 To him which divided the Red sea into parts: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:
14 And made Israel to pass through the midst of it: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:
15 But overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red sea: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.
16 To him which led his people through the wilderness: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.
17 To him which smote great kings: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:
18 And slew famous kings: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:
19 Sihon king of the Amorites: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:
20 And Og the king of Bashan: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:
21 And gave their land for an heritage: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:
22 *Even* an heritage unto Israel his servant: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.
23 Who remembered us in our low estate: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:
24 And hath redeemed us from our enemies: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.
25 Who giveth food to all flesh: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.
26 O give thanks unto the God of heaven: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

Psalm 137

The Songs of Zion

1 BY the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion.
2 We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof.
3 For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song; and they that wasted us *required of us* mirth, *saying,* Sing us *one* of the songs of Zion.
4 How shall we sing the LORD's song in a strange land?

136:1 give thanks ▸ *see Ps. 105:1.*

136:13 divide

(Heb. *gazar*) (Ps. 88:5; Is. 53:8; Hab. 3:17) H1504: Literally "to cut down or off," in usage this word means "to divide, destroy, or exclude." It is used of cutting something in half (1 Kin. 3:25), cutting down trees (2 Kin. 6:4), being separated from the community (2 Chr. 26:21), or a decree (Esth. 2:1). Here the word calls to mind the events of Exodus 14 when God separated the Red Sea, driving it back on the right and the left and enabling the Israelites to go through on dry ground.

137:1 Babylon ▸ *see Jer. 52:31.*

137:3 waste

(Heb. *tolal*) H8437: Used only here, this word literally means "to cause to howl." The root word means "to howl." In this verse the wasters or plunderers literally caused the Israelites to howl—asking them to sing so they could make fun of them.

5 If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget *her cunning.*
6 If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy.
7 Remember, O LORD, the children of Edom in the day of Jerusalem; who said, Rase *it,* rase *it, even* to the foundation thereof.
8 O daughter of Babylon, who art to be destroyed; happy *shall he be,* that rewardeth thee as thou hast served us.
9 Happy *shall he be,* that taketh and dasheth thy little ones against the stones.

Psalm 138

God's Lovingkindness

A Psalm of David.

1 I WILL praise thee with my whole heart: before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.
2 I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.
3 In the day when I cried thou answeredst me, *and* strengthenedst me *with* strength in my soul.
4 All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O LORD, when they hear the words of thy mouth.
5 Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the LORD: for great *is* the glory of the LORD.
6 Though the LORD *be* high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off.
7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.
8 The LORD will perfect *that which* concerneth me: thy mercy, O LORD, *endureth* for ever: forsake not the works of thine own hands.

Psalm 139

Praise to the All-Knowing God

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

1 O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known *me.*
2 Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off.
3 Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted *with* all my ways.
4 For *there is* not a word in my tongue, *but,* lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether.
5 Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.
6 *Such* knowledge *is* too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot *attain* unto it.
7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?
8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou *art* there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou *art there.*
9 *If* I take the wings of the morning, *and* dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;
10 Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.
11 If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.
12 Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light *are* both alike *to thee.*
13 For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.
14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made: marvellous *are* thy works; and *that* my soul knoweth right well.

137:7 Edom ▸ *see 1 Kin. 9:26.*
137:7 foundation ▸ *see Ezek. 30:4.*
138:4 word ▸ *see Ps. 141:6.*

138:8 perfect

(Heb. *gamar*) (Ps. 7:9; 57:2) H1584: To "perfect" in this sense means to bring to an end or to fulfill. So David prays, "Let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end [*gamar*]" (Ps. 7:9), but David also is grieved because "the godly man ceaseth," meaning that he can no longer be found (Ps. 12:1). In another psalm, David cries out "to God Most High . . . who performeth [*gamar*] all things" (Ps. 57:2). In other words, the Lord is the one who brings all things to completion. Thus David is concerned that the Lord's promises might have "failed forevermore," meaning that they might have finished or ceased to be (Ps. 77:8).

139:10 lead ▸ *see Ps. 67:4.*
139:14 fearfully ▸ *see Neh. 4:14.*

139:14 wonderfully made

(Heb. *palah*) (Ex. 9:4; 33:16; Ps. 4:3) H6395: In rapturous delight the psalmist praises God for His

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15 My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, *and* curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.
16 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all *my members* were written, *which* in continuance were fashioned, when *as yet there was* none of them.
17 How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!
18 *If* I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.
19 Surely thou wilt slay the wicked, O God: depart from me therefore, ye bloody men.
20 For they speak against thee wickedly, *and* thine enemies take *thy name* in vain.
21 Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate thee? and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee?
22 I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies.
23 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:
24 And see if *there be any* wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Psalm 140

God's Preserving Power

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

1 DELIVER me, O LORD, from the evil man: preserve me from the violent man;
2 Which imagine mischiefs in *their* heart; continually are they gathered together *for* war.
3 They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent; adders' poison *is* under their lips. *Selah*.
4 Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked; preserve me from the violent man; who have purposed to overthrow my goings.
5 The proud have hid a snare for me, and cords; they have spread a net by the wayside; they have set gins for me. *Selah*.
6 I said unto the LORD, Thou *art* my God: hear the voice of my supplications, O LORD.
7 O GOD the Lord, the strength of my salvation, thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.
8 Grant not, O LORD, the desires of the wicked: further not his wicked device; *lest* they exalt themselves. *Selah*.
9 *As for* the head of those that compass me about, let the mischief of their own lips cover them.
10 Let burning coals fall upon them: let them be cast into the fire; into deep pits, that they rise not up again.
11 Let not an evil speaker be established in the earth: evil shall hunt the violent man to overthrow *him*.
12 I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of the afflicted, *and* the right of the poor.
13 Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto thy name: the upright shall dwell in thy presence.

Psalm 141

Keep My Heart from Evil

A Psalm of David.

1 LORD, I cry unto thee: make haste unto me; give ear unto my voice, when I cry unto thee.
2 Let my prayer be set forth before thee *as*

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marvelous creation of each person. This word means "to distinguish, separate, set apart," and therefore expresses the uniqueness of each individual. Psalm 4:3 gets at the sense of this word: "But know that the LORD hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the LORD will hear when I call unto Him." This is also the word used for the way God set apart and preserved the Israelites' livestock from the Egyptians' during the fifth plague (Ex. 9:4).

140:4 goings ▸ *see Ps. 85:13.*

140:5 net

(Heb. *resheth*) (Ps. 10:9; 25:15; 57:6; Ezek. 32:3) H7568: The Hebrews used nets to catch fish, birds, and other animals. The word comes from the root meaning "to seize, take possession of." In usage it means "network," like a grate (Ex. 27:4); a net to catch animals (Prov. 1:17); and metaphorically a trial or temptation by which a believer is ensnared (Job 18:8; Ps. 31:4). In Psalm 9:15 an entire nation is ensnared in a trap that it made for itself. A net is always associated with sin or punishment. We can take comfort in the fact that God rescues believers from the traps others set for them and ensnares the wicked in their own traps.

incense; *and* the lifting up of my hands *as* the evening sacrifice.
3 Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.
4 Incline not my heart to *any* evil thing, to practise wicked works with men that work iniquity: and let me not eat of their dainties.
5 Let the righteous smite me; *it shall be* a kindness: and let him reprove me; *it shall be* an excellent oil, *which* shall not break my head: for yet my prayer also *shall be* in their calamities.
6 When their judges are overthrown in stony places, they shall hear my words; for they are sweet.
7 Our bones are scattered at the grave's mouth, as when one cutteth and cleaveth *wood* upon the earth.
8 But mine eyes *are* unto thee, O GOD the Lord: in thee is my trust; leave not my soul destitute.
9 Keep me from the snares *which* they have laid for me, and the gins of the workers of iniquity.
10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets, whilst that I withal escape.

Psalm 142

Refuge in the Lord

Maschil of David; A Prayer when he was in the cave.

1 I CRIED unto the LORD with my voice; with my voice unto the LORD did I make my supplication.
2 I poured out my complaint before him; I shewed before him my trouble.
3 When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then thou knewest my path. In the way wherein I walked have they privily laid a snare for me.
4 I looked on *my* right hand, and beheld, but *there was* no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul.
5 I cried unto thee, O LORD: I said, Thou *art* my refuge *and* my portion in the land of the living.
6 Attend unto my cry; for I am brought very low: deliver me from my persecutors; for they are stronger than I.
7 Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name: the righteous shall compass me about; for thou shalt deal bountifully with me.

Psalm 143

A Prayer for Guidance and Deliverance

A Psalm of David.

1 HEAR my prayer, O LORD, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, *and* in thy righteousness.
2 And enter not into judgment with thy servant: for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.
3 For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground; he hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been long dead.
4 Therefore is my spirit overwhelmed within me; my heart within me is desolate.
5 I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands.

141:2 evening ▸ *see Ps. 65:8.*
141:2 sacrifice ▸ *see Num. 29:6.*
141:4 evil ▸ *see Deut. 4:25.*

141:6 word

(Heb. *'emer*) (Job 23:12; Ps. 19:14; 138:4; Prov. 16:24) H0561: This particular word for "utterance, speech, promise, command" is only used in poetry. It is a general term that refers to the whole of a speech or idea that someone utters, similar to the English "my words." Frequently it is used in the phrase "the words of God" (Num. 24:16) or "the words of my mouth" (Deut. 32:1). This is the word used in the famous prayer of Psalm 19:14: "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my Redeemer."

141:9 snare ▸ *see Ex. 10:7.*
142:3 overwhelm ▸ *see Jon. 2:7.*

142:6 attend

(Heb. *qashab*) (1 Sam. 15:22; Job 33:31; Ps. 5:2; Zech 7:11) H7181: Drawn from the animal world, this word means "to prick up the ears." It is used to mean "attend, incline (your ears), hearken, or give heed." The implication is that a person's words will not only be heard, but also acted upon. Daniel's plea to the Lord illustrates this well: "O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do" (Dan. 9:19). The psalmists use this word when they urge God to hear their prayers: "Attend unto my cry; give ear unto my prayer" (Ps. 17:1).

143:1 answer ▸ *see 1 Sam. 12:3.*

6 I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul *thirsteth* after thee, as a thirsty land. *Selah*.
7 Hear me speedily, O LORD: my spirit faileth: hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.
8 Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee.
9 Deliver me, O LORD, from mine enemies: I flee unto thee to hide me.
10 Teach me to do thy will; for thou *art* my God: thy spirit *is* good; lead me into the land of uprightness.
11 Quicken me, O LORD, for thy name's sake: for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.
12 And of thy mercy cut off mine enemies, and destroy all them that afflict my soul: for I *am* thy servant.

Psalm 144

A Mighty Fortress

A Psalm of David.

1 BLESSED *be* the LORD my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, *and* my fingers to fight:
2 My goodness, and my fortress; my high tower, and my deliverer; my shield, and *he* in whom I trust; who subdueth my people under me.
3 LORD, what *is* man, that thou takest knowledge of him! *or* the son of man, that thou makest account of him!
4 Man is like to vanity: his days *are* as a shadow that passeth away.
5 Bow thy heavens, O LORD, and come down: touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.
6 Cast forth lightning, and scatter them: shoot out thine arrows, and destroy them.
7 Send thine hand from above; rid me, and deliver me out of great waters, from the hand of strange children;
8 Whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand *is* a right hand of falsehood.
9 I will sing a new song unto thee, O God: upon a psaltery *and* an instrument of ten strings will I sing praises unto thee.
10 *It is he* that giveth salvation unto kings: who delivereth David his servant from the hurtful sword.
11 Rid me, and deliver me from the hand of strange children, whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand *is* a right hand of falsehood:
12 That our sons *may be* as plants grown up in their youth; *that* our daughters *may be* as corner stones, polished *after* the similitude of a palace:
13 *That* our garners *may be* full, affording all manner of store: *that* our sheep may bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our streets:
14 *That* our oxen *may be* strong to labour; *that there be* no breaking in, nor going out; that *there be* no complaining in our streets.
15 Happy *is that* people, that is in such a

143:6 stretch ▸ *see 2 Kin. 19:14.*

143:7 speedily

(Heb. *maher*) (Ex. 32:8; Deut. 4:26; Ps. 102:2; Zeph. 1:14) H4118: A notable use of this word is to describe the coming day of the Lord, which is "near and hasteth greatly" (Zeph. 1:14). The word means "hastening, hurrying." The psalmist urges God to act quickly on his behalf, a request that is echoed in Psalms 69:17 and 102:2. In Psalm 79:8 the prayer is for mercies to "speedily prevent us: for we are brought very low." While God is patient and forebears with sinners, when the time is right He acts speedily to bring justice (Deut. 7:22).

143:12 cut off ▸ *see Job 23:17.*
144:2 fortress ▸ *see Ps. 91:2.*
144:2 high tower ▸ *see Ps. 48:3.*
144:6 destroy ▸ *see 2 Chr. 15:6.*

144:7 send

(Heb. *shalach*) (Gen. 3:22; Job 1:11; Ps. 43:3; Prov. 31:20) H7971: This word is used in many different ways, including "to send out," "to extend," or "to stretch." It is used both positively and negatively, as God stretches out His hand in judgment (Ex. 3:20) and to rescue the downtrodden (Ps. 18:16). Satan challenged God in Job 1:11: "Put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face." People can be sent out by God to execute His justice (Judg. 6:14), as a punishment (Ps. 44:2), or to help someone in need (Ex. 3:10). God's word is also said to be sent out (Is. 55:11).

144:7 strange ▸ *see 2 Chr. 33:15.*
144:15 happy ▸ *see Ps. 127:5.*

case: *yea,* happy *is that* people, whose God *is* the LORD.

Psalm 145

God's Unsearchable Greatness

David's *Psalm* of praise.

1 I WILL extol thee, my God, O king; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever.
2 Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.
3 Great *is* the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness *is* unsearchable.
4 One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.
5 I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works.
6 And *men* shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts: and I will declare thy greatness.
7 They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness.
8 The LORD *is* gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.
9 The LORD *is* good to all: and his tender mercies *are* over all his works.
10 All thy works shall praise thee, O LORD; and thy saints shall bless thee.
11 They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power;
12 To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom.
13 Thy kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion *endureth* throughout all generations.
14 The LORD upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all *those that be* bowed down.
15 The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.
16 Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.
17 The LORD *is* righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.
18 The LORD *is* nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.
19 He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them.
20 The LORD preserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will he destroy.
21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD: and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

Psalm 146

Trust in the Lord

1 PRAISE ye the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul.
2 While I live will I praise the LORD: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.
3 Put not your trust in princes, *nor* in the son of man, in whom *there is* no help.
4 His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.
5 Happy *is he* that *hath* the God of Jacob

145:1 extol

(Heb. *rum*) (Ex. 15:2; Is. 25:1; Ps. 30:1; 34:3) H7311: The Hebrew word translated *extol* here is one of the many Hebrew words for praise in the Psalms. The specific meaning of this word is "to hold high" or "to esteem greatly." In contrast to King David's praise of the Lord as the exalted One (2 Sam. 22:47; Ps. 99:9), Lucifer's downfall came in trying to exalt himself above God (Is. 14:13). Thus in a negative sense, the word *rum* can mean "haughty" (2 Sam. 22:28). The psalmist's strong determination to honor and esteem God in Psalm 145:1 is indicated by the highly energized verb he employs in this passage, a verb which indicates a command directed to himself.

145:2 bless

(Heb. *baruch*) (Deut. 28:6; Ps. 95:6) H1288: When directed toward God, blessing is a form of worship and adoration, as when the psalmist says, "Oh come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel [*baruch*] before the LORD our maker" (Ps. 95:6), or when Solomon "kneeled down [*baruch*] upon his knees" to worship God (2 Chr. 6:13). When directed toward man, blessing implies honor and prestige, as when Saul blessed David: "Thou shalt both do great things and also shalt still prevail" (1 Sam. 26:25). When coming from God, it suggests special favor, as when "God blessed" Adam and Eve (Gen. 1:28). As Moses noted, if the Israelites "hearken unto the voice of the LORD," they will be blessed "in the city, and . . . in the field" (Deut. 28:2, 3). Indeed, "blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out" (Deut. 28:6).

145:5 honour ▸ *see Ps. 8:5.*
145:5 majesty ▸ *see 1 Chr. 29:11.*
145:13 dominion ▸ *see Ps. 114:2.*
145:21 ever ▸ *see Mic. 4:5.*
146:1 praise ▸ *see Ps. 150:1.*
146:4 breath ▸ *see Joel 2:28.*

for his help, whose hope *is* in the LORD his God:
6 Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein *is:* which keepeth truth for ever:
7 Which executeth judgment for the oppressed: which giveth food to the hungry. The LORD looseth the prisoners:
8 The LORD openeth *the eyes of* the blind: the LORD raiseth them that are bowed down: the LORD loveth the righteous:
9 The LORD preserveth the strangers; he relieveth the fatherless and widow: but the way of the wicked he turneth upside down.
10 The LORD shall reign for ever, *even* thy God, O Zion, unto all generations. Praise ye the LORD.

Psalm 147

Sing Praise to the Lord

1 PRAISE ye the LORD: for *it is* good to sing praises unto our God; for *it is* pleasant; *and* praise is comely.
2 The LORD doth build up Jerusalem: he gathereth together the outcasts of Israel.
3 He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.
4 He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by *their* names.
5 Great *is* our Lord, and of great power: his understanding *is* infinite.
6 The LORD lifteth up the meek: he casteth the wicked down to the ground.
7 Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God:
8 Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.
9 He giveth to the beast his food, *and* to the young ravens which cry.
10 He delighteth not in the strength of the horse: he taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man.
11 The LORD taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy.
12 Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion.
13 For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates; he hath blessed thy children within thee.
14 He maketh peace *in* thy borders, *and* filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.
15 He sendeth forth his commandment *upon* earth: his word runneth very swiftly.
16 He giveth snow like wool: he scattereth the hoarfrost like ashes.
17 He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who can stand before his cold?
18 He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: he causeth his wind to blow, *and* the waters flow.
19 He sheweth his word unto Jacob, his statutes and his judgments unto Israel.
20 He hath not dealt so with any nation: and *as for his* judgments, they have not known them. Praise ye the LORD.

Psalm 148

Praise from the Heavens

1 PRAISE ye the LORD. Praise ye the LORD from the heavens: praise him in the heights.

146:7 hungry

(Heb. *ra`eb*) (1 Sam. 2:5; Ps. 107:5, 9; Prov. 27:7) H7457: Used only 22 times in Scripture, this is a very basic word for "hungry." It refers to the physical sensation of wanting food, to a greater or lesser degree. There are other Hebrew words associated with suffering famine or a hungry desire—this word simply means "hungry." It can refer to a group of people ("the hungry"—Job 5:5) or to a soul that is hungry for God (Ps. 107:9). It is also used in the revolutionary command to do good to one's enemies in Proverbs 25:21: "If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink."

146:9 fatherless ▸ *see Job 22:9.*
147:1 sing praise ▸ *see Judg. 5:3.*
147:2 outcast ▸ *see Is. 56:8.*
147:3 bind up ▸ *see Job 34:17.*
147:4 tell ▸ *see Jon. 1:17.*

147:9 raven

(Heb. *`oreb*) (Gen. 8:7; 1 Kin. 17:4; Is. 34:11) H6158: The biblical term "raven" applies to all types of crows, ravens, rooks, jackdaws, magpies, and jays. All of these birds were considered unclean (Lev. 11:15). They are scavenger birds that eat almost everything and have a harsh cry. These birds kill their prey by plucking out their eyes (Prov. 30:17). Ravens' strength may be the reason Noah chose this bird to send out from the ark to look for dry land (Gen. 8:7). Because ravens were used to feed Elijah, they are also an image of God's care (1 Kin. 17:4, 6).

2 Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts.
3 Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light.
4 Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that *be* above the heavens.
5 Let them praise the name of the LORD: for he commanded, and they were created.
6 He hath also stablished them for ever and ever: he hath made a decree which shall not pass.
7 Praise the LORD from the earth, ye dragons, and all deeps:
8 Fire, and hail; snow, and vapours; stormy wind fulfilling his word:
9 Mountains, and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars:
10 Beasts, and all cattle; creeping things, and flying fowl:
11 Kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth:
12 Both young men, and maidens; old men, and children:
13 Let them praise the name of the LORD: for his name alone is excellent; his glory *is* above the earth and heaven.
14 He also exalteth the horn of his people, the praise of all his saints; *even* of the children of Israel, a people near unto him. Praise ye the LORD.

Psalm 149

Rejoice in the King

1 PRAISE ye the LORD. Sing unto the LORD a new song, *and* his praise in the congregation of saints.
2 Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
3 Let them praise his name in the dance: let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp.
4 For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation.
5 Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds.
6 *Let* the high praises of God *be* in their mouth, and a twoedged sword in their hand;
7 To execute vengeance upon the heathen, *and* punishments upon the people;
8 To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron;
9 To execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all his saints. Praise ye the LORD.

Psalm 150

Praise God's Mighty Acts

1 PRAISE ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power.

148:1 height

(Heb. *marom*) (2 Sam. 22:17; Job 5:11; Ps. 68:18; 102:19) H4791: Defined literally as "elevated, high place," this word is mainly used in a figurative sense. People who are proud are spoken of as "high," but God brings them low (Is. 26:5). God is often described as being "high," as in holy and honored, yet He dwells both in the high places and with the lowly of heart: "For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones" (Is. 57:15).

148:3 star ▸ *see Job 25:5.*

149:1 sing

(Heb. *shir*) (1 Sam. 18:6; 1 Chr. 16:9; Is. 5:1; Zeph. 2:14) H7891: This Hebrew word signifies singing, often with various musical instruments accompanying (1 Kin. 10:12; 1 Chr. 15:16; 2 Chr. 9:11). It is used most frequently as a participle meaning "singers" (especially in Nehemiah) and as a summons—of oneself or of the entire world—to sing praises to the Lord (2 Chr. 35:25; Ezra 7:7; Ps. 13:6; 21:13; 96:1). Singing is often associated with giving praise to God (Judg. 5:3; Ps. 106:12). Songs are sung to the Lord to extol His great power and His mercy to His people (Ex. 15:1; 1 Chr. 16:23, 24; Ps. 59:16; 89:1; Jer. 20:13).

149:3 praise ▸ *see Ps. 150:1.*

150:1 praise

(Heb. *halal*) (146:1; 149:3; Prov. 31:30) H1984: The verb *halal* is a common Hebrew word for *praise*. It may be used to exalt human beauty (Song 6:9), a virtuous wife (Prov. 31:30), or a wise man (Prov. 12:8), but most frequently *halal* is used to praise God. It often occurs in the imperative, expressing

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2 Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him
according to his excellent greatness.
3 Praise him with the sound of the trum-
pet: praise him with the psaltery and harp.
4 Praise him with the timbrel and dance:
praise him with stringed instruments and
organs.
5 Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise
him upon the high sounding cymbals.
6 Let every thing that hath breath praise
the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.

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an exhortation or command: "Praise!" (Ps. 135:1) or "Praise Him" (Ps. 150:2). The most familiar example of the imperative is *halleluyah* (meaning "Praise the LORD!"; see Ps. 146:1; 150:6), a combination of *halal* and the divine name *Yah*. The last five psalms present a climax to the praises contained in the Book of Psalms, commanding believers (Ps. 145:10), the Israelites (Ps. 149:2), the angels (Ps. 148:2), Jerusalem itself (Ps. 147:12), the heavens (Ps. 148:1), and finally every being that has breath (Ps. 150:6) to praise the Almighty God, the Creator of the universe.

150:2 excellent ▸ *see 2 Chr. 24:11.*
150:3 trumpet ▸ *see Hos. 8:1.*

150:6 breath

(Heb. *neshamah*) (Gen. 2:7; Is. 42:5) H5397: Here the word *neshamah* is used to speak of all living creatures in Creation, which is fitting because it was first used to speak of the life-giving breath of God that turned dust into a "living soul" (Gen. 2:7). Job's friend Elihu notes that "the breath of the Almighty hath given me life" (Job 33:4) and "understanding" (Job 32:8). Elsewhere the word refers to the "spirit of man" (Prov. 20:27), hidden from others but revealed to God. *Neshamah* speaks of life given by God to all who dwell in His Creation (Is. 42:5).

THE BOOK OF

PROVERBS

THE KEY WORD IN PROVERBS is *wisdom*, "the ability to live life skillfully." A godly life in an ungodly world, however, is no simple assignment. Proverbs provides God's detailed instructions for His people to deal successfully with the practical affairs of everyday life: how to relate to God, parents, children, neighbors, and government. Solomon, the principal author, uses a combination of poetry, parables, pithy questions, short stories, and wise maxims to give in strikingly memorable form the common sense and divine perspective necessary to handle life's issues.

Because Solomon, the pinnacle of Israel's wise men, was the principal contributor, the Hebrew title of this book is *Mishle Shelomoh*, "Proverbs of Solomon" (1:1). The Greek title is *Paroimiai Salomontos*, "Proverbs of Solomon." The Latin title *Liber Proverbiorum*, "Book of Proverbs," combines the words *pro* "for" and *verba* "words" to describe the way the proverbs concentrate many words into a few. The rabbinical writings called Proverbs *Sepher Hokhmah*, "Book of Wisdom."

WATCH WORDS

- **wisdom** (intelligence and moral integrity in daily living)—3:13 (also 2:6; 3:19; 8:7–9)
- **reproof** (rebuke)—5:12 (also 1:23; 10:17; 12:1; 13:18; 15:5, 10, 31)
- **instruction** (nourishing and corrective discipline)—8:10 (also 1:2, 8; 3:11, 12; 13:1, 24; 22:15; 23:13; 31:1)
- **foolish** (exhibiting absence of wisdom)—14:1 (also 12:23; 13:16; 14:8, 17, 18, 24, 29; 15:2; 16:22; 17:12; 18:13; 26:4, 5)
- **fear** (awe in regarding what is unknown or potentially dangerous, reverence)—19:23 (also 9:10; 14:26, 27; 16:6)

A Wise Man Will Hear

1 The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel;
2 To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding;
3 To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity;
4 To give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion.
5 A wise *man* will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:
6 To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings.

The Beginning of Knowledge

7 The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of knowledge: *but* fools despise wisdom and instruction.
8 My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother:

1:2 instruction ▸ *see Prov. 8:10.*
1:6 dark saying ▸ *see Judg. 14:12.*
1:7 knowledge ▸ *see Mal. 2:7.*

1:8 forsake

(Heb. *natash*) (Ex. 23:11; Deut. 32:15; Hos. 12:14) H5203: This term principally means "to leave alone, leave behind, leave free, abandon, forsake." It can be used for leaving a field fallow (Ex. 23:11), leaving sheep behind (1 Sam. 17:20, 28), or leaving a ship's tackle hanging loose (Is. 33:23). More often than not, the idea of abandonment is in the

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9 For they *shall be* an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.

Walk Not in the Way of Sinners

10 My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.
11 If they say, Come with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privily for the innocent without cause:
12 Let us swallow them up alive as the grave; and whole, as those that go down into the pit:
13 We shall find all precious substance, we shall fill our houses with spoil:
14 Cast in thy lot among us; let us all have one purse:
15 My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path:
16 For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood.
17 Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird.
18 And they lay wait for their *own* blood; they lurk privily for their *own* lives.
19 So *are* the ways of every one that is greedy of gain; *which* taketh away the life of the owners thereof.

Wisdom Cries in the Streets

20 Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets:
21 She crieth in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates: in the city she uttereth her words, *saying,*
22 How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorners delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge?
23 Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.
24 Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded;
25 But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof:
26 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh;
27 When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you.
28 Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me:
29 For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD:
30 They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof.
31 Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.
32 For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them.
33 But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

The Lord Gives Wisdom

2 My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee;
2 So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, *and* apply thine heart to understanding;
3 Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, *and* liftest up thy voice for understanding;
4 If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as *for* hid treasures;
5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.
6 For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth *cometh* knowledge and understanding.
7 He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: *he is* a buckler to them that walk uprightly.
8 He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints.
9 Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; *yea,* every good path.

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forefront when this word is used (1 Sam. 10:2; Prov. 17:14). God is often the subject and occasionally the object of this abandonment (Deut. 32:15; 2 Kin. 21:14; Ps. 27:9; Jer. 15:6; Ezek. 32:4). In several instances, this word means "to spread out" (Judg. 15:9; 1 Sam. 4:2; Is. 16:8).

1:16 make haste ▸ *see Nah. 2:5.*
1:23 reproof ▸ *see Prov. 5:12.*
1:27 destruction ▸ *see Ps. 35:8.*
1:27 anguish ▸ *see Is. 30:6.*
1:32 turn away ▸ *see Jer. 5:6.*
1:32 simple ▸ *see Prov. 7:7.*

2:9 equity

(Heb. *meshar*) (Ps. 17:2; 75:2; 99:4) H4339: The verbal root of this word means "to be smooth,

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Preserved by Discretion

10 When wisdom entereth into thine heart,
and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul;
11 Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee:
12 To deliver thee from the way of the evil *man,* from the man that speaketh froward things;
13 Who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness;
14 Who rejoice to do evil, *and* delight in the frowardness of the wicked;
15 Whose ways *are* crooked, and *they* froward in their paths:
16 To deliver thee from the strange woman, *even* from the stranger *which* flattereth with her words;
17 Which forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God.
18 For her house inclineth unto death, and her paths unto the dead.
19 None that go unto her return again, neither take they hold of the paths of life.
20 That thou mayest walk in the way of good *men,* and keep the paths of the righteous.
21 For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it.
22 But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it.

Keep the Commandments

3 My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments:
2 For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee.
3 Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart:
4 So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.
5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.
6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.
7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.
8 It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.
9 Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:
10 So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.
11 My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction:
12 For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son *in whom* he delighteth.

Wisdom Is Precious

13 Happy *is* the man *that* findeth wisdom, and the man *that* getteth understanding.

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straight, or level." Most of the occurrences of this word are in Psalms and Proverbs. Quite frequently, especially in Psalms, the word for equity appears in legal contexts with "righteousness" and "judgment," indicating a fair or impartial hearing (Ps. 9:8; 58:1; 96:10; 98:9; Prov. 8:6–8; Is. 45:19). Proverbs often associates *equity* with *wisdom* (Prov. 8:6; 23:15, 16). It is used by the biblical writers to describe the speech of a righteous person, wisdom, and even God Himself (Prov. 8:6; Is. 33:15; 45:19). God takes pleasure in equity; thus it is one of the bases of a righteous lifestyle (1 Chr. 29:17; Prov. 2:9; Is. 26:7).

2:17 guide ▸ *see Jer. 3:4.*
3:1 forget ▸ *see Eccl. 9:5.*
3:5 lean ▸ *see 2 Chr. 16:7.*
3:5 understanding ▸ *see Prov. 23:23.*

3:6 direct

(Heb. *yashar*) (1 Sam. 6:12; Ps. 5:8; Is. 40:3; 45:2) H3474: To direct means "to make straight, right, upright, pleasing, and good." This is the word from which we get the word for "uprightness" (H3476—Ps. 119:7). In usage it often refers to a straight path, usually a God-directed course of action. David prays, "Lead me, O LORD, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy way straight before my face" (Ps. 5:8). Isaiah uses this word in an important prophecy. Referring to John the Baptist's ministry, he writes, "Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God" (Is. 40:3).

3:10 new wine ▸ *see Neh. 13:12.*

3:13 wisdom

(Heb. *chokmah*) (Ex. 31:6; 1 Kin. 4:29; Job 11:6) H2451: The word *chokmah* also means "skill" and can refer to ability in craftsmanship (Ex. 31:6), in war (Is. 10:13), and in trade (Ezek. 28:4, 5). The most common use of *chokmah* is in reference to wisdom in daily living. This is the sense of the word as it is used throughout Proverbs,

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14 For the merchandise of it *is* better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.
15 She *is* more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.
16 Length of days *is* in her right hand; *and* in her left hand riches and honour.
17 Her ways *are* ways of pleasantness, and all her paths *are* peace.
18 She *is* a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy *is every one* that retaineth her.
19 The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens.
20 By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew.
21 My son, let not them depart from thine eyes: keep sound wisdom and discretion:
22 So shall they be life unto thy soul, and grace to thy neck.
23 Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble.
24 When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet.
25 Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh.
26 For the LORD shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken.
27 Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do *it*.
28 Say not unto thy neighbour, Go, and come again, and to morrow I will give; when thou hast it by thee.
29 Devise not evil against thy neighbour, seeing he dwelleth securely by thee.
30 Strive not with a man without cause, if he have done thee no harm.
31 Envy thou not the oppressor, and choose none of his ways.
32 For the froward *is* abomination to the LORD: but his secret *is* with the righteous.
33 The curse of the LORD *is* in the house of the wicked: but he blesseth the habitation of the just.
34 Surely he scorneth the scorners: but he giveth grace unto the lowly.
35 The wise shall inherit glory: but shame shall be the promotion of fools.

The Instruction of a Father

4 Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding.
2 For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law.
3 For I was my father's son, tender and only *beloved* in the sight of my mother.
4 He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live.

Get Understanding and Avoid Evil

5 Get wisdom, get understanding: forget *it* not; neither decline from the words of my mouth.
6 Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee.
7 Wisdom *is* the principal thing; *therefore* get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.
8 Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her.
9 She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee.

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which teaches that true wisdom involves not only intelligence but also moral integrity (Prov. 8:7–9). Because a sinful lifestyle is ultimately self-destructive, wisdom is extolled as the only path to a full and fruitful life (Prov. 3:13–26). The source of wisdom is God, who by wisdom founded the earth (Prov. 3:19), numbered the clouds (Job 38:37), and made the world (Jer. 10:12). He alone can provide men and women with the wisdom to live righteously (Job 11:6; Prov. 2:6).

3:13 understanding ▸ *see 1 Kin. 4:29.*
3:15 desire ▸ *see 1 Kin. 10:13.*
3:26 confidence ▸ *see Ps. 78:7.*
3:30 without cause ▸ *see Ps. 119:161.*
3:35 fool ▸ *see Ps. 49:10.*
4:4 live ▸ *see Hab. 2:4.*

4:9 crown

(Heb. *`atarah*) (Prov. 14:24; Song 3:11; Ezek. 23:42) H5850: This Hebrew word signifies a crown of gold, sometimes containing silver and often decorated with jewels (2 Sam. 12:30; Esth. 8:15; Ps. 21:3; Zech. 6:11, 14). It is a symbol of both honor and dignity (Job 19:9; Ezek. 16:12). Figu-

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10 Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many.
11 I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right paths.
12 When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitened; and when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble.
13 Take fast hold of instruction; let *her* not go: keep her; for she *is* thy life.
14 Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil *men*.
15 Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away.
16 For they sleep not, except they have done mischief; and their sleep is taken away, unless they cause *some* to fall.
17 For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence.
18 But the path of the just *is* as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.
19 The way of the wicked *is* as darkness: they know not at what they stumble.
20 My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.
21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.
22 For they *are* life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.
23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it *are* the issues of life.
24 Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee.
25 Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee.
26 Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established.
27 Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.

The Lips of a Strange Woman

5 My son, attend unto my wisdom, *and* bow thine ear to my understanding:
2 That thou mayest regard discretion, and *that* thy lips may keep knowledge.
3 For the lips of a strange woman drop *as* an honeycomb, and her mouth *is* smoother than oil:
4 But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a twoedged sword.
5 Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell.
6 Lest thou shouldest ponder the path of life, her ways are moveable, *that* thou canst not know *them*.
7 Hear me now therefore, O ye children, and depart not from the words of my mouth.
8 Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house:
9 Lest thou give thine honour unto others, and thy years unto the cruel:
10 Lest strangers be filled with thy wealth; and thy labours *be* in the house of a stranger;
11 And thou mourn at the last, when thy flesh and thy body are consumed,
12 And say, How have I hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof;
13 And have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor inclined mine ear to them that instructed me!
14 I was almost in all evil in the midst of the congregation and assembly.

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ratively, wisdom delivers a crown of glory to its possessor, an excellent wife is the crown of her husband, silver hair is a crown to the righteous, and grandchildren are the crown of old men (Prov. 4:9; 12:4; 16:31; 17:6). Isaiah prophesied that the Lord would be a crown of glory to the remnant of His people and that Jerusalem would be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord (Is. 28:5; 62:3).

4:18 just ▸ *see Lam. 1:18.*
4:20 incline ▸ *see Jer. 7:26.*
4:24 far ▸ *see Ps. 22:11.*
5:4 end ▸ *see Dan. 11:4.*
5:4 wormwood ▸ *see Amos 6:12.*

5:12 reproof

(Heb. *tokechah*) (2 Kin. 19:3; Prov. 1:23; Hos. 5:9) H8433: This uncommon noun (more frequent in wisdom materials) comes from a verb meaning "to correct, reprove, rebuke." The one who rejects reproof goes astray, is stupid, and will die (Prov. 10:17; 12:1; 15:10). The one who accepts reproof will be honored, is sensible, and will live (Prov. 13:18; 15:5, 31). Rebuke may be accompanied by the rod (Prov. 29:15). Ezekiel prophesied about the Lord's furious rebukes against His own people and against enemy nations (Ezek. 5:15; 25:17). On the other hand, Habakkuk expected a much less severe response over his questioning of God (Hab. 2:1). In a few cases, this term seems to denote an argument or counterargument (Job 13:6; 23:4; Ps. 38:14).

5:13 instruct ▸ *see Is. 48:17.*

Drink from Your Own Well

15 Drink waters out of thine own cistern,
and running waters out of thine own well.
16 Let thy fountains be dispersed abroad,
and rivers of waters in the streets.
17 Let them be only thine own, and not
strangers' with thee.
18 Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice
with the wife of thy youth.
19 *Let her be as* the loving hind and pleasant
roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times;
and be thou ravished always with her love.
20 And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished
with a strange woman, and embrace the
bosom of a stranger?
21 For the ways of man *are* before the eyes of
the LORD, and he pondereth all his goings.
22 His own iniquities shall take the wicked
himself, and he shall be holden with the
cords of his sins.
23 He shall die without instruction; and in
the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.

Surety for a Friend

6 My son, if thou be surety for thy friend,
if thou hast stricken thy hand with a
stranger,
2 Thou art snared with the words of thy
mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy
mouth.
3 Do this now, my son, and deliver thyself,
when thou art come into the hand of thy
friend; go, humble thyself, and make sure thy
friend.
4 Give not sleep to thine eyes, nor slumber
to thine eyelids.
5 Deliver thyself as a roe from the hand *of*
the hunter, and as a bird from the hand of the
fowler.

Consider the Ways of the Ant

6 Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her
ways, and be wise:
7 Which having no guide, overseer, or
ruler,
8 Provideth her meat in the summer, *and*
gathereth her food in the harvest.
9 How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard?
when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?
10 *Yet* a little sleep, a little slumber, a little
folding of the hands to sleep:
11 So shall thy poverty come as one that
travelleth, and thy want as an armed man.

The Wicked Devise Mischief

12 A naughty person, a wicked man, walketh
with a froward mouth.
13 He winketh with his eyes, he speaketh
with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers;
14 Frowardness *is* in his heart, he deviseth
mischief continually; he soweth discord.
15 Therefore shall his calamity come sud-
denly; suddenly shall he be broken without
remedy.

Seven Abominations the Lord Hates

16 These six *things* doth the LORD hate: yea,
seven *are* an abomination unto him:
17 A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands
that shed innocent blood,
18 An heart that deviseth wicked imag-
inations, feet that be swift in running to
mischief,
19 A false witness *that* speaketh lies, and he
that soweth discord among brethren.

Keep the Father's Commandment

20 My son, keep thy father's commandment,
and forsake not the law of thy mother:
21 Bind them continually upon thine heart,
and tie them about thy neck.
22 When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when
thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and *when*
thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.

6:1 strike ▸ *see Ps. 47:1.*

6:9 sluggard

(Heb. *`atsel*) (Prov. 10:26; 15:19; 20:4) H6102: This rare adjective (almost always used as a noun) derives from a verb meaning "to be at leisure, idle, sluggish, lazy." This term occurs only in Proverbs and entails a great deal of censure. The sluggard sleeps excessively (Prov. 6:9; 24:30–34; 26:14), vainly desires things that he will not work for (Prov. 13:4; 21:25), is too lazy to even feed himself (Prov. 19:24; 26:15), fabricates ludicrous excuses to keep from leaving his dwelling place (Prov. 22:13; 26:13), and "is wiser in his own conceit than seven men that can render a reason" (Prov. 26:16). The sluggard is instructed to learn a lesson from the ant to be truly wise (Prov. 6:6).

6:12 naughty ▸ *see 1 Sam. 30:22.*
6:15 remedy ▸ *see Mal. 4:2.*
6:16 hate ▸ *see Lev. 19:17.*
6:17 lying ▸ *see Jer. 8:8.*

23 For the commandment *is* a lamp; and the law *is* light; and reproofs of instruction *are* the way of life:
24 To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman.
25 Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids.
26 For by means of a whorish woman *a man is brought* to a piece of bread: and the adultress will hunt for the precious life.
27 Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned?
28 Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned?
29 So he that goeth in to his neighbour's wife; whosoever toucheth her shall not be innocent.
30 *Men* do not despise a thief, if he steal to satisfy his soul when he is hungry;
31 But *if* he be found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the substance of his house.
32 *But* whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he *that* doeth it destroyeth his own soul.
33 A wound and dishonour shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away.
34 For jealousy *is* the rage of a man: therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance.
35 He will not regard any ransom; neither will he rest content, though thou givest many gifts.

Keep My Commandments and Live

7 My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee.
2 Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye.
3 Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart.
4 Say unto wisdom, Thou *art* my sister; and call understanding *thy* kinswoman:
5 That they may keep thee from the strange woman, from the stranger *which* flattereth with her words.

The Ways of the Harlot

6 For at the window of my house I looked through my casement,
7 And beheld among the simple ones, I discerned among the youths, a young man void of understanding,
8 Passing through the street near her corner; and he went the way to her house,
9 In the twilight, in the evening, in the black and dark night:
10 And, behold, there met him a woman *with* the attire of an harlot, and subtil of heart.
11 (She *is* loud and stubborn; her feet abide not in her house:
12 Now *is she* without, now in the streets, and lieth in wait at every corner.)
13 So she caught him, and kissed him, *and* with an impudent face said unto him,
14 *I have* peace offerings with me; this day have I payed my vows.
15 Therefore came I forth to meet thee, diligently to seek thy face, and I have found thee.
16 I have decked my bed with coverings of tapestry, with carved *works,* with fine linen of Egypt.
17 I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.
18 Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning: let us solace ourselves with loves.
19 For the goodman *is* not at home, he is gone a long journey:
20 He hath taken a bag of money with him, *and* will come home at the day appointed.
21 With her much fair speech she caused him to yield, with the flattering of her lips she forced him.
22 He goeth after her straightway, as an ox goeth to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the stocks;

6:23 commandment ▸ *see Ps. 119:35.*
6:33 wipe away ▸ *see Gen. 7:23.*

7:7 simple

(Heb. *pethi*) (Ps. 19:7; Prov. 1:32; Ezek. 45:20) H6612: This word denotes someone who is simple, naive, gullible, imprudent, or inexperienced; sometimes these qualities stem from youth. It is the mildest of Old Testament words signifying a fool and, unlike others, does not suggest the idea of godlessness—the simpleton sins through ignorance (Ezek. 45:20). He has an open—often too open—mind with the capacity to learn (Prov. 9:4–6, 16; 14:15; 21:11). God's Word can give him wisdom, understanding, and prudence (Ps. 19:7; 119:130; Prov. 1:4). The simple love simplicity, are easily misled, and inherit folly (Prov. 1:22; 7:7; 14:18). They are unable to foresee avoidable problems, but are preserved by the Lord (Ps. 116:6; Prov. 22:3).

7:18 love ▸ *see Song 4:16.*

23 Till a dart strike through his liver; as a bird hasteth to the snare, and knoweth not that it *is* for his life.
24 Hearken unto me now therefore, O ye children, and attend to the words of my mouth.
25 Let not thine heart decline to her ways, go not astray in her paths.
26 For she hath cast down many wounded: yea, many strong *men* have been slain by her.
27 Her house *is* the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death.

Wisdom Is Better Than Rubies

8 Doth not wisdom cry? and understanding put forth her voice?
2 She standeth in the top of high places, by the way in the places of the paths.
3 She crieth at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors.
4 Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice *is* to the sons of man.
5 O ye simple, understand wisdom: and, ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart.
6 Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips *shall be* right things.
7 For my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness *is* an abomination to my lips.
8 All the words of my mouth *are* in righteousness; *there is* nothing froward or perverse in them.
9 They *are* all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge.
10 Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold.
11 For wisdom *is* better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.

Wisdom Dwells with Prudence

12 I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions.
13 The fear of the LORD *is* to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.
14 Counsel *is* mine, and sound wisdom: I *am* understanding; I have strength.
15 By me kings reign, and princes decree justice.
16 By me princes rule, and nobles, *even* all the judges of the earth.
17 I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.
18 Riches and honour *are* with me; *yea,* durable riches and righteousness.
19 My fruit *is* better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver.
20 I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment:
21 That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures.
22 The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old.
23 I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.
24 When *there were* no depths, I was brought forth; when *there were* no fountains abounding with water.
25 Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth:
26 While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world.
27 When he prepared the heavens, I *was* there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth:
28 When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep:
29 When he gave to the sea his decree, that

8:7 speak ▸ *see Ps. 1:2.*
8:8 righteousness ▸ *see Is. 62:1.*

8:10 instruction

(Heb. *musar*) (Deut. 11:2; Prov. 1:2; Is. 26:16; 53:5) H4148: The Hebrew word translated *instruction* means "discipline" that is instructive and corrective in nature. The word emphasizes the "nourishing" and "chastising" elements of bringing up a child. Instruction has to do with both the reception of knowledge through hearing and the application of that knowledge in daily life. In Proverbs, discipline comes primarily through one's father but also through one's mother (Prov. 1:8; 3:11, 12; 13:1; 31:1). Usually the word refers to verbal instruction, but it can also refer to the rod of correction (Prov. 13:24; 22:15; 23:13). The content of the instruction is frequently linked to wisdom, knowledge, and the fear of the Lord (Prov. 1:2, 3; 12:1; 15:33; 23:12, 13). Outside of Proverbs, discipline and instruction are frequently connected to God. The Exile was identified by the prophets as God's corrective punishment on the Israelites (Jer. 2:30; 5:3; 30:14).

8:14 counsel ▸ *see 2 Sam. 17:7.*
8:29 give ▸ *see Job 36:13.*

the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth:
30 Then I was by him, *as* one brought up *with him:* and I was daily *his* delight, rejoicing always before him;
31 Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights *were* with the sons of men.
32 Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed *are they that* keep my ways.
33 Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not.
34 Blessed *is* the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.
35 For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the LORD.
36 But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death.

Wisdom's Banquet

9 Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars:
2 She hath killed her beasts; she hath mingled her wine; she hath also furnished her table.
3 She hath sent forth her maidens: she crieth upon the highest places of the city,
4 Whoso *is* simple, let him turn in hither: *as for* him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him,
5 Come, eat of my bread, and drink of the wine *which* I have mingled.
6 Forsake the foolish, and live; and go in the way of understanding.

The Beginning of Wisdom

7 He that reproveth a scorner getteth to himself shame: and he that rebuketh a wicked *man getteth* himself a blot.
8 Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee.
9 Give *instruction* to a wise *man,* and he will be yet wiser: teach a just *man,* and he will increase in learning.
10 The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy *is* understanding.
11 For by me thy days shall be multiplied, and the years of thy life shall be increased.
12 If thou be wise, thou shalt be wise for thyself: but *if* thou scornest, thou alone shalt bear *it.*
13 A foolish woman *is* clamorous: *she is* simple, and knoweth nothing.
14 For she sitteth at the door of her house, on a seat in the high places of the city,
15 To call passengers who go right on their ways:
16 Whoso *is* simple, let him turn in hither: and *as for* him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him,
17 Stolen waters are sweet, and bread *eaten* in secret is pleasant.
18 But he knoweth not that the dead *are* there; *and that* her guests *are* in the depths of hell.

A Wise Son Gathers in Summer

10 The proverbs of Solomon. A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son *is* the heaviness of his mother.

8:29 commandment ▸ *see Num. 27:14.*
8:31 delight ▸ *see Ps. 119:143.*
8:36 wrong ▸ *see Job 21:27.*
9:7 reprove ▸ *see Jer. 10:24.*
9:10 fear ▸ *see Prov. 19:23.*

9:12 scorn

(Heb. *luts*) (Job 16:20; Prov. 15:12; Is. 28:22) H3887: This verb usually means "to scorn, scoff, mock, deride." People who delight in scorning are unreceptive to correction of any kind, cannot find wisdom, and are arrogant (Prov. 1:22; 9:7, 8; 13:1; 14:6; 21:24). One should avoid keeping company with them; they are to be punished and/or banished for the benefit of others (Ps. 1:1; Prov. 19:25; 21:11; 22:10). Wine itself is a mocker and is associated with mockers (Prov. 20:1). God scorns these people; they are abominable (Prov. 3:34; 24:9). Occasionally, this term signifies "to speak indirectly" and is thus used of interpreters, ambassadors, and mediators (Gen. 43:23; 2 Chr. 32:31; Is. 43:27).

9:13 clamorous ▸ *see Is. 17:12.*
9:17 bread ▸ *see 1 Sam. 21:3.*
9:17 secret ▸ *see Jer. 38:16.*

10:1 proverb

(Heb. *mashal*) (1 Sam. 10:12; 24:13; Ezek. 14:8) H4912: This Hebrew word means an "insightful saying." The word is commonly associated with Solomon, who spoke some three thousand

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2 Treasures of wickedness profit nothing: but righteousness delivereth from death.
3 The LORD will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish: but he casteth away the substance of the wicked.
4 He becometh poor that dealeth *with* a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich.
5 He that gathereth in summer *is* a wise son: *but* he that sleepeth in harvest *is* a son that causeth shame.
6 Blessings *are* upon the head of the just: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.
7 The memory of the just *is* blessed: but the name of the wicked shall rot.

A Prating Fool Shall Fall

8 The wise in heart will receive commandments: but a prating fool shall fall.
9 He that walketh uprightly walketh surely: but he that perverteth his ways shall be known.
10 He that winketh with the eye causeth sorrow: but a prating fool shall fall.
11 The mouth of a righteous *man is* a well of life: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.
12 Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins.
13 In the lips of him that hath understanding wisdom is found: but a rod *is* for the back of him that is void of understanding.
14 Wise *men* lay up knowledge: but the mouth of the foolish *is* near destruction.
15 The rich man's wealth *is* his strong city: the destruction of the poor *is* their poverty.
16 The labour of the righteous *tendeth* to life: the fruit of the wicked to sin.
17 He *is in* the way of life that keepeth instruction: but he that refuseth reproof erreth.
18 He that hideth hatred *with* lying lips, and he that uttereth a slander, *is* a fool.
19 In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips *is* wise.

The Tongue of the Just

20 The tongue of the just *is as* choice silver: the heart of the wicked *is* little worth.
21 The lips of the righteous feed many: but fools die for want of wisdom.
22 The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.

Fear of the Lord Prolongs Days

23 *It is* as sport to a fool to do mischief: but a man of understanding hath wisdom.
24 The fear of the wicked, it shall come upon him: but the desire of the righteous shall be granted.
25 As the whirlwind passeth, so *is* the wicked no *more:* but the righteous *is* an everlasting foundation.
26 As vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes, so *is* the sluggard to them that send him.
27 The fear of the LORD prolongeth days: but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.
28 The hope of the righteous *shall be* gladness: but the expectation of the wicked shall perish.
29 The way of the LORD *is* strength to the

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proverbs (1 Kin. 4:32; Eccl. 12:9). In Proverbs, the section headings indicate that both the two-line witty adage and the longer instructions of wisdom can be called by this name (Prov. 1:1; 10:1; 25:1). In Job, even an extended philosophical discourse can be called a proverb (Job 27:1; 29:1). In Ezekiel, the insightful saying can take on the form of a parable (Ezek. 17:2; 24:3). The Book of Proverbs makes it clear that all of these sayings are exclusively the domain of the wise (Prov. 1:6; 26:7, 9). They are intended to instruct us in the realities of life, the truth, and most importantly the fear of God (Prov. 1:6, 7).

10:12 hatred ▸ *see Ps. 109:5.*

10:16 wicked

(Heb. *rasha'*) (Gen. 18:23; Ps. 1:6; 32:10; Prov. 12:7) H7563: This word appears more than 250 times in Scripture, with more than eighty of them in the book of Proverbs. It means "wicked, wrong, godless, lawless, guilty, condemned, punishable." The root word means "to be guilty, condemned" and connotes inner turmoil. Frequently this word is set in opposition to the godly, contrasting the results of a wicked lifestyle with the reward that awaits the godly. For example, consider Psalm 32:10: "Many sorrows shall be to the wicked: but he that trusteth in the LORD, mercy shall compass him about," or Psalm 145:20: "The LORD preserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will he destroy."

10:17 err ▸ *see Amos 2:4.*
10:26 sluggard ▸ *see Prov. 6:9.*
10:29 strength ▸ *see Is. 27:5.*

upright: but destruction *shall be* to the workers of iniquity.
30 The righteous shall never be removed: but the wicked shall not inhabit the earth.
31 The mouth of the just bringeth forth wisdom: but the froward tongue shall be cut out.
32 The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable: but the mouth of the wicked *speaketh* frowardness.

A False Balance and a Just Weight

11 A false balance *is* abomination to the LORD: but a just weight *is* his delight.
2 *When* pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly *is* wisdom.
3 The integrity of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them.
4 Riches profit not in the day of wrath: but righteousness delivereth from death.
5 The righteousness of the perfect shall direct his way: but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness.
6 The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them: but transgressors shall be taken in *their own* naughtiness.
7 When a wicked man dieth, *his* expectation shall perish: and the hope of unjust *men* perisheth.
8 The righteous is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked cometh in his stead.
9 An hypocrite with *his* mouth destroyeth his neighbour: but through knowledge shall the just be delivered.

Rejoicing with the Righteous

10 When it goeth well with the righteous, the city rejoiceth: and when the wicked perish, *there is* shouting.
11 By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted: but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.
12 He that is void of wisdom despiseth his neighbour: but a man of understanding holdeth his peace.
13 A talebearer reveleth secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter.
14 Where no counsel *is,* the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors *there is* safety.
15 He that is surety for a stranger shall smart *for it:* and he that hateth suretiship is sure.
16 A gracious woman retaineth honour: and strong *men* retain riches.
17 The merciful man doeth good to his own soul: but *he that is* cruel troubleth his own flesh.
18 The wicked worketh a deceitful work: but to him that soweth righteousness *shall be* a sure reward.
19 As righteousness *tendeth* to life: so he that pursueth evil *pursueth it* to his own death.
20 They that are of a froward heart *are* abomination to the LORD: but *such as are* upright in *their* way *are* his delight.
21 *Though* hand *join* in hand, the wicked shall not be unpunished: but the seed of the righteous shall be delivered.
22 *As* a jewel of gold in a swine's snout, *so is* a fair woman which is without discretion.
23 The desire of the righteous *is* only good: *but* the expectation of the wicked *is* wrath.
24 There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and *there is* that withholdeth more than is meet, but *it tendeth* to poverty.
25 The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.
26 He that withholdeth corn, the people shall curse him: but blessing *shall be* upon the head of him that selleth *it.*
27 He that diligently seeketh good procureth favour: but he that seeketh mischief, it shall come unto him.
28 He that trusteth in his riches shall fall: but the righteous shall flourish as a branch.

11:1 balance ▸ *see Ps. 62:9.*
11:2 pride ▸ *see Obad. 3.*
11:3 integrity ▸ *see Job 27:5.*
11:9 hypocrite ▸ *see Job 8:13.*
11:13 reveal ▸ *see Amos 3:7.*

11:13 secret

(Heb. *sod*) (Job 15:8; Ps. 83:3; Prov. 15:22; Jer. 23:22) H5475: This word refers to both the assembly of people who discuss a matter and to the advice they offer after it has been discussed. Thus the translation is some version of either "assembly" or "secret," depending on context. In both cases, the connotation is of a tight-knit group of familiar acquaintance. God is said to offer this type of counsel (Job 15:8; 29:4). He offers His counsel to those who seek it (Ps. 25:14; Jer. 23:22).

11:15 surety ▸ *see Gen. 43:9.*
11:16 woman ▸ *see Judg. 21:11.*
11:19 death ▸ *see Ps. 13:3.*
11:22 snout ▸ *see 2 Kin. 13:3.*

29 He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind: and the fool *shall be* servant to the wise of heart.
30 The fruit of the righteous *is* a tree of life; and he that winneth souls *is* wise.
31 Behold, the righteous shall be recompensed in the earth: much more the wicked and the sinner.

A Good Man Obtains God's Favour

12 Whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge: but he that hateth reproof *is* brutish.
2 A good *man* obtaineth favour of the LORD: but a man of wicked devices will he condemn.
3 A man shall not be established by wickedness: but the root of the righteous shall not be moved.

A Virtuous Woman

4 A virtuous woman *is* a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed *is* as rottenness in his bones.
5 The thoughts of the righteous *are* right: *but* the counsels of the wicked *are* deceit.
6 The words of the wicked *are* to lie in wait for blood: but the mouth of the upright shall deliver them.
7 The wicked are overthrown, and *are* not: but the house of the righteous shall stand.
8 A man shall be commended according to his wisdom: but he that is of a perverse heart shall be despised.
9 *He that is* despised, and hath a servant, *is* better than he that honoureth himself, and lacketh bread.
10 A righteous *man* regardeth the life of his beast: but the tender mercies of the wicked *are* cruel.
11 He that tilleth his land shall be satisfied with bread: but he that followeth vain *persons is* void of understanding.

A Lying Tongue

12 The wicked desireth the net of evil *men:* but the root of the righteous yieldeth *fruit.*
13 The wicked is snared by the transgression of *his* lips: but the just shall come out of trouble.
14 A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of *his* mouth: and the recompence of a man's hands shall be rendered unto him.
15 The way of a fool *is* right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel *is* wise.
16 A fool's wrath is presently known: but a prudent *man* covereth shame.
17 *He that* speaketh truth sheweth forth righteousness: but a false witness deceit.
18 There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise *is* health.
19 The lip of truth shall be established for ever: but a lying tongue *is* but for a moment.
20 Deceit *is* in the heart of them that imagine evil: but to the counsellors of peace *is* joy.
21 There shall no evil happen to the just: but the wicked shall be filled with mischief.
22 Lying lips *are* abomination to the LORD: but they that deal truly *are* his delight.
23 A prudent man concealeth knowledge: but the heart of fools proclaimeth foolishness.
24 The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under tribute.
25 Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop: but a good word maketh it glad.
26 The righteous *is* more excellent than his neighbour: but the way of the wicked seduceth them.
27 The slothful *man* roasteth not that which he took in hunting: but the substance of a diligent man *is* precious.
28 In the way of righteousness *is* life; and *in* the pathway *thereof there is* no death.

The Righteous Man Hates Lying

13 A wise son *heareth* his father's instruction: but a scorner heareth not rebuke.
2 A man shall eat good by the fruit of *his* mouth: but the soul of the transgressors *shall eat* violence.

12:7 wicked ▸ *see Prov. 10:16.*
12:24 tribute ▸ *see Esth. 10:1.*

12:25 heaviness

(Heb. *de'agah*) (Josh. 22:24; Jer. 49:23; Ezek. 12:18) H1674: From a root word that literally means "to melt," this word means "fear, dread, or anxious care, heaviness." Part of Judah's punishment was that in captivity they would "eat their bread with carefulness, and drink their water with astonishment" (Ezek. 12:19). Their judgment would bring with it a fear that infused every activity of daily life. As Solomon warns, such anxiety leads to depression and heaviness of heart (Prov. 12:25).

3 He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: *but* he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.
4 The soul of the sluggard desireth, and *hath* nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.
5 A righteous *man* hateth lying: but a wicked *man* is loathsome, and cometh to shame.
6 Righteousness keepeth *him that is* upright in the way: but wickedness overthroweth the sinner.
7 There is that maketh himself rich, yet *hath* nothing: *there is* that maketh himself poor, yet *hath* great riches.

Contention Comes from Pride

8 The ransom of a man's life *are* his riches: but the poor heareth not rebuke.
9 The light of the righteous rejoiceth: but the lamp of the wicked shall be put out.
10 Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised *is* wisdom.
11 Wealth *gotten* by vanity shall be diminished: but he that gathereth by labour shall increase.
12 Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but *when* the desire cometh, *it is* a tree of life.

A Fountain of Life

13 Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded.
14 The law of the wise *is* a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.
15 Good understanding giveth favour: but the way of transgressors *is* hard.
16 Every prudent *man* dealeth with knowledge: but a fool layeth open *his* folly.
17 A wicked messenger falleth into mischief: but a faithful ambassador *is* health.
18 Poverty and shame *shall be to* him that refuseth instruction: but he that regardeth reproof shall be honoured.
19 The desire accomplished is sweet to the soul: but *it is* abomination to fools to depart from evil.
20 He that walketh with wise *men* shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.
21 Evil pursueth sinners: but to the righteous good shall be repayed.
22 A good *man* leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner *is* laid up for the just.
23 Much food *is in* the tillage of the poor: but there is *that is* destroyed for want of judgment.
24 He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.
25 The righteous eateth to the satisfying of his soul: but the belly of the wicked shall want.

The Wise and the Foolish

14 Every wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.

13:6 wickedness ▸ *see Zech. 5:8.*

13:6 overthrow

(Heb. *salaph*) (Ex. 23:8; Deut. 16:19; Prov. 21:12) H5557: With a literal definition of "twist or wrench," this word means "to pervert, subvert, or overthrow." It refers to an unexpected outcome—plans being thwarted from their original, usually wicked, intention. In Proverbs 19:3, it is translated with the literal meaning of "twist": "The foolishness of man perverteth his way." All seven uses of this word involve the theme of justice for the righteous and punishment for the wicked. For example, "The eyes of the LORD preserve knowledge, and he overthroweth the words of the transgressor" (Prov. 22:12).

13:10 pride ▸ *see Obad. 3.*
13:20 fool ▸ *see Ps. 49:10.*

14:1 foolish

(Heb. *'ivvelet*) (Prov. 16:22; 17:12; 26:4) H0200: This Hebrew word signifies an absence of wisdom. Except for two occurrences in the Psalms, this term occurs only in Proverbs, where the foolishness of fools is frequently contrasted with the wisdom of the wise and prudent (Prov. 13:16; 14:8, 18, 24). Foolishness characterizes the speech of fools and the reactions of the impulsive person (Prov. 12:23; 14:17, 29; 15:2, 14; 18:13). Foolishness affects the lifestyle of a person, causing his or her heart to fret against God (Prov. 15:21; 19:3). Indeed, foolishness is often identified with iniquity and sin (Ps. 38:4, 5; Prov. 5:22, 23; 24:9). Although Proverbs does not hold out much hope for separating an adult fool from his foolishness, the rod of correction is identified as a remedy for children (Prov. 22:15; 26:11; 27:22).

2 He that walketh in his uprightness feareth the LORD: but *he that is* perverse in his ways despiseth him.
3 In the mouth of the foolish *is* a rod of pride: but the lips of the wise shall preserve them.
4 Where no oxen *are,* the crib *is* clean: but much increase *is* by the strength of the ox.

The Faithful and False Witness

5 A faithful witness will not lie: but a false witness will utter lies.
6 A scorner seeketh wisdom, and *findeth it* not: but knowledge *is* easy unto him that understandeth.
7 Go from the presence of a foolish man, when thou perceivest not *in him* the lips of knowledge.
8 The wisdom of the prudent *is* to understand his way: but the folly of fools *is* deceit.
9 Fools make a mock at sin: but among the righteous *there is* favour.
10 The heart knoweth his own bitterness; and a stranger doth not intermeddle with his joy.

The House of the Wicked

11 The house of the wicked shall be overthrown: but the tabernacle of the upright shall flourish.
12 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.
13 Even in laughter the heart is sorrowful; and the end of that mirth *is* heaviness.
14 The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways: and a good man *shall be satisfied* from himself.

Fear of the Wise Man

15 The simple believeth every word: but the prudent *man* looketh well to his going.
16 A wise *man* feareth, and departeth from evil: but the fool rageth, and is confident.
17 *He that is* soon angry dealeth foolishly: and a man of wicked devices is hated.
18 The simple inherit folly: but the prudent are crowned with knowledge.
19 The evil bow before the good; and the wicked at the gates of the righteous.

There Is Profit in Labour

20 The poor is hated even of his own neighbour: but the rich *hath* many friends.
21 He that despiseth his neighbour sinneth: but he that hath mercy on the poor, happy *is* he.
22 Do they not err that devise evil? but mercy and truth *shall be* to them that devise good.
23 In all labour there is profit: but the talk of the lips *tendeth* only to penury.
24 The crown of the wise *is* their riches: *but* the foolishness of fools *is* folly.
25 A true witness delivereth souls: but a deceitful *witness* speaketh lies.
26 In the fear of the LORD *is* strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge.
27 The fear of the LORD *is* a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.
28 In the multitude of people *is* the king's honour: but in the want of people *is* the destruction of the prince.
29 *He that is* slow to wrath *is* of great understanding: but *he that is* hasty of spirit exalteth folly.
30 A sound heart *is* the life of the flesh: but envy the rottenness of the bones.
31 He that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his Maker: but he that honoureth him hath mercy on the poor.
32 The wicked is driven away in his wickedness: but the righteous hath hope in his death.
33 Wisdom resteth in the heart of him that hath understanding: but *that which is* in the midst of fools is made known.

14:4 clean ▸ *see Ps. 19:8.*
14:22 err ▸ *see Amos 2:4.*
14:24 crown ▸ *see Prov. 4:9.*

14:26 refuge

(Heb. *machseh*) (Ps. 61:3; 104:18; Joel 3:16) H4268: Denoting a place of trust or safety, this word is defined as "a shelter, refuge, protection, fortress, or hope." It can refer to either a literal shelter from the elements or from danger, or a figurative shelter from anything frightening. This word highlights the feeling of safety that the refuge engenders. In Psalm 73:28 this word is translated "trust." The most famous use of this word is Psalm 46:1: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

14:27 fountain ▸ *see Ps. 36:9.*
14:31 reproach ▸ *see 1 Sam. 17:10.*
14:32 drive away ▸ *see Is. 56:8.*

34 Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin *is* a reproach to any people.
35 The king's favour *is* toward a wise servant: but his wrath is *against* him that causeth shame.

The Eyes of the Lord

15 A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.
2 The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness.
3 The eyes of the LORD *are* in every place, beholding the evil and the good.
4 A wholesome tongue *is* a tree of life: but perverseness therein *is* a breach in the spirit.
5 A fool despiseth his father's instruction: but he that regardeth reproof is prudent.
6 In the house of the righteous *is* much treasure: but in the revenues of the wicked is trouble.

The Lips of the Wise

7 The lips of the wise disperse knowledge: but the heart of the foolish *doeth* not so.
8 The sacrifice of the wicked *is* an abomination to the LORD: but the prayer of the upright *is* his delight.
9 The way of the wicked *is* an abomination unto the LORD: but he loveth him that followeth after righteousness.

A Merry Heart

10 Correction *is* grievous unto him that forsaketh the way: *and* he that hateth reproof shall die.
11 Hell and destruction *are* before the LORD: how much more then the hearts of the children of men?
12 A scorner loveth not one that reproveth him: neither will he go unto the wise.
13 A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.
14 The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge: but the mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness.
15 All the days of the afflicted *are* evil: but he that is of a merry heart *hath* a continual feast.
16 Better *is* little with the fear of the LORD than great treasure and trouble therewith.
17 Better *is* a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.

Be Slow to Anger

18 A wrathful man stirreth up strife: but *he that is* slow to anger appeaseth strife.
19 The way of the slothful *man is* as an hedge of thorns: but the way of the righteous *is* made plain.
20 A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish man despiseth his mother.
21 Folly *is* joy to *him that is* destitute of wisdom: but a man of understanding walketh uprightly.
22 Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors they are established.

A Word Spoken in Due Season

23 A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word *spoken* in due season, how good *is it!*
24 The way of life *is* above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath.
25 The LORD will destroy the house of the

15:1 wrath ▸ *see Ezek. 7:8.*
15:11 destruction ▸ *see Job 31:12.*
15:12 scorner ▸ *see Prov. 9:12.*
15:13 heart ▸ *see Ps. 51:10.*
15:14 heart ▸ *see Ps. 51:10.*
15:14 fool ▸ *see Ps. 49:10.*

15:15 feast

(Heb. *mishteh*) (Gen. 21:8; Esth. 1:3; Dan. 1:5) H4960: Notable Old Testament banquets include that of Ahasuerus (Xerxes I), at which Vashti refused to allow herself to be displayed (Esth. 1) and that of Belshazzar, at which the gold and silver vessels stolen from the temple by Nebuchadnezzar were used and at which the handwriting appeared on the wall (Dan. 5). The New Testament speaks of the messianic banquet—a banquet at the end of this age—at which the patriarchs and all the righteous will be guests, but from which the wicked will be excluded (Matt. 8:11; Luke 13:29). The Book of Revelation concludes with all people invited to one or the other of the two banquets. At "the supper of the great God" (Rev. 19:17), the scavenger birds are invited to devour the defeated kings of the earth and their armies; at "the marriage supper of the Lamb" (Rev. 19:9), Christ will have fellowship with the faithful.

15:17 hatred ▸ *see Ps. 109:5.*
15:19 slothful ▸ *see Prov. 6:9.*
15:22 counsel ▸ *see Prov. 11:13.*

proud: but he will establish the border of the widow.
26 The thoughts of the wicked *are* an abomination to the LORD: but *the words* of the pure *are* pleasant words.
27 He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house; but he that hateth gifts shall live.

The Prayer of the Righteous

28 The heart of the righteous studieth to answer: but the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things.
29 The LORD *is* far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous.
30 The light of the eyes rejoiceth the heart: *and* a good report maketh the bones fat.
31 The ear that heareth the reproof of life abideth among the wise.
32 He that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul: but he that heareth reproof getteth understanding.
33 The fear of the LORD *is* the instruction of wisdom; and before honour *is* humility.

The Lord Weighs the Spirits

16 The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, *is* from the LORD.
2 All the ways of a man *are* clean in his own eyes; but the LORD weigheth the spirits.
3 Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.
4 The LORD hath made all *things* for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.
5 Every one *that is* proud in heart *is* an abomination to the LORD: *though* hand *join* in hand, he shall not be unpunished.
6 By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD *men* depart from evil.
7 When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.
8 Better *is* a little with righteousness than great revenues without right.
9 A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps.
10 A divine sentence *is* in the lips of the king: his mouth transgresseth not in judgment.
11 A just weight and balance *are* the LORD's: all the weights of the bag *are* his work.
12 *It is* an abomination to kings to commit wickedness: for the throne is established by righteousness.
13 Righteous lips *are* the delight of kings; and they love him that speaketh right.
14 The wrath of a king *is as* messengers of death: but a wise man will pacify it.
15 In the light of the king's countenance *is* life; and his favour *is* as a cloud of the latter rain.

Pride Goes Before Destruction

16 How much better *is it* to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver!
17 The highway of the upright *is* to depart from evil: he that keepeth his way preserveth his soul.
18 Pride *goeth* before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.
19 Better *it is to be* of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.
20 He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good: and whoso trusteth in the LORD, happy *is* he.
21 The wise in heart shall be called prudent: and the sweetness of the lips increaseth learning.
22 Understanding *is* a wellspring of life unto him that hath it: but the instruction of fools *is* folly.
23 The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth, and addeth learning to his lips.

15:25 border ▸ *see Josh. 15:12.*
15:25 widow ▸ *see 1 Kin. 17:9.*

16:3 commit

(Heb. *galal*) (Gen. 29:8; Ps. 37:5; Is. 34:4; Amos 5:24) H1556: Defined as "to roll, roll away," this word refers to rolling a stone away from the opening of a well. Proverbs 26:27 uses this word as a picture of divine retribution: "He that rolleth a stone, it will return upon him." Often the word is used metaphorically. In Joshua 5:9 the reproach of Egypt is rolled away from Israel. Here and in Psalm 37:5 the picture is of rolling one's efforts into God's care—doing the work and leaving the results up to Him.

16:6 fear ▸ *see Prov. 19:23.*
16:18 pride ▸ *see Ezek. 32:12.*
16:18 destruction ▸ *see Is. 59:7.*
16:22 folly ▸ *see Prov. 14:1.*

24 Pleasant words *are as* an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.
25 There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.
26 He that laboureth laboureth for himself; for his mouth craveth it of him.
27 An ungodly man diggeth up evil: and in his lips *there is* as a burning fire.
28 A froward man soweth strife: and a whisperer separateth chief friends.
29 A violent man enticeth his neighbour, and leadeth him into the way *that is* not good.
30 He shutteth his eyes to devise froward things: moving his lips he bringeth evil to pass.

A Crown of Glory

31 The hoary head *is* a crown of glory, *if* it be found in the way of righteousness.
32 *He that is* slow to anger *is* better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.
33 The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof *is* of the LORD.

The Crown of Old Men

17 Better *is* a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, than an house full of sacrifices *with* strife.
2 A wise servant shall have rule over a son that causeth shame, and shall have part of the inheritance among the brethren.
3 The fining pot *is* for silver, and the furnace for gold: but the LORD trieth the hearts.
4 A wicked doer giveth heed to false lips; *and* a liar giveth ear to a naughty tongue.
5 Whoso mocketh the poor reproacheth his Maker: *and* he that is glad at calamities shall not be unpunished.
6 Children's children *are* the crown of old men; and the glory of children *are* their fathers.
7 Excellent speech becometh not a fool: much less do lying lips a prince.
8 A gift *is as* a precious stone in the eyes of him that hath it: whithersoever it turneth, it prospereth.
9 He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter separateth *very* friends.
10 A reproof entereth more into a wise man than an hundred stripes into a fool.
11 An evil *man* seeketh only rebellion: therefore a cruel messenger shall be sent against him.
12 Let a bear robbed of her whelps meet a man, rather than a fool in his folly.
13 Whoso rewardeth evil for good, evil shall not depart from his house.
14 The beginning of strife *is as* when one letteth out water: therefore leave off contention, before it be meddled with.
15 He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both *are* abomination to the LORD.
16 Wherefore *is there* a price in the hand of a fool to get wisdom, seeing *he hath* no heart *to it?*

A Friend Loves at All Times

17 A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.
18 A man void of understanding striketh hands, *and* becometh surety in the presence of his friend.
19 He loveth transgression that loveth strife: *and* he that exalteth his gate seeketh destruction.
20 He that hath a froward heart findeth no

16:24 word ▸ *see Ps. 141:6.*
16:28 friends ▸ *see Jer. 3:4.*
16:33 lot ▸ *see Josh. 16:1.*
17:3 heart ▸ *see Ps. 7:9.*
17:5 mock ▸ *see Ps. 80:6.*

17:12 bear

(Heb. *dob*) (1 Sam. 17:37; 2 Sam. 17:8; Lam. 3:10; Hos. 13:8) H1677: The word for bear refers to the animal's movement; it comes from a root meaning "to glide slowly." Bears were a threat to both people and animals in the ancient world. In addition, they ate honey and fruit, so they were a danger to crops as well as livestock. That is why they were used as an image of ferocity and danger, and why the promise of peace in the messianic era of God's kingdom includes the cow and bear grazing together as an image of peace (Is. 11:7). Memorable bears in Scripture include those that killed the youths taunting Elisha (2 Kin. 2:24) and the bear that David killed (1 Sam. 17:36).

17:12 folly ▸ *see Prov. 14:1.*
17:14 contention ▸ *see Mic. 6:2.*

good: and he that hath a perverse tongue falleth into mischief.
21 He that begetteth a fool *doeth it* to his sorrow: and the father of a fool hath no joy.
22 A merry heart doeth good *like* a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.
23 A wicked *man* taketh a gift out of the bosom to pervert the ways of judgment.

The Eyes of a Fool

24 Wisdom *is* before him that hath understanding; but the eyes of a fool *are* in the ends of the earth.
25 A foolish son *is* a grief to his father, and bitterness to her that bare him.
26 Also to punish the just *is* not good, *nor* to strike princes for equity.
27 He that hath knowledge spareth his words: *and* a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit.
28 Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: *and* he that shutteth his lips *is esteemed* a man of understanding.

The Wellspring of Wisdom

18 Through desire a man, having separated himself, seeketh *and* intermeddleth with all wisdom.
2 A fool hath no delight in understanding, but that his heart may discover itself.
3 When the wicked cometh, *then* cometh also contempt, and with ignominy reproach.
4 The words of a man's mouth *are as* deep waters, *and* the wellspring of wisdom *as* a flowing brook.
5 *It is* not good to accept the person of the wicked, to overthrow the righteous in judgment.

A Fool's Mouth

6 A fool's lips enter into contention, and his mouth calleth for strokes.
7 A fool's mouth *is* his destruction, and his lips *are* the snare of his soul.
8 The words of a talebearer *are* as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.
9 He also that is slothful in his work is brother to him that is a great waster.
10 The name of the LORD *is* a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.
11 The rich man's wealth *is* his strong city, and as an high wall in his own conceit.
12 Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before honour *is* humility.
13 He that answereth a matter before he heareth *it,* it *is* folly and shame unto him.
14 The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity; but a wounded spirit who can bear?
15 The heart of the prudent getteth knowledge; and the ear of the wise seeketh knowledge.

The Power of the Tongue

16 A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men.
17 *He that is* first in his own cause *seemeth* just; but his neighbour cometh and searcheth him.
18 The lot causeth contentions to cease, and parteth between the mighty.
19 A brother offended *is harder to be won* than a strong city: and *their* contentions *are* like the bars of a castle.
20 A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; *and* with the increase of his lips shall he be filled.
21 Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

A Good Wife

22 *Whoso* findeth a wife findeth a good *thing,* and obtaineth favour of the LORD.
23 The poor useth intreaties; but the rich answereth roughly.
24 A man *that hath* friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend *that* sticketh closer than a brother.

18:2 fool ▸ *see Ps. 49:10.*
18:4 wellspring ▸ *see Ps. 36:9.*
18:6 contention ▸ *see Mic. 6:2.*
18:9 slothful ▸ *see Ex. 5:8.*

18:24 friend

(Heb. *rea'*) (Judg. 7:13; 1 Sam. 15:28; Job 2:11) H7453: This noun designates an associate, a person who is nearby or in contact with someone else. Most frequently, it signifies simply the second person in a dialogue (Gen. 11:3; Jon. 1:7). It can even refer to someone who becomes one's adversary in a fight (Ex. 2:13; 21:14). Quite often this word is used in connection with various words for lovers and loved ones, including the people commonly associated with the term *brethren*

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Walk in Integrity

19 Better *is* the poor that walketh in his integrity, than *he that is* perverse in his lips, and is a fool.
2 Also, *that* the soul *be* without knowledge, *it is* not good; and he that hasteth with *his* feet sinneth.
3 The foolishness of man perverteth his way: and his heart fretteth against the LORD.
4 Wealth maketh many friends; but the poor is separated from his neighbour.
5 A false witness shall not be unpunished, and *he that* speaketh lies shall not escape.
6 Many will intreat the favour of the prince: and every man *is* a friend to him that giveth gifts.
7 All the brethren of the poor do hate him: how much more do his friends go far from him? he pursueth *them with* words, *yet* they *are* wanting *to him.*
8 He that getteth wisdom loveth his own soul: he that keepeth understanding shall find good.
9 A false witness shall not be unpunished, and *he that* speaketh lies shall perish.
10 Delight is not seemly for a fool; much less for a servant to have rule over princes.
11 The discretion of a man deferreth his anger; and *it is* his glory to pass over a transgression.
12 The king's wrath *is* as the roaring of a lion; but his favour *is* as dew upon the grass.
13 A foolish son *is* the calamity of his father: and the contentions of a wife *are* a continual dropping.
14 House and riches *are* the inheritance of fathers: and a prudent wife *is* from the LORD.
15 Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep; and an idle soul shall suffer hunger.
16 He that keepeth the commandment keepeth his own soul; *but* he that despiseth his ways shall die.
17 He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again.
18 Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying.
19 A man of great wrath shall suffer punishment: for if thou deliver *him,* yet thou must do it again.

The Counsel of the Lord

20 Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end.
21 *There are* many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand.
22 The desire of a man *is* his kindness: and a poor man *is* better than a liar.
23 The fear of the LORD *tendeth* to life: and *he that hath it* shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil.
24 A slothful *man* hideth his hand in *his* bosom, and will not so much as bring it to his mouth again.
25 Smite a scorner, and the simple will beware: and reprove one that hath understanding, *and* he will understand knowledge.
26 He that wasteth *his* father, *and* chaseth away *his* mother, *is* a son that causeth shame, and bringeth reproach.
27 Cease, my son, to hear the instruction *that causeth* to err from the words of knowledge.

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(Ps. 35:14; 122:8; Song 5:1, 16; Jer. 3:1; Hos. 3:1). The use of this word in the commandment to love one's neighbor (Lev. 19:18) prompted a certain lawyer to ask Jesus who his neighbor was. Jesus responded with the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:29–37).

19:5 escape ▸ *see Jer. 48:8.*
19:20 wise ▸ *see Prov. 21:11.*

19:23 fear

(Heb. *yir'ah*) (Gen. 20:11; Prov. 9:10; 16:6) H3374: This Hebrew word signifies awe in regarding what is unknown or potentially dangerous. Sometimes it refers to fear or terror inspired by danger or one's enemies. More often, it means "reverence," particularly for God (Prov. 19:23). The use of this word does not imply that one needs to be afraid of God, but it does demand the appropriate recognition and respect for God's fearsome qualities, such as His righteous wrath (Ps. 5:4–7). The fear of God—that is, the proper respect of God—compels us to abandon our evil ways (Prov. 16:6) and teaches us wisdom (Prov. 9:10). Perhaps somewhat ironically, fear of God leads to confidence in this life, for if we have submitted to the Almighty we do not have to fear any other power in this world. No one can harm us, because the Almighty is our Protector (Prov. 14:26, 27; see Heb. 13:6).

19:23 satisfy ▸ *see Gen. 25:8.*
19:26 waste ▸ *see Ps. 17:9.*

28 An ungodly witness scorneth judgment: and the mouth of the wicked devoureth iniquity.
29 Judgments are prepared for scorners, and stripes for the back of fools.

The Mockery of Wine

20 Wine *is* a mocker, strong drink *is* raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.
2 The fear of a king *is* as the roaring of a lion: *whoso* provoketh him to anger sinneth *against* his own soul.
3 *It is* an honour for a man to cease from strife: but every fool will be meddling.
4 The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; *therefore* shall he beg in harvest, and *have* nothing.
5 Counsel in the heart of man *is like* deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out.

The Just Man

6 Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find?
7 The just *man* walketh in his integrity: his children *are* blessed after him.
8 A king that sitteth in the throne of judgment scattereth away all evil with his eyes.
9 Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?
10 Divers weights, *and* divers measures, both of them *are* alike abomination to the LORD.
11 Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work *be* pure, and whether *it be* right.
12 The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the LORD hath made even both of them.
13 Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty; open thine eyes, *and* thou shalt be satisfied with bread.
14 *It is* naught, *it is* naught, saith the buyer: but when he is gone his way, then he boasteth.
15 There is gold, and a multitude of rubies: but the lips of knowledge *are* a precious jewel.
16 Take his garment that is surety *for* a stranger: and take a pledge of him for a strange woman.
17 Bread of deceit *is* sweet to a man; but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel.
18 *Every* purpose is established by counsel: and with good advice make war.
19 He that goeth about *as* a talebearer revealeth secrets: therefore meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips.
20 Whoso curseth his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness.
21 An inheritance *may be* gotten hastily at the beginning; but the end thereof shall not be blessed.
22 Say not thou, I will recompense evil; *but* wait on the LORD, and he shall save thee.
23 Divers weights *are* an abomination unto the LORD; and a false balance *is* not good.
24 Man's goings *are* of the LORD; how can a man then understand his own way?
25 *It is* a snare to the man *who* devoureth *that which is* holy, and after vows to make enquiry.
26 A wise king scattereth the wicked, and bringeth the wheel over them.
27 The spirit of man *is* the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly.
28 Mercy and truth preserve the king: and his throne is upholden by mercy.
29 The glory of young men *is* their strength: and the beauty of old men *is* the grey head.
30 The blueness of a wound cleanseth away evil: so *do* stripes the inward parts of the belly.

19:29 judgment ▸ *see Ezek. 11:9.*
20:4 sluggard ▸ *see Prov. 6:9.*

20:4 harvest

(Heb. *qatsir*) (Gen. 8:22; Ex. 23:16; Is. 9:3; Joel 3:13) H7105: In the agrarian society of the Old Testament, harvest was a time of celebration and thanks to God. The word for harvest also means "bough or branch," referring to what is cut off to be harvested. In the Hebrew mind, harvest was directly related to God's sovereign, providential care—He brings harvests or withholds them (Jer. 5:24; Amos 4:7). As a result, it is not surprising that harvests were part of the tithe (Lev. 27:30–32) and a portion of the harvest was to be left for the destitute (Lev. 19:9; Ruth 2:23).

20:13 satisfy ▸ *see Amos 4:8.*
20:14 way ▸ *see Job 14:11.*
20:19 reveal ▸ *see Amos 3:7.*
20:19 flatter ▸ *see Gen. 9:27.*
20:27 search ▸ *see 2 Chr. 18:29.*

The Plowing of the Wicked

21 The king's heart *is* in the hand of the LORD, *as* the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will.
2 Every way of a man *is* right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts.
3 To do justice and judgment *is* more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.
4 An high look, and a proud heart, *and* the plowing of the wicked, *is* sin.
5 The thoughts of the diligent *tend* only to plenteousness; but of every one *that is* hasty only to want.
6 The getting of treasures by a lying tongue *is* a vanity tossed to and fro of them that seek death.
7 The robbery of the wicked shall destroy them; because they refuse to do judgment.
8 The way of man *is* froward and strange: but *as for* the pure, his work *is* right.
9 *It is* better to dwell in a corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman in a wide house.
10 The soul of the wicked desireth evil: his neighbour findeth no favour in his eyes.
11 When the scorner is punished, the simple is made wise: and when the wise is instructed, he receiveth knowledge.
12 The righteous *man* wisely considereth the house of the wicked: *but God* overthroweth the wicked for *their* wickedness.

A Gift in Secret

13 Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard.
14 A gift in secret pacifieth anger: and a reward in the bosom strong wrath.
15 *It is* joy to the just to do judgment: but destruction *shall be* to the workers of iniquity.
16 The man that wandereth out of the way of understanding shall remain in the congregation of the dead.
17 He that loveth pleasure *shall be* a poor man: he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich.
18 The wicked *shall be* a ransom for the righteous, and the transgressor for the upright.
19 *It is* better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman.
20 *There is* treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man spendeth it up.
21 He that followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness, and honour.
22 A wise *man* scaleth the city of the mighty, and casteth down the strength of the confidence thereof.
23 Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.
24 Proud *and* haughty scorner *is* his name, who dealeth in proud wrath.
25 The desire of the slothful killeth him; for his hands refuse to labour.
26 He coveteth greedily all the day long: but the righteous giveth and spareth not.
27 The sacrifice of the wicked *is* abomination: how much more, *when* he bringeth it with a wicked mind?
28 A false witness shall perish: but the man that heareth speaketh constantly.
29 A wicked man hardeneth his face: but *as for* the upright, he directeth his way.
30 *There is* no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the LORD.
31 The horse *is* prepared against the day of battle: but safety *is* of the LORD.

A Good Name

22 A *good* name *is* rather to be chosen than great riches, *and* loving favour rather than silver and gold.
2 The rich and poor meet together: the LORD *is* the maker of them all.

21:1 will ▸ *see Ps. 112:1.*
21:2 ponder ▸ *see Job 28:25.*

21:11 wise

(Heb. *chakam*) (Job 35:11; Ps. 19:7; Prov. 19:20) H2450: Wisdom is the ability to judge what is right and act on that understanding. It involves both knowledge and action. Scripture teaches that wisdom is found in God alone (Ps. 19:7). Man is not guaranteed wisdom with age (Job 32:9)—rather, it comes from studying and obeying God's Word (Ps. 119:98), having a teachable spirit (Prov. 9:9), and surrounding oneself with wise friends (Prov. 13:20). Solomon, the author of most of the Book of Proverbs, is known as the wisest man who ever lived (1 Kin. 4:29–31).

21:12 overthrow ▸ *see Prov. 13:6.*
21:15 joy ▸ *see Ps. 16:11.*
21:16 understanding ▸ *see Jer. 3:15.*
21:30 understanding ▸ *see 1 Kin. 4:29.*
21:31 safety ▸ *see Judg. 15:18.*

3 A prudent *man* foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.
4 By humility *and* the fear of the LORD *are* riches, and honour, and life.
5 Thorns *and* snares *are* in the way of the froward: he that doth keep his soul shall be far from them.

Train Up a Child

6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.
7 The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower *is* servant to the lender.
8 He that soweth iniquity shall reap vanity: and the rod of his anger shall fail.
9 He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor.
10 Cast out the scorner, and contention shall go out; yea, strife and reproach shall cease.
11 He that loveth pureness of heart, *for* the grace of his lips the king *shall be* his friend.
12 The eyes of the LORD preserve knowledge, and he overthroweth the words of the transgressor.
13 The slothful *man* saith, *There is* a lion without, I shall be slain in the streets.
14 The mouth of strange women *is* a deep pit: he that is abhorred of the LORD shall fall therein.
15 Foolishness *is* bound in the heart of a child; *but* the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.
16 He that oppresseth the poor to increase his *riches, and* he that giveth to the rich, *shall* surely *come* to want.

Apply Your Heart to Knowledge

17 Bow down thine ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply thine heart unto my knowledge.
18 For *it is* a pleasant thing if thou keep them within thee; they shall withal be fitted in thy lips.
19 That thy trust may be in the LORD, I have made known to thee this day, even to thee.
20 Have not I written to thee excellent things in counsels and knowledge,
21 That I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth; that thou mightest answer the words of truth to them that send unto thee?

The Lord Pleads the Cause of the Poor

22 Rob not the poor, because he *is* poor: neither oppress the afflicted in the gate:
23 For the LORD will plead their cause, and spoil the soul of those that spoiled them.
24 Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go:
25 Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul.
26 Be not thou *one* of them that strike hands, *or* of them that are sureties for debts.
27 If thou hast nothing to pay, why should he take away thy bed from under thee?
28 Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set.
29 Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean *men*.

As a Man Thinks in His Heart

23 When thou sittest to eat with a ruler, consider diligently what *is* before thee:
2 And put a knife to thy throat, if thou *be* a man given to appetite.
3 Be not desirous of his dainties: for they *are* deceitful meat.
4 Labour not to be rich: cease from thine own wisdom.
5 Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? for *riches* certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven.

22:8 sow ▸ *see Hos. 10:12.*

22:8 vanity

(Heb. *'aven*) (Job 4:8; Ps. 66:18; 119:133; Is. 32:6) H0205: This word links wicked acts with the sorrow that results from them—sin and punishment summed up in a single word. It means "exhaustion, affliction, wickedness, sorrow, mourning, emptiness." In the biblical worldview sin and punishment are inextricably connected. Thus, while in most contexts this word is translated "iniquity," such as in Psalm 66:18 ("If I regard iniquity in my heart, the LORD will not hear me"), in other cases it is translated "affliction," as in Job 5:6: "Although affliction cometh not forth from the dust, neither doth trouble spring out of the ground."

23:5 eagle ▸ *see Ezek. 17:3.*

6 Eat thou not the bread of *him that hath* an evil eye, neither desire thou his dainty meats:
7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so *is* he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart *is* not with thee.
8 The morsel *which* thou hast eaten shalt thou vomit up, and lose thy sweet words.
9 Speak not in the ears of a fool: for he will despise the wisdom of thy words.
10 Remove not the old landmark; and enter not into the fields of the fatherless:
11 For their redeemer *is* mighty; he shall plead their cause with thee.
12 Apply thine heart unto instruction, and thine ears to the words of knowledge.

The Correction of a Child

13 Withhold not correction from the child: for *if* thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die.
14 Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell.
15 My son, if thine heart be wise, my heart shall rejoice, even mine.
16 Yea, my reins shall rejoice, when thy lips speak right things.
17 Let not thine heart envy sinners: but *be thou* in the fear of the LORD all the day long.
18 For surely there is an end; and thine expectation shall not be cut off.
19 Hear thou, my son, and be wise, and guide thine heart in the way.
20 Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh:
21 For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe *a man* with rags.

Hearken to Your Father

22 Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old.
23 Buy the truth, and sell *it* not; *also* wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.
24 The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he that begetteth a wise *child* shall have joy of him.
25 Thy father and thy mother shall be glad, and she that bare thee shall rejoice.
26 My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways.
27 For a whore *is* a deep ditch; and a strange woman *is* a narrow pit.
28 She also lieth in wait as *for* a prey, and increaseth the transgressors among men.

Wine's Bite

29 Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes?
30 They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine.
31 Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, *when* it moveth itself aright.
32 At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.
33 Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things.
34 Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast.
35 They have stricken me, *shalt thou say, and* I was not sick; they have beaten me, *and* I felt *it* not: when shall I awake? I will seek it yet again.

The Wise Man's Strength

24 Be not thou envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them.
2 For their heart studieth destruction, and their lips talk of mischief.
3 Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established:
4 And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.
5 A wise man *is* strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength.
6 For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war: and in multitude of counsellors *there is* safety.

23:17 sinner ▸ *see Gen. 13:13.*

23:23 understanding

(Heb. *binah*) (Job 28:28; Prov. 3:5; Is. 11:2) H0998: Usually paired with "wisdom," understanding means "insight" or "comprehending the meaning of something." This is deep knowledge that leads to right judgment and action. As with wisdom, understanding comes from God alone. Job asks, "Where is the place of understanding?" (Job 28:20) and answers, "The fear of the LORD, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding" (Job 28:28). We are reminded not to rely on our own understanding (Prov. 3:5) but to seek God's (Prov. 4:5). We should try to be like the men of Issachar, who had "understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do" (1 Chr. 12:32).

7 Wisdom *is* too high for a fool: he openeth not his mouth in the gate.
8 He that deviseth to do evil shall be called a mischievous person.
9 The thought of foolishness *is* sin: and the scorner *is* an abomination to men.
10 *If* thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength *is* small.
11 If thou forbear to deliver *them that are* drawn unto death, and *those that are* ready to be slain;
12 If thou sayest, Behold, we knew it not; doth not he that pondereth the heart consider *it?* and he that keepeth thy soul, doth *not* he know *it?* and shall *not* he render to *every* man according to his works?
13 My son, eat thou honey, because *it is* good; and the honeycomb, *which is* sweet to thy taste:
14 So *shall* the knowledge of wisdom *be* unto thy soul: when thou hast found *it,* then there shall be a reward, and thy expectation shall not be cut off.
15 Lay not wait, O wicked *man,* against the dwelling of the righteous; spoil not his resting place:
16 For a just *man* falleth seven times, and riseth up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief.
17 Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth:
18 Lest the LORD see *it,* and it displease him, and he turn away his wrath from him.

No Reward for the Evil Man

19 Fret not thyself because of evil *men,* neither be thou envious at the wicked;
20 For there shall be no reward to the evil *man;* the candle of the wicked shall be put out.

Fear the Lord

21 My son, fear thou the LORD and the king: *and* meddle not with them that are given to change:
22 For their calamity shall rise suddenly; and who knoweth the ruin of them both?
23 These *things* also *belong* to the wise. *It is* not good to have respect of persons in judgment.
24 He that saith unto the wicked, Thou *art* righteous; him shall the people curse, nations shall abhor him:
25 But to them that rebuke *him* shall be delight, and a good blessing shall come upon them.
26 *Every man* shall kiss *his* lips that giveth a right answer.
27 Prepare thy work without, and make it fit for thyself in the field; and afterwards build thine house.
28 Be not a witness against thy neighbour without cause; and deceive *not* with thy lips.
29 Say not, I will do so to him as he hath done to me: I will render to the man according to his work.
30 I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding;
31 And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, *and* nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down.
32 Then I saw, *and* considered *it* well: I looked upon *it, and* received instruction.
33 *Yet* a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:
34 So shall thy poverty come *as* one that travelleth; and thy want as an armed man.

The Honour of Kings

25 These *are* also proverbs of Solomon, which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied out.
2 *It is* the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings *is* to search out a matter.
3 The heaven for height, and the earth for depth, and the heart of kings *is* unsearchable.

24:13 honeycomb

(Heb. *nopheth*) (Ps. 19:10; Prov. 27:7; Song 4:11) H5317: Derived from the motion of obtaining honey from a honeycomb, this word comes from the root meaning "to shake, wave." The Hebrew word for honeycomb literally means "dripping." God's judgments are also as sweet and desirable as honey (Ps. 19:10). In a memorable aphorism, Solomon states, "The full soul loatheth the honeycomb; but to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet" (Prov. 27:7).

24:25 delight ▸ *see Song 7:6.*

25:3 unsearchable

(Heb. *cheqer*) (Job 5:9; 36:26; Is. 40:28) H2714: This word means "examination, deliberation,

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4 Take away the dross from the silver, and there shall come forth a vessel for the finer.
5 Take away the wicked *from* before the king, and his throne shall be established in righteousness.
6 Put not forth thyself in the presence of the king, and stand not in the place of great *men:*
7 For better *it is* that it be said unto thee, Come up hither; than that thou shouldest be put lower in the presence of the prince whom thine eyes have seen.
8 Go not forth hastily to strive, lest *thou know not* what to do in the end thereof, when thy neighbour hath put thee to shame.
9 Debate thy cause with thy neighbour *himself;* and discover not a secret to another:
10 Lest he that heareth *it* put thee to shame, and thine infamy turn not away.

A Word Fitly Spoken

11 A word fitly spoken *is like* apples of gold in pictures of silver.
12 *As* an earring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold, *so is* a wise reprover upon an obedient ear.
13 As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, *so is* a faithful messenger to them that send him: for he refresheth the soul of his masters.
14 Whoso boasteth himself of a false gift *is like* clouds and wind without rain.
15 By long forbearing is a prince persuaded, and a soft tongue breaketh the bone.
16 Hast thou found honey? eat so much as is sufficient for thee, lest thou be filled therewith, and vomit it.
17 Withdraw thy foot from thy neighbour's house; lest he be weary of thee, and *so* hate thee.

A False Witness

18 A man that beareth false witness against his neighbour *is* a maul, and a sword, and a sharp arrow.
19 Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble *is like* a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint.
20 *As* he that taketh away a garment in cold weather, *and as* vinegar upon nitre, so *is* he that singeth songs to an heavy heart.
21 If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink:
22 For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the LORD shall reward thee.
23 The north wind driveth away rain: so *doth* an angry countenance a backbiting tongue.
24 *It is* better to dwell in the corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman and in a wide house.
25 *As* cold waters to a thirsty soul, so *is* good news from a far country.
26 A righteous man falling down before the wicked *is as* a troubled fountain, and a corrupt spring.
27 *It is* not good to eat much honey: so *for men* to search their own glory *is not* glory.
28 He that *hath* no rule over his own spirit *is like* a city *that is* broken down, *and* without walls.

The Folly of a Fool

26 As snow in summer, and as rain in harvest, so honour is not seemly for a fool.
2 As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so the curse causeless shall not come.
3 A whip for the horse, a bridle for the ass, and a rod for the fool's back.
4 Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him.
5 Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own conceit.
6 He that sendeth a message by the hand of a fool cutteth off the feet, *and* drinketh damage.
7 The legs of the lame are not equal: so *is* a parable in the mouth of fools.

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finding out." The root word means "to penetrate, examine intimately." It usually refers to the deep things of God, His unsearchable greatness. Job asks rhetorically, "Canst thou by searching find out God? canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection?" (Job 11:7). The psalmist replies, "Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable" (Ps. 145:3). The definition of this word implies that although God's character is so deep and great that we can never know the extent of it, we should diligently seek to know Him.

25:13 time ▸ *see Mal. 4:5.*
25:18 sharp ▸ *see Ps. 120:4.*
25:25 far ▸ *see Is. 8:9.*
25:28 wall ▸ *see Neh. 6:15.*
26:4 folly ▸ *see Prov. 14:1.*

8 As he that bindeth a stone in a sling, so *is* he that giveth honour to a fool.
9 *As* a thorn goeth up into the hand of a drunkard, so *is* a parable in the mouth of fools.
10 The great *God* that formed all *things* both rewardeth the fool, and rewardeth transgressors.
11 As a dog returneth to his vomit, *so* a fool returneth to his folly.
12 Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? *there is* more hope of a fool than of him.

The Slothful Man

13 The slothful *man* saith, *There is* a lion in the way; a lion *is* in the streets.
14 *As* the door turneth upon his hinges, so *doth* the slothful upon his bed.
15 The slothful hideth his hand in *his* bosom; it grieveth him to bring it again to his mouth.
16 The sluggard *is* wiser in his own conceit than seven men that can render a reason.
17 He that passeth by, *and* meddleth with strife *belonging* not to him, *is like* one that taketh a dog by the ears.
18 As a mad *man* who casteth firebrands, arrows, and death,
19 So *is* the man *that* deceiveth his neighbour, and saith, Am not I in sport?
20 Where no wood is, *there* the fire goeth out: so where *there is* no talebearer, the strife ceaseth.
21 *As* coals *are* to burning coals, and wood to fire; so *is* a contentious man to kindle strife.
22 The words of a talebearer *are* as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.
23 Burning lips and a wicked heart *are like* a potsherd covered with silver dross.
24 He that hateth dissembleth with his lips, and layeth up deceit within him;
25 When he speaketh fair, believe him not: for *there are* seven abominations in his heart.
26 *Whose* hatred is covered by deceit, his wickedness shall be shewed before the *whole* congregation.
27 Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein: and he that rolleth a stone, it will return upon him.
28 A lying tongue hateth *those that are* afflicted by it; and a flattering mouth worketh ruin.

The Wrath of a Fool

27 Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.
2 Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips.
3 A stone *is* heavy, and the sand weighty; but a fool's wrath *is* heavier than them both.
4 Wrath *is* cruel, and anger *is* outrageous; but who *is* able to stand before envy?
5 Open rebuke *is* better than secret love.
6 Faithful *are* the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy *are* deceitful.
7 The full soul loatheth an honeycomb; but to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet.
8 As a bird that wandereth from her nest, so *is* a man that wandereth from his place.
9 Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart: so *doth* the sweetness of a man's friend by hearty counsel.
10 Thine own friend, and thy father's friend, forsake not; neither go into thy brother's house in the day of thy calamity: *for* better *is* a neighbour *that is* near than a brother far off.

A Prudent Man Sees Evil

11 My son, be wise, and make my heart glad, that I may answer him that reproacheth me.
12 A prudent *man* foreseeth the evil, *and* hideth himself; *but* the simple pass on, *and* are punished.

26:9 thorn

(Heb. *chowach*) (Job 41:2; Is. 34:13; Hos. 9:6) H2336: The unused root of this word means "to pierce." It can refer to a thistle (Job 31:40), hook (2 Chr. 33:11), or thorn (Song 2:2). In each case the word is a negative image for something that causes harm. The description of the day of the Lord's vengeance on the nations includes this description: "And thorns shall come up in her palaces, nettles and brambles in the fortresses thereof; it shall be a habitation of dragons, and a court for owls" (Is. 34:13; cf. Hos. 9:6).

26:12 hope ▸ *see Hos. 2:15.*
26:27 dig ▸ *see Jer. 18:20.*
27:3 heavier ▸ *see Ex. 7:14.*
27:7 honeycomb ▸ *see Prov. 24:13.*
27:7 hungry ▸ *see Ps. 146:7.*

13 Take his garment that is surety for a stranger, and take a pledge of him for a strange woman.
14 He that blesseth his friend with a loud voice, rising early in the morning, it shall be counted a curse to him.
15 A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike.
16 Whosoever hideth her hideth the wind, and the ointment of his right hand, *which* bewrayeth *itself.*
17 Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.
18 Whoso keepeth the fig tree shall eat the fruit thereof: so he that waiteth on his master shall be honoured.
19 As in water face *answereth* to face, so the heart of man to man.
20 Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied.
21 *As* the fining pot for silver, and the furnace for gold; so *is* a man to his praise.
22 Though thou shouldest bray a fool in a mortar among wheat with a pestle, *yet* will not his foolishness depart from him.
23 Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, *and* look well to thy herds.
24 For riches *are* not for ever: and doth the crown *endure* to every generation?
25 The hay appeareth, and the tender grass sheweth itself, and herbs of the mountains are gathered.
26 The lambs *are* for thy clothing, and the goats *are* the price of the field.
27 And *thou shalt have* goats' milk enough for thy food, for the food of thy household, and *for* the maintenance for thy maidens.

The Poor Oppresses the Poor

28 The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion.
2 For the transgression of a land many *are* the princes thereof: but by a man of understanding *and* knowledge the state *thereof* shall be prolonged.
3 A poor man that oppresseth the poor *is like* a sweeping rain which leaveth no food.
4 They that forsake the law praise the wicked: but such as keep the law contend with them.
5 Evil men understand not judgment: but they that seek the LORD understand all *things.*

The Companion of Riotous Men

6 Better *is* the poor that walketh in his uprightness, than *he that is* perverse *in his* ways, though he *be* rich.
7 Whoso keepeth the law *is* a wise son: but he that is a companion of riotous *men* shameth his father.
8 He that by usury and unjust gain increaseth his substance, he shall gather it for him that will pity the poor.
9 He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer *shall be* abomination.

Glory When Righteous Men Rejoice

10 Whoso causeth the righteous to go astray in an evil way, he shall fall himself into his own pit: but the upright shall have good *things* in possession.
11 The rich man *is* wise in his own conceit; but the poor that hath understanding searcheth him out.
12 When righteous *men* do rejoice, *there is* great glory: but when the wicked rise, a man is hidden.
13 He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh *them* shall have mercy.
14 Happy *is* the man that feareth alway: but he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief.
15 *As* a roaring lion, and a ranging bear; *so is* a wicked ruler over the poor people.
16 The prince that wanteth understanding

27:13 garment

(Heb. *beged*) (Ps. 22:18; Is. 61:10; Joel 2:13) H0899: Referring to any type of covering, clothing, apparel, or robe, this word is used 217 times in the Old Testament. Some of these occur in the context of a story (Gen. 27:27). More involve tearing garments as an expression of grief or repentance (2 Kin. 19:1; Joel 2:13). Isaiah pictures the Messiah putting on vengeance as a garment (Is. 59:17). The most important use of this word is in Isaiah 61:10: "I will greatly rejoice in the LORD . . . for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels."

27:27 enough ▸ *see Mal. 3:10.*
28:13 mercy ▸ *see Mic. 7:19.*
28:14 fear ▸ *see Hos. 3:5.*

is also a great oppressor: *but* he that hateth covetousness shall prolong *his* days.
17 A man that doeth violence to the blood of *any* person shall flee to the pit; let no man stay him.

Blessings On the Faithful Man

18 Whoso walketh uprightly shall be saved: but *he that is* perverse *in his* ways shall fall at once.
19 He that tilleth his land shall have plenty of bread: but he that followeth after vain *persons* shall have poverty enough.
20 A faithful man shall abound with blessings: but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent.
21 To have respect of persons *is* not good: for for a piece of bread *that* man will transgress.
22 He that hasteth to be rich *hath* an evil eye, and considereth not that poverty shall come upon him.
23 He that rebuketh a man afterwards shall find more favour than he that flattereth with the tongue.
24 Whoso robbeth his father or his mother, and saith, *It is* no transgression; the same *is* the companion of a destroyer.
25 He that is of a proud heart stirreth up strife: but he that putteth his trust in the LORD shall be made fat.
26 He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered.
27 He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse.
28 When the wicked rise, men hide themselves: but when they perish, the righteous increase.

Rejoicing in Righteous Rule

29 He, that being often reproved hardeneth *his* neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.
2 When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.
3 Whoso loveth wisdom rejoiceth his father: but he that keepeth company with harlots spendeth *his* substance.
4 The king by judgment establisheth the land: but he that receiveth gifts overthroweth it.
5 A man that flattereth his neighbour spreadeth a net for his feet.
6 In the transgression of an evil man *there is* a snare: but the righteous doth sing and rejoice.
7 The righteous considereth the cause of the poor: *but* the wicked regardeth not to know *it*.
8 Scornful men bring a city into a snare: but wise *men* turn away wrath.
9 *If* a wise man contendeth with a foolish man, whether he rage or laugh, *there is* no rest.
10 The bloodthirsty hate the upright: but the just seek his soul.

The Fool Utters All His Mind

11 A fool uttereth all his mind: but a wise *man* keepeth it in till afterwards.
12 If a ruler hearken to lies, all his servants *are* wicked.

28:19 vain ▸ *see 2 Chr. 13:7.*

28:20 faithful

(Heb. *'emunah*) (Ps. 89:8; 100:5; Is. 33:6; Hos. 2:20) H0530: *'Emunah* refers to something that is permanent and stable. It means "firmness, faithfulness, fidelity, steadiness, certainty, that which is steadfast." The word "amen" is drawn from this word and means "it is firmly, truly so!" This word is used of Moses' steady hands (Ex. 17:12), faithful workers (2 Chr. 34:12), truth (Ps. 100:5), and God's faithful love and mercy (Ps. 89:1). An illustration of the permanence associated with this word is Psalm 100:5: "For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth [*'emunah*] endureth to all generations."

29:8 city

(Heb. *qiryah*) (Ps. 48:2; Is. 25:2; Hab. 2:12) H7151: Used almost exclusively in poetry, this feminine form of the word for city means "flooring, in the sense of building a city; city." It is used as a general term for city rather than a specific place, and often in connection with judgment. Consider Isaiah 26:5: "For he bringeth down them that dwell on high; the lofty city, he layeth it low; he layeth it low, even to the ground; he bringeth it even to the dust." Twice in Proverbs this word is an image for wealth (Prov. 10:15; 18:11).

29:8 wrath ▸ *see 2 Kin. 13:3.*
29:10 upright ▸ *see Job 1:1.*

13 The poor and the deceitful man meet together: the LORD lighteneth both their eyes.
14 The king that faithfully judgeth the poor, his throne shall be established for ever.

Reproof and the Rod Bring Wisdom

15 The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left *to himself* bringeth his mother to shame.
16 When the wicked are multiplied, transgression increaseth: but the righteous shall see their fall.
17 Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.
18 Where *there is* no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy *is* he.
19 A servant will not be corrected by words: for though he understand he will not answer.
20 Seest thou a man *that is* hasty in his words? *there is* more hope of a fool than of him.
21 He that delicately bringeth up his servant from a child shall have him become *his* son at the length.

A Man's Pride

22 An angry man stirreth up strife, and a furious man aboundeth in transgression.
23 A man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit.
24 Whoso is partner with a thief hateth his own soul: he heareth cursing, and bewrayeth *it* not.
25 The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.
26 Many seek the ruler's favour; but *every* man's judgment *cometh* from the LORD.
27 An unjust man *is* an abomination to the just: and *he that is* upright in the way *is* abomination to the wicked.

The Pureness of God's Word

30 The words of Agur the son of Jakeh, *even* the prophecy: the man spake unto Ithiel, even unto Ithiel and Ucal,
2 Surely I *am* more brutish than *any* man, and have not the understanding of a man.
3 I neither learned wisdom, nor have the knowledge of the holy.
4 Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what *is* his name, and what *is* his son's name, if thou canst tell?
5 Every word of God *is* pure: he *is* a shield unto them that put their trust in him.
6 Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.
7 Two *things* have I required of thee; deny me *them* not before I die:
8 Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me:
9 Lest I be full, and deny *thee,* and say, Who *is* the LORD? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God *in vain.*
10 Accuse not a servant unto his master, lest he curse thee, and thou be found guilty.
11 *There is* a generation *that* curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother.
12 *There is* a generation *that are* pure in their own eyes, and *yet* is not washed from their filthiness.
13 *There is* a generation, O how lofty are their eyes! and their eyelids are lifted up.
14 *There is* a generation, whose teeth *are as* swords, and their jaw teeth *as* knives, to devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from *among* men.
15 The horseleach hath two daughters,

29:17 correct ▸ *see Jer. 10:24.*
29:18 vision ▸ *see Dan. 8:1.*
30:4 end ▸ *see Ps. 98:3.*
30:5 trust ▸ *see Zeph. 3:12.*
30:10 accuse ▸ *see Ps. 101:5.*

30:11 mother

(Heb. *'em*) (Ex. 20:12; Judg. 5:7; Ps. 131:2) H0517: Literally "the one that binds the family together," this word refers to a mother or grandmother. The word is used figuratively as well as literally: Deborah is referred to as the mother of Israel (Judg. 5:7), and Israel is called a mother (Is. 50:1). Indicative of the respect given to mothers in the Bible, the fifth of the Ten Commandments requires honoring one's mother (Ex. 20:12). Psalm 131:2 uses the image of a mother and child to portray the love between God and one of His children: "Surely I have behaved and quieted myself, as a child that is weaned of his mother; my soul is even as a weaned child."

30:12 wash ▸ *see Ex. 30:18.*

crying, Give, give. There are three *things that* are never satisfied, *yea,* four *things* say not, *It is* enough:
16 The grave; and the barren womb; the earth *that* is not filled with water; and the fire *that* saith not, *It is* enough.
17 The eye *that* mocketh at *his* father, and despiseth to obey *his* mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it.

Four Things Too Wonderful

18 There be three *things which* are too wonderful for me, yea, four which I know not:
19 The way of an eagle in the air; the way of a serpent upon a rock; the way of a ship in the midst of the sea; and the way of a man with a maid.
20 Such *is* the way of an adulterous woman; she eateth, and wipeth her mouth, and saith, I have done no wickedness.

Four Things Which Disquiet the Earth

21 For three *things* the earth is disquieted, and for four *which* it cannot bear:
22 For a servant when he reigneth; and a fool when he is filled with meat;
23 For an odious *woman* when she is married; and an handmaid that is heir to her mistress.

Four Things Which Are Little But Wise

24 There be four *things which are* little upon the earth, but they *are* exceeding wise:
25 The ants *are* a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer;
26 The conies *are but* a feeble folk, yet make they their houses in the rocks;
27 The locusts have no king, yet go they forth all of them by bands;
28 The spider taketh hold with her hands, and is in kings' palaces.

Four Things Which Go Well

29 There be three *things* which go well, yea, four are comely in going:
30 A lion *which is* strongest among beasts, and turneth not away for any;
31 A greyhound; an he goat also; and a king, against whom *there is* no rising up.
32 If thou hast done foolishly in lifting up thyself, or if thou hast thought evil, *lay* thine hand upon thy mouth.
33 Surely the churning of milk bringeth forth butter, and the wringing of the nose bringeth forth blood: so the forcing of wrath bringeth forth strife.

Judge Righteously

31 The words of king Lemuel, the prophecy that his mother taught him.
2 What, my son? and what, the son of my womb? and what, the son of my vows?
3 Give not thy strength unto women, nor thy ways to that which destroyeth kings.
4 *It is* not for kings, O Lemuel, *it is* not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes strong drink:
5 Lest they drink, and forget the law, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted.
6 Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto those that be of heavy hearts.
7 Let him drink, and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more.
8 Open thy mouth for the dumb in the cause of all such as are appointed to destruction.
9 Open thy mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.

The Price of a Virtuous Woman

10 Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price *is* far above rubies.
11 The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.
12 She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.
13 She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.
14 She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar.

A Virtuous Woman Cares for Her Family

15 She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.

30:18 wonderful ▸ *see Ps. 71:17.*
30:27 locust ▸ *see Joel 1:4.*
30:30 beast ▸ *see Ezra 1:6.*
31:10 find ▸ *see 1 Chr. 24:4.*

16 She considereth a field, and buyeth it:
with the fruit of her hands she planteth a
vineyard.
17 She girdeth her loins with strength, and
strengtheneth her arms.
18 She perceiveth that her merchandise *is*
good: her candle goeth not out by night.
19 She layeth her hands to the spindle, and
her hands hold the distaff.

The Virtuous Woman Helps the Needy

20 She stretcheth out her hand to the poor;
yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the
needy.
21 She is not afraid of the snow for her
household: for all her household *are* clothed
with scarlet.
22 She maketh herself coverings of tapestry;
her clothing *is* silk and purple.
23 Her husband is known in the gates, when
he sitteth among the elders of the land.
24 She maketh fine linen, and selleth *it;* and
delivereth girdles unto the merchant.
25 Strength and honour *are* her clothing;
and she shall rejoice in time to come.

The Virtuous Woman Speaks Wisdom

26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom;
and in her tongue *is* the law of kindness.
27 She looketh well to the ways of her house-
hold, and eateth not the bread of idleness.
28 Her children arise up, and call her
blessed; her husband *also,* and he praiseth
her.
29 Many daughters have done virtuously,
but thou excellest them all.
30 Favour *is* deceitful, and beauty *is* vain:
but a woman *that* feareth the LORD, she shall
be praised.
31 Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let
her own works praise her in the gates.

31:16 field ▸ *see Neh. 11:25.*
31:17 loins ▸ *see Job 40:16.*
31:20 reach ▸ *see Ps. 144:7.*
31:21 clothed ▸ *see Is. 52:1.*
31:22 purple ▸ *see Ezek. 27:7.*

31:28 blessed

(Heb. *'ashar*) (Gen. 30:13; Ps. 72:17; Mal. 3:12) H0833: This word originally meant "be straight or upright" but expanded in meaning to encompass the ideas of "happy, prosperous, successful, right, and contented." The combination of "straight" and "happy" in this word demonstrates the biblical worldview that true happiness is only found in living according to God's plan. The messianic prophecy in Psalm 72:17 calls Christ both blessed and a blessing: "His name shall endure for ever: his name shall be continued as long as the sun: and men shall be blessed in him: all nations shall call him blessed." The nation of Israel will also be called "blessed" by the whole world (Mal. 3:12).

31:29 daughter ▸ *see Neh. 10:30.*
31:30 deceitful ▸ *see Jer. 8:8.*
31:30 beauty ▸ *see Ezek. 28:12.*
31:30 praise ▸ *see Ps. 150:1.*

THE BOOK OF

ECCLESIASTES

THE KEY WORD IN ECCLESIASTES is *vanity*, "the futile emptiness of trying to be happy apart from God." The Preacher (traditionally taken to be Solomon—1:1, 12—the wisest, richest, most influential king in Israel's history) looks at life "under the sun" (1:9) and, from the human perspective, declares it all to be empty. Power, popularity, prestige, pleasure—nothing can fill the God-shaped void in man's life but God Himself! But once seen from God's perspective, life takes on meaning and purpose, causing Solomon to exclaim, "Eat . . . drink . . . rejoice . . . do good . . . live joyfully . . . fear God . . . keep His commandments!" Skepticism and despair melt away when life is viewed as a daily gift from God.

The Hebrew title *Qoheleth* is a rare term, found only in Ecclesiastes (1:1, 2, 12; 7:27; 12:8–10). It comes from the word *qahal*, "to convoke an assembly, to assemble." Thus, it likely means "One Who Addresses an Assembly," "A Preacher." The Septuagint used the Greek word *Ekklesiastes* as its title for this book. Derived from the word *ekklesia*, "assembly," "congregation," "church," it simply means "Preacher." The Latin *Ecclesiastes* means "Speaker Before an Assembly."

WATCH WORDS

- **preacher** (a leader or speaker in an assembly)—1:1 (also 1:2, 12; 7:27; 12:8–10)
- **vanity** (vapor or breath, empty, meaningless)—2:1 (also 1:14; 6:12; 7:15)
- **folly** (foolishness)—2:13 (also 1:17; 2:3, 12; 7:25; 10:13)
- **prosper** (have success)—11:6 (also 10:10)
- **give good heed** (carefully consider, test, prove)—12:9

All Is Vanity

1 The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.
2 Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all *is* vanity.
3 What profit hath a man of all his labour which he taketh under the sun?

The Earth Abides For Ever

4 *One* generation passeth away, and *another* generation cometh: but the earth abideth for ever.
5 The sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth down, and hasteth to his place where he arose.
6 The wind goeth toward the south, and turneth about unto the north; it whirleth about continually, and the wind returneth again according to his circuits.
7 All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea *is* not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again.
8 All things *are* full of labour; man cannot utter *it:* the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing.

1:1 preacher

(Heb. *qoheleth*) (Eccl. 1:12; 12:8) H6953: This extremely rare term occurs only in Ecclesiastes. It appears three times near the beginning, once near the middle, and three times near the end of the book. Its meaning is uncertain—even the ancient translations do not agree. It derives from a verb meaning "to assemble" and seems to designate either a member of an assembly, a leader or speaker in an assembly, or one who assembles things—such as an assembly of wise sayings. The Preacher of Ecclesiastes is a single individual always identified as male, yet this is a feminine term that probably signifies an office or perhaps indicates dignity.

1:6 turn about ▸ *see Josh. 6:14.*

Nothing New Under the Sun

9 The thing that hath been, it *is that* which shall be; and that which is done *is* that which shall be done: and *there is* no new *thing* under the sun.
10 Is there *any* thing whereof it may be said, See, this *is* new? it hath been already of old time, which was before us.
11 *There is* no remembrance of former *things;* neither shall there be *any* remembrance of *things* that are to come with *those* that shall come after.
12 I the Preacher was king over Israel in Jerusalem.
13 And I gave my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all *things* that are done under heaven: this sore travail hath God given to the sons of man to be exercised therewith.

Vexation of Spirit

14 I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and, behold, all *is* vanity and vexation of spirit.
15 *That which is* crooked cannot be made straight: and that which is wanting cannot be numbered.
16 I communed with mine own heart, saying, Lo, I am come to great estate, and have gotten more wisdom than all *they* that have been before me in Jerusalem: yea, my heart had great experience of wisdom and knowledge.
17 And I gave my heart to know wisdom, and to know madness and folly: I perceived that this also is vexation of spirit.
18 For in much wisdom *is* much grief: and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow.

Trying to Prove with Mirth

2 I said in mine heart, Go to now, I will prove thee with mirth, therefore enjoy pleasure: and, behold, this also *is* vanity.
2 I said of laughter, *It is* mad: and of mirth, What doeth it?
3 I sought in mine heart to give myself unto wine, yet acquainting mine heart with wisdom; and to lay hold on folly, till I might see what *was* that good for the sons of men, which they should do under the heaven all the days of their life.

No Profit Under the Sun

4 I made me great works; I builded me houses; I planted me vineyards:
5 I made me gardens and orchards, and I planted trees in them of all *kind of* fruits:
6 I made me pools of water, to water therewith the wood that bringeth forth trees:
7 I got *me* servants and maidens, and had servants born in my house; also I had great possessions of great and small cattle above all that were in Jerusalem before me:
8 I gathered me also silver and gold, and the peculiar treasure of kings and of the provinces: I gat me men singers and women singers, and the delights of the sons of men, *as* musical instruments, and that of all sorts.
9 So I was great, and increased more than all that were before me in Jerusalem: also my wisdom remained with me.
10 And whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them, I withheld not my heart from any joy; for my heart rejoiced in all my labour: and this was my portion of all my labour.
11 Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and, behold, all *was* vanity and vexation of spirit, and *there was* no profit under the sun.

Wisdom Excels Folly

12 And I turned myself to behold wisdom,

1:12 Preacher ▸ *see Eccl. 1:1.*
1:17 folly ▸ *see Eccl. 2:13.*

2:1 vanity

(Heb. *hebel*) (Job 7:16; Ps. 78:33; Is. 49:4) H1892: This word basically means "vapor" or "breath," such as the rapidly vanishing vapor of one's warm breath in cool, crisp air. With this word, the Preacher described worldly pursuits—such as wealth, honor, fame, and various pleasures—as similar to desperately grasping at air (Eccl. 2:17). It is absurd and useless. Jeremiah used the same word to denounce idolatry as "worthless" (Jer. 10:15); and Job used it to bemoan the brevity of human life (Job 7:16). But the Preacher of Ecclesiastes used the word more than any other Old Testament author. According to him, all of life is vanity unless one recognizes that everything is from the hand of God (Eccl. 2:24–26).

2:4 vineyard ▸ *see Deut. 22:9.*
2:11 labour ▸ *see Eccl. 5:18.*

and madness, and folly: for what *can* the man *do* that cometh after the king? *even* that which hath been already done.
13 Then I saw that wisdom excelleth folly, as far as light excelleth darkness.
14 The wise man's eyes *are* in his head; but the fool walketh in darkness: and I myself perceived also that one event happeneth to them all.
15 Then said I in my heart, As it happeneth to the fool, so it happeneth even to me; and why was I then more wise? Then I said in my heart, that this also *is* vanity.
16 For *there is* no remembrance of the wise more than of the fool for ever; seeing that which now *is* in the days to come shall all be forgotten. And how dieth the wise *man?* as the fool.
17 Therefore I hated life; because the work that is wrought under the sun *is* grievous unto me: for all *is* vanity and vexation of spirit.

Man's Days Are Filled with Sorrow

18 Yea, I hated all my labour which I had taken under the sun: because I should leave it unto the man that shall be after me.
19 And who knoweth whether he shall be a wise *man* or a fool? yet shall he have rule over all my labour wherein I have laboured, and wherein I have shewed myself wise under the sun. This *is* also vanity.
20 Therefore I went about to cause my heart to despair of all the labour which I took under the sun.
21 For there is a man whose labour *is* in wisdom, and in knowledge, and in equity; yet to a man that hath not laboured therein shall he leave it *for* his portion. This also *is* vanity and a great evil.
22 For what hath man of all his labour, and of the vexation of his heart, wherein he hath laboured under the sun?
23 For all his days *are* sorrows, and his travail grief; yea, his heart taketh not rest in the night. This is also vanity.

God Gives Wisdom, Knowledge, Joy

24 *There is* nothing better for a man, *than* that he should eat and drink, and *that* he should make his soul enjoy good in his labour. This also I saw, that it *was* from the hand of God.
25 For who can eat, or who else can hasten *hereunto,* more than I?
26 For *God* giveth to a man that *is* good in his sight wisdom, and knowledge, and joy: but to the sinner he giveth travail, to gather and to heap up, that he may give to *him that is* good before God. This also *is* vanity and vexation of spirit.

A Season for Every Thing

3 To every *thing there is* a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:
2 A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up *that which is* planted;
3 A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;
4 A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
5 A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
6 A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

2:13 folly

(Heb. *sikluth*) (Eccl. 1:17; 10:13) H5531: This noun is one of many extremely rare words that occur only in Ecclesiastes. It is translated as "folly" and "foolishness." It derives from a verb that usually carries a moral or spiritual sense—a sense clearly evident in the noun on one occasion (Eccl. 7:25). Consistently in the analysis of the preacher, folly is set in opposition with wisdom (which excels it) and/or is paired with madness (Eccl. 1:17; 2:3, 12, 13; 7:25; 10:1, 13). Even a little folly damages the reputation of someone respected for wisdom and honor (Eccl. 10:1).

2:13 light ▸ *see Is. 2:5.*
2:19 rule ▸ *see Eccl. 8:9.*

3:4 laugh

(Heb. *sachaq*) (1 Sam 18:7; 2 Sam. 6:5; Ps. 37:13) H7832: The word *sachaq* is contrasted here with weeping. The opposite of sadness is joy, expressed outwardly. The word is linked to dancing, as when the women sang and danced in praise of David's victories (1 Sam. 18:7), and playing music, as when David played music (*sachaq*) when the ark was brought into Jerusalem (2 Sam. 6:5). Negatively, it can also imply mockery or scorn (Job 29:24; 30:1; 39:7, 18). The Lord is described as laughing at the wicked (Ps. 37:13) and His enemies (Ps. 59:8).

7 A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
8 A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.
9 What profit hath he that worketh in that wherein he laboureth?
10 I have seen the travail, which God hath given to the sons of men to be exercised in it.

God Made Every Thing Beautiful

11 He hath made every *thing* beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end.
12 I know that *there is* no good in them, but for *a man* to rejoice, and to do good in his life.
13 And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labour, it *is* the gift of God.
14 I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth *it,* that *men* should fear before him.
15 That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is past.

The Righteous and the Wicked Judged

16 And moreover I saw under the sun the place of judgment, *that* wickedness *was* there; and the place of righteousness, *that* iniquity *was* there.
17 I said in mine heart, God shall judge the righteous and the wicked: for *there is* a time there for every purpose and for every work.
18 I said in mine heart concerning the estate of the sons of men, that God might manifest them, and that they might see that they themselves are beasts.
19 For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath; so that a man hath no preeminence above a beast: for all *is* vanity.
20 All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again.
21 Who knoweth the spirit of man that goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast that goeth downward to the earth?
22 Wherefore I perceive that *there is* nothing better, than that a man should rejoice in his own works; for that *is* his portion: for who shall bring him to see what shall be after him?

No Comforter for the Oppressed

4 So I returned, and considered all the oppressions that are done under the sun: and behold the tears of *such as were* oppressed, and they had no comforter; and on the side of their oppressors *there was* power; but they had no comforter.
2 Wherefore I praised the dead which are already dead more than the living which are yet alive.
3 Yea, better *is he* than both they, which hath not yet been, who hath not seen the evil work that is done under the sun.
4 Again, I considered all travail, and every right work, that for this a man is envied of his neighbour. This *is* also vanity and vexation of spirit.
5 The fool foldeth his hands together, and eateth his own flesh.
6 Better *is* an handful *with* quietness, than both the hands full *with* travail and vexation of spirit.
7 Then I returned, and I saw vanity under the sun.
8 There is one *alone,* and *there is* not a second; yea, he hath neither child nor brother: yet *is there* no end of all his labour; neither is his eye satisfied with riches; neither *saith he,* For whom do I labour, and bereave my soul of good? This *is* also vanity, yea, it *is* a sore travail.

4:4 envy

(Heb. *qin'ah*) (Song 8:6; Is. 11:13; Ezek. 8:3) H7068: This term denotes the fervent, interpersonal, passionate emotions of zeal, jealousy, and anger. Positively, this word is used of the zeal people have for God (Num. 25:11; 2 Kin. 10:16) and that God has for His people (2 Kin. 19:31; Is. 63:15; Zech. 1:14; 8:2). Negatively, it is used of the jealousy of a husband who suspects marital infidelity (Num. 5:14, 15; Prov. 6:34) and with reference to intense anger—both human (Job 5:2; Ps. 119:139) and divine, especially in Ezekiel (Deut. 29:20; Ezek. 16:38, 42; 38:19; Zeph. 1:18). Human *qin'ah* is discussed primarily in the Wisdom Literature and divine primarily in the Prophetic Literature.

Two Are Better Than One

9 Two *are* better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour.
10 For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him *that is* alone when he falleth; for *he hath* not another to help him up.
11 Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm *alone?*
12 And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

A Poor and a Wise Child

13 Better *is* a poor and a wise child than an old and foolish king, who will no more be admonished.
14 For out of prison he cometh to reign; whereas also *he that is* born in his kingdom becometh poor.
15 I considered all the living which walk under the sun, with the second child that shall stand up in his stead.
16 *There is* no end of all the people, *even* of all that have been before them: they also that come after shall not rejoice in him. Surely this also *is* vanity and vexation of spirit.

Honour Vows Made to God

5 Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil.
2 Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter *any* thing before God: for God *is* in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few.
3 For a dream cometh through the multitude of business; and a fool's voice *is known* by multitude of words.
4 When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for *he hath* no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed.
5 Better *is it* that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay.
6 Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it *was* an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands?
7 For in the multitude of dreams and many words *there are* also *divers* vanities: but fear thou God.
8 If thou seest the oppression of the poor, and violent perverting of judgment and justice in a province, marvel not at the matter: for *he that is* higher than the highest regardeth; and *there be* higher than they.

The Profit of the Earth Is for All

9 Moreover the profit of the earth is for all: the king *himself* is served by the field.
10 He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase: this *is* also vanity.
11 When goods increase, they are increased that eat them: and what good *is there* to the owners thereof, saving the beholding *of them* with their eyes?
12 The sleep of a labouring man *is* sweet, whether he eat little or much: but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep.
13 There is a sore evil *which* I have seen under the sun, *namely,* riches kept for the owners thereof to their hurt.
14 But those riches perish by evil travail: and he begetteth a son, and *there is* nothing in his hand.
15 As he came forth of his mother's womb, naked shall he return to go as he came, and shall take nothing of his labour, which he may carry away in his hand.
16 And this also *is* a sore evil, *that* in all points as he came, so shall he go: and what profit hath he that hath laboured for the wind?
17 All his days also he eateth in darkness, and *he hath* much sorrow and wrath with his sickness.

Rejoice in Your Labour

18 Behold *that* which I have seen: *it is* good and comely *for one* to eat and to drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labour that he taketh

4:9 reward ▸ *see Gen. 30:28.*
4:10 fellow ▸ *see Ps. 119:63.*
5:12 sleep ▸ *see Ps. 4:8.*

5:18 labour

(Heb. *`amal*) (Ps. 105:44; Eccl. 2:11; Jer. 20:18) H5999: This noun means "toil," or work for material gain (Ps. 127:1; Prov. 16:26), but it can also mean "trouble" or "sorrow" (Job 3:10). The effort required for work and human achievement

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under the sun all the days of his life, which God giveth him: for it *is* his portion.
19 Every man also to whom God hath given riches and wealth, and hath given him power to eat thereof, and to take his portion, and to rejoice in his labour; this *is* the gift of God.
20 For he shall not much remember the days of his life; because God answereth *him* in the joy of his heart.

Failure to Enjoy Blessings

6 There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, and it *is* common among men:
2 A man to whom God hath given riches, wealth, and honour, so that he wanteth nothing for his soul of all that he desireth, yet God giveth him not power to eat thereof, but a stranger eateth it: this *is* vanity, and it *is* an evil disease.
3 If a man beget an hundred *children,* and live many years, so that the days of his years be many, and his soul be not filled with good, and also *that* he have no burial; I say, *that* an untimely birth *is* better than he.
4 For he cometh in with vanity, and departeth in darkness, and his name shall be covered with darkness.
5 Moreover he hath not seen the sun, nor known *any thing:* this hath more rest than the other.
6 Yea, though he live a thousand years twice *told,* yet hath he seen no good: do not all go to one place?
7 All the labour of man *is* for his mouth, and yet the appetite is not filled.
8 For what hath the wise more than the fool? what hath the poor, that knoweth to walk before the living?

The Sight of the Eyes

9 Better *is* the sight of the eyes than the wandering of the desire: this *is* also vanity and vexation of spirit.
10 That which hath been is named already, and it is known that it *is* man: neither may he contend with him that is mightier than he.
11 Seeing there be many things that increase vanity, what *is* man the better?
12 For who knoweth what *is* good for man in *this* life, all the days of his vain life which he spendeth as a shadow? for who can tell a man what shall be after him under the sun?

A Good Name

7 A good name *is* better than precious ointment; and the day of death than the day of one's birth.
2 *It is* better to go to the house of mourning, than to go to the house of feasting: for that *is* the end of all men; and the living will lay *it* to his heart.
3 Sorrow *is* better than laughter: for by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made better.
4 The heart of the wise *is* in the house of mourning; but the heart of fools *is* in the house of mirth.
5 *It is* better to hear the rebuke of the wise, than for a man to hear the song of fools.
6 For as the crackling of thorns under a pot, so *is* the laughter of the fool: this also *is* vanity.
7 Surely oppression maketh a wise man mad; and a gift destroyeth the heart.
8 Better *is* the end of a thing than the

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produces sorrow and troubles in the sense that it can never satisfy the deeper needs of the human soul (Eccl. 6:7). However, when believers recognize that their work is a gift from God, work can become a joy (Eccl. 5:18–20). Our work is part of God's plan to establish His eternal kingdom. In this sense, we can be assured that our faithful commitment to our work will have eternal consequences and reap eternal rewards (1 Cor. 3:8, 14; 15:58).

5:18 portion ▸ *see Zech. 2:12.*

6:12 shadow

(Heb. *tsel*) (Num. 14:9; Job 7:2; Song 2:3) H6738: This word designates a shadow or shade. It can refer simply to the shadow of a mountain, on a sundial, of a great vine (Israel), and to shadows in general (Judg. 9:36; 2 Kin. 20:9–11; Ps. 80:10; Jer. 6:4). Figuratively, a shadow can represent the weakness of a frail human body or the transitory nature of human life (1 Chr. 29:15; Job 14:2; 17:7; Ps. 102:11; Eccl. 6:12). A shadow is often a place of protection, shelter, safety, or refuge provided by an object (Judg. 9:15; Is. 32:2), a private individual (Gen. 19:8), a king (Lam 4:20), a nation (Is. 30:2, 3), or, more frequently, God (Ps. 36:7; 91:1; 121:5; Is. 25:4; 49:2).

beginning thereof: *and* the patient in spirit *is* better than the proud in spirit.
9 Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools.
10 Say not thou, What is *the cause* that the former days were better than these? for thou dost not enquire wisely concerning this.

Wisdom Gives Life

11 Wisdom *is* good with an inheritance: and *by it there is* profit to them that see the sun.
12 For wisdom *is* a defence, *and* money *is* a defence: but the excellency of knowledge *is, that* wisdom giveth life to them that have it.
13 Consider the work of God: for who can make *that* straight, which he hath made crooked?
14 In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity consider: God also hath set the one over against the other, to the end that man should find nothing after him.
15 All *things* have I seen in the days of my vanity: there is a just *man* that perisheth in his righteousness, and there is a wicked *man* that prolongeth *his life* in his wickedness.
16 Be not righteous over much; neither make thyself over wise: why shouldest thou destroy thyself?
17 Be not over much wicked, neither be thou foolish: why shouldest thou die before thy time?
18 *It is* good that thou shouldest take hold of this; yea, also from this withdraw not thine hand: for he that feareth God shall come forth of them all.

Even Just Men Sin

19 Wisdom strengtheneth the wise more than ten mighty *men* which are in the city.
20 For *there is* not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.
21 Also take no heed unto all words that are spoken; lest thou hear thy servant curse thee:
22 For oftentimes also thine own heart knoweth that thou thyself likewise hast cursed others.
23 All this have I proved by wisdom: I said, I will be wise; but it *was* far from me.
24 That which is far off, and exceeding deep, who can find it out?
25 I applied mine heart to know, and to search, and to seek out wisdom, and the reason *of things,* and to know the wickedness of folly, even of foolishness *and* madness:
26 And I find more bitter than death the woman, whose heart *is* snares and nets, *and* her hands *as* bands: whoso pleaseth God shall escape from her; but the sinner shall be taken by her.
27 Behold, this have I found, saith the preacher, *counting* one by one, to find out the account:
28 Which yet my soul seeketh, but I find not: one man among a thousand have I found; but a woman among all those have I not found.
29 Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions.

The Face of Wisdom

8 Who *is* as the wise *man?* and who knoweth the interpretation of a thing? a man's wisdom maketh his face to shine, and the boldness of his face shall be changed.
2 I *counsel thee* to keep the king's commandment, and *that* in regard of the oath of God.
3 Be not hasty to go out of his sight: stand not in an evil thing; for he doeth whatsoever pleaseth him.
4 Where the word of a king *is, there is* power: and who may say unto him, What doest thou?
5 Whoso keepeth the commandment shall feel no evil thing: and a wise man's heart discerneth both time and judgment.

7:8 patient

(Heb. *'arek*) (Num. 14:18; Neh. 9:17; Nah. 1:3) H0750: The literal meaning of this word is "long," but it is only used this way once—to describe the pinions of an eagle or griffon vulture (Ezek. 17:3). Its use in our passage is determined by the context: the "patient in spirit" is set in opposition to the "proud [or haughty] in spirit." Elsewhere, this word is always used in the Hebrew idiom "long of nose," which means "longsuffering," "patient," and especially "slow to anger" (Prov. 14:29; 15:18; 16:32). This expression is quite frequently used (in combination with a term translated "loving-kindness" or "mercy") in a somewhat creedal manner to describe Israel's God (Ex. 34:6; Ps. 86:15; 103:8; 145:8; Joel 2:13; Jon. 4:2).

7:9 angry ▸ *see 1 Kin. 16:2.*
7:14 after ▸ *see 1 Sam. 13:7.*
7:26 bitter ▸ *see Jer. 2:19.*
8:1 shine ▸ *see Ps. 76:4.*
8:2 commandment ▸ *see Num. 27:14.*

6 Because to every purpose there is time
and judgment, therefore the misery of man
is great upon him.
7 For he knoweth not that which shall be:
for who can tell him when it shall be?
8 *There is* no man that hath power over
the spirit to retain the spirit; neither *hath*
he power in the day of death: and *there is* no
discharge in *that* war; neither shall wicked-
ness deliver those that are given to it.
9 All this have I seen, and applied my heart
unto every work that is done under the sun:
there is a time wherein one man ruleth over
another to his own hurt.
10 And so I saw the wicked buried, who had
come and gone from the place of the holy,
and they were forgotten in the city where
they had so done: this *is* also vanity.
11 Because sentence against an evil work is
not executed speedily, therefore the heart of
the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.
12 Though a sinner do evil an hundred
times, and his *days* be prolonged, yet surely I
know that it shall be well with them that fear
God, which fear before him:
13 But it shall not be well with the wicked,
neither shall he prolong *his* days, *which are*
as a shadow; because he feareth not before
God.
14 There is a vanity which is done upon the
earth; that there be just *men,* unto whom
it happeneth according to the work of the
wicked; again, there be wicked *men,* to
whom it happeneth according to the work of
the righteous: I said that this also *is* vanity.

Eat, Drink, and Be Merry

15 Then I commended mirth, because a
man hath no better thing under the sun,
than to eat, and to drink, and to be merry:
for that shall abide with him of his labour the
days of his life, which God giveth him under
the sun.
16 When I applied mine heart to know
wisdom, and to see the business that is done
upon the earth: (for also *there is that* neither
day nor night seeth sleep with his eyes:)
17 Then I beheld all the work of God, that
a man cannot find out the work that is done
under the sun: because though a man labour
to seek *it* out, yet he shall not find *it;* yea
farther; though a wise *man* think to know *it,*
yet shall he not be able to find *it.*

The Hand of God

9 For all this I considered in my heart even
to declare all this, that the righteous, and
the wise, and their works, *are* in the hand of
God: no man knoweth either love or hatred
by all *that is* before them.
2 All *things come* alike to all: *there is* one
event to the righteous, and to the wicked; to
the good and to the clean, and to the unclean;
to him that sacrificeth, and to him that sacri-
ficeth not: as *is* the good, so *is* the sinner; *and*
he that sweareth, as *he* that feareth an oath.
3 This *is* an evil among all *things* that are
done under the sun, that *there is* one event
unto all: yea, also the heart of the sons of men
is full of evil, and madness *is* in their heart
while they live, and after that *they* go to the
dead.
4 For to him that is joined to all the living
there is hope: for a living dog is better than a
dead lion.
5 For the living know that they shall die:
but the dead know not any thing, neither
have they any more a reward; for the memory
of them is forgotten.

8:9 rule

(Heb. *shalat*) (Neh. 5:15; Esth. 9:1; Eccl. 2:19) H7980: This extremely rare verb means "to domineer, have mastery over, exercise power/authority with respect to." Once, the verb's subject is impersonal: the psalmist prays iniquity will not have dominion over him (Ps. 119:133). When the object is impersonal, the verb has a neutral tone. One exercises authority over (i.e. manages) his possessions, or God does not enable him to do so (Eccl. 2:19; 5:19; 6:2). When the object is personal, there is a decidedly negative connotation. This term is used of rulers being domineering over their subordinates (Neh. 5:15; Eccl. 8:9), and of people groups vying to exercise power over each other through wholesale massacre (Esth. 9:1). The word "sultan" is related to this verb.

8:15 commend ▸ *see Ps. 63:3.*
9:4 dog ▸ *see Ps. 59:6.*

9:5 forget

(Heb. *shakach*) (Deut. 9:7; Ps. 31:12; Prov. 3:1; Jer. 2:32) H7911: This is a common verb meaning "to forget or be unmindful of." On several occasions, the "forgetting" is accompanied by the idea of forsaking (1 Sam. 12:9, 10). This term is used for mundane matters such as someone's

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6 Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any *thing* that is done under the sun.

Live Joyfully

7 Go thy way, eat thy bread with joy, and drink thy wine with a merry heart; for God now accepteth thy works.
8 Let thy garments be always white; and let thy head lack no ointment.
9 Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of the life of thy vanity, which he hath given thee under the sun, all the days of thy vanity: for that *is* thy portion in *this* life, and in thy labour which thou takest under the sun.
10 Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do *it* with thy might; for *there is* no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.
11 I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race *is* not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all.
12 For man also knoweth not his time: as the fishes that are taken in an evil net, and as the birds that are caught in the snare; so *are* the sons of men snared in an evil time, when it falleth suddenly upon them.

Wisdom Is Better Than Strength

13 This wisdom have I seen also under the sun, and it *seemed* great unto me:
14 *There was* a little city, and few men within it; and there came a great king against it, and besieged it, and built great bulwarks against it:
15 Now there was found in it a poor wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city; yet no man remembered that same poor man.
16 Then said I, Wisdom *is* better than strength: nevertheless the poor man's wisdom *is* despised, and his words are not heard.
17 The words of wise *men are* heard in quiet more than the cry of him that ruleth among fools.
18 Wisdom *is* better than weapons of war: but one sinner destroyeth much good.

A Wise Man's Heart

10 Dead flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking savour: *so doth* a little folly him that is in reputation for wisdom *and* honour.
2 A wise man's heart *is* at his right hand; but a fool's heart at his left.
3 Yea also, when he that is a fool walketh by the way, his wisdom faileth *him,* and he saith to every one *that* he *is* a fool.
4 If the spirit of the ruler rise up against thee, leave not thy place; for yielding pacifieth great offences.

Wisdom to Deal with Rulers

5 There is an evil *which* I have seen under the sun, as an error *which* proceedeth from the ruler:
6 Folly is set in great dignity, and the rich sit in low place.
7 I have seen servants upon horses, and princes walking as servants upon the earth.
8 He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it; and whoso breaketh an hedge, a serpent shall bite him.
9 Whoso removeth stones shall be hurt therewith; *and* he that cleaveth wood shall be endangered thereby.
10 If the iron be blunt, and he do not whet the edge, then must he put to more strength: but wisdom *is* profitable to direct.

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forgetting past actions or even an ostrich's being unmindful that her eggs may be trampled (Gen. 27:45; Job 39:15). Nevertheless, its theological uses overwhelmingly predominate. God and His covenant, word, deeds, etc. are often the object of human forgetting (or not forgetting) (Ps. 119:16; Jer. 23:27; Hos. 8:14). Depending on the circumstance, God Himself may or may not forget or be unmindful of (anthropomorphically speaking) people or sin (Is. 49:15; Lam. 5:20; Amos 8:7).

9:6 perish ▸ *see Judg. 5:31.*
9:12 catch ▸ *see 2 Sam. 6:6.*
9:12 snare ▸ *see Job 18:9.*
10:5 error ▸ *see Lev. 5:18.*
10:10 profitable ▸ *see Eccl. 11:6.*

11 Surely the serpent will bite without enchantment; and a babbler is no better.

Gracious Words of a Wise Man

12 The words of a wise man's mouth *are* gracious; but the lips of a fool will swallow up himself.
13 The beginning of the words of his mouth *is* foolishness: and the end of his talk *is* mischievous madness.
14 A fool also is full of words: a man cannot tell what shall be; and what shall be after him, who can tell him?
15 The labour of the foolish wearieth every one of them, because he knoweth not how to go to the city.

Curse Not the King

16 Woe to thee, O land, when thy king *is* a child, and thy princes eat in the morning!
17 Blessed *art* thou, O land, when thy king *is* the son of nobles, and thy princes eat in due season, for strength, and not for drunkenness!
18 By much slothfulness the building decayeth; and through idleness of the hands the house droppeth through.
19 A feast is made for laughter, and wine maketh merry: but money answereth all *things*.
20 Curse not the king, no not in thy thought; and curse not the rich in thy bedchamber: for a bird of the air shall carry the voice, and that which hath wings shall tell the matter.

Man Does Not Know the Works of God

11 Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days.
2 Give a portion to seven, and also to eight; for thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth.
3 If the clouds be full of rain, they empty *themselves* upon the earth: and if the tree fall toward the south, or toward the north, in the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be.
4 He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap.
5 As thou knowest not what *is* the way of the spirit, *nor* how the bones *do grow* in the womb of her that is with child: even so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all.
6 In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both *shall be* alike good.
7 Truly the light *is* sweet, and a pleasant *thing it is* for the eyes to behold the sun:
8 But if a man live many years, *and* rejoice in them all; yet let him remember the days of darkness; for they shall be many. All that cometh *is* vanity.

Rejoice in Your Youth

9 Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these *things* God will bring thee into judgment.

10:11 babbler

(Heb. *lashon*) (Ex. 4:10; Ps. 45:1; Is. 30:27) H3956: This word designates a tongue and, by extension, language. It is used for the tongue of both humans and animals (Judg. 7:5; Job 41:1). For humans, the tongue is most frequently mentioned as the organ of speech—especially in wisdom material where its power for good and (more often) bad are highlighted (Ps. 5:9; Prov. 17:28; 18:21). Since the tongue is prominently involved in speaking, this term is used (as in English) for language (Gen. 10:5; Is. 28:11). It can also be used to refer to things that have a tongue-like shape such as a bar of gold, a small protrusion of land in the Dead Sea, and flames (Josh. 7:21; 15:2; Is. 5:24).

10:13 foolishness ▸ *see Eccl. 2:13.*
10:15 weary ▸ *see Ps. 6:6.*
10:17 blessed ▸ *see Ps. 127:5.*
11:6 morning ▸ *see Jer. 21:12.*

11:6 prosper

(Heb. *chashar*) (Esth. 8:5; Eccl. 10:10) H3787: This Hebrew word only appears three times in the Old Testament. In the Book of Esther the word is translated as "right," meaning, "correct" or "acceptable" (Esth. 8:5). In Ecclesiastes, the author says that "wisdom is profitable" (*chasar*) meaning that prosperity and success in our endeavors come as a result of wise thinking and planning, not just constant striving (Ecc. 10:10). Finally, in this passage the word is translated "prosper," meaning to succeed or be successful.

11:7 behold ▸ *see Job 19:27.*

10 Therefore remove sorrow from thy heart, and put away evil from thy flesh: for childhood and youth *are* vanity.

Remember Your Creator

12 Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;
2 While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain:
3 In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened,
4 And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low, and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of musick shall be brought low;
5 Also *when* they shall be afraid of *that which is* high, and fears *shall be* in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail: because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets:
6 Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern.
7 Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.
8 Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher; all *is* vanity.

Words of Truth

9 And moreover, because the preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yea, he gave good heed, and sought out, *and* set in order many proverbs.
10 The preacher sought to find out acceptable words: and *that which was* written *was* upright, *even* words of truth.
11 The words of the wise *are* as goads, and as nails fastened *by* the masters of assemblies, *which* are given from one shepherd.
12 And further, by these, my son, be admonished: of making many books *there is* no end; and much study *is* a weariness of the flesh.

The Duty of Man

13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this *is* the whole *duty* of man.
14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether *it be* good, or whether *it be* evil.

12:3 tremble ▸ *see Esth. 5:9.*
12:8 preacher ▸ *see Eccl. 1:1.*

12:9 give good heed

(Heb. *'azan*) H0239: The Preacher is not only known for his wisdom, but also for his unique vocabulary. Here he uses a word that occurs nowhere else in the entire Old Testament. This verb is almost certainly related to a noun meaning "balance scales." Hence, it has been variously translated into English as "to balance, weigh, ponder, consider (carefully), test, prove." The Septuagint uses a Greek word meaning "to explore, trace, track out, search out," while the Vulgate uses a Latin word meaning "to explain fully, recount, speak of, publish, declare." In the given context, this activity is directly related to the Preacher's seeking out and setting in order many proverbs. This term designates a part of the wise teacher's efforts to teach knowledge.

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SONG OF SOLOMON

THE SONG OF SOLOMON IS a love song written by Solomon and abounding in metaphors and oriental imagery. Historically, it depicts the wooing and wedding of a shepherdess by King Solomon, and the joys and heartaches of wedded love.

Allegorically, it pictures Israel as God's betrothed bride (Hos. 2:19, 20), and the church as the bride of Christ. As human life finds its highest fulfillment in the love of man and woman, so spiritual life finds its highest fulfillment in the love of God for His people and Christ for His church.

The book reads like scenes in a drama with three main speakers: the bride (Shulamite), the king (Solomon), and a chorus (daughters of Jerusalem).

WATCH WORDS

- **beloved** (one who is loved)—4:16
- **withdraw** (turn aside or wander away)—5:6
- **beautiful** (fair, pleasant, good)—6:4 (also 1:8, 15, 16; 2:10, 13; 4:1, 7; 5:9; 6:1, 10; 7:1)

The Shulamite's Love for the Shepherd

1 The song of songs, which *is* Solomon's.
2 Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth: for thy love *is* better than wine.
3 Because of the savour of thy good ointments thy name *is as* ointment poured forth, therefore do the virgins love thee.
4 Draw me, we will run after thee: the king hath brought me into his chambers: we will be glad and rejoice in thee, we will remember thy love more than wine: the upright love thee.
5 I *am* black, but comely, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, as the tents of Kedar, as the curtains of Solomon.
6 Look not upon me, because I *am* black, because the sun hath looked upon me: my mother's children were angry with me; they made me the keeper of the vineyards; *but* mine own vineyard have I not kept.
7 Tell me, O thou whom my soul loveth, where thou feedest, where thou makest *thy flock* to rest at noon: for why should I be as one that turneth aside by the flocks of thy companions?
8 If thou know not, O thou fairest among women, go thy way forth by the footsteps of the flock, and feed thy kids beside the shepherds' tents.

Beauty Compared to Pharaoh's Horses

9 I have compared thee, O my love, to a company of horses in Pharaoh's chariots.
10 Thy cheeks are comely with rows of *jewels,* thy neck with chains *of gold.*
11 We will make thee borders of gold with studs of silver.

1:3 virgin ▸ *see Is. 7:14.*

1:4 run

(Heb. *ruts*) (Gen. 41:14; 1 Sam. 8:11; Job 15:26; Nah. 2:4) H7323: This common verb means "to move quickly or hasten." It is frequently translated "run." One may run to meet someone with great emotion (Gen. 24:28, 29; 33:4; 2 Kin. 4:26) or run to give or receive help (1 Sam. 17:17; Prov. 18:10). This word is used to denote both rapid military advances (2 Sam. 22:30; Joel 2:7, 9) and retreats (Judg. 7:21). False prophets (Jer. 23:21), purveyors of God's word (Hab. 2:2), and royal messengers (Esth. 8:10; Jer. 51:31) all "run" with their proclamations. This term can also be used for human hands (Ps. 68:31), animals (Dan. 8:6; Amos 6:12), the sun (Ps. 19:4, 5), and even God's Word (Ps. 147:15).

1:10 comely ▸ *see Ps. 93:5.*

12 While the king *sitteth* at his table, my spikenard sendeth forth the smell thereof.
13 A bundle of myrrh *is* my wellbeloved unto me; he shall lie all night betwixt my breasts.
14 My beloved *is* unto me *as* a cluster of camphire in the vineyards of En-gedi.
15 Behold, thou *art* fair, my love; behold, thou *art* fair; thou *hast* doves' eyes.
16 Behold, thou *art* fair, my beloved, yea, pleasant: also our bed *is* green.
17 The beams of our house *are* cedar, *and* our rafters of fir.

The Shepherd's Banner of Love

2 I *am* the rose of Sharon, *and* the lily of the valleys.
2 As the lily among thorns, so *is* my love among the daughters.
3 As the apple tree among the trees of the wood, so *is* my beloved among the sons. I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit *was* sweet to my taste.
4 He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me *was* love.
5 Stay me with flagons, comfort me with apples: for I *am* sick of love.
6 His left hand *is* under my head, and his right hand doth embrace me.
7 I charge you, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, by the roes, and by the hinds of the field, that ye stir not up, nor awake *my* love, till he please.

The Shepherd Pursues the Shulamite

8 The voice of my beloved! behold, he cometh leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills.
9 My beloved is like a roe or a young hart: behold, he standeth behind our wall, he looketh forth at the windows, shewing himself through the lattice.
10 My beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.
11 For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over *and* gone;
12 The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing *of birds* is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;
13 The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines *with* the tender grape give a *good* smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.
14 O my dove, *that art* in the clefts of the rock, in the secret *places* of the stairs, let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice; for sweet *is* thy voice, and thy countenance *is* comely.
15 Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines: for our vines *have* tender grapes.

Shulamite's Faithfulness to Shepherd

16 My beloved *is* mine, and I *am* his: he feedeth among the lilies.
17 Until the day break, and the shadows flee away, turn, my beloved, and be thou like a roe or a young hart upon the mountains of Bether.

The Search for the Shepherd

3 By night on my bed I sought him whom my soul loveth: I sought him, but I found him not.
2 I will rise now, and go about the city in the streets, and in the broad ways I will seek him whom my soul loveth: I sought him, but I found him not.
3 The watchmen that go about the city found me: *to whom I said,* Saw ye him whom my soul loveth?

The Shepherd Found

4 *It was* but a little that I passed from them, but I found him whom my soul loveth: I held him, and would not let him go, until I had brought him into my mother's house, and into the chamber of her that conceived me.
5 I charge you, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, by the roes, and by the hinds of the field,

2:3 shadow ▸ *see Eccl. 6:12.*
2:4 banner ▸ *see Num. 2:2.*

2:8 leap

(Heb. *dalag*) (2 Sam. 22:30; Is. 35:6; Zeph. 1:9) H1801: This quite rare verb is used of leaping, jumping, and hopping. Here, the Shulamite's lover leaps upon the mountains as he goes to meet with her. Isaiah prophesied that in restored Zion the lame would leap for joy (Is. 35:6; cf. Acts 3:8; 14:10). On the other hand, Zephaniah prophesied that the Lord would one day punish those who hop over the threshold, referring to a pagan ritual (Zeph. 1:9). David praised God for enabling him to leap over terrace walls in battle (2 Sam. 22:30; Ps. 18:29).

that ye stir not up, nor awake *my* love, till he please.

The Coming of the King

6 Who *is* this that cometh out of the wilderness like pillars of smoke, perfumed with myrrh and frankincense, with all powders of the merchant?
7 Behold his bed, which *is* Solomon's; threescore valiant men *are* about it, of the valiant of Israel.
8 They all hold swords, *being* expert in war: every man *hath* his sword upon his thigh because of fear in the night.
9 King Solomon made himself a chariot of the wood of Lebanon.
10 He made the pillars thereof *of* silver, the bottom thereof *of* gold, the covering of it *of* purple, the midst thereof being paved *with* love, for the daughters of Jerusalem.
11 Go forth, O ye daughters of Zion, and behold king Solomon with the crown wherewith his mother crowned him in the day of his espousals, and in the day of the gladness of his heart.

The Maiden's Beauty

4 Behold, thou *art* fair, my love; behold, thou *art* fair; thou *hast* doves' eyes within thy locks: thy hair *is* as a flock of goats, that appear from mount Gilead.
2 Thy teeth *are* like a flock *of sheep that are even* shorn, which came up from the washing; whereof every one bear twins, and none *is* barren among them.
3 Thy lips *are* like a thread of scarlet, and thy speech *is* comely: thy temples *are* like a piece of a pomegranate within thy locks.
4 Thy neck *is* like the tower of David builded for an armoury, whereon there hang a thousand bucklers, all shields of mighty men.
5 Thy two breasts *are* like two young roes that are twins, which feed among the lilies.
6 Until the day break, and the shadows flee away, I will get me to the mountain of myrrh, and to the hill of frankincense.

Shepherd Smitten with Maiden's Beauty

7 Thou *art* all fair, my love; *there is* no spot in thee.
8 Come with me from Lebanon, *my* spouse, with me from Lebanon: look from the top of Amana, from the top of Shenir and Hermon, from the lions' dens, from the mountains of the leopards.
9 Thou hast ravished my heart, my sister, *my* spouse; thou hast ravished my heart with one of thine eyes, with one chain of thy neck.

Covenant of Love

10 How fair is thy love, my sister, *my* spouse! how much better is thy love than wine! and the smell of thine ointments than all spices!
11 Thy lips, O *my* spouse, drop *as* the honeycomb: honey and milk *are* under thy tongue; and the smell of thy garments *is* like the smell of Lebanon.
12 A garden inclosed *is* my sister, *my* spouse; a spring shut up, a fountain sealed.
13 Thy plants *are* an orchard of pomegranates, with pleasant fruits; camphire, with spikenard,
14 Spikenard and saffron; calamus and cinnamon, with all trees of frankincense; myrrh and aloes, with all the chief spices:
15 A fountain of gardens, a well of living waters, and streams from Lebanon.
16 Awake, O north wind; and come, thou south; blow upon my garden, *that* the spices thereof may flow out. Let my beloved come into his garden, and eat his pleasant fruits.

3:6 myrrh

(Heb. *mor*) (Ex. 30:23; Esth. 2:12; Ps. 45:8) H4753: Myrrh is a bitter, fragrant, reddish-brown, oily gum resin harvested from plant life native to Arabia and areas near the horn of Africa. The name is derived from a verb that means "to be bitter, be strong, strengthen." Principally, myrrh was used in perfumes (and scented ointments) for cloth (Ps. 45:8; Prov. 7:17) and for both men and women (Esth. 2:12; Song 1:13; 3:6). Religiously, it was used in Israel's sacred anointing oil (Ex. 30:23). In the New Testament, myrrh was presented as a costly gift for baby Jesus (Matt. 2:11) and to strengthen wine for a dying Jesus, who refused it (Mark 15:23). It also anointed His body during burial rites (John 19:39).

3:11 crown ▸ *see Prov. 4:9.*
4:11 honeycomb ▸ *see Prov. 24:13.*
4:15, 16 garden ▸ *see 2 Kin. 21:18.*

4:16 beloved

(Heb. *dod*) (1 Sam. 14:50; Prov. 7:18; Is. 5:1) H1730: In Hebrew love poetry, *dod* is a term of

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The Second Dream

5 I am come into my garden, my sister, *my* spouse: I have gathered my myrrh with my spice; I have eaten my honeycomb with my honey; I have drunk my wine with my milk: eat, O friends; drink, yea, drink abundantly, O beloved.
2 I sleep, but my heart waketh: *it is* the voice of my beloved that knocketh, *saying,* Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled: for my head is filled with dew, *and* my locks with the drops of the night.
3 I have put off my coat; how shall I put it on? I have washed my feet; how shall I defile them?
4 My beloved put in his hand by the hole *of the door,* and my bowels were moved for him.
5 I rose up to open to my beloved; and my hands dropped *with* myrrh, and my fingers *with* sweet smelling myrrh, upon the handles of the lock.

The Second Search for the Shepherd

6 I opened to my beloved; but my beloved had withdrawn himself, *and* was gone: my soul failed when he spake: I sought him, but I could not find him; I called him, but he gave me no answer.
7 The watchmen that went about the city found me, they smote me, they wounded me; the keepers of the walls took away my veil from me.
8 I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, if ye find my beloved, that ye tell him, that I *am* sick of love.

Love for the Shepherd Questioned

9 What *is* thy beloved more than *another* beloved, O thou fairest among women? what *is* thy beloved more than *another* beloved, that thou dost so charge us?
10 My beloved *is* white and ruddy, the chiefest among ten thousand.
11 His head *is as* the most fine gold, his locks *are* bushy, *and* black as a raven.
12 His eyes *are* as *the eyes* of doves by the rivers of waters, washed with milk, *and* fitly set.
13 His cheeks *are* as a bed of spices, *as* sweet flowers: his lips *like* lilies, dropping sweet smelling myrrh.
14 His hands *are as* gold rings set with the beryl: his belly *is as* bright ivory overlaid *with* sapphires.
15 His legs *are as* pillars of marble, set upon sockets of fine gold: his countenance *is* as Lebanon, excellent as the cedars.
16 His mouth *is* most sweet: yea, he *is* altogether lovely. This *is* my beloved, and this *is* my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem.

The Shulamite's Commitment Questioned

6 Whither is thy beloved gone, O thou fairest among women? whither is thy beloved turned aside? that we may seek him with thee.
2 My beloved is gone down into his garden, to the beds of spices, to feed in the gardens, and to gather lilies.
3 I *am* my beloved's, and my beloved *is* mine: he feedeth among the lilies.

The King Praises the Shulamite's Beauty

4 Thou *art* beautiful, O my love, as Tirzah,

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endearment used for a male loved one, usually translated *beloved* (Is. 5:1). The writer of the Song of Solomon uses this word 32 times. The name David is derived from *dod* and carries the same sense, meaning "Beloved One." When *dod* is used in narrative, it means "uncle" or another close male relative (1 Sam. 14:50).

5:3 put on ▸ *see Is. 52:1.*

5:6 withdraw

(Heb. *chamaq*) (Jer. 31:22) H2559: This verb, occurring only twice in the entire Bible, signifies "to turn aside or wander away." God asked His wayward daughter Israel how long she would turn to and fro (wander about here and there, uncertain what to do—a sure signal of spiritual instability—Jer. 31:22). In the present context, the Shulamite's lover had turned aside, wandered away, vanished. Turning aside involves a curving of one's path; a noun derived from this verb occurs a little later in Song of Solomon to denote the "curving" of the Shulamite's thighs (Song 7:1). The entire Song of Solomon has one turn/curve/swerve after another.

6:4 beautiful

(Heb. *yapheh*) (1 Sam. 16:12; Job 42:15; Ps. 48:2) H3303: This word denotes "beautiful, fair,

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comely as Jerusalem, terrible as *an army* with banners.
5 Turn away thine eyes from me, for they have overcome me: thy hair *is* as a flock of goats that appear from Gilead.
6 Thy teeth *are* as a flock of sheep which go up from the washing, whereof every one beareth twins, and *there is* not one barren among them.
7 As a piece of a pomegranate *are* thy temples within thy locks.
8 There are threescore queens, and fourscore concubines, and virgins without number.
9 My dove, my undefiled is *but* one; she *is* the *only* one of her mother, she *is* the choice *one* of her that bare her. The daughters saw her, and blessed her; *yea,* the queens and the concubines, and they praised her.
10 Who *is* she *that* looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, *and* terrible as *an army* with banners?

The Shulamite Explains Her Abduction

11 I went down into the garden of nuts to see the fruits of the valley, *and* to see whether the vine flourished, *and* the pomegranates budded.
12 Or ever I was aware, my soul made me *like* the chariots of Ammi-nadib.
13 Return, return, O Shulamite; return, return, that we may look upon thee. What will ye see in the Shulamite? As it were the company of two armies.

Continued Praises of Her Beauty

7 How beautiful are thy feet with shoes, O prince's daughter! the joints of thy thighs *are* like jewels, the work of the hands of a cunning workman.
2 Thy navel *is like* a round goblet, *which* wanteth not liquor: thy belly *is like* an heap of wheat set about with lilies.
3 Thy two breasts *are* like two young roes *that are* twins.
4 Thy neck *is* as a tower of ivory; thine eyes *like* the fishpools in Heshbon, by the gate of Bath-rabbim: thy nose *is* as the tower of Lebanon which looketh toward Damascus.
5 Thine head upon thee *is* like Carmel, and the hair of thine head like purple; the king *is* held in the galleries.
6 How fair and how pleasant art thou, O love, for delights!
7 This thy stature is like to a palm tree, and thy breasts to clusters *of grapes.*
8 I said, I will go up to the palm tree, I will take hold of the boughs thereof: now also thy breasts shall be as clusters of the vine, and the smell of thy nose like apples;
9 And the roof of thy mouth like the best wine for my beloved, that goeth *down* sweetly, causing the lips of those that are asleep to speak.

The Shulamite Faithful to the Shepherd

10 I *am* my beloved's, and his desire *is* toward me.

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pleasant, good." It is used more often of females than males (Gen. 12:11; 29:17; 39:6; 2 Sam. 14:25; Prov. 11:22; Amos 8:13). It is a favorite description the lovers have for each other in Song of Solomon where it is frequently employed in terms of endearment, like "my fair one" and "fairest among women" (Song 1:8, 15, 16; 2:10, 13; 4:1, 7; 5:9; 6:1, 4, 10; 7:1). Objects described as "beautiful" include a singer's voice (Ezek. 33:32), cattle (Gen. 41:2), trees (Jer. 11:16; Ezek. 31:3, 9), and Mount Zion (Ps. 48:2). Enjoying the benefits of one's labor is also beautiful; in fact, God has made everything beautiful in its time (Eccl. 3:11; 5:18).

7:4 Damascus ▸ *see 1 Kin. 20:34.*

7:6 pleasant

(Heb. *na`em*) (Gen. 49:15; 2 Sam. 1:26; Prov. 24:25) H5276: This verb, found only in poetry, signifies "to be pleasant, delightful, lovely, dear." It emphasizes the intrinsic quality of an object and is used with reference to knowledge (Prov. 2:10), words (Ps. 141:6), the land of Issachar (Gen. 49:15), Egypt (Ezek. 32:19), a friend (2 Sam. 1:26), and a lover (Song 7:6). Moreover, rebuking the wicked will cause one to experience pleasantness (Prov. 24:25). According to Folly (like Wisdom, personified as a woman), bread eaten in secret (a euphemism for illicit sexual activity) is pleasant (Prov. 9:17). Naomi, whose name is related to this verb, asked not to be called "Naomi," but to be called "Mara," a name connected to a word meaning "bitter" (Ruth 1:20).

7:8 palm tree ▸ *see Deut. 34:3.*

11 Come, my beloved, let us go forth into the field; let us lodge in the villages.
12 Let us get up early to the vineyards; let us see if the vine flourish, *whether* the tender grape appear, *and* the pomegranates bud forth: there will I give thee my loves.
13 The mandrakes give a smell, and at our gates *are* all manner of pleasant *fruits,* new and old, *which* I have laid up for thee, O my beloved.

Returning Home with the Shepherd

8 O that thou *wert* as my brother, that sucked the breasts of my mother! *when* I should find thee without, I would kiss thee; yea, I should not be despised.
2 I would lead thee, *and* bring thee into my mother's house, *who* would instruct me: I would cause thee to drink of spiced wine of the juice of my pomegranate.
3 His left hand *should be* under my head, and his right hand should embrace me.
4 I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, that ye stir not up, nor awake *my* love, until he please.
5 Who *is* this that cometh up from the wilderness, leaning upon her beloved? I raised thee up under the apple tree: there thy mother brought thee forth: there she brought thee forth *that* bare thee.

Vows of Faithfulness

6 Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm: for love *is* strong as death; jealousy *is* cruel as the grave: the coals thereof *are* coals of fire, *which hath* a most vehement flame.
7 Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it: if a man would give all the substance of his house for love, it would utterly be contemned.

A Promise of Future Blessings

8 We have a little sister, and she hath no breasts: what shall we do for our sister in the day when she shall be spoken for?
9 If she *be* a wall, we will build upon her a palace of silver: and if she *be* a door, we will inclose her with boards of cedar.
10 I *am* a wall, and my breasts like towers: then was I in his eyes as one that found favour.

A Vineyard of Her Own

11 Solomon had a vineyard at Baal-hamon; he let out the vineyard unto keepers; every one for the fruit thereof was to bring a thousand *pieces* of silver.
12 My vineyard, which *is* mine, *is* before me: thou, O Solomon, *must have* a thousand, and those that keep the fruit thereof two hundred.
13 Thou that dwellest in the gardens, the companions hearken to thy voice: cause me to hear *it.*
14 Make haste, my beloved, and be thou like to a roe or to a young hart upon the mountains of spices.

7:11 lodge ▸ *see Judg. 19:7.*

8:1 kiss

(Heb. *nashaq*) (Gen. 27:26; 2 Sam. 14:33; 15:5; 20:9; Job 31:27) H5401: While this term means "to kiss," it (like its English counterpart) can denote things gently touching each other—angel wings (Ezek. 3:13) and, figuratively, righteousness and peace (Ps. 85:10). Public kissing is performed on a variety of occasions: in greeting and parting rituals (Gen. 31:28; 33:4; 2 Sam. 19:39; 1 Kin. 19:20; Ruth 1:14; Rom. 16:16), in idol worship (1 Kin. 19:18; Hos. 13:2), to show respect for God's anointed king (1 Sam. 10:1; Ps. 2:12), to show (or fake) deep friendship (1 Sam. 20:41; Prov. 27:6), and, principally, to show familial affection (Gen. 29:11–13; 45:15; 50:1). Romantic kissing was appropriately performed in private (Song 1:2; 8:1; contrast Prov. 7:13).

8:6 jealousy ▸ *see Eccl. 4:4.*

THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET

ISAIAH

ISAIAH IS LIKE A MINIATURE Bible. The first thirty-nine chapters (like the thirty-nine books of the Old Testament) are filled with judgment upon immoral and idolatrous men. Judah has sinned; the surrounding nations have sinned; the whole earth has sinned. Judgment must come, for God cannot allow such blatant sin to go unpunished forever. But the final twenty-seven chapters (like the twenty-seven books of the New Testament) declare a message of hope. The Messiah is coming as a Savior and a Sovereign to bear a cross and to wear a crown.

Isaiah's prophetic ministry, spanning the reigns of four kings of Judah, covers at least forty years. *Yesha'yahu* and its shortened form *Yeshaiah* mean "Yahweh Is Salvation." This name is an excellent summary of the contents of the book. The Greek form in the Septuagint is *Hesaias*, and the Latin form is *Esaias* or *Isaias*.

WATCH WORDS

- **virgin** (a young, unmarried woman who has not had sex)—7:14 (also 23:4, 12; 37:22; 47:1; 62:5)
- **JEHOVAH** (the Lord God Almighty)—12:2
- **salvation** (deliverance from distress and the resultant victory and well-being)—49:6 (also 12:2; 45:8; 51:6, 8; 52:10; 56:1; 62:1)
- **sign** (something marked off or made distinct)—55:13 (also 7:14; 19:20)
- **everlasting** (eternal and hidden)—60:19 (also 9:7; 30:8; 40:28; 64:4)

Judah Forsakes the Lord

1 The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, *and* Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

2 Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the LORD hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me.

3 The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: *but* Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider.

4 Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward.

5 Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint.

6 From the sole of the foot even unto the head *there is* no soundness in it; *but* wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment.

7 Your country *is* desolate, your cities *are* burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and *it is* desolate, as overthrown by strangers.

1:1 vision ▸ *see Dan. 8:1.*
1:4 forsake ▸ *see Jer. 12:7.*
1:5 revolt ▸ *see Jer. 28:16.*
1:6 bruise ▸ *see Is. 53:5.*

1:7 desolate

(Heb. *shemamah*) (Josh. 8:28; Jer. 49:2; Zeph. 2:9) H8077: When "Joshua burned Ai and made it an heap forever," it was described as a "desolation" (Josh. 8:28). There was nothing left of it. To be desolate is to be more than just sparse or empty; it means completely devoid of life. Thus, for Isaiah, the land is "utterly desolate" when the "cities be wasted without inhabitant" (Is. 6:11). Desolation can come from fire (Jer. 49:2) or fighting (Zeph.

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8 And the daughter of Zion is left as a cottage in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city.
9 Except the LORD of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, *and* we should have been like unto Gomorrah.

God Hates Judah's Sacrifices

10 Hear the word of the LORD, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah.
11 To what purpose *is* the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the LORD: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats.
12 When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts?
13 Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; *it is* iniquity, even the solemn meeting.
14 Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear *them*.
15 And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood.

Your Sins Shall Be as White as Snow

16 Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil;
17 Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.
18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.
19 If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:
20 But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken *it*.

Zion Shall Be Redeemed with Judgment

21 How is the faithful city become an harlot! it was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers.
22 Thy silver is become dross, thy wine mixed with water:
23 Thy princes *are* rebellious, and companions of thieves: every one loveth gifts, and followeth after rewards: they judge not the fatherless, neither doth the cause of the widow come unto them.
24 Therefore saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts, the mighty One of Israel, Ah, I will ease me of mine adversaries, and avenge me of mine enemies:
25 And I will turn my hand upon thee, and purely purge away thy dross, and take away all thy tin:
26 And I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning: afterward thou shalt be called, The city of righteousness, the faithful city.
27 Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and her converts with righteousness.
28 And the destruction of the transgressors and of the sinners *shall be* together, and they that forsake the LORD shall be consumed.
29 For they shall be ashamed of the oaks which ye have desired, and ye shall be confounded for the gardens that ye have chosen.
30 For ye shall be as an oak whose leaf fadeth, and as a garden that hath no water.
31 And the strong shall be as tow, and the maker of it as a spark, and they shall both burn together, and none shall quench *them*.

The Mountain of the Lord

2 The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
2 And it shall come to pass in the last days, *that* the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established in the top of the mountains,

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2:9). The desolation of Israel and Judah is a common topic in the prophets—the punishment for their sin of rebellion (Jer. 9:11; 34:22; 44:6).

1:9 remnant ▸ *see Ezra 9:8.*
1:11 blood ▸ *see Lev. 3:2.*
1:14 soul ▸ *see Ps. 103:1.*
1:18 crimson ▸ *see Jon. 4:7.*
1:24 avenge ▸ *see Num. 31:2.*
1:30 oak ▸ *see Judg. 6:11.*
2:2 mountain ▸ *see Deut. 9:9.*

and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.
3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
4 And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.
5 O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the LORD.
6 Therefore thou hast forsaken thy people the house of Jacob, because they be replenished from the east, and *are* soothsayers like the Philistines, and they please themselves in the children of strangers.
7 Their land also is full of silver and gold, neither *is there any* end of their treasures; their land is also full of horses, neither *is there any* end of their chariots:
8 Their land also is full of idols; they worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made:
9 And the mean man boweth down, and the great man humbleth himself: therefore forgive them not.

The Day of the Lord

10 Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty.
11 The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.
12 For the day of the LORD of hosts *shall be* upon every *one that is* proud and lofty, and upon every *one that is* lifted up; and he shall be brought low:
13 And upon all the cedars of Lebanon, *that are* high and lifted up, and upon all the oaks of Bashan,
14 And upon all the high mountains, and upon all the hills *that are* lifted up,
15 And upon every high tower, and upon every fenced wall,
16 And upon all the ships of Tarshish, and upon all pleasant pictures.
17 And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low: and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.
18 And the idols he shall utterly abolish.

The Fear of the Lord

19 And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.
20 In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made *each one* for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats;
21 To go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.
22 Cease ye from man, whose breath *is* in his nostrils: for wherein is he to be accounted of?

Judah's Wicked Rulers

3 For, behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts, doth take away from Jerusalem and from Judah the stay and the staff, the whole stay of bread, and the whole stay of water,
2 The mighty man, and the man of war, the judge, and the prophet, and the prudent, and the ancient,
3 The captain of fifty, and the honourable man, and the counsellor, and the cunning artificer, and the eloquent orator.
4 And I will give children *to be* their princes, and babes shall rule over them.

2:4 sword ▸ *see Josh. 19:47.*
2:4 war ▸ *see Josh. 5:6.*

2:5 light

(Heb. *'or*) (Job 33:28; Eccl. 2:13; Is. 9:2) H0216: This word refers to literal or symbolic light. The Hebrew word often denotes daylight or daybreak (Judg. 16:2; Neh. 8:3), but it can also be symbolic of life and deliverance (Job 33:28, 30; Ps. 27:1; 36:9; 49:19; Mic. 7:8, 9). In the Bible, light is frequently associated with true knowledge and understanding (Job 12:25; Is. 42:6; 49:6; 51:4), and even gladness, good fortune, and goodness (Job 30:26; Ps. 97:11). The Bible describes light as the clothing of God—a vivid picture of His honor, majesty, splendor, and glory (Ps. 104:2; Hab. 3:3, 4). A proper lifestyle is characterized by walking in God's light (Ps. 119:105; Prov. 4:18; 6:20–23; Is. 2:5).

5 And the people shall be oppressed, every one by another, and every one by his neighbour: the child shall behave himself proudly against the ancient, and the base against the honourable.
6 When a man shall take hold of his brother of the house of his father, *saying,* Thou hast clothing, be thou our ruler, and *let* this ruin *be* under thy hand:
7 In that day shall he swear, saying, I will not be an healer; for in my house *is* neither bread nor clothing: make me not a ruler of the people.
8 For Jerusalem is ruined, and Judah is fallen: because their tongue and their doings *are* against the LORD, to provoke the eyes of his glory.

The Lord Pleads and Judges

9 The shew of their countenance doth witness against them; and they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide *it* not. Woe unto their soul! for they have rewarded evil unto themselves.
10 Say ye to the righteous, that *it shall be* well *with him:* for they shall eat the fruit of their doings.
11 Woe unto the wicked! *it shall be* ill *with him:* for the reward of his hands shall be given him.
12 *As for* my people, children *are* their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause *thee* to err, and destroy the way of thy paths.
13 The LORD standeth up to plead, and standeth to judge the people.
14 The LORD will enter into judgment with the ancients of his people, and the princes thereof: for ye have eaten up the vineyard; the spoil of the poor *is* in your houses.
15 What mean ye *that* ye beat my people to pieces, and grind the faces of the poor? saith the Lord GOD of hosts.

The Daughters of Zion

16 Moreover the LORD saith, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing *as* they go, and making a tinkling with their feet:
17 Therefore the Lord will smite with a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and the LORD will discover their secret parts.
18 In that day the Lord will take away the bravery of *their* tinkling ornaments *about their feet,* and *their* cauls, and *their* round tires like the moon,
19 The chains, and the bracelets, and the mufflers,
20 The bonnets, and the ornaments of the legs, and the headbands, and the tablets, and the earrings,
21 The rings, and nose jewels,
22 The changeable suits of apparel, and the mantles, and the wimples, and the crisping pins,
23 The glasses, and the fine linen, and the hoods, and the vails.
24 And it shall come to pass, *that* instead of sweet smell there shall be stink; and instead of a girdle a rent; and instead of well set hair baldness; and instead of a stomacher a girding of sackcloth; *and* burning instead of beauty.
25 Thy men shall fall by the sword, and thy mighty in the war.
26 And her gates shall lament and mourn; and she *being* desolate shall sit upon the ground.

The Beautiful Branch of the Lord

4 And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach.
2 In that day shall the branch of the LORD be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the

3:8 ruin ▸ *see Hos. 4:5.*

3:9 declare

(Heb. *nagad*) (Gen. 3:11; 2 Sam. 15:13; 2 Chr. 9:2) H5046: This Hebrew word is most often translated as "tell." So, the Lord demands of Adam and Eve, "Who told thee that thou wast naked?" (Gen. 3:11). In some cases, the word is used to describe the messenger himself (2 Sam. 15:13). In the Psalms, David "declares" his iniquity (Ps. 38:18), and Amos speaks of the Lord declaring to man what his thought is (Amos 4:13). The word can also imply clarification or teaching, such as when "Solomon told [*nagad*] her all her questions: and there was nothing hid from Solomon which he told [*nagad*] her not. (2 Chr. 9:2).

4:2 branch ▸ *see Zech. 6:12.*

earth *shall be* excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel.
3 And it shall come to pass, *that he that is* left in Zion, and *he that* remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, *even* every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem:
4 When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning.
5 And the LORD will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory *shall be* a defence.
6 And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain.

The Vineyard of Wild Grapes

5 Now will I sing to my wellbeloved a song of my beloved touching his vineyard. My wellbeloved hath a vineyard in a very fruitful hill:
2 And he fenced it, and gathered out the stones thereof, and planted it with the choicest vine, and built a tower in the midst of it, and also made a winepress therein: and he looked that it should bring forth grapes, and it brought forth wild grapes.
3 And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem, and men of Judah, judge, I pray you, betwixt me and my vineyard.
4 What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes?

The Destruction of the Vineyard

5 And now go to; I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will take away the hedge thereof, and it shall be eaten up; *and* break down the wall thereof, and it shall be trodden down:
6 And I will lay it waste: it shall not be pruned, nor digged; but there shall come up briers and thorns: I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.
7 For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts *is* the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant: and he looked for judgment, but behold oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry.
8 Woe unto them that join house to house, *that* lay field to field, till *there be* no place, that they may be placed alone in the midst of the earth!
9 In mine ears *said* the LORD of hosts, Of a truth many houses shall be desolate, *even* great and fair, without inhabitant.
10 Yea, ten acres of vineyard shall yield one bath, and the seed of an homer shall yield an ephah.

Woe to Those Who Follow Strong Drink

11 Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, *that* they may follow strong drink; that continue until night, *till* wine inflame them!
12 And the harp, and the viol, the tabret, and pipe, and wine, are in their feasts: but they regard not the work of the LORD, neither consider the operation of his hands.
13 Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because *they have* no knowledge: and their honourable men *are* famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst.
14 Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.

4:3 remain

(Heb. *yathar*) (Ex. 12:10; 16:19; 1 Sam. 15:15) H3498: In the instructions for the Passover meal, the people were warned, "You shall let nothing of it remain until the morning, and that which remaineth . . . ye shall burn with fire" (Ex. 12:10). In other words, no roasted lamb was to be left over. Similar rules applied to the manna (Ex. 16:19) and to the offerings in the Tabernacle (Ex. 29:34), although what was left was often given to Aaron and his sons (Lev. 6:16). The word is sometimes translated "rest" as when Saul sinfully kept some of the spoils of war for himself but burned "the rest" (1 Sam. 15:15) in an attempt to at least partly obey God.

4:6 storm ▸ *see Job 24:8.*
5:1 sing ▸ *see Ps. 149:1.*
5:1 wellbeloved ▸ *see Song 4:16.*
5:8 woe ▸ *see Is. 45:9.*
5:14 hell ▸ *see Job 26:6.*

15 And the mean man shall be brought down, and the mighty man shall be humbled, and the eyes of the lofty shall be humbled:
16 But the LORD of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and God that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness.
17 Then shall the lambs feed after their manner, and the waste places of the fat ones shall strangers eat.

Woe to Those Who Sin Openly

18 Woe unto them that draw iniquity with cords of vanity, and sin as it were with a cart rope:
19 That say, Let him make speed, *and* hasten his work, that we may see *it:* and let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw nigh and come, that we may know *it!*

Woe to Those Who Call Evil Good

20 Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!
21 Woe unto *them that are* wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!
22 Woe unto *them that are* mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink:
23 Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him!
24 Therefore as the fire devoureth the stubble, and the flame consumeth the chaff, *so* their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: because they have cast away the law of the LORD of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.
25 Therefore is the anger of the LORD kindled against his people, and he hath stretched forth his hand against them, and hath smitten them: and the hills did tremble, and their carcases *were* torn in the midst of the streets. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand *is* stretched out still.

God Will Summon Nations to War

26 And he will lift up an ensign to the nations from far, and will hiss unto them from the end of the earth: and, behold, they shall come with speed swiftly:
27 None shall be weary nor stumble among them; none shall slumber nor sleep; neither shall the girdle of their loins be loosed, nor the latchet of their shoes be broken:
28 Whose arrows *are* sharp, and all their bows bent, their horses' hoofs shall be counted like flint, and their wheels like a whirlwind:
29 Their roaring *shall be* like a lion, they shall roar like young lions: yea, they shall roar, and lay hold of the prey, and shall carry *it* away safe, and none shall deliver *it*.
30 And in that day they shall roar against them like the roaring of the sea: and if *one* look unto the land, behold darkness *and* sorrow, and the light is darkened in the heavens thereof.

The Holy and Glorious Lord

6 In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.
2 Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

5:17 lamb

(Heb. *kebes*) (Ex. 12:5; Is. 11:6; Jer. 11:19) H3532: The Hebrew word *kebes* refers to a young male sheep, such as the one required for the Passover meal (Ex. 12:5) or for the daily offering at the tabernacle (Ex. 29:38, 39). Although mostly used for sacrifices, lambs also provided wool for clothing (Prov. 27:26). Isaiah looks ahead to a time when "the wolf also shall dwell with the lamb" (Is. 11:6). In describing the persecution he experienced at the hands of his enemies, Jeremiah says, "I was like a lamb . . . that is brought to the slaughter" (Jer. 11:19). The lamb is thus a symbol of innocence, purity, and helplessness.

5:18 rope ▸ *see Hos. 11:4.*
5:24 dust ▸ *see Is. 29:5.*
5:28 sharp ▸ *see Ps. 120:4.*
5:30 darkness ▸ *see 1 Sam. 2:9.*

6:2 seraph

(Heb. *saraph*) (Is. 6:6) H8314: This noun is probably related to the verb *saraph,* which means "to burn with fire." These angelic creatures belong to the heavenly host and are only mentioned twice in Scripture—both times in Isaiah 6. Apparently these beings conduct the worship of God in heaven and are different from the cherubim, who are described in Revelation 4:6–8 as sur-

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3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, *is* the LORD of hosts: the whole earth *is* full of his glory.
4 And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

God Cleanses Isaiah

5 Then said I, Woe *is* me! for I am undone; because I *am* a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.
6 Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, *which* he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:
7 And he laid *it* upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.

Isaiah's Message to Be Rejected

8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here *am* I; send me.
9 And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not.
10 Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.
11 Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate,
12 And the LORD have removed men far away, and *there be* a great forsaking in the midst of the land.
13 But yet in it *shall be* a tenth, and *it* shall return, and shall be eaten: as a teil tree, and as an oak, whose substance *is* in them, when they cast *their leaves: so* the holy seed *shall be* the substance thereof.

God's Message to Ahaz

7 And it came to pass in the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, *that* Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up toward Jerusalem to war against it, but could not prevail against it.
2 And it was told the house of David, saying, Syria is confederate with Ephraim. And his heart was moved, and the heart of his people, as the trees of the wood are moved with the wind.
3 Then said the LORD unto Isaiah, Go forth now to meet Ahaz, thou, and Shear-jashub thy son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the fuller's field;
4 And say unto him, Take heed, and be quiet; fear not, neither be fainthearted for the two tails of these smoking firebrands, for the fierce anger of Rezin with Syria, and of the son of Remaliah.
5 Because Syria, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah, have taken evil counsel against thee, saying,
6 Let us go up against Judah, and vex it, and let us make a breach therein for us, and set a king in the midst of it, *even* the son of Tabeal:
7 Thus saith the Lord GOD, It shall not stand, neither shall it come to pass.
8 For the head of Syria *is* Damascus, and the head of Damascus *is* Rezin; and within threescore and five years shall Ephraim be broken, that it be not a people.
9 And the head of Ephraim *is* Samaria, and the head of Samaria *is* Remaliah's son. If ye will not believe, surely ye shall not be established.

A Sign from the Lord

10 Moreover the LORD spake again unto Ahaz, saying,
11 Ask thee a sign of the LORD thy God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above.
12 But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the LORD.
13 And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David; *Is it* a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also?

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rounding God's throne instead of standing above it as described here (Is. 6:2). The relation of their name to burning may be due to their flaming appearance (similar to the fiery serpents of Num. 21:6; Deut. 8:15). But their name probably relates to their role in purification. Fire is a symbol for purity; appropriately one of these fiery beings purified Isaiah's lips with a live coal (Is. 6:6).

6:5 unclean ▸ *see Lev. 10:10.*
6:6 seraph ▸ *see Is. 6:2.*
6:9 hear ▸ *see 1 Sam. 3:10.*
7:2 move ▸ *see Is. 37:22.*

14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.
15 Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good.
16 For before the child shall know to refuse the evil, and choose the good, the land that thou abhorrest shall be forsaken of both her kings.

Coming Destruction

17 The LORD shall bring upon thee, and upon thy people, and upon thy father's house, days that have not come, from the day that Ephraim departed from Judah; *even* the king of Assyria.
18 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the LORD shall hiss for the fly that *is* in the uttermost part of the rivers of Egypt, and for the bee that *is* in the land of Assyria.
19 And they shall come, and shall rest all of them in the desolate valleys, and in the holes of the rocks, and upon all thorns, and upon all bushes.
20 In the same day shall the Lord shave with a razor that is hired, *namely,* by them beyond the river, by the king of Assyria, the head, and the hair of the feet: and it shall also consume the beard.
21 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* a man shall nourish a young cow, and two sheep;
22 And it shall come to pass, for the abundance of milk *that* they shall give he shall eat butter: for butter and honey shall every one eat that is left in the land.
23 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* every place shall be, where there were a thousand vines at a thousand silverlings, it shall *even* be for briers and thorns.
24 With arrows and with bows shall *men* come thither; because all the land shall become briers and thorns.
25 And *on* all hills that shall be digged with the mattock, there shall not come thither the fear of briers and thorns: but it shall be for the sending forth of oxen, and for the treading of lesser cattle.

Damascus and Samaria to Fall

8 Moreover the LORD said unto me, Take thee a great roll, and write in it with a man's pen concerning Maher-shalal-hash-baz.
2 And I took unto me faithful witnesses to record, Uriah the priest, and Zechariah the son of Jeberechiah.
3 And I went unto the prophetess; and she conceived, and bare a son. Then said the LORD to me, Call his name Maher-shalal-hash-baz.
4 For before the child shall have knowledge to cry, My father, and my mother, the riches of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria shall be taken away before the king of Assyria.

Assyrian Conquest

5 The LORD spake also unto me again, saying,
6 Forasmuch as this people refuseth the waters of Shiloah that go softly, and rejoice in Rezin and Remaliah's son;
7 Now therefore, behold, the Lord bringeth up upon them the waters of the river, strong and many, *even* the king of Assyria, and all his glory: and he shall come up over all his channels, and go over all his banks:
8 And he shall pass through Judah; he shall overflow and go over, he shall reach *even* to the neck; and the stretching out of his wings shall fill the breadth of thy land, O Immanuel.
9 Associate yourselves, O ye people, and ye shall be broken in pieces; and give ear, all ye of far countries: gird yourselves, and ye shall

7:14 sign ▸ *see Is. 55:13.*

7:14 virgin

(Heb. *`almah*) (Gen. 24:43, Song 1:3; Is. 62:5) H5959: Although *virgin* is mentioned six times in Isaiah (Is. 7:14; 23:4, 12; 37:22; 47:1; 62:5), only here is this Hebrew term used. The original verse is a divine promise to act in the time it would take a young woman to conceive, bear a child, and wean it. Special attention is given to *`almah* because Matthew 1:23 quotes this verse in agreement with Luke 1:26–35 that Jesus was born of a virgin. Matthew's source was the Septuagint, a Greek translation of the Old Testament completed before the time of Christ, which indicated that *`almah* referred to a virgin.

8:9 far

(Heb. *merchaq*) (2 Sam. 15:17; Prov. 25:25; Jer. 4:16) H4801: This word is used to indicate remote places and countries. The emphasis with this

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be broken in pieces; gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces.
10 Take counsel together, and it shall come to nought; speak the word, and it shall not stand: for God *is* with us.

Sanctify the Lord of Hosts

11 For the LORD spake thus to me with a strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying,
12 Say ye not, A confederacy, to all *them to* whom this people shall say, A confederacy; neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid.
13 Sanctify the LORD of hosts himself; and *let* him *be* your fear, and *let* him *be* your dread.
14 And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
15 And many among them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken.
16 Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples.
17 And I will wait upon the LORD, that hideth his face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for him.
18 Behold, I and the children whom the LORD hath given me *are* for signs and for wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion.

Seek the Law and the Testimony

19 And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead?
20 To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, *it is* because *there is* no light in them.
21 And they shall pass through it, hardly bestead and hungry: and it shall come to pass, that when they shall be hungry, they shall fret themselves, and curse their king and their God, and look upward.
22 And they shall look unto the earth; and behold trouble and darkness, dimness of anguish; and *they shall be* driven to darkness.

A Great Light

9 Nevertheless the dimness *shall* not *be* such as *was* in her vexation, when at the first he lightly afflicted the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, and afterward did more grievously afflict *her by* the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, in Galilee of the nations.
2 The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.
3 Thou hast multiplied the nation, *and* not increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, *and* as *men* rejoice when they divide the spoil.
4 For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian.
5 For every battle of the warrior *is* with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but *this* shall be with burning *and* fuel of fire.

The Birth of the Prince of Peace

6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called

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term is on physical distance rather than relational separation. Isaiah is expressing the Lord's insistence that even people from distant countries are not exempt from God's plans. He is God of Israel, but Ruler of the world. The powerful that band together (like the Assyrian empire) to conquer must realize that it is God who permits their success and God who will bring them to judgment. Their remote location is not beyond God's sight.

8:13 dread ▸ *see Ps. 89:7.*
8:14 gin ▸ *see Job 18:9.*
8:14 snare ▸ *see Ex. 10:7.*
8:17 wait ▸ *see Dan. 12:12.*
8:22 trouble ▸ *see Ps. 54:7.*
8:22 anguish ▸ *see Is. 30:6.*
9:1 vexation ▸ *see Job 37:10.*
9:2 darkness ▸ *see 1 Sam. 2:9.*
9:2 great ▸ *see Gen. 21:18.*
9:2 light ▸ *see Is. 2:5.*
9:3 harvest ▸ *see Prov. 20:4.*

9:6 government

(Heb. *misrah*) (Is. 9:7) H4951: A term for *reign* or *authority*, it is used only twice in the Old Testament, both in a prophecy about the rule of the coming Messiah. Isaiah uses it to describe two unique features of the One who will be called

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Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.
7 Of the increase of *his* government and peace *there shall be* no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

The Pride of Ephraim

8 The Lord sent a word into Jacob, and it hath lighted upon Israel.
9 And all the people shall know, *even* Ephraim and the inhabitant of Samaria, that say in the pride and stoutness of heart,
10 The bricks are fallen down, but we will build with hewn stones: the sycomores are cut down, but we will change *them into* cedars.
11 Therefore the LORD shall set up the adversaries of Rezin against him, and join his enemies together;
12 The Syrians before, and the Philistines behind; and they shall devour Israel with open mouth. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand *is* stretched out still.
13 For the people turneth not unto him that smiteth them, neither do they seek the LORD of hosts.
14 Therefore the LORD will cut off from Israel head and tail, branch and rush, in one day.
15 The ancient and honourable, he *is* the head; and the prophet that teacheth lies, he *is* the tail.
16 For the leaders of this people cause *them* to err; and *they that are* led of them *are* destroyed.
17 Therefore the Lord shall have no joy in their young men, neither shall have mercy on their fatherless and widows: for every one *is* an hypocrite and an evildoer, and every mouth speaketh folly. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand *is* stretched out still.
18 For wickedness burneth as the fire: it shall devour the briers and thorns, and shall kindle in the thickets of the forest, and they shall mount up *like* the lifting up of smoke.
19 Through the wrath of the LORD of hosts is the land darkened, and the people shall be as the fuel of the fire: no man shall spare his brother.
20 And he shall snatch on the right hand, and be hungry; and he shall eat on the left hand, and they shall not be satisfied: they shall eat every man the flesh of his own arm:
21 Manasseh, Ephraim; and Ephraim, Manasseh: *and* they together *shall be* against Judah. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand *is* stretched out still.

Woe to the Abusers of Justice

10 Woe unto them that decree unrighteous decrees, and that write grievousness *which* they have prescribed;
2 To turn aside the needy from judgment, and to take away the right from the poor of my people, that widows may be their prey, and *that* they may rob the fatherless!
3 And what will ye do in the day of visitation, and in the desolation *which* shall come from far? to whom will ye flee for help? and where will ye leave your glory?
4 Without me they shall bow down under the prisoners, and they shall fall under the slain. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand *is* stretched out still.

The Assyrian to Be a Tool of Destruction

5 O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger, and the staff in their hand is mine indignation.
6 I will send him against an hypocritical nation, and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets.
7 Howbeit he meaneth not so, neither doth his heart think so; but *it is* in his heart to destroy and cut off nations not a few.
8 For he saith, *Are* not my princes altogether kings?

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"Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." The governing authority will be on His shoulder or rest on Him entirely as "King of kings and Lord of lords" (cf. Rev. 19:16). There will be no end to that arrangement. All forms of human government will ultimately fall short; only Christ's rule will stand.

9:6 Prince ▸ *see 2 Kin. 24:12.*
9:7 government ▸ *see Is. 9:6.*
9:8 light ▸ *see Esth. 7:8.*
9:17 hypocrite ▸ *see Job 8:13.*

9 *Is* not Calno as Carchemish? *is* not Hamath as Arpad? *is* not Samaria as Damascus?
10 As my hand hath found the kingdoms of the idols, and whose graven images did excel them of Jerusalem and of Samaria;
11 Shall I not, as I have done unto Samaria and her idols, so do to Jerusalem and her idols?
12 Wherefore it shall come to pass, *that* when the Lord hath performed his whole work upon mount Zion and on Jerusalem, I will punish the fruit of the stout heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his high looks.
13 For he saith, By the strength of my hand I have done *it,* and by my wisdom; for I am prudent: and I have removed the bounds of the people, and have robbed their treasures, and I have put down the inhabitants like a valiant *man:*
14 And my hand hath found as a nest the riches of the people: and as one gathereth eggs *that are* left, have I gathered all the earth; and there was none that moved the wing, or opened the mouth, or peeped.
15 Shall the axe boast itself against him that heweth therewith? *or* shall the saw magnify itself against him that shaketh it? as if the rod should shake *itself* against them that lift it up, *or* as if the staff should lift up *itself, as if it were* no wood.
16 Therefore shall the Lord, the Lord of hosts, send among his fat ones leanness; and under his glory he shall kindle a burning like the burning of a fire.
17 And the light of Israel shall be for a fire, and his Holy One for a flame: and it shall burn and devour his thorns and his briers in one day;
18 And shall consume the glory of his forest, and of his fruitful field, both soul and body: and they shall be as when a standardbearer fainteth.
19 And the rest of the trees of his forest shall be few, that a child may write them.

A Remnant Shall Return to the Lord

20 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the remnant of Israel, and such as are escaped of the house of Jacob, shall no more again stay upon him that smote them; but shall stay upon the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, in truth.
21 The remnant shall return, *even* the remnant of Jacob, unto the mighty God.
22 For though thy people Israel be as the sand of the sea, *yet* a remnant of them shall return: the consumption decreed shall overflow with righteousness.
23 For the Lord GOD of hosts shall make a consumption, even determined, in the midst of all the land.
24 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD of hosts, O my people that dwellest in Zion, be not afraid of the Assyrian: he shall smite thee with a rod, and shall lift up his staff against thee, after the manner of Egypt.
25 For yet a very little while, and the indignation shall cease, and mine anger in their destruction.
26 And the LORD of hosts shall stir up a scourge for him according to the slaughter of Midian at the rock of Oreb: and *as* his rod *was* upon the sea, so shall he lift it up after the manner of Egypt.
27 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.
28 He is come to Aiath, he is passed to Migron; at Michmash he hath laid up his carriages:

10:16 host

(Heb. *tsaba'*) (Gen. 2:1; Neh. 9:6; Ps. 103:21) H6635: This word comes from a verb meaning "to fight" or "to serve." Angels are said to be *hosts* because they serve God (1 Kin. 22:19; Ps. 103:20, 21; compare Luke 2:13). The heavens are under the command of God and render Him worship, thus they are also called *host* (Neh. 9:6; Ps. 33:6; Is. 45:12). The term also commonly refers to combat troops (2 Kin. 5:1; 1 Chr. 7:11, 40). "The host of the LORD" is an expression used once for the children of Israel, and twice for God's army of angels (Ex. 12:41; Josh. 5:14, 15). Of the nearly five hundred uses of this word, almost three hundred are in an expression such as "the LORD of hosts" (1 Sam. 17:45), a title describing God's power. On two occasions, the New Testament writers transliterated this Hebrew title as "the Lord of Sabaoth" to describe the awesome might of God (Rom. 9:29; James 5:4).

10:18 fruitful field ▸ *see Is. 16:10.*
10:26 stir up ▸ *see Hag. 1:14.*

29 They are gone over the passage: they have taken up their lodging at Geba; Ramah is afraid; Gibeah of Saul is fled.
30 Lift up thy voice, O daughter of Gallim: cause it to be heard unto Laish, O poor Anathoth.
31 Madmenah is removed; the inhabitants of Gebim gather themselves to flee.
32 As yet shall he remain at Nob that day: he shall shake his hand *against* the mount of the daughter of Zion, the hill of Jerusalem.
33 Behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts, shall lop the bough with terror: and the high ones of stature *shall be* hewn down, and the haughty shall be humbled.
34 And he shall cut down the thickets of the forest with iron, and Lebanon shall fall by a mighty one.

A Branch of Jesse

11 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:
2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;
3 And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:
4 But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.
5 And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

The Wolf and the Lamb

6 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.
7 And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
8 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.
9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.
10 And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.
11 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.
12 And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.
13 The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim.
14 But they shall fly upon the shoulders of the Philistines toward the west; they shall spoil them of the east together: they shall lay their hand upon Edom and Moab; and the children of Ammon shall obey them.
15 And the LORD shall utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea; and with his mighty wind shall he shake his hand over the river, and shall smite it in the seven streams, and make *men* go over dryshod.
16 And there shall be an highway for the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria; like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt.

11:1 branch

(Heb. *netser*) (Is. 14:19; 60:21; Dan. 11:7) H5342: Although more than 20 Hebrew words can be translated *branch*, this one in its four usages consistently pictures a living growth (person) from an existing root or trunk (lineage). In this case, the person will be a descendant of Jesse, the father of David, and therefore in the royal line of Israel.

11:2 rest ▸ *see Ex. 33:14.*
11:2 understanding ▸ *see Prov. 23:23.*
11:2 knowledge ▸ *see Mal. 2:7.*
11:4 poor ▸ *see Ps. 82:4.*
11:4 meek ▸ *see Zeph. 2:3.*
11:6 lamb ▸ *see Is. 5:17.*
11:6 kid ▸ *see Judg. 13:15.*
11:8 sucking child ▸ *see 1 Sam. 22:19.*
11:12 outcast ▸ *see Is. 56:8.*
11:13 envy ▸ *see Eccl. 4:4.*

The Lord Is My Strength and My Song

12 And in that day thou shalt say, O LORD, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me.
2 Behold, God *is* my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH *is* my strength and *my* song; he also is become my salvation.
3 Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.
4 And in that day shall ye say, Praise the LORD, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted.
5 Sing unto the LORD; for he hath done excellent things: this *is* known in all the earth.
6 Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great *is* the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

The Burden of Babylon

13 The burden of Babylon, which Isaiah the son of Amoz did see.
2 Lift ye up a banner upon the high mountain, exalt the voice unto them, shake the hand, that they may go into the gates of the nobles.
3 I have commanded my sanctified ones, I have also called my mighty ones for mine anger, *even* them that rejoice in my highness.
4 The noise of a multitude in the mountains, like as of a great people; a tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together: the LORD of hosts mustereth the host of the battle.
5 They come from a far country, from the end of heaven, *even* the LORD, and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land.

The Destructive Day of the Lord

6 Howl ye; for the day of the LORD *is* at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.
7 Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt:
8 And they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth: they shall be amazed one at another; their faces *shall be as* flames.
9 Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.
10 For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.
11 And I will punish the world for *their* evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.
12 I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir.
13 Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger.
14 And it shall be as the chased roe, and as a sheep that no man taketh up: they shall every

12:2 JEHOVAH

(Heb. *yah*) (Ex. 15:2; Ps. 68:4; 89:8) H3050: Hidden in most English translations, the Hebrew word for God's name is sometimes shortened from *yahweh* to *yah*. Both mean the same thing and, out of reverence for God, are translated "LORD," using small caps to distinguish from the common word "Lord." Here the Hebrew says "*yah yahweh*" and is translated, "the LORD JEHOVAH" (Is. 12:2). Similarly, in Psalm 89:8, "O LORD [*yahweh*] God of hosts, who is a strong LORD [*yah*] like unto thee?" Or, "Sing unto God, sing praises to his name; extol him that rideth upon the heavens, by his name JAH, and rejoice before him" (Ps. 68:4).

13:1 burden ▸ *see Is. 23:1.*

13:6 destruction

(Heb. *shod*) (Job 5:21; Hos. 7:13; Joel 1:15) H7701: Most often translated *destruction*, this word can also mean desolation (Is. 51:19), spoil (Hos. 10:14), robbery (Amos 3:10), and wasting (Is. 59:7). Since the emphasis of this term is on violent effects, Isaiah uses it here to highlight the devastating aspects of the "day of the LORD" when God moves unexpectedly in history. That God does and will intervene in human events is reason for hope, but it comes with the real warning of destruction under God's judgment.

13:9 desolate ▸ *see Ps. 46:8.*
13:10 darkened ▸ *see Mic. 3:6.*

man turn to his own people, and flee every one into his own land.
15 Every one that is found shall be thrust through; and every one that is joined *unto them* shall fall by the sword.
16 Their children also shall be dashed to pieces before their eyes; their houses shall be spoiled, and their wives ravished.
17 Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, which shall not regard silver; and *as for* gold, they shall not delight in it.
18 *Their* bows also shall dash the young men to pieces; and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb; their eye shall not spare children.

The Desolation of Babylon

19 And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.
20 It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation: neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there; neither shall the shepherds make their fold there.
21 But wild beasts of the desert shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of doleful creatures; and owls shall dwell there, and satyrs shall dance there.
22 And the wild beasts of the islands shall cry in their desolate houses, and dragons in *their* pleasant palaces: and her time *is* near to come, and her days shall not be prolonged.

A Rest from Bondage

14 For the LORD will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land: and the strangers shall be joined with them, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob.
2 And the people shall take them, and bring them to their place: and the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of the LORD for servants and handmaids: and they shall take them captives, whose captives they were; and they shall rule over their oppressors.
3 And it shall come to pass in the day that the LORD shall give thee rest from thy sorrow, and from thy fear, and from the hard bondage wherein thou wast made to serve,

The Fall of Babylon's King

4 That thou shalt take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say, How hath the oppressor ceased! the golden city ceased!
5 The LORD hath broken the staff of the wicked, *and* the sceptre of the rulers.
6 He who smote the people in wrath with a continual stroke, he that ruled the nations in anger, is persecuted, *and* none hindereth.
7 The whole earth is at rest, *and* is quiet: they break forth into singing.
8 Yea, the fir trees rejoice at thee, *and* the cedars of Lebanon, *saying,* Since thou art laid down, no feller is come up against us.
9 Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet *thee* at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, *even* all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations.
10 All they shall speak and say unto thee, Art thou also become weak as we? art thou become like unto us?
11 Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, *and* the noise of thy viols: the worm is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee.
12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! *how* art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!
13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:
14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

14:1 choose ▸ *see Deut. 14:2.*
14:1 Israel ▸ *see Gen. 32:28.*

14:6 wrath

(Heb. *`ebrah*) (Ps. 90:9; Jer. 48:30; Zeph. 1:15) H5678: The anger and fury indicated by this word can be used to describe both human and divine actions. Here Isaiah is describing the relentless, harsh treatment God's people received under the king of Babylon. Earlier (Is. 9:19; 10:6), the word pictures God's ultimate holy clash with sin. Nations may be instruments of God to carry out His wrath, but their permission has limits and, when they exceed them by cruelty, they make themselves subject to God's anger.

14:8 fir ▸ *see Hos. 14:8.*
14:11 bring down ▸ *see 1 Sam. 23:11.*

Babylon to Be Cut Off

15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.
16 They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, *and* consider thee, *saying, Is* this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms;
17 *That* made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; *that* opened not the house of his prisoners?
18 All the kings of the nations, *even* all of them, lie in glory, every one in his own house.
19 But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch, *and as* the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcase trodden under feet.
20 Thou shalt not be joined with them in burial, because thou hast destroyed thy land, *and* slain thy people: the seed of evildoers shall never be renowned.
21 Prepare slaughter for his children for the iniquity of their fathers; that they do not rise, nor possess the land, nor fill the face of the world with cities.
22 For I will rise up against them, saith the LORD of hosts, and cut off from Babylon the name, and remnant, and son, and nephew, saith the LORD.
23 I will also make it a possession for the bittern, and pools of water: and I will sweep it with the besom of destruction, saith the LORD of hosts.

The Fall of Assyria

24 The LORD of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, *so* shall it stand:
25 That I will break the Assyrian in my land, and upon my mountains tread him under foot: then shall his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their shoulders.
26 This *is* the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth: and this *is* the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations.
27 For the LORD of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul *it?* and his hand *is* stretched out, and who shall turn it back?

Palestina Warned Not to Rejoice

28 In the year that king Ahaz died was this burden.
29 Rejoice not thou, whole Palestina, because the rod of him that smote thee is broken: for out of the serpent's root shall come forth a cockatrice, and his fruit *shall be* a fiery flying serpent.
30 And the firstborn of the poor shall feed, and the needy shall lie down in safety: and I will kill thy root with famine, and he shall slay thy remnant.
31 Howl, O gate; cry, O city; thou, whole Palestina, *art* dissolved: for there shall come from the north a smoke, and none *shall be* alone in his appointed times.
32 What shall *one* then answer the messengers of the nation? That the LORD hath founded Zion, and the poor of his people shall trust in it.

The Burden of Moab

15 The burden of Moab. Because in the night Ar of Moab is laid waste, *and* brought to silence; because in the night Kir of Moab is laid waste, *and* brought to silence;
2 He is gone up to Bajith, and to Dibon, the high places, to weep: Moab shall howl over Nebo, and over Medeba: on all their heads *shall be* baldness, *and* every beard cut off.
3 In their streets they shall gird themselves with sackcloth: on the tops of their houses, and in their streets, every one shall howl, weeping abundantly.
4 And Heshbon shall cry, and Elealeh: their voice shall be heard *even* unto Jahaz: therefore the armed soldiers of Moab shall cry out; his life shall be grievous unto him.

A Crying for Moab

5 My heart shall cry out for Moab; his fugitives *shall flee* unto Zoar, an heifer of three

14:19 branch ▸ *see Is. 11:1.*
14:20 evildoer ▸ *see Ps. 119:115.*
14:32 trust ▸ *see Zeph. 3:12.*

15:5 fugitive

(Heb. *beriyach*) (Deut. 3:5; Ps. 107:16; Amos 1:5) H1280: Only Isaiah uses this rare meaning of the word, which is usually translated bar or pole, the way the prophet himself uses it in Isaiah 45:2. This can be an item like the shafts of wood God prescribed for hanging the curtain walls surrounding the tabernacle in the wilderness or reinforcing parts in the gates of cities, sometimes made of iron. Perhaps the idea in Isaiah's

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years old: for by the mounting up of Luhith with weeping shall they go it up; for in the way of Horonaim they shall raise up a cry of destruction.
6 For the waters of Nimrim shall be desolate: for the hay is withered away, the grass faileth, there is no green thing.
7 Therefore the abundance they have gotten, and that which they have laid up, shall they carry away to the brook of the willows.
8 For the cry is gone round about the borders of Moab; the howling thereof unto Eglaim, and the howling thereof unto Beer-elim.
9 For the waters of Dimon shall be full of blood: for I will bring more upon Dimon, lions upon him that escapeth of Moab, and upon the remnant of the land.

David's Throne

16 Send ye the lamb to the ruler of the land from Sela to the wilderness, unto the mount of the daughter of Zion.
2 For it shall be, *that,* as a wandering bird cast out of the nest, *so* the daughters of Moab shall be at the fords of Arnon.
3 Take counsel, execute judgment; make thy shadow as the night in the midst of the noonday; hide the outcasts; bewray not him that wandereth.
4 Let mine outcasts dwell with thee, Moab; be thou a covert to them from the face of the spoiler: for the extortioner is at an end, the spoiler ceaseth, the oppressors are consumed out of the land.
5 And in mercy shall the throne be established: and he shall sit upon it in truth in the tabernacle of David, judging, and seeking judgment, and hasting righteousness.
6 We have heard of the pride of Moab; *he is* very proud: *even* of his haughtiness, and his pride, and his wrath: *but* his lies *shall* not *be* so.
7 Therefore shall Moab howl for Moab, every one shall howl: for the foundations of Kir-hareseth shall ye mourn; surely *they are* stricken.
8 For the fields of Heshbon languish, *and* the vine of Sibmah: the lords of the heathen have broken down the principal plants thereof, they are come *even* unto Jazer, they wandered *through* the wilderness: her branches are stretched out, they are gone over the sea.

The Glory of Moab Will End

9 Therefore I will bewail with the weeping of Jazer the vine of Sibmah: I will water thee with my tears, O Heshbon, and Elealeh: for the shouting for thy summer fruits and for thy harvest is fallen.
10 And gladness is taken away, and joy out of the plentiful field; and in the vineyards there shall be no singing, neither shall there be shouting: the treaders shall tread out no wine in *their* presses; I have made *their vintage* shouting to cease.
11 Wherefore my bowels shall sound like an harp for Moab, and mine inward parts for Kir-haresh.
12 And it shall come to pass, when it is seen that Moab is weary on the high place, that he shall come to his sanctuary to pray; but he shall not prevail.
13 This *is* the word that the LORD hath spoken concerning Moab since that time.
14 But now the LORD hath spoken, saying, Within three years, as the years of an hireling, and the glory of Moab shall be contemned, with all that great multitude; and the remnant *shall be* very small *and* feeble.

The Burden of Damascus

17 The burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus is taken away from *being* a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap.

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thought in Isaiah 15:5 is that the Moabites have at least temporarily avoided the bars of capture or enslavement. He has pity on them.

16:8 languish ▸ *see Jer. 14:2.*

16:10 plentiful field

(Heb. *karmel*) (Is. 10:18; Jer. 2:7; 48:33) H3759: This term may also be translated bountiful country or fruitful place. It often represents the blessing of God that may be taken away by Him—the fate of Moab seen here by Isaiah. Bible readers recognize the place name Mount Carmel as a significant, geographical feature in Israel identifying the Promised Land as a place of abundance, flowing with milk and honey (Ex. 3:8, 17). The location was also made famous by Elijah's confrontation of the priests of Baal in 1 Kings 18.

16:12 pray ▸ *see 2 Chr. 7:14.*
16:14 multitude ▸ *see Ps. 42:4.*

2 The cities of Aroer *are* forsaken: they shall be for flocks, which shall lie down, and none shall make *them* afraid.
3 The fortress also shall cease from Ephraim, and the kingdom from Damascus, and the remnant of Syria: they shall be as the glory of the children of Israel, saith the LORD of hosts.
4 And in that day it shall come to pass, *that* the glory of Jacob shall be made thin, and the fatness of his flesh shall wax lean.
5 And it shall be as when the harvestman gathereth the corn, and reapeth the ears with his arm; and it shall be as he that gathereth ears in the valley of Rephaim.

A Man Shall Look to His Maker

6 Yet gleaning grapes shall be left in it, as the shaking of an olive tree, two *or* three berries in the top of the uppermost bough, four *or* five in the outmost fruitful branches thereof, saith the LORD God of Israel.
7 At that day shall a man look to his Maker, and his eyes shall have respect to the Holy One of Israel.
8 And he shall not look to the altars, the work of his hands, neither shall respect *that* which his fingers have made, either the groves, or the images.
9 In that day shall his strong cities be as a forsaken bough, and an uppermost branch, which they left because of the children of Israel: and there shall be desolation.
10 Because thou hast forgotten the God of thy salvation, and hast not been mindful of the rock of thy strength, therefore shalt thou plant pleasant plants, and shalt set it with strange slips:
11 In the day shalt thou make thy plant to grow, and in the morning shalt thou make thy seed to flourish: *but* the harvest *shall be* a heap in the day of grief and of desperate sorrow.

God Will Rebuke the Nations

12 Woe to the multitude of many people, *which* make a noise like the noise of the seas; and to the rushing of nations, *that* make a rushing like the rushing of mighty waters!
13 The nations shall rush like the rushing of many waters: but *God* shall rebuke them, and they shall flee far off, and shall be chased as the chaff of the mountains before the wind, and like a rolling thing before the whirlwind.
14 And behold at eveningtide trouble; *and* before the morning he *is* not. This *is* the portion of them that spoil us, and the lot of them that rob us.

Ethiopia's Destruction

18 Woe to the land shadowing with wings, which *is* beyond the rivers of Ethiopia:
2 That sendeth ambassadors by the sea, even in vessels of bulrushes upon the waters, *saying,* Go, ye swift messengers, to a nation scattered and peeled, to a people terrible from their beginning hitherto; a nation meted out and trodden down, whose land the rivers have spoiled!
3 All ye inhabitants of the world, and dwellers on the earth, see ye, when he lifteth up an ensign on the mountains; and when he bloweth a trumpet, hear ye.
4 For so the LORD said unto me, I will take my rest, and I will consider in my dwelling place like a clear heat upon herbs, *and* like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest.
5 For afore the harvest, when the bud is

17:9 bough

(Heb. *choresh*) (1 Sam. 23:15; 2 Chr. 27:4; Ezek. 31:3) H2793: This is one of numerous words that can also mean branch, twig, or forest. As used here by Isaiah, the comparison seems to be between Damascus and the last evidence of life in a dying tree. Because the most visible growth occurs at the ends of branches and the top of a tree, disease or decay will gradually eliminate the rest of the plant until its life fades from the upper boughs. Those who willfully ignore or reject God eventually lose what He has provided for them.

17:12 noise

(Heb. *hamah*) (Ps. 46:3; Prov. 9:13; Jer. 4:19) H1993: Used to refer to a wide spectrum of sounds, this term can mean roar, loud, disquieted, moans, or simply noisy. In Isaiah 17:12, Isaiah uses the term twice: first to identify the loud sounds of a multitude; second to compare the volume with the sounds of crashing waves, so the KJV puts it, "Woe to the multitude of many people, which make a noise like the noise of the seas." Isaiah knows (Is. 51:15) that God has made everything that makes noise.

17:14 them that spoil ▸ *see 2 Kin. 17:20.*
18:4 heat ▸ *see Neh. 7:3.*

perfect, and the sour grape is ripening in the flower, he shall both cut off the sprigs with pruning hooks, and take away *and* cut down the branches.
6 They shall be left together unto the fowls of the mountains, and to the beasts of the earth: and the fowls shall summer upon them, and all the beasts of the earth shall winter upon them.

The Present to the Lord

7 In that time shall the present be brought unto the LORD of hosts of a people scattered and peeled, and from a people terrible from their beginning hitherto; a nation meted out and trodden under foot, whose land the rivers have spoiled, to the place of the name of the LORD of hosts, the mount Zion.

The Burden of Egypt

19 The burden of Egypt. Behold, the LORD rideth upon a swift cloud, and shall come into Egypt: and the idols of Egypt shall be moved at his presence, and the heart of Egypt shall melt in the midst of it.
2 And I will set the Egyptians against the Egyptians: and they shall fight every one against his brother, and every one against his neighbour; city against city, *and* kingdom against kingdom.
3 And the spirit of Egypt shall fail in the midst thereof: and I will destroy the counsel thereof: and they shall seek to the idols, and to the charmers, and to them that have familiar spirits, and to the wizards.
4 And the Egyptians will I give over into the hand of a cruel lord; and a fierce king shall rule over them, saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts.
5 And the waters shall fail from the sea, and the river shall be wasted and dried up.
6 And they shall turn the rivers far away; *and* the brooks of defence shall be emptied and dried up: the reeds and flags shall wither.
7 The paper reeds by the brooks, by the mouth of the brooks, and every thing sown by the brooks, shall wither, be driven away, and be no *more*.
8 The fishers also shall mourn, and all they that cast angle into the brooks shall lament, and they that spread nets upon the waters shall languish.
9 Moreover they that work in fine flax, and they that weave networks, shall be confounded.
10 And they shall be broken in the purposes thereof, all that make sluices *and* ponds for fish.

The Failure of the Egyptian Wisdom

11 Surely the princes of Zoan *are* fools, the counsel of the wise counsellors of Pharaoh is become brutish: how say ye unto Pharaoh, I *am* the son of the wise, the son of ancient kings?
12 Where *are* they? where *are* thy wise *men?* and let them tell thee now, and let them know what the LORD of hosts hath purposed upon Egypt.
13 The princes of Zoan are become fools, the princes of Noph are deceived; they have also seduced Egypt, *even they that are* the stay of the tribes thereof.
14 The LORD hath mingled a perverse spirit in the midst thereof: and they have caused Egypt to err in every work thereof, as a drunken *man* staggereth in his vomit.
15 Neither shall there be *any* work for Egypt, which the head or tail, branch or rush, may do.
16 In that day shall Egypt be like unto women: and it shall be afraid and fear because of the shaking of the hand of the LORD of hosts, which he shaketh over it.
17 And the land of Judah shall be a terror unto Egypt, every one that maketh mention thereof shall be afraid in himself, because of the counsel of the LORD of hosts, which he hath determined against it.

18:7 present

(Heb. *shay*) (Ps. 68:29; 76:11) H7862: In the three places where this word is used, the gift described is always one of honor. In each case, the recipient is the Lord and the givers appear to be either royalty or distinguished figures. Isaiah mentions "a people scattered and peeled" who might be from any number of countries but represent what Isaiah 18:3 calls "all inhabitants of the world" coming to Zion. Even in the New Testament we are reminded that "every knee should bow . . . and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord" (Phil. 2:10, 11).

19:10 purpose ▸ *see Ps. 11:3.*
19:11 brutish ▸ *see Ps. 94:8.*

18 In that day shall five cities in the land of Egypt speak the language of Canaan, and swear to the LORD of hosts; one shall be called, The city of destruction.

Egypt Shall Know the Lord

19 In that day shall there be an altar to the LORD in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar at the border thereof to the LORD.
20 And it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt: for they shall cry unto the LORD because of the oppressors, and he shall send them a saviour, and a great one, and he shall deliver them.
21 And the LORD shall be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians shall know the LORD in that day, and shall do sacrifice and oblation; yea, they shall vow a vow unto the LORD, and perform *it*.
22 And the LORD shall smite Egypt: he shall smite and heal *it:* and they shall return *even* to the LORD, and he shall be intreated of them, and shall heal them.
23 In that day shall there be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria, and the Egyptians shall serve with the Assyrians.
24 In that day shall Israel be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, *even* a blessing in the midst of the land:
25 Whom the LORD of hosts shall bless, saying, Blessed *be* Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel mine inheritance.

The Shame of Egypt and Ethiopia

20 In the year that Tartan came unto Ashdod, (when Sargon the king of Assyria sent him,) and fought against Ashdod, and took it;
2 At the same time spake the LORD by Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, Go and loose the sackcloth from off thy loins, and put off thy shoe from thy foot. And he did so, walking naked and barefoot.
3 And the LORD said, Like as my servant Isaiah hath walked naked and barefoot three years *for* a sign and wonder upon Egypt and upon Ethiopia;
4 So shall the king of Assyria lead away the Egyptians prisoners, and the Ethiopians captives, young and old, naked and barefoot, even with *their* buttocks uncovered, to the shame of Egypt.
5 And they shall be afraid and ashamed of Ethiopia their expectation, and of Egypt their glory.
6 And the inhabitant of this isle shall say in that day, Behold, such *is* our expectation, whither we flee for help to be delivered from the king of Assyria: and how shall we escape?

The Burden of the Desert of the Sea

21 The burden of the desert of the sea. As whirlwinds in the south pass through;

19:19 pillar ▸ *see Deut. 16:22.*
19:20 sign ▸ *see Is. 55:13.*
19:22 heal ▸ *see Jer. 17:14.*

19:24 blessing

(Heb. *berakah*) (Deut. 11:27; 33:1; Is. 65:8) H1293: The significant Hebrew word translated *blessing* expresses several ideas, namely to fill with potency, to make fruitful, or to secure victory. In the present passage, the word alludes to God's promise to bless all nations through Abraham's descendants (Gen. 12:3). When people offer a blessing, they wish well or offer a prayer on behalf of themselves or someone else (Gen. 49; Deut. 33:1). Old Testament patriarchs are often remembered for the blessing they gave to their children. When God gives a blessing He gives it to those who faithfully follow Him (Deut. 11:27), providing them with salvation (Ps. 3:8), life (Ps. 133:3), and success (2 Sam. 7:29).

20:2 shoe ▸ *see Amos 8:6.*
20:3 servant ▸ *see Is. 42:1.*

20:3 naked

(Heb. *`arom*) (1 Sam. 19:24; Job 1:21; Mic. 1:8) H6174: This term is first used to describe the natural state of Adam and Eve as "naked" and "not ashamed" (Gen. 2:25). After the fall of humanity into sin, the mention of nakedness is almost always in connection with shame. In particular, the prophets like Isaiah were instructed to use nakedness in their warnings of the results of rebellion against God: defeat, humiliation, and shameful displays of captives. Nakedness of birth and death are reminders of our helplessness as creatures.

21:1 whirlwind

(Heb. *cuphah*) (Job 37:9; Jer. 4:13; Amos 1:14) H5492: Usually translated whirlwind, this word

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so it cometh from the desert, from a terrible land.
2 A grievous vision is declared unto me; the treacherous dealer dealeth treacherously, and the spoiler spoileth. Go up, O Elam: besiege, O Media; all the sighing thereof have I made to cease.
3 Therefore are my loins filled with pain: pangs have taken hold upon me, as the pangs of a woman that travaileth: I was bowed down at the hearing *of it;* I was dismayed at the seeing *of it.*
4 My heart panted, fearfulness affrighted me: the night of my pleasure hath he turned into fear unto me.
5 Prepare the table, watch in the watchtower, eat, drink: arise, ye princes, *and* anoint the shield.
6 For thus hath the Lord said unto me, Go, set a watchman, let him declare what he seeth.
7 And he saw a chariot *with* a couple of horsemen, a chariot of asses, *and* a chariot of camels; and he hearkened diligently with much heed:
8 And he cried, A lion: My lord, I stand continually upon the watchtower in the daytime, and I am set in my ward whole nights:
9 And, behold, here cometh a chariot of men, *with* a couple of horsemen. And he answered and said, Babylon is fallen, is fallen; and all the graven images of her gods he hath broken unto the ground.
10 O my threshing, and the corn of my floor: that which I have heard of the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, have I declared unto you.

The Burdens of Dumah and Arabia

11 The burden of Dumah. He calleth to me out of Seir, Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night?
12 The watchman said, The morning cometh, and also the night: if ye will enquire, enquire ye: return, come.
13 The burden upon Arabia. In the forest in Arabia shall ye lodge, O ye travelling companies of Dedanim.
14 The inhabitants of the land of Tema brought water to him that was thirsty, they prevented with their bread him that fled.
15 For they fled from the swords, from the drawn sword, and from the bent bow, and from the grievousness of war.
16 For thus hath the Lord said unto me, Within a year, according to the years of an hireling, and all the glory of Kedar shall fail:
17 And the residue of the number of archers, the mighty men of the children of Kedar, shall be diminished: for the LORD God of Israel hath spoken *it.*

The Burden of the Valley of Vision

22 The burden of the valley of vision. What aileth thee now, that thou art wholly gone up to the housetops?
2 Thou that art full of stirs, a tumultuous city, a joyous city: thy slain *men are* not slain with the sword, nor dead in battle.
3 All thy rulers are fled together, they are bound by the archers: all that are found in thee are bound together, *which* have fled from far.
4 Therefore said I, Look away from me; I will weep bitterly, labour not to comfort me, because of the spoiling of the daughter of my people.
5 For *it is* a day of trouble, and of treading down, and of perplexity by the Lord GOD of hosts in the valley of vision, breaking down the walls, and of crying to the mountains.
6 And Elam bare the quiver with chariots of men *and* horsemen, and Kir uncovered the shield.
7 And it shall come to pass, *that* thy choicest valleys shall be full of chariots, and the horsemen shall set themselves in array at the gate.

Not Looking to the Maker

8 And he discovered the covering of Judah,

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can also mean storm or tempest. Isaiah uses it in Isaiah 29:6 to describe the results of God's punishment on Jerusalem. The cyclonic effects of the wind are compared to a rapidly spinning chariot wheel in Isaiah 5:28. Here the prophet is using the devastating effects of strong winds to describe the coming fall of Babylon. Seeing the power of nature unleashed reminds us why we call these events "acts of God."

21:2 grievous ▸ *see Ezek. 2:4.*
21:7 couple ▸ *see 1 Sam. 11:7.*
22:1 valley ▸ *see 2 Chr. 26:9.*
22:3 flee ▸ *see Ps. 64:8.*

22:8 covering

(Heb. *masak*) (Num. 4:5; 2 Sam. 17:19; Ps. 105:39) H4539: The idea of protection or covering found

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and thou didst look in that day to the armour of the house of the forest.
9 Ye have seen also the breaches of the city of David, that they are many: and ye gathered together the waters of the lower pool.
10 And ye have numbered the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses have ye broken down to fortify the wall.
11 Ye made also a ditch between the two walls for the water of the old pool: but ye have not looked unto the maker thereof, neither had respect unto him that fashioned it long ago.

God Calls for Repentance

12 And in that day did the Lord GOD of hosts call to weeping, and to mourning, and to baldness, and to girding with sackcloth:
13 And behold joy and gladness, slaying oxen, and killing sheep, eating flesh, and drinking wine: let us eat and drink; for to morrow we shall die.
14 And it was revealed in mine ears by the LORD of hosts, Surely this iniquity shall not be purged from you till ye die, saith the Lord GOD of hosts.
15 Thus saith the Lord GOD of hosts, Go, get thee unto this treasurer, *even* unto Shebna, which *is* over the house, *and say,*
16 What hast thou here? and whom hast thou here, that thou hast hewed thee out a sepulchre here, *as* he that heweth him out a sepulchre on high, *and* that graveth an habitation for himself in a rock?
17 Behold, the LORD will carry thee away with a mighty captivity, and will surely cover thee.
18 He will surely violently turn and toss thee *like* a ball into a large country: there shalt thou die, and there the chariots of thy glory *shall be* the shame of thy lord's house.
19 And I will drive thee from thy station, and from thy state shall he pull thee down.

Eliakim's Rise to Power

20 And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah:
21 And I will clothe him with thy robe, and strengthen him with thy girdle, and I will commit thy government into his hand: and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah.
22 And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder; so he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open.
23 And I will fasten him *as* a nail in a sure place; and he shall be for a glorious throne to his father's house.
24 And they shall hang upon him all the glory of his father's house, the offspring and the issue, all vessels of small quantity, from the vessels of cups, even to all the vessels of flagons.
25 In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall the nail that is fastened in the sure place be removed, and be cut down, and fall; and the burden that *was* upon it shall be cut off: for the LORD hath spoken *it*.

The Burden of Tyre

23 The burden of Tyre. Howl, ye ships of Tarshish; for it is laid waste, so that there is no house, no entering in: from the land of Chittim it is revealed to them.
2 Be still, ye inhabitants of the isle; thou

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in this word is derived from the literal meaning: hangings and curtains. The references in Exodus and Numbers refer to a dual purpose of the curtain that hung between the Holy Place and the Most Holy Place in the tabernacle. That veil was removed and then used to cover the ark of the covenant when the nation traveled. By the time of Isaiah, coverings had become a picture of protection.

22:9 lower ▸ *see 1 Kin. 9:17.*

23:1 burden

(Heb. *massa'*) (2 Kin. 9:25; Is. 13:1; Jer. 23:33) H4853: This noun is a derivative of the verb *nasa'* which means "to lift up" or "to carry away." *Massa'* refers to something that is taken or carried such as a present, tribute, or message. It is also employed when God uses His prophets to convey judgment against someone or some nation. Isaiah frequently used this term in what are commonly known as the "burdens against the nations," where he spoke of God's judgment on different kingdoms (Is. 13:1; 15:1; 17:1; 19:1; 21:1, 11). Translating the word as *burden* emphasizes that Isaiah carried and delivered God's indictments against the nations.

23:1 Tarshish ▸ *see Ps. 48:7.*
23:2 isle ▸ *see Ezek. 26:18.*

whom the merchants of Zidon, that pass over the sea, have replenished.
3 And by great waters the seed of Sihor, the harvest of the river, *is* her revenue; and she is a mart of nations.
4 Be thou ashamed, O Zidon: for the sea hath spoken, *even* the strength of the sea, saying, I travail not, nor bring forth children, neither do I nourish up young men, *nor* bring up virgins.
5 As at the report concerning Egypt, *so* shall they be sorely pained at the report of Tyre.
6 Pass ye over to Tarshish; howl, ye inhabitants of the isle.
7 *Is* this your joyous *city,* whose antiquity *is* of ancient days? her own feet shall carry her afar off to sojourn.
8 Who hath taken this counsel against Tyre, the crowning *city,* whose merchants *are* princes, whose traffickers *are* the honourable of the earth?
9 The LORD of hosts hath purposed it, to stain the pride of all glory, *and* to bring into contempt all the honourable of the earth.
10 Pass through thy land as a river, O daughter of Tarshish: *there is* no more strength.
11 He stretched out his hand over the sea, he shook the kingdoms: the LORD hath given a commandment against the merchant *city,* to destroy the strong holds thereof.
12 And he said, Thou shalt no more rejoice, O thou oppressed virgin, daughter of Zidon: arise, pass over to Chittim; there also shalt thou have no rest.

The Land of the Chaldeans

13 Behold the land of the Chaldeans; this people was not, *till* the Assyrian founded it for them that dwell in the wilderness: they set up the towers thereof, they raised up the palaces thereof; *and* he brought it to ruin.
14 Howl, ye ships of Tarshish: for your strength is laid waste.
15 And it shall come to pass in that day, that Tyre shall be forgotten seventy years, according to the days of one king: after the end of seventy years shall Tyre sing as an harlot.
16 Take an harp, go about the city, thou harlot that hast been forgotten; make sweet melody, sing many songs, that thou mayest be remembered.
17 And it shall come to pass after the end of seventy years, that the LORD will visit Tyre, and she shall turn to her hire, and shall commit fornication with all the kingdoms of the world upon the face of the earth.
18 And her merchandise and her hire shall be holiness to the LORD: it shall not be treasured nor laid up; for her merchandise shall be for them that dwell before the LORD, to eat sufficiently, and for durable clothing.

The Empty Earth

24 Behold, the LORD maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof.
2 And it shall be, as with the people, so with the priest; as with the servant, so with his master; as with the maid, so with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with the taker of usury, so with the giver of usury to him.
3 The land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled: for the LORD hath spoken this word.
4 The earth mourneth *and* fadeth away, the world languisheth *and* fadeth away, the haughty people of the earth do languish.
5 The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant.
6 Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left.
7 The new wine mourneth, the vine languisheth, all the merryhearted do sigh.

23:18 treasure ▸ *see Is. 39:6.*
24:5 defile ▸ *see Ps. 106:38.*

24:7 sigh

(Heb. *'anach*) (Ex. 2:23; Lam. 1:4; Ezek. 9:4) H0584: Although there are examples like Proverbs 29:2 and Joel 1:18 where this word carries the sense of groaning, the usual use of the expression describes a deep sigh of sadness or disappointment. For Isaiah, the word aptly pictured the dawning realization on the part of the "merryhearted" (Is. 24:7) that the party is over and God's judgment is unfolding. Four times in the first chapter of Lamentations, Jeremiah pictures himself and other residents of Jerusalem sighing over the terrible fate of the city.

8 The mirth of tabrets ceaseth, the noise of them that rejoice endeth, the joy of the harp ceaseth.
9 They shall not drink wine with a song; strong drink shall be bitter to them that drink it.
10 The city of confusion is broken down: every house is shut up, that no man may come in.
11 *There is* a crying for wine in the streets; all joy is darkened, the mirth of the land is gone.
12 In the city is left desolation, and the gate is smitten with destruction.

Glorify the Lord

13 When thus it shall be in the midst of the land among the people, *there shall be* as the shaking of an olive tree, *and* as the gleaning grapes when the vintage is done.
14 They shall lift up their voice, they shall sing for the majesty of the LORD, they shall cry aloud from the sea.
15 Wherefore glorify ye the LORD in the fires, *even* the name of the LORD God of Israel in the isles of the sea.
16 From the uttermost part of the earth have we heard songs, *even* glory to the righteous. But I said, My leanness, my leanness, woe unto me! the treacherous dealers have dealt treacherously; yea, the treacherous dealers have dealt very treacherously.
17 Fear, and the pit, and the snare, *are* upon thee, O inhabitant of the earth.
18 And it shall come to pass, *that* he who fleeth from the noise of the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that cometh up out of the midst of the pit shall be taken in the snare: for the windows from on high are open, and the foundations of the earth do shake.

The Lord Shall Reign

19 The earth is utterly broken down, the earth is clean dissolved, the earth is moved exceedingly.
20 The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall, and not rise again.
21 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the LORD shall punish the host of the high ones *that are* on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth.
22 And they shall be gathered together, *as* prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be visited.
23 Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when the LORD of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously.

Praise for the Lord's Faithfulness

25 O LORD, thou *art* my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful *things; thy* counsels of old *are* faithfulness *and* truth.
2 For thou hast made of a city an heap; *of* a defenced city a ruin: a palace of strangers to be no city; it shall never be built.
3 Therefore shall the strong people glorify thee, the city of the terrible nations shall fear thee.
4 For thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones *is* as a storm *against* the wall.
5 Thou shalt bring down the noise of strangers, as the heat in a dry place; *even* the heat with the shadow of a cloud: the branch of the terrible ones shall be brought low.

Death Is Swallowed in Victory

6 And in this mountain shall the LORD of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined.
7 And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the vail that is spread over all nations.

24:20 remove ▸ *see Job 42:11.*
25:1 exalt ▸ *see Ps. 145:1.*
25:2 city ▸ *see Prov. 29:8.*
25:4 poor ▸ *see Ps. 82:4.*
25:5 stranger ▸ *see Hos. 7:9.*

25:7 vail

(Heb. *massekah*) (Ex. 32:4; Is. 28:20; 30:1) H4541: This word is an allusion to death, the veil or shroud that covers all of humanity. In Isaiah 28:20, the prophet is picturing a small wrap for sleeping that proves inadequate, just as the people's dependence on an ally like Egypt will not

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8 He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the Lord hath spoken *it*.
9 And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this *is* our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this *is* the Lord; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.
10 For in this mountain shall the hand of the Lord rest, and Moab shall be trodden down under him, even as straw is trodden down for the dunghill.
11 And he shall spread forth his hands in the midst of them, as he that swimmeth spreadeth forth *his hands* to swim: and he shall bring down their pride together with the spoils of their hands.
12 And the fortress of the high fort of thy walls shall he bring down, lay low, *and* bring to the ground, *even* to the dust.

A Mind Stayed on God

26 In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; We have a strong city; salvation will *God* appoint *for* walls and bulwarks.
2 Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in.
3 Thou wilt keep *him* in perfect peace, *whose* mind *is* stayed *on thee:* because he trusteth in thee.
4 Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord JEHOVAH *is* everlasting strength:
5 For he bringeth down them that dwell on high; the lofty city, he layeth it low; he layeth it low, *even* to the ground; he bringeth it *even* to the dust.
6 The foot shall tread it down, *even* the feet of the poor, *and* the steps of the needy.
7 The way of the just *is* uprightness: thou, most upright, dost weigh the path of the just.
8 Yea, in the way of thy judgments, O Lord, have we waited for thee; the desire of *our* soul *is* to thy name, and to the remembrance of thee.
9 With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments *are* in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.
10 Let favour be shewed to the wicked, *yet* will he not learn righteousness: in the land of uprightness will he deal unjustly, and will not behold the majesty of the Lord.
11 Lord, *when* thy hand is lifted up, they will not see: *but* they shall see, and be ashamed for *their* envy at the people; yea, the fire of thine enemies shall devour them.

A Peace for God's People

12 Lord, thou wilt ordain peace for us: for thou also hast wrought all our works in us.
13 O Lord our God, *other* lords beside thee have had dominion over us: *but* by thee only will we make mention of thy name.
14 *They are* dead, they shall not live; *they are* deceased, they shall not rise: therefore hast thou visited and destroyed them, and made all their memory to perish.
15 Thou hast increased the nation, O Lord, thou hast increased the nation: thou art glorified: thou hadst removed *it* far *unto* all the ends of the earth.
16 Lord, in trouble have they visited thee, they poured out a prayer *when* thy chastening *was* upon them.
17 Like as a woman with child, *that* draweth

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prevent the judgment of God. It is useless to use the things of this world to shelter or isolate ourselves from the Lord. The word is also used in the Old Testament to describe a molten image (as in Ex. 32:4; Judg. 18:14; 1 Kin. 14:9).

25:10 Moab ▸ *see Judg. 11:18.*
25:10 tread ▸ *see Is. 28:27.*
26:1 wall ▸ *see Neh. 6:15.*
26:1 bulwark ▸ *see Ps. 10:10.*
26:5 lay low ▸ *see Jer. 13:18.*
26:6 tread ▸ *see Nah. 3:14.*
26:10 favour ▸ *see Ps. 123:2.*
26:10 behold ▸ *see Job 19:27.*

26:15 end

(Heb. *qetsev*) (Ex. 38:5; Ps. 48:10; 65:5) H7099: Isaiah uses the term here to mention the borders of Israel expanded under God's blessing, as the word is used by the psalmists to mean "the ends of the earth." God's role in determining the size of nations was echoed by Paul in Athens when he said God has "determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation" (Acts 17:26). God's sovereignty over the shifting borders of the world remains in force.

26:16 chastening ▸ *see Prov. 8:10.*

near the time of her delivery, is in pain, *and* crieth out in her pangs; so have we been in thy sight, O LORD.
18 We have been with child, we have been in pain, we have as it were brought forth wind; we have not wrought any deliverance in the earth; neither have the inhabitants of the world fallen.
19 Thy dead *men* shall live, *together with* my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew *is as* the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.

The Lord Punishes Iniquity

20 Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast.
21 For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.

The Vineyard of Red Wine

27 In that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that *is* in the sea.
2 In that day sing ye unto her, A vineyard of red wine.
3 I the LORD do keep it; I will water it every moment: lest *any* hurt it, I will keep it night and day.
4 Fury *is* not in me: who would set the briers *and* thorns against me in battle? I would go through them, I would burn them together.
5 Or let him take hold of my strength, *that* he may make peace with me; *and* he shall make peace with me.
6 He shall cause them that come of Jacob to take root: Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit.
7 Hath he smitten him, as he smote those that smote him? *or* is he slain according to the slaughter of them that are slain by him?
8 In measure, when it shooteth forth, thou wilt debate with it: he stayeth his rough wind in the day of the east wind.
9 By this therefore shall the iniquity of Jacob be purged; and this *is* all the fruit to take away his sin; when he maketh all the stones of the altar as chalkstones that are beaten in sunder, the groves and images shall not stand up.

The Desolation of Cities

10 Yet the defenced city *shall be* desolate, *and* the habitation forsaken, and left like a wilderness: there shall the calf feed, and there shall he lie down, and consume the branches thereof.
11 When the boughs thereof are withered, they shall be broken off: the women come, *and* set them on fire: for it *is* a people of no understanding: therefore he that made them will not have mercy on them, and he that formed them will shew them no favour.
12 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the LORD shall beat off from the channel of the river unto the stream of Egypt, and ye shall be gathered one by one, O ye children of Israel.
13 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the great trumpet shall be blown, and they shall come which were ready to perish in the land of Assyria, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall worship the LORD in the holy mount at Jerusalem.

Woe to Ephraim

28 Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim, whose glorious beauty *is* a fading flower, which *are* on the head of the fat valleys of them that are overcome with wine!
2 Behold, the Lord hath a mighty and strong one, *which* as a tempest of hail *and* a destroying storm, as a flood of mighty waters overflowing, shall cast down to the earth with the hand.

27:1 sword ▸ *see Josh. 19:47.*

27:5 strength

(Heb. *ma`oz*) (Ps. 27:1; 28:8; Prov. 10:29; Ezek. 24:25) H4581: Most often signifying strength, this word is also translated stronghold and refuge. This term is consistently used when praising God's power sustaining someone or pointing out the folly of relying on any other strength than the Lord's. Here Isaiah is highlighting the powerful idea that we use God's strength in order to make peace with God. He supplies the means and the results.

3 The crown of pride, the drunkards of Ephraim, shall be trodden under feet:
4 And the glorious beauty, which *is* on the head of the fat valley, shall be a fading flower, *and* as the hasty fruit before the summer; which *when* he that looketh upon it seeth, while it is yet in his hand he eateth it up.

A Crown of Glory

5 In that day shall the LORD of hosts be for a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty, unto the residue of his people,
6 And for a spirit of judgment to him that sitteth in judgment, and for strength to them that turn the battle to the gate.
7 But they also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way; the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble *in* judgment.
8 For all tables are full of vomit *and* filthiness, *so that there is* no place *clean*.
9 Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? *them that are* weaned from the milk, *and* drawn from the breasts.
10 For precept *must be* upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, *and* there a little:
11 For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.
12 To whom he said, This *is* the rest *wherewith* ye may cause the weary to rest; and this *is* the refreshing: yet they would not hear.
13 But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, *and* there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.

A Precious Corner Stone

14 Wherefore hear the word of the LORD, ye scornful men, that rule this people which *is* in Jerusalem.
15 Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves:
16 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner *stone*, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.
17 Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place.

A Covenant with Death

18 And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it.
19 From the time that it goeth forth it shall take you: for morning by morning shall it pass over, by day and by night: and it shall be a vexation only *to* understand the report.
20 For the bed is shorter than that *a man* can stretch himself *on it:* and the covering narrower than that he can wrap himself *in it*.
21 For the LORD shall rise up as *in* mount Perazim, he shall be wroth as *in* the valley of Gibeon, that he may do his work, his strange work; and bring to pass his act, his strange act.
22 Now therefore be ye not mockers, lest your bands be made strong: for I have heard from the Lord GOD of hosts a consumption, even determined upon the whole earth.

Hearken to My Voice

23 Give ye ear, and hear my voice; hearken, and hear my speech.

28:12 rest

(Heb. *menuchah*) (1 Kin. 8:56; 1 Chr. 22:9; Ps. 23:2) H4496: Far more significant than just taking a break, the Hebrew word *menuchah* describes a time of peace, and end to war, and a place where one's strength can be renewed. Solomon was described as "a man of rest" (1 Chr. 22:9), because there were no wars during his reign, which Solomon attributes to the Lord "that hath given rest unto his people" (1 Kin. 8:56). It's the same kind of rest David envisions in Psalm 23: "He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still [*menuchah*] waters" (Ps. 23:2).

28:12 weary ▸ *see 2 Sam. 16:14.*
28:16 precious ▸ *see 1 Kin. 7:9.*
28:16 corner stone ▸ *see Zech. 10:4.*
28:20 covering ▸ *see Is. 25:7.*
28:21 strange ▸ *see Ruth 2:10.*
28:22 mocker ▸ *see Prov. 9:12.*

24 Doth the plowman plow all day to sow? doth he open and break the clods of his ground?
25 When he hath made plain the face thereof, doth he not cast abroad the fitches, and scatter the cummin, and cast in the principal wheat and the appointed barley and the rie in their place?
26 For his God doth instruct him to discretion, *and* doth teach him.
27 For the fitches are not threshed with a threshing instrument, neither is a cart wheel turned about upon the cummin; but the fitches are beaten out with a staff, and the cummin with a rod.
28 Bread *corn* is bruised; because he will not ever be threshing it, nor break *it with* the wheel of his cart, nor bruise it *with* his horsemen.
29 This also cometh forth from the LORD of hosts, *which* is wonderful in counsel, *and* excellent in working.

Woe to Jerusalem

29 Woe to Ariel, to Ariel, the city *where* David dwelt! add ye year to year; let them kill sacrifices.
2 Yet I will distress Ariel, and there shall be heaviness and sorrow: and it shall be unto me as Ariel.
3 And I will camp against thee round about, and will lay siege against thee with a mount, and I will raise forts against thee.
4 And thou shalt be brought down, *and* shalt speak out of the ground, and thy speech shall be low out of the dust, and thy voice shall be, as of one that hath a familiar spirit, out of the ground, and thy speech shall whisper out of the dust.
5 Moreover the multitude of thy strangers shall be like small dust, and the multitude of the terrible ones *shall be* as chaff that passeth away: yea, it shall be at an instant suddenly.
6 Thou shalt be visited of the LORD of hosts with thunder, and with earthquake, and great noise, with storm and tempest, and the flame of devouring fire.
7 And the multitude of all the nations that fight against Ariel, even all that fight against her and her munition, and that distress her, shall be as a dream of a night vision.
8 It shall even be as when an hungry *man* dreameth, and, behold, he eateth; but he awaketh, and his soul is empty: or as when a thirsty man dreameth, and, behold, he drinketh; but he awaketh, and, behold, *he* is faint, and his soul hath appetite: so shall the multitude of all the nations be, that fight against mount Zion.
9 Stay yourselves, and wonder; cry ye out, and cry: they are drunken, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink.
10 For the LORD hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered.
11 And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which *men* deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I cannot; for it *is* sealed:

28:27 thresh

(Heb. *dush*) (Deut. 25:4; 2 Kin. 13:7; Is. 25:10) H1758: When speaking of oxen crushing grain, the Hebrew word *dush* is translated "tread out" (Deut. 25:4). The visual image is of something being literally crushed underfoot. Metaphorically, the word is therefore used to speak of total defeat, as when the king of Syria destroyed the army of Jehoahaz "and made them like the dust by threshing" (2 Kin. 13:7). Likewise, the Lord promises that one day "Moab shall be trodden down . . . as straw is trodden down for the dunghill" (Is. 25:10). When something or someone is threshed, nothing will be left.

29:2 distress ▸ *see Is. 51:13.*
29:2 heaviness ▸ *see Lam. 2:5.*
29:4 familiar spirit ▸ *see 1 Chr. 10:13.*

29:5 dust

(Heb. *'abaq*) (Ex. 9:9; Is. 5:24; Ezek. 26:10) H0080: As in English, the word refers to tiny particles which float up in the air when blown by the wind (Is. 5:24). So, the Lord sent "small dust" against Egypt, which caused the people to break out in boils (Ex. 9:9). Part of the curse promised for disobedience was that the Lord would "make the rain . . . powder and dust" (Deut. 28:24). Horses kick up dust as they gallop (Ezek. 26:10), and the clouds are, using poetic language, described as the "dust of [God's] feet" as He moves through the world (Nah. 1:3). Here in Isaiah 29:5, the word emphasizes the overwhelming size of opposition—too many to even count.

29:6 tempest ▸ *see Ps. 83:15.*
29:8 appetite ▸ *see Ps. 107:9.*
29:11 sealed ▸ *see Dan. 12:9.*

12 And the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I am not learned.

God Will Do a Marvellous Work

13 Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near *me* with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:
14 Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, *even* a marvellous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise *men* shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent *men* shall be hid.
15 Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the LORD, and their works are in the dark, and they say, Who seeth us? and who knoweth us?
16 Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potter's clay: for shall the work say of him that made it, He made me not? or shall the thing framed say of him that framed it, He had no understanding?

A Fruitful Field

17 *Is* it not yet a very little while, and Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be esteemed as a forest?
18 And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness.
19 The meek also shall increase *their* joy in the LORD, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.
20 For the terrible one is brought to nought, and the scorner is consumed, and all that watch for iniquity are cut off:
21 That make a man an offender for a word, and lay a snare for him that reproveth in the gate, and turn aside the just for a thing of nought.
22 Therefore thus saith the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob, Jacob shall not now be ashamed, neither shall his face now wax pale.
23 But when he seeth his children, the work of mine hands, in the midst of him, they shall sanctify my name, and sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and shall fear the God of Israel.
24 They also that erred in spirit shall come to understanding, and they that murmured shall learn doctrine.

Woe to Judah

30 Woe to the rebellious children, saith the LORD, that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin:
2 That walk to go down into Egypt, and have not asked at my mouth; to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to trust in the shadow of Egypt!
3 Therefore shall the strength of Pharaoh be your shame, and the trust in the shadow of Egypt *your* confusion.
4 For his princes were at Zoan, and his ambassadors came to Hanes.
5 They were all ashamed of a people *that* could not profit them, nor be an help nor profit, but a shame, and also a reproach.
6 The burden of the beasts of the south: into the land of trouble and anguish, from whence *come* the young and old lion, the viper and fiery flying serpent, they will carry their riches upon the shoulders of young asses, and their treasures upon the bunches of camels, to a people *that* shall not profit *them*.
7 For the Egyptians shall help in vain, and to no purpose: therefore have I cried concerning this, Their strength *is* to sit still.

A Rebellious People

8 Now go, write it before them in a table,

30:1 covering ▸ *see Is. 25:7.*
30:3 confusion ▸ *see Ps. 69:7.*

30:6 anguish

(Heb. *tsoq*) (Prov. 1:27; Is. 8:22; Dan. 9:25) H6695: The word *tsoq* only appears four times in the Old Testament, but captures a powerful emotion closely connected with judgment for sin. Anguish describes the incredible pain and turmoil associated with great suffering. It's the emotion experienced "When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind" (Prov. 1:27). It's the feeling of being "hardly bestead and hungry" (Is. 8:21), when all you can see is "trouble and darkness, dimness of anguish" (Is. 8:22). More than just sadness, the word conveys a sense of desperate isolation.

30:7 strength ▸ *see Job 9:13.*

and note it in a book, that it may be for the time to come for ever and ever:
9 That this *is* a rebellious people, lying children, children *that* will not hear the law of the LORD:
10 Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophesy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits:
11 Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us.

A Breach Ready to Fall

12 Wherefore thus saith the Holy One of Israel, Because ye despise this word, and trust in oppression and perverseness, and stay thereon:
13 Therefore this iniquity shall be to you as a breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, whose breaking cometh suddenly at an instant.
14 And he shall break it as the breaking of the potters' vessel that is broken in pieces; he shall not spare: so that there shall not be found in the bursting of it a sherd to take fire from the hearth, or to take water *withal* out of the pit.
15 For thus saith the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength: and ye would not.
16 But ye said, No; for we will flee upon horses; therefore shall ye flee: and, We will ride upon the swift; therefore shall they that pursue you be swift.
17 One thousand *shall flee* at the rebuke of one; at the rebuke of five shall ye flee: till ye be left as a beacon upon the top of a mountain, and as an ensign on an hill.

Graciousness and Mercy

18 And therefore will the LORD wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the LORD *is* a God of judgment: blessed *are* all they that wait for him.
19 For the people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem: thou shalt weep no more: he will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry; when he shall hear it, he will answer thee.
20 And *though* the Lord give you the bread of adversity, and the water of affliction, yet shall not thy teachers be removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes shall see thy teachers:
21 And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This *is* the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.
22 Ye shall defile also the covering of thy graven images of silver, and the ornament of thy molten images of gold: thou shalt cast them away as a menstruous cloth; thou shalt say unto it, Get thee hence.
23 Then shall he give the rain of thy seed, that thou shalt sow the ground withal; and bread of the increase of the earth, and it shall be fat and plenteous: in that day shall thy cattle feed in large pastures.
24 The oxen likewise and the young asses that ear the ground shall eat clean provender, which hath been winnowed with the shovel and with the fan.
25 And there shall be upon every high mountain, and upon every high hill, rivers *and* streams of waters in the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall.
26 Moreover the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day that the LORD bindeth up the breach of his people, and healeth the stroke of their wound.

The Glorious Voice of the Lord

27 Behold, the name of the LORD cometh from far, burning *with* his anger, and the burden *thereof is* heavy: his lips are full of indignation, and his tongue as a devouring fire:
28 And his breath, as an overflowing stream, shall reach to the midst of the neck, to sift the nations with the sieve of vanity: and *there shall be* a bridle in the jaws of the people, causing *them* to err.
29 Ye shall have a song, as in the night *when* a holy solemnity is kept; and gladness of heart, as when one goeth with a pipe to come

30:8 ever ▸ *see Is. 60:19.*
30:9 rebellious ▸ *see Ezek. 12:2.*
30:14 spare ▸ *see 2 Sam. 21:7.*
30:18 wait ▸ *see Dan. 12:12.*
30:24 winnow ▸ *see Jer. 15:7.*
30:27 tongue ▸ *see Eccl. 10:11.*

into the mountain of the LORD, to the mighty One of Israel.
30 And the LORD shall cause his glorious voice to be heard, and shall shew the lighting down of his arm, with the indignation of *his* anger, and *with* the flame of a devouring fire, *with* scattering, and tempest, and hailstones.
31 For through the voice of the LORD shall the Assyrian be beaten down, *which* smote with a rod.
32 And *in* every place where the grounded staff shall pass, which the LORD shall lay upon him, *it* shall be with tabrets and harps: and in battles of shaking will he fight with it.
33 For Tophet *is* ordained of old; yea, for the king it is prepared; he hath made *it* deep *and* large: the pile thereof *is* fire and much wood; the breath of the LORD, like a stream of brimstone, doth kindle it.

Woe for Trusting in Egypt

31 Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because *they are* many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the LORD!
2 Yet he also *is* wise, and will bring evil, and will not call back his words: but will arise against the house of the evildoers, and against the help of them that work iniquity.
3 Now the Egyptians *are* men, and not God; and their horses flesh, and not spirit. When the LORD shall stretch out his hand, both he that helpeth shall fall, and he that is holpen shall fall down, and they all shall fail together.
4 For thus hath the LORD spoken unto me, Like as the lion and the young lion roaring on his prey, when a multitude of shepherds is called forth against him, *he* will not be afraid of their voice, nor abase himself for the noise of them: so shall the LORD of hosts come down to fight for mount Zion, and for the hill thereof.

Preserving Jerusalem

5 As birds flying, so will the LORD of hosts defend Jerusalem; defending also he will deliver *it; and* passing over he will preserve *it.*
6 Turn ye unto *him from* whom the children of Israel have deeply revolted.
7 For in that day every man shall cast away his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which your own hands have made unto you *for* a sin.
8 Then shall the Assyrian fall with the sword, not of a mighty man; and the sword, not of a mean man, shall devour him: but he shall flee from the sword, and his young men shall be discomfited.
9 And he shall pass over to his strong hold for fear, and his princes shall be afraid of the ensign, saith the LORD, whose fire *is* in Zion, and his furnace in Jerusalem.

The Righteous King

32 Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment.
2 And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tem-

30:30 voice ▸ *see Ex. 20:18.*
31:1 stay ▸ *see 2 Chr. 16:7.*
31:1 horse ▸ *see 2 Chr. 1:16.*
31:1 horseman ▸ *see Ezra 8:22.*

31:4 speak

(Heb. *'amar*) (Gen. 1:3; Ex. 8:9; 1 Sam. 27:1) H0559: An incredibly common word in the Old Testament, *'amar* means "to say" or "to speak." It can be used to describe words coming from God, as when "God said, Let there be light" (Gen. 1:3), or man, as when the people of Babel "said one to another, Go to, let us make brick . . . and they said, Go to, let us build us a city'" (Gen. 11:3, 4). Such speech may be directed toward others, as when "Moses said unto Pharaoh" (Ex. 8:9) or "Saul said to David" (1 Sam. 26:25). However, it can also refer to inward reflection, as when "David said in his heart" (1 Sam. 27:1).

31:5 bird

(Heb. *tsippor*) (Gen. 7:14; Ps. 84:3; Lam. 3:52) H6833: The Hebrew word *tsippor* can refer to "every bird of every sort" (Gen. 7:14) or to something more specific, like a "sparrow" (Ps. 84:3; 102:7). The word is often paralleled with the word for "swallow," implying a smaller bird (Ps. 84:3). Metaphorically, birds can represent a desire to fly away (Ps. 11:1), or loneliness (Ps. 102:7), or fear (Hos. 11:11), but especially vulnerability (Ps. 124:7; Prov. 6:5; Lam. 3:52). Birds can also describe the foolish man (Prov. 27:8), as well as the all-encompassing power of God (Is. 31:5).

32:2 man

(Heb. *'ish*) (Num. 23:19; 1 Sam. 9:6; 1 Kin. 2:2) H0376: The male of the species is specifically

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pest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.
3 And the eyes of them that see shall not be dim, and the ears of them that hear shall hearken.
4 The heart also of the rash shall understand knowledge, and the tongue of the stammerers shall be ready to speak plainly.
5 The vile person shall be no more called liberal, nor the churl said *to be* bountiful.
6 For the vile person will speak villany, and his heart will work iniquity, to practise hypocrisy, and to utter error against the LORD, to make empty the soul of the hungry, and he will cause the drink of the thirsty to fail.
7 The instruments also of the churl *are* evil: he deviseth wicked devices to destroy the poor with lying words, even when the needy speaketh right.
8 But the liberal deviseth liberal things; and by liberal things shall he stand.

A Warning to Careless Women

9 Rise up, ye women that are at ease; hear my voice, ye careless daughters; give ear unto my speech.
10 Many days and years shall ye be troubled, ye careless women: for the vintage shall fail, the gathering shall not come.
11 Tremble, ye women that are at ease; be troubled, ye careless ones: strip you, and make you bare, and gird *sackcloth* upon *your* loins.
12 They shall lament for the teats, for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine.
13 Upon the land of my people shall come up thorns *and* briers; yea, upon all the houses of joy *in* the joyous city:
14 Because the palaces shall be forsaken; the multitude of the city shall be left; the forts and towers shall be for dens for ever, a joy of wild asses, a pasture of flocks;
15 Until the spirit be poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness be a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest.

The Effect of Righteousness

16 Then judgment shall dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness remain in the fruitful field.
17 And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.
18 And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places;
19 When it shall hail, coming down on the forest; and the city shall be low in a low place.
20 Blessed *are* ye that sow beside all waters, that send forth *thither* the feet of the ox and the ass.

Woe to the Spoiler

33 Woe to thee that spoilest, and thou *wast* not spoiled; and dealest treacherously, and they dealt not treacherously with thee! when thou shalt cease to spoil, thou shalt be spoiled; *and* when thou shalt make an end to deal treacherously, they shall deal treacherously with thee.
2 O LORD, be gracious unto us; we have waited for thee: be thou their arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble.
3 At the noise of the tumult the people fled; at the lifting up of thyself the nations were scattered.
4 And your spoil shall be gathered *like* the gathering of the caterpiller: as the running to and fro of locusts shall he run upon them.

The Exalted Lord

5 The LORD is exalted; for he dwelleth on high: he hath filled Zion with judgment and righteousness.
6 And wisdom and knowledge shall be the

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defined using the word *'ish*. While most often used to describe humans, it can also refer to animals (Gen. 7:2). The Bible affirms many times that "God is not a man" (Num. 23:19). *'Ish* can describe husbands (Gen. 16:3; Num. 30:6) whose role, in part, is to protect and provide. David's final words to his son Solomon were to "be strong, therefore, and shew thyself a man" (1 Kin. 2:2). The word can also be used to speak of prophets. For example, Samuel was described as "a man of God" (1 Sam. 9:6), as was Elijah (1 Kin. 17:18).

32:6 villany ▸ *see Gen. 34:7.*
32:6 iniquity ▸ *see Prov. 22:8.*
32:9 speech ▸ *see Ps. 12:6.*
33:4 run ▸ *see Ps. 107:9.*
33:5 fill ▸ *see Jer. 23:24.*

stability of thy times, *and* strength of salvation: the fear of the LORD *is* his treasure.
7 Behold, their valiant ones shall cry without: the ambassadors of peace shall weep bitterly.
8 The highways lie waste, the wayfaring man ceaseth: he hath broken the covenant, he hath despised the cities, he regardeth no man.
9 The earth mourneth *and* languisheth: Lebanon is ashamed *and* hewn down: Sharon is like a wilderness; and Bashan and Carmel shake off *their fruits.*
10 Now will I rise, saith the LORD; now will I be exalted; now will I lift up myself.
11 Ye shall conceive chaff, ye shall bring forth stubble: your breath, *as* fire, shall devour you.
12 And the people shall be *as* the burnings of lime: *as* thorns cut up shall they be burned in the fire.
13 Hear, ye *that are* far off, what I have done; and, ye *that are* near, acknowledge my might.
14 The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?
15 He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil;
16 He shall dwell on high: his place of defence *shall be* the munitions of rocks: bread shall be given him; his waters *shall be* sure.
17 Thine eyes shall see the king in his beauty: they shall behold the land that is very far off.
18 Thine heart shall meditate terror. Where *is* the scribe? where *is* the receiver? where *is* he that counted the towers?
19 Thou shalt not see a fierce people, a people of a deeper speech than thou canst perceive; of a stammering tongue, *that thou canst* not understand.

A Place of Quiet Habitation

20 Look upon Zion, the city of our solemnities: thine eyes shall see Jerusalem a quiet habitation, a tabernacle *that* shall not be taken down; not one of the stakes thereof shall ever be removed, neither shall any of the cords thereof be broken.
21 But there the glorious LORD *will be* unto us a place of broad rivers *and* streams; wherein shall go no galley with oars, neither shall gallant ship pass thereby.
22 For the LORD *is* our judge, the LORD *is* our lawgiver, the LORD *is* our king; he will save us.
23 Thy tacklings are loosed; they could not well strengthen their mast, they could not spread the sail: then is the prey of a great spoil divided; the lame take the prey.
24 And the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick: the people that dwell therein *shall be* forgiven *their* iniquity.

The Indignation of the Lord

34 Come near, ye nations, to hear; and hearken, ye people: let the earth hear, and all that is therein; the world, and all things that come forth of it.
2 For the indignation of the LORD *is* upon all nations, and *his* fury upon all their armies: he hath utterly destroyed them, he hath delivered them to the slaughter.
3 Their slain also shall be cast out, and their stink shall come up out of their carcases, and the mountains shall be melted with their blood.

33:6 stability ▸ *see Prov. 28:20.*

33:6 time

(Heb. *ʿet*) (Gen. 24:11; 38:1; Ex. 9:18) H6256: The word translated *time* can refer to specific moments in the day. So, when Abraham's servant went looking for a wife for Isaac, he came to "a well of water at the time of the evening, even the time that women go out to draw water" (Gen. 24:11). Or when the Lord told Moses, "To morrow about this time I will cause it to rain a very grievous hail" (Ex. 9:18). It can also be applied in a broader sense: "It came to pass at that time, that Judah . . . turned in to a certain Adullamite" (Gen. 38:1). When the people returned from the Exile, they prayed to God for forgiveness and remembered "the time of their trouble" that came as a result of their sin (Neh. 9:27).

33:8 regard ▸ *see Gen. 15:6.*
33:9 languish ▸ *see Jer. 14:2.*

34:3 melt

(Heb. *masas*) (Josh. 2:11; Ps. 22:14; Nah. 2:10) H4549: The word can literally mean "to dissolve,"

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4 And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll: and all their host shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a falling *fig* from the fig tree.

The Sword of the Lord

5 For my sword shall be bathed in heaven: behold, it shall come down upon Idumea, and upon the people of my curse, to judgment.
6 The sword of the LORD is filled with blood, it is made fat with fatness, *and* with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams: for the LORD hath a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Idumea.
7 And the unicorns shall come down with them, and the bullocks with the bulls; and their land shall be soaked with blood, and their dust made fat with fatness.
8 For *it is* the day of the LORD's vengeance, *and* the year of recompences for the controversy of Zion.
9 And the streams thereof shall be turned into pitch, and the dust thereof into brimstone, and the land thereof shall become burning pitch.
10 It shall not be quenched night nor day; the smoke thereof shall go up for ever: from generation to generation it shall lie waste; none shall pass through it for ever and ever.
11 But the cormorant and the bittern shall possess it; the owl also and the raven shall dwell in it: and he shall stretch out upon it the line of confusion, and the stones of emptiness.
12 They shall call the nobles thereof to the kingdom, but none *shall be* there, and all her princes shall be nothing.
13 And thorns shall come up in her palaces, nettles and brambles in the fortresses thereof: and it shall be an habitation of dragons, *and* a court for owls.
14 The wild beasts of the desert shall also meet with the wild beasts of the island, and the satyr shall cry to his fellow; the screech owl also shall rest there, and find for herself a place of rest.
15 There shall the great owl make her nest, and lay, and hatch, and gather under her shadow: there shall the vultures also be gathered, every one with her mate.

The Book of the Lord

16 Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read: no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate: for my mouth it hath commanded, and his spirit it hath gathered them.
17 And he hath cast the lot for them, and his hand hath divided it unto them by line: they shall possess it for ever, from generation to generation shall they dwell therein.

The Desert Will Blossom

35 The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.
2 It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the LORD, *and* the excellency of our God.
3 Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees.

The Salvation of the Lord

4 Say to them *that are* of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come *with* vengeance, *even* God *with* a recompence; he will come and save you.
5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.
6 Then shall the lame *man* leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the

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as when the uncollected manna God supplied His people melted away daily in the desert heat during the Israelites' period of wilderness wandering (Ex. 16:21) or "to melt" like wax before a fire (Ps. 68:2). More often this word is used figuratively to speak of an attitude of despair or people growing fearful or fainthearted, or losing courage (Josh. 5:1; Ezek. 21:7) in the face of opposition or divine judgment (Is. 19:1).

34:4 roll ▸ *see Prov. 16:3.*
34:8 recompence ▸ *see Hos. 9:7.*
34:11 raven ▸ *see Ps. 147:9.*
34:13 thorn ▸ *see Prov. 26:9.*
34:16 seek ▸ *see Amos 5:4.*
35:2 blossom ▸ *see Is. 66:14.*
35:6 leap ▸ *see Song 2:8.*
35:6 sing ▸ *see Ps. 132:9.*

wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.
7 And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, *shall be* grass with reeds and rushes.
8 And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it *shall be* for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err *therein*.
9 No lion shall be there, nor *any* ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk *there:*
10 And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Judah Is Invaded by Assyria

36 Now it came to pass in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah, *that* Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the defenced cities of Judah, and took them.
2 And the king of Assyria sent Rabshakeh from Lachish to Jerusalem unto king Hezekiah with a great army. And he stood by the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the fuller's field.

Rabshakeh's Message

3 Then came forth unto him Eliakim, Hilkiah's son, which was over the house, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah, Asaph's son, the recorder.
4 And Rabshakeh said unto them, Say ye now to Hezekiah, Thus saith the great king, the king of Assyria, What confidence *is* this wherein thou trustest?
5 I say, *sayest thou,* (but *they are but* vain words) *I have* counsel and strength for war: now on whom dost thou trust, that thou rebellest against me?
6 Lo, thou trustest in the staff of this broken reed, on Egypt; whereon if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: so *is* Pharaoh king of Egypt to all that trust in him.
7 But if thou say to me, We trust in the LORD our God: *is it* not he, whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah hath taken away, and said to Judah and to Jerusalem, Ye shall worship before this altar?
8 Now therefore give pledges, I pray thee, to my master the king of Assyria, and I will give thee two thousand horses, if thou be able on thy part to set riders upon them.
9 How then wilt thou turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put thy trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen?
10 And am I now come up without the LORD against this land to destroy it? the LORD said unto me, Go up against this land, and destroy it.

Israel Is Urged to Surrender

11 Then said Eliakim and Shebna and Joah unto Rabshakeh, Speak, I pray thee, unto thy servants in the Syrian language; for we understand *it:* and speak not to us in the Jews' language, in the ears of the people that *are* on the wall.
12 But Rabshakeh said, Hath my master sent me to thy master and to thee to speak these words? *hath he* not *sent me* to the men that sit upon the wall, that they may eat their own dung, and drink their own piss with you?
13 Then Rabshakeh stood, and cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language, and said, Hear ye the words of the great king, the king of Assyria.
14 Thus saith the king, Let not Hezekiah

35:6 stream

(Heb. *nachal*) (Ps. 78:20; Is. 66:12; Amos 5:24) H5158: This Hebrew noun is used to describe constantly flowing rivers, brooks, and streams (Gen. 32:23). It can also refer to a dry ravine, riverbed, or desert wadi that is suddenly turned into a torrent during rainy season. Depending on the scriptural context, the flow of water may symbolically signal danger or judgment (Ps. 124:4). It also may indicate the arrival of overwhelming glory (Is. 66:12) and life-giving refreshment as in Amos's familiar prophecy of righteousness flowing "as a mighty stream" (Amos 5:24).

35:8 err ▸ *see Amos 2:4.*
35:10 sighing ▸ *see Jer. 45:3.*
35:10 flee ▸ *see Num. 35:6.*
36:1 Sennacherib ▸ *see 2 Chr. 32:1.*
36:6 Egypt ▸ *see Ex. 1:1.*

deceive you: for he shall not be able to deliver you.
15 Neither let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD, saying, The LORD will surely deliver us: this city shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria.
16 Hearken not to Hezekiah: for thus saith the king of Assyria, Make *an agreement* with me *by* a present, and come out to me: and eat ye every one of his vine, and every one of his fig tree, and drink ye every one the waters of his own cistern;
17 Until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of corn and wine, a land of bread and vineyards.

Rabshakeh's Blasphemy

18 *Beware* lest Hezekiah persuade you, saying, The LORD will deliver us. Hath any of the gods of the nations delivered his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria?
19 Where *are* the gods of Hamath and Arphad? where *are* the gods of Sepharvaim? and have they delivered Samaria out of my hand?
20 Who *are they* among all the gods of these lands, that have delivered their land out of my hand, that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand?
21 But they held their peace, and answered him not a word: for the king's commandment was, saying, Answer him not.
22 Then came Eliakim, the son of Hilkiah, that *was* over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah, the son of Asaph, the recorder, to Hezekiah with *their* clothes rent, and told him the words of Rab-shakeh.

Hezekiah Appeals to Isaiah

37 And it came to pass, when king Hezekiah heard *it,* that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD.
2 And he sent Eliakim, who *was* over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests covered with sackcloth, unto Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz.
3 And they said unto him, Thus saith Hezekiah, This day *is* a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of blasphemy: for the children are come to the birth, and *there is* not strength to bring forth.
4 It may be the LORD thy God will hear the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to reproach the living God, and will reprove the words which the LORD thy God hath heard: wherefore lift up *thy* prayer for the remnant that is left.
5 So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah.

Fear Not Rabshakeh's Words

6 And Isaiah said unto them, Thus shall ye say unto your master, Thus saith the LORD, Be not afraid of the words that thou hast heard, wherewith the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me.
7 Behold, I will send a blast upon him, and he shall hear a rumour, and return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.
8 So Rabshakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah: for he had heard that he was departed from Lachish.

Hezekiah Urged to Surrender

9 And he heard say concerning Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, He is come forth to make war with thee. And when he heard *it,* he sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying,
10 Thus shall ye speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, Let not thy God, in whom thou trustest, deceive thee, saying, Jerusalem shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.
11 Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands by destroying them utterly; and shalt thou be delivered?
12 Have the gods of the nations delivered

36:14 deceive

(Heb. *natsal*) (Gen. 3:13; Jer. 4:10; Obad. 3) H5377: This is an Old Testament verb that refers to the action of lying to or cheating another. Biblically, our own prideful assumptions can mislead us in this way (Obad. 3). Satan can beguile as when the crafty serpent led Eve astray (Gen. 3:13). The invading Assyrians accused Hezekiah of deliberately misleading his people by encouraging them to trust God for an "impossible" deliverance (2 Kin. 18:29). In a moment of doubt and despair, the prophet Jeremiah even accused God of deceiving His people (Jer. 4:10).

36:15 deliver ▸ *see Josh. 10:19.*
37:7 rumour ▸ *see Jer. 51:46.*
37:9 messenger ▸ *see Zech. 4:1.*

them which my fathers have destroyed, *as* Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the children of Eden which *were* in Telassar?
13 Where *is* the king of Hamath, and the king of Arphad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah?

A Prayer to the Lord

14 And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went up unto the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD.
15 And Hezekiah prayed unto the LORD, saying,
16 O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, that dwellest *between* the cherubims, thou *art* the God, *even* thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth: thou hast made heaven and earth.
17 Incline thine ear, O LORD, and hear; open thine eyes, O LORD, and see: and hear all the words of Sennacherib, which hath sent to reproach the living God.
18 Of a truth, LORD, the kings of Assyria have laid waste all the nations, and their countries,
19 And have cast their gods into the fire: for they *were* no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone: therefore they have destroyed them.
20 Now therefore, O LORD our God, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou *art* the LORD, *even* thou only.

The Lord Answers

21 Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent unto Hezekiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Whereas thou hast prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria:
22 This *is* the word which the LORD hath spoken concerning him; The virgin, the daughter of Zion, hath despised thee, *and* laughed thee to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem hath shaken her head at thee.
23 Whom hast thou reproached and blasphemed? and against whom hast thou exalted *thy* voice, and lifted up thine eyes on high? *even* against the Holy One of Israel.
24 By thy servants hast thou reproached the Lord, and hast said, By the multitude of my chariots am I come up to the height of the mountains, to the sides of Lebanon; and I will cut down the tall cedars thereof, *and* the choice fir trees thereof: and I will enter into the height of his border, *and* the forest of his Carmel.
25 I have digged, and drunk water; and with the sole of my feet have I dried up all the rivers of the besieged places.
26 Hast thou not heard long ago, *how* I have done it; *and* of ancient times, that I have formed it? now have I brought it to pass, that thou shouldest be to lay waste defenced cities *into* ruinous heaps.
27 Therefore their inhabitants *were* of small power, they were dismayed and confounded: they were *as* the grass of the field, and *as* the green herb, *as* the grass on the housetops, and *as corn* blasted before it be grown up.
28 But I know thy abode, and thy going out, and thy coming in, and thy rage against me.
29 Because thy rage against me, and thy tumult, is come up into mine ears, therefore will I put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest.

A Remnant Will Bear Fruit

30 And this *shall be* a sign unto thee, Ye shall eat *this* year such as groweth of itself; and the second year that which springeth of the same: and in the third year sow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruit thereof.
31 And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward:

37:22 laugh to scorn ▸ *see Ps. 80:6.*

37:22 shake

(Heb. *nua*') (Job 16:4; Is. 7:2; Amos 9:9) H5128: The Hebrew word translated *shake* has a wide range of meanings. It refers to a repetitive back-and-forth movement and is used to describe everything from the small quivering, trembling motion of praying lips (1 Sam. 1:13), to the reeling, tottering, to-and-fro stagger of a blind man (Lam. 4:14), to a violent, literal shaking effected by a natural catastrophe or supernatural judgment (Is. 24:20). Here it has the idea of a prideful wagging of the head (Lam. 2:15).

37:23 reproach ▸ *see 1 Sam. 17:10.*

32 For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and they that escape out of mount Zion: the zeal of the LORD of hosts shall do this.

The King Will Not Enter the City

33 Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shields, nor cast a bank against it.
34 By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city, saith the LORD.
35 For I will defend this city to save it for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

The Assyrian Camp Is Smitten

36 Then the angel of the LORD went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred and fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they *were* all dead corpses.
37 So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh.
38 And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons smote him with the sword; and they escaped into the land of Armenia: and Esar-haddon his son reigned in his stead.

Hezekiah's Life Is Extended

38 In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came unto him, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Set thine house in order: for thou shalt die, and not live.
2 Then Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed unto the LORD,
3 And said, Remember now, O LORD, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done *that which is* good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore.
4 Then came the word of the LORD to Isaiah, saying,
5 Go, and say to Hezekiah, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will add unto thy days fifteen years.
6 And I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria: and I will defend this city.

The Sign of the Shadow of the Degrees

7 And this *shall be* a sign unto thee from the LORD, that the LORD will do this thing that he hath spoken;
8 Behold, I will bring again the shadow of the degrees, which is gone down in the sun dial of Ahaz, ten degrees backward. So the sun returned ten degrees, by which degrees it was gone down.

Hezekiah's Cutting Off of Days

9 The writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, when he had been sick, and was recovered of his sickness:
10 I said in the cutting off of my days, I shall go to the gates of the grave: I am deprived of the residue of my years.
11 I said, I shall not see the LORD, *even* the LORD, in the land of the living: I shall behold man no more with the inhabitants of the world.
12 Mine age is departed, and is removed from me as a shepherd's tent: I have cut off

37:32 escape

(Heb. *peletah*) (Gen. 32:8; Ex. 10:5; Neh. 1:2; Obad. 17) H6413: The essential meaning of this term is to escape, to flee to safety, to survive an attack or calamity and thereby be spared; if one is helped to escape, one is said to be delivered (i.e., to experience deliverance or salvation). A common theme in the Bible is that ultimate escape is not a factor of human intelligence or strength; it is always because of God's mercy. Those who survive danger and/or judgment by God's grace are to live as a holy remnant (Is. 37:31; Ezek. 14:22; Joel 2:32).

38:9 be sick

(Heb. *chalah*) (Gen. 48:1; 2 Kin. 13:14; Ps. 35:13) H2470: This Hebrew term is used commonly in the Old Testament to refer to becoming literally, physically ill or diseased and/or to experience the accompanying symptoms and side effects of a sickness or injury (e.g., weakness—see Ezek. 34:16; wounds—see Prov. 23:35). The word is also used more broadly and figuratively. It can apply to being distressed due to sinful lust (2 Sam. 13:2), being lovesick (Song 2:5), being sorry for someone (1 Sam. 22:8), or being grieved (Is. 53:10) or not grieved (Amos 6:6).

like a weaver my life: he will cut me off with pining sickness: from day *even* to night wilt thou make an end of me.
13 I reckoned till morning, *that,* as a lion, so will he break all my bones: from day *even* to night wilt thou make an end of me.
14 Like a crane *or* a swallow, so did I chatter: I did mourn as a dove: mine eyes fail *with looking* upward: O LORD, I am oppressed; undertake for me.

A Praise for the Promise of Life

15 What shall I say? he hath both spoken unto me, and himself hath done *it:* I shall go softly all my years in the bitterness of my soul.
16 O Lord, by these *things men* live, and in all these *things is* the life of my spirit: so wilt thou recover me, and make me to live.
17 Behold, for peace I had great bitterness: but thou hast in love to my soul *delivered it* from the pit of corruption: for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.
18 For the grave cannot praise thee, death can *not* celebrate thee: they that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth.
19 The living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I *do* this day: the father to the children shall make known thy truth.
20 The LORD *was ready* to save me: therefore we will sing my songs to the stringed instruments all the days of our life in the house of the LORD.
21 For Isaiah had said, Let them take a lump of figs, and lay *it* for a plaister upon the boil, and he shall recover.
22 Hezekiah also had said, What *is* the sign that I shall go up to the house of the LORD?

Hezekiah's Foolish Sin

39 At that time Merodach-baladan, the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah: for he had heard that he had been sick, and was recovered.
2 And Hezekiah was glad of them, and shewed them the house of his precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and all the house of his armour, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah shewed them not.
3 Then came Isaiah the prophet unto king Hezekiah, and said unto him, What said these men? and from whence came they unto thee? And Hezekiah said, They are come from a far country unto me, *even* from Babylon.
4 Then said he, What have they seen in thine house? And Hezekiah answered, All that *is* in mine house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shewed them.

A Prophecy of Babylonian Captivity

5 Then said Isaiah to Hezekiah, Hear the word of the LORD of hosts:
6 Behold, the days come, that all that *is* in thine house, and *that* which thy fathers have laid up in store until this day, shall be carried to Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith the LORD.
7 And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.
8 Then said Hezekiah to Isaiah, Good *is* the word of the LORD which thou hast spoken. He said moreover, For there shall be peace and truth in my days.

Comfort My People

40 Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.
2 Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

39:6 lay up in store

(Heb. *'atsar*) (2 Kin. 20:17; Is. 23:18; Amos 3:10) H0686: This Hebrew verb means to store, accumulate, or heap up treasure. Saving and accumulating assets is often—but not always, see Genesis 41:33–36 and Nehemiah 13:13—portrayed in a negative light in Scripture. The prophet Amos condemned the rich who "store up violence and robbery in their palaces" (Amos 3:10), and Isaiah denounced Tyre for hoarding ill-gotten gain (Is. 23:18). Jesus' teaching in the New Testament warned against stockpiling treasure on earth and encouraged instead the accumulation of true, heavenly wealth (Matt. 6:20).

40:1 comfort ▸ *see Ps. 23:4.*
40:2 Jerusalem ▸ *see 2 Sam. 5:5.*

A Voice in the Wilderness

3 The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
4 Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:
5 And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see *it* together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken *it*.

God's Word Stands Forever

6 The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh *is* grass, and all the goodliness thereof *is* as the flower of the field:
7 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people *is* grass.
8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

God's Strong Hand

9 O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift *it* up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!
10 Behold, the Lord GOD will come with strong *hand,* and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward *is* with him, and his work before him.
11 He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry *them* in his bosom, *and* shall gently lead those that are with young.

The Majesty and Power of God

12 Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?
13 Who hath directed the Spirit of the LORD, or *being* his counsellor hath taught him?
14 With whom took he counsel, and *who* instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and shewed to him the way of understanding?
15 Behold, the nations *are* as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing.
16 And Lebanon *is* not sufficient to burn, nor the beasts thereof sufficient for a burnt offering.
17 All nations before him *are* as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity.

Idols Are No Comparison to God

18 To whom then will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye compare unto him?
19 The workman melteth a graven image, and the goldsmith spreadeth it over with gold, and casteth silver chains.
20 He that *is* so impoverished that he hath no oblation chooseth a tree *that* will not rot; he seeketh unto him a cunning workman to prepare a graven image, *that* shall not be moved.
21 Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth?
22 *It is* he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof *are* as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in:
23 That bringeth the princes to nothing; he maketh the judges of the earth as vanity.
24 Yea, they shall not be planted; yea, they shall not be sown: yea, their stock shall not take root in the earth: and he shall also blow upon them, and they shall wither, and the whirlwind shall take them away as stubble.

40:3 prepare

(Heb. *panah*) (Gen. 24:31; Is. 57:14; Hag. 1:9) H6437: This common Hebrew verb conveys the basic meaning of "turn." However, it has a wide range of nuances. It can mean, as here, to clear the way (Ps. 80:9). It can also mean to get rid of (Zeph. 3:15). Given that it is used to refer to turning in a precise direction (Ex. 16:10; Deut. 2:3), expecting (Hag. 1:9), paying attention to (Job 6:28), and concerning oneself (2 Sam. 9:8), clearly this verb is meant to convey deliberate intentionality, focus, and vigilance.

40:3 straight ▸ *see Prov. 3:6.*
40:9 Judah ▸ *see 1 Chr. 9:3.*
40:12 weigh ▸ *see Jer. 32:9.*
40:16 sufficient ▸ *see Mal. 3:10.*
40:18 liken ▸ *see Is. 40:25.*

The Greatness of God's Might

25 To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I
be equal? saith the Holy One.
26 Lift up your eyes on high, and behold
who hath created these *things,* that bringeth
out their host by number: he calleth them all
by names by the greatness of his might, for
that *he is* strong in power; not one faileth.
27 Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest,
O Israel, My way is hid from the LORD, and
my judgment is passed over from my God?
28 Hast thou not known? hast thou not
heard, *that* the everlasting God, the LORD,
the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth
not, neither is weary? *there is* no searching of
his understanding.
29 He giveth power to the faint; and to *them*
that have no might he increaseth strength.
30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary,
and the young men shall utterly fall:
31 But they that wait upon the LORD shall
renew *their* strength; they shall mount up
with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not
be weary; *and* they shall walk, and not faint.

Let People Renew Their Strength

41 Keep silence before me, O islands; and
let the people renew *their* strength: let
them come near; then let them speak: let us
come near together to judgment.
2 Who raised up the righteous *man* from
the east, called him to his foot, gave the
nations before him, and made *him* rule over
kings? he gave *them* as the dust to his sword,
and as driven stubble to his bow.
3 He pursued them, *and* passed safely;
even by the way *that* he had not gone with
his feet.
4 Who hath wrought and done *it,* calling
the generations from the beginning? I the
LORD, the first, and with the last; I *am* he.
5 The isles saw *it,* and feared; the ends of
the earth were afraid, drew near, and came.
6 They helped every one his neighbour; and
every one said to his brother, Be of good cour-
age.
7 So the carpenter encouraged the gold-
smith, *and* he that smootheth *with* the
hammer him that smote the anvil, saying, It
is ready for the sodering: and he fastened it
with nails, *that* it should not be moved.

Israel Is Chosen by God

8 But thou, Israel, *art* my servant, Jacob
whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham
my friend.
9 *Thou* whom I have taken from the ends
of the earth, and called thee from the chief
men thereof, and said unto thee, Thou *art* my
servant; I have chosen thee, and not cast thee
away.
10 Fear thou not; for I *am* with thee: be not
dismayed; for I *am* thy God: I will strengthen
thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold
thee with the right hand of my righteousness.
11 Behold, all they that were incensed against
thee shall be ashamed and confounded: they
shall be as nothing; and they that strive with
thee shall perish.
12 Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find
them, *even* them that contended with thee:
they that war against thee shall be as noth-
ing, and as a thing of nought.
13 For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right

40:25 liken

(Heb. *damah*) (Ps. 89:6; Is. 40:18; 46:5) H1819: The idea behind this word is to compare, to resemble, or to put on a par with. In this context, the Holy One is speaking to and through Isaiah the prophet of His own incomparable nature. God is making the point that He is unique, unrivaled, unequaled in all the universe. He is the one true God (Is. 45:5). Satan proudly tried to put himself on a par with God (Is. 14:14). We are encouraged to humbly pray with King David, "There is none like thee" (1 Chr. 17:20).

40:28 weary ▸ *see Ps. 6:6.*
40:28 no searching ▸ *see Prov. 25:3.*
40:30 young man ▸ *see 2 Chr. 36:17.*
40:31 eagle ▸ *see Ezek. 17:3.*
41:9 chief men ▸ *see Ex. 24:11.*
41:10 strengthen ▸ *see Ps. 27:14.*

41:10 uphold

(Heb. *tamak*) (Gen. 48:17; Ex. 17:12; Is. 42:1) H8551: *Tamak* conveys the idea of grasping securely or supporting firmly. This can be literal as in Genesis 48:18 where Joseph grabbed his father's hand and tried to get him to bless his older son. More often it is figurative. The Old Testament poetical books encourage the wise to attain (or cling strongly) to certain values or truths: to God's paths (Ps. 17:5), to humility (Prov. 29:23), and to honor (Prov. 11:16). All of Scripture resounds with the promise that God upholds; that is, He supports, sustains, and undergirds His people (Ps. 63:8).

hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.
14 Fear not, thou worm Jacob, *and* ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith the LORD, and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.
15 Behold, I will make thee a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth: thou shalt thresh the mountains, and beat *them* small, and shalt make the hills as chaff.
16 Thou shalt fan them, and the wind shall carry them away, and the whirlwind shall scatter them: and thou shalt rejoice in the LORD, *and* shalt glory in the Holy One of Israel.
17 *When* the poor and needy seek water, and *there is* none, *and* their tongue faileth for thirst, I the LORD will hear them, *I* the God of Israel will not forsake them.
18 I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water.
19 I will plant in the wilderness the cedar, the shittah tree, and the myrtle, and the oil tree; I will set in the desert the fir tree, *and* the pine, and the box tree together:
20 That they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of the LORD hath done this, and the Holy One of Israel hath created it.

God Challenges the Heathen Gods

21 Produce your cause, saith the LORD; bring forth your strong *reasons,* saith the King of Jacob.
22 Let them bring *them* forth, and shew us what shall happen: let them shew the former things, what they *be,* that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; or declare us things for to come.
23 Shew the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that ye *are* gods: yea, do good, or do evil, that we may be dismayed, and behold *it* together.
24 Behold, ye *are* of nothing, and your work of nought: an abomination *is he that* chooseth you.
25 I have raised up *one* from the north, and he shall come: from the rising of the sun shall he call upon my name: and he shall come upon princes as *upon* morter, and as the potter treadeth clay.
26 Who hath declared from the beginning, that we may know? and beforetime, that we may say, *He is* righteous? yea, *there is* none that sheweth, yea, *there is* none that declareth, yea, *there is* none that heareth your words.
27 The first *shall say* to Zion, Behold, behold them: and I will give to Jerusalem one that bringeth good tidings.
28 For I beheld, and *there was* no man; even among them, and *there was* no counsellor, that, when I asked of them, could answer a word.
29 Behold, they *are* all vanity; their works *are* nothing: their molten images *are* wind and confusion.

God Delights in His Elect

42 Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, *in whom* my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.
2 He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street.
3 A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth.
4 He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law.

41:19 shittah ▸ *see Ex. 37:10.*
41:25 tread ▸ *see Nah. 3:14.*

42:1 servant

(Heb. *`ebed*) (2 Sam. 10:19; Is. 20:3; Jer. 7:25) H5650: This word is derived from a verb meaning to serve, to work, or to enslave. While *`ebed* can mean slave (Gen. 43:18), slavery in Israel was different than in most places in the ancient Middle East. Slavery was regulated by the Law of Moses, which prohibited indefinite slavery and required that slaves be freed on the Sabbath (seventh) year (Ex. 21:2)—and the Year of Jubilee—the fiftieth year (Lev. 25:25–28). Sometimes the Hebrew word can refer to the subjects of a king (2 Sam. 10:19). But usually the word is best translated *servant*. God referred to His prophets as "my servants" (Jer. 7:25) and spoke of the coming Messiah as His Servant, the One who would perfectly obey His will (Is. 42:1–4; 49:1–6; 50:4–9; 52:13—53:12).

42:1 uphold ▸ *see Is. 41:10.*
42:1 elect ▸ *see Ps. 106:5.*

God Calls Israel in Righteousness

5 Thus saith God the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein:
6 I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles;
7 To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, *and* them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.
8 I *am* the LORD: that *is* my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.
9 Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.

Sing Praise and Glory to the Lord

10 Sing unto the LORD a new song, *and* his praise from the end of the earth, ye that go down to the sea, and all that is therein; the isles, and the inhabitants thereof.
11 Let the wilderness and the cities thereof lift up *their voice,* the villages *that* Kedar doth inhabit: let the inhabitants of the rock sing, let them shout from the top of the mountains.
12 Let them give glory unto the LORD, and declare his praise in the islands.

The Judgment of God

13 The LORD shall go forth as a mighty man, he shall stir up jealousy like a man of war: he shall cry, yea, roar; he shall prevail against his enemies.
14 I have long time holden my peace; I have been still, *and* refrained myself: *now* will I cry like a travailing woman; I will destroy and devour at once.
15 I will make waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their herbs; and I will make the rivers islands, and I will dry up the pools.
16 And I will bring the blind by a way *that* they knew not; I will lead them in paths *that* they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them.
17 They shall be turned back, they shall be greatly ashamed, that trust in graven images, that say to the molten images, Ye *are* our gods.
18 Hear, ye deaf; and look, ye blind, that ye may see.
19 Who *is* blind, but my servant? or deaf, as my messenger *that* I sent? who *is* blind as *he that is* perfect, and blind as the LORD's servant?
20 Seeing many things, but thou observest not; opening the ears, but he heareth not.
21 The LORD is well pleased for his righteousness' sake; he will magnify the law, and make *it* honourable.
22 But this *is* a people robbed and spoiled; *they are* all of them snared in holes, and they are hid in prison houses: they are for a prey, and none delivereth; for a spoil, and none saith, Restore.
23 Who among you will give ear to this? *who* will hearken and hear for the time to come?
24 Who gave Jacob for a spoil, and Israel to the robbers? did not the LORD, he against whom we have sinned? for they would not walk in his ways, neither were they obedient unto his law.
25 Therefore he hath poured upon him the fury of his anger, and the strength of battle: and it hath set him on fire round about, yet he knew not; and it burned him, yet he laid *it* not to heart.

42:5 breath ▸ *see Ps. 150:6.*
42:10 song ▸ *see Ps. 69:30.*
42:10 end ▸ *see 2 Kin. 7:5.*
42:13 prevail ▸ *see Ex. 17:11.*
42:17 graven image ▸ *see Hab. 2:18.*

42:19 blind

(Heb. *`ivver*) (Lev. 19:14; Deut. 27:18; Job 29:15) H5787: Although there are stipulations that the priests serving in the tabernacle could not be blind (Lev. 21:18), the blind as a whole are to be treated with respect and kindness (Lev. 19:14). In fact, "cursed be he that maketh the blind to wander out of the way" (Deut. 27:18), and Job is understandably proud of the way he had helped the blind (Job 29:15). Although the word is used to describe those who cannot see, it can also represent spiritual blindness or foolishness. So, the curse for disobedience was compared to a blind man groping around in the darkness (Deut. 28:29).

42:25 set on fire ▸ *see Ps. 57:4.*

Redeemed by the Lord

43 But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called *thee* by thy name; thou *art* mine.
2 When thou passest through the waters, I *will be* with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.
3 For I *am* the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt *for* thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee.
4 Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee: therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy life.
5 Fear not: for I *am* with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west;
6 I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth;
7 *Even* every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

I Am the Lord

8 Bring forth the blind people that have eyes, and the deaf that have ears.
9 Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled: who among them can declare this, and shew us former things? let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justified: or let them hear, and say, *It is* truth.
10 Ye *are* my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I *am* he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.
11 I, *even* I, *am* the LORD; and beside me *there is* no saviour.
12 I have declared, and have saved, and I have shewed, when *there was* no strange *god* among you: therefore ye *are* my witnesses, saith the LORD, that I *am* God.
13 Yea, before the day *was* I *am* he; and *there is* none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who shall let it?

A Way in the Wilderness

14 Thus saith the LORD, your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; For your sake I have sent to Babylon, and have brought down all their nobles, and the Chaldeans, whose cry *is* in the ships.
15 I *am* the LORD, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, your King.
16 Thus saith the LORD, which maketh a way in the sea, and a path in the mighty waters;
17 Which bringeth forth the chariot and horse, the army and the power; they shall lie down together, they shall not rise: they are extinct, they are quenched as tow.
18 Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old.
19 Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, *and* rivers in the desert.
20 The beast of the field shall honour me, the dragons and the owls: because I give waters in the wilderness, *and* rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen.
21 This people have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise.

Failure to Worship the Lord

22 But thou hast not called upon me, O Jacob; but thou hast been weary of me, O Israel.
23 Thou hast not brought me the small cattle

43:2 waters

(Heb. *mayim*) (Gen. 6:17; Num. 20:17; Amos 5:8) H4325: This broad term can refer to many kinds of liquids, not just the kind of water that we drink. Rain is described as "the clouds . . . dropped water" (Judg. 5:4), like what fell on the earth at the time of Noah (Gen. 6:17). Amos describes how the "waters of the sea" become the clouds that in turn pour out water on the earth (Amos 5:8). While traveling to the Promised Land, Moses promised not to drink water from the wells belonging to the Edomites (Num. 20:17). Job speaks of melted snow that becomes water (Job 24:19). Jeremiah describes suffering as "water of gall" that people are forced to drink (Jer. 23:15), and in the psalms water is often associated with a fear of drowning (Ps. 69:2). Finally, Amos uses the rich metaphor of water to describe God's justice, which will "run down as waters" (Amos 5:24).

43:10 after ▸ *see 1 Sam. 13:7.*

of thy burnt offerings; neither hast thou honoured me with thy sacrifices. I have not caused thee to serve with an offering, nor wearied thee with incense.
24 Thou hast bought me no sweet cane with money, neither hast thou filled me with the fat of thy sacrifices: but thou hast made me to serve with thy sins, thou hast wearied me with thine iniquities.
25 I, *even* I, *am* he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.
26 Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified.
27 Thy first father hath sinned, and thy teachers have transgressed against me.
28 Therefore I have profaned the princes of the sanctuary, and have given Jacob to the curse, and Israel to reproaches.

No Other God

44 Yet now hear, O Jacob my servant; and Israel, whom I have chosen:
2 Thus saith the LORD that made thee, and formed thee from the womb, *which* will help thee; Fear not, O Jacob, my servant; and thou, Jesurun, whom I have chosen.
3 For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring:
4 And they shall spring up *as* among the grass, as willows by the water courses.
5 One shall say, I *am* the LORD's; and another shall call *himself* by the name of Jacob; and another shall subscribe *with* his hand unto the LORD, and surname *himself* by the name of Israel.
6 Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I *am* the first, and I *am* the last; and beside me *there is* no God.
7 And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for me, since I appointed the ancient people? and the things that are coming, and shall come, let them shew unto them.
8 Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared *it?* ye *are* even my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? yea, *there is* no God; I know not *any.*

The Foolishness of Worshipping Idols

9 They that make a graven image *are* all of them vanity; and their delectable things shall not profit; and they *are* their own witnesses; they see not, nor know; that they may be ashamed.
10 Who hath formed a god, or molten a graven image *that* is profitable for nothing?
11 Behold, all his fellows shall be ashamed: and the workmen, they *are* of men: let them all be gathered together, let them stand up; *yet* they shall fear, *and* they shall be ashamed together.
12 The smith with the tongs both worketh in the coals, and fashioneth it with hammers, and worketh it with the strength of his arms: yea, he is hungry, and his strength faileth: he drinketh no water, and is faint.

Idols of Wood

13 The carpenter stretcheth out *his* rule; he marketh it out with a line; he fitteth it with planes, and he marketh it out with the compass, and maketh it after the figure of a man, according to the beauty of a man; that it may remain in the house.
14 He heweth him down cedars, and taketh the cypress and the oak, which he strengtheneth for himself among the trees of the forest: he planteth an ash, and the rain doth nourish *it.*
15 Then shall it be for a man to burn: for he will take thereof, and warm himself; yea, he kindleth *it,* and baketh bread; yea, he maketh a god, and worshippeth *it;* he maketh it a graven image, and falleth down thereto.
16 He burneth part thereof in the fire; with part thereof he eateth flesh; he roasteth roast, and is satisfied: yea, he warmeth *himself,* and saith, Aha, I am warm, I have seen the fire:
17 And the residue thereof he maketh a god, *even* his graven image: he falleth down unto it, and worshippeth *it,* and prayeth unto it, and saith, Deliver me; for thou *art* my god.

A Deceived Heart

18 They have not known nor understood: for he hath shut their eyes, that they cannot see; *and* their hearts, that they cannot understand.

44:18 heart ▸ *see Ps. 7:9.*

19 And none considereth in his heart, neither *is there* knowledge nor understanding to say, I have burned part of it in the fire; yea, also I have baked bread upon the coals thereof; I have roasted flesh, and eaten *it:* and shall I make the residue thereof an abomination? shall I fall down to the stock of a tree?
20 He feedeth on ashes: a deceived heart hath turned him aside, that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, *Is there* not a lie in my right hand?
21 Remember these, O Jacob and Israel; for thou *art* my servant: I have formed thee; thou *art* my servant: O Israel, thou shalt not be forgotten of me.
22 I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee.
23 Sing, O ye heavens; for the LORD hath done *it:* shout, ye lower parts of the earth: break forth into singing, ye mountains, O forest, and every tree therein: for the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and glorified himself in Israel.

The Maker of All Things

24 Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I *am* the LORD that maketh all *things;* that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself;
25 That frustrateth the tokens of the liars, and maketh diviners mad; that turneth wise *men* backward, and maketh their knowledge foolish;
26 That confirmeth the word of his servant, and performeth the counsel of his messengers; that saith to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be inhabited; and to the cities of Judah, Ye shall be built, and I will raise up the decayed places thereof:
27 That saith to the deep, Be dry, and I will dry up thy rivers:
28 That saith of Cyrus, *He is* my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid.

The Lord's Anointed

45 Thus saith the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut;
2 I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron:
3 And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the LORD, which call *thee* by thy name, *am* the God of Israel.
4 For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me.
5 I *am* the LORD, and *there is* none else, *there is* no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me:

The One and Only God

6 That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that *there is* none beside me. I *am* the LORD, and *there is* none else.
7 I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these *things.*
8 Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open, and let them bring forth

44:23 forest ▸ *see Ps. 50:10.*

44:25 diviner

(Heb. *qasam*) (Josh. 13:22; 1 Sam. 6:2; Ezek. 21:23) H7080: This term refers to people who attempt to foretell the future through occult practices. Diviners are often mentioned along with other practitioners of the occult—all of whom were forbidden in Israel (Deut. 18:10–22). False prophets, such as Balaam, practiced divination, and the penalty was death (Josh. 13:22; Jer. 27:9; 29:8; Ezek. 22:28). Diviners brought judgment not just on themselves but on their nations as well (Deut. 18:10; 2 Kin. 17:17, 18; Mic. 3:6, 7). Divining was practiced by several methods: calling up the spirits of the dead, casting arrows as lots, consulting images, looking at the organs of a dead animal, or interpreting dreams and visions (1 Sam. 28:8; Ezek. 13:23; 21:21, 29; 22:28; Mic. 3:6, 7; Zech. 10:2). Diviners charged fees for their services.

45:1 anointed ▸ *see Dan. 9:25.*
45:2 straight ▸ *see Prov. 3:6.*
45:6 none ▸ *see Ps. 98:3.*

salvation, and let righteousness spring up together; I the LORD have created it.
9 Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker! *Let* the potsherd *strive* with the potsherds of the earth. Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it, What makest thou? or thy work, He hath no hands?
10 Woe unto him that saith unto *his* father, What begettest thou? or to the woman, What hast thou brought forth?
11 Thus saith the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me.
12 I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, *even* my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded.
13 I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways: he shall build my city, and he shall let go my captives, not for price nor reward, saith the LORD of hosts.
14 Thus saith the LORD, The labour of Egypt, and merchandise of Ethiopia and of the Sabeans, men of stature, shall come over unto thee, and they shall be thine: they shall come after thee; in chains they shall come over, and they shall fall down unto thee, they shall make supplication unto thee, *saying,* Surely God *is* in thee; and *there is* none else, *there is* no God.
15 Verily thou *art* a God that hidest thyself, O God of Israel, the Saviour.
16 They shall be ashamed, and also confounded, all of them: they shall go to confusion together *that are* makers of idols.
17 *But* Israel shall be saved in the LORD with an everlasting salvation: ye shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without end.
18 For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I *am* the LORD; and *there is* none else.
19 I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth: I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me in vain: I the LORD speak righteousness, I declare things that are right.

A Just God and a Saviour

20 Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, ye *that are* escaped of the nations: they have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god *that* cannot save.
21 Tell ye, and bring *them* near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? *who* hath told it from that time? *have* not I the LORD? and *there* is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; *there is* none beside me.
22 Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I *am* God, and *there is* none else.
23 I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth *in* righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.
24 Surely, shall *one* say, in the LORD have I righteousness and strength: *even* to him shall *men* come; and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed.
25 In the LORD shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.

45:9 woe

(Heb. *hoy*) (Is. 5:8; 55:1; Jer. 23:1) H1945: This interjection was primarily used by the prophets at the opening of a section where the evil practices of a particular person or group was denounced (Jer. 23:1). It is found at the beginning of judgment oracles against foreign nations, drawing attention to a threat by God (10:5). These judgment oracles frequently occur in a series, as in Isaiah 5 (Is. 5:8, 11, 18, 20, 21). A prophet could use the word *woe* to express personal feelings of despair or lament (Is. 24:16). Yet even then, the prophet was typically expressing God's lament and condemnation of wickedness (Jer. 22:13–17). Jesus used an equivalent expression (Gr. *ouai*) when he cursed Chorazin and Bethsaida (Matt. 11:21) and later the scribes and Pharisees (Luke 11:44).

45:13 build ▸ *see Jer. 1:10.*
45:18 create ▸ *see Gen. 1:1.*

45:18 in vain

(Heb. *tohu*) (Gen. 1:2; Deut. 32:10; 1 Sam. 12:21) H8414: The same word used here to describe the fact that the earth was not created "in vain" appears in Genesis 1:2 to describe how "the earth was without form [*tohu*], and void." In Deuteronomy it is translated as "waste" (Deut. 32:10). Drawing on this imagery, Samuel urged the people not to pursue "vain things which cannot profit nor deliver, for they are vain" (1 Sam. 12:21). Isaiah speaks of the idols as "wind and confusion" (Is. 41:29), and their makers as "vanity" (Is. 44:9).

Idols and Captivity

46 Bel boweth down, Nebo stoopeth, their idols were upon the beasts, and upon the cattle: your carriages *were* heavy loaden; *they are* a burden to the weary *beast.*
2 They stoop, they bow down together; they could not deliver the burden, but themselves are gone into captivity.
3 Hearken unto me, O house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Israel, which are borne *by me* from the belly, which are carried from the womb:
4 And *even* to *your* old age I *am* he; and *even* to hoar hairs will I carry *you:* I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver *you.*

Idols Cannot Save Man

5 To whom will ye liken me, and make *me* equal, and compare me, that we may be like?
6 They lavish gold out of the bag, and weigh silver in the balance, *and* hire a goldsmith; and he maketh it a god: they fall down, yea, they worship.
7 They bear him upon the shoulder, they carry him, and set him in his place, and he standeth; from his place shall he not remove: yea, *one* shall cry unto him, yet can he not answer, nor save him out of his trouble.
8 Remember this, and shew yourselves men: bring *it* again to mind, O ye transgressors.

God's Spoken and Purposed Will

9 Remember the former things of old: for I *am* God, and *there is* none else; *I am* God, and *there is* none like me,
10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times *the things* that are not *yet* done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:
11 Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth my counsel from a far country: yea, I have spoken *it,* I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed *it,* I will also do it.
12 Hearken unto me, ye stouthearted, that *are* far from righteousness:
13 I bring near my righteousness; it shall not be far off, and my salvation shall not tarry: and I will place salvation in Zion for Israel my glory.

The Nakedness of Babylon

47 Come down, and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon, sit on the ground: *there is* no throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called tender and delicate.
2 Take the millstones, and grind meal: uncover thy locks, make bare the leg, uncover the thigh, pass over the rivers.
3 Thy nakedness shall be uncovered, yea, thy shame shall be seen: I will take vengeance, and I will not meet *thee as* a man.
4 *As for* our redeemer, the LORD of hosts *is* his name, the Holy One of Israel.
5 Sit thou silent, and get thee into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called, The lady of kingdoms.

46:5 liken ▸ *see Is. 40:25.*

46:9 former things

(Heb. *ri'shon*) (Gen. 25:25; Ex. 34:1; Lev. 26:45) H7223: The Hebrew word *ri'shon* can describe something that was first or something that happened in the past. So Esau is born "first" and then Jacob (Gen. 25:25). When the Lord gave Moses instructions for the Passover, He established "the first month of the year" in the process (Ex. 12:2). After the incident with the golden calf, "the LORD said unto Moses, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first: and I will write upon these tables the words that were in the first tables which thou brakest'" (Ex. 34:1). The word can also be translated as "ancestor" (Lev. 26:45), or describe something that happened in the past, such as the fact that the city of Dan "was Laish at the first" (Judg. 18:29).

47:5 silent

(Heb. *dumam*) (Lam. 3:26; Hab. 2:19) H1748: This word appears three times in the Old Testament, and only in the prophetic books. Here in Isaiah it describes the kind of humbling that comes at the hand of the Lord as punishment for rebellion. It is silence imposed by the fearsome power and authority of God—a time of mourning and grief over sin. *Dumam* is used in a slightly different way by Jeremiah, who says, "It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD" (Lam. 3:26). Habakkuk uses the word in mockery, making fun of idol worshipers who say to "the dumb stone, Arise, it shall teach!" (Hab. 2:19).

47:5 Chaldean ▸ *see Jer. 41:18.*

6 I was wroth with my people, I have polluted mine inheritance, and given them into thine hand: thou didst shew them no mercy; upon the ancient hast thou very heavily laid thy yoke.

Babylon Trusted in Her Own Wisdom

7 And thou saidst, I shall be a lady for ever: *so* that thou didst not lay these *things* to thy heart, neither didst remember the latter end of it.
8 Therefore hear now this, *thou that art* given to pleasures, that dwellest carelessly, that sayest in thine heart, I *am,* and none else beside me; I shall not sit *as* a widow, neither shall I know the loss of children:
9 But these two *things* shall come to thee in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood: they shall come upon thee in their perfection for the multitude of thy sorceries, *and* for the great abundance of thine enchantments.
10 For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness: thou hast said, None seeth me. Thy wisdom and thy knowledge, it hath perverted thee; and thou hast said in thine heart, I *am,* and none else beside me.
11 Therefore shall evil come upon thee; thou shalt not know from whence it riseth: and mischief shall fall upon thee; thou shalt not be able to put it off: and desolation shall come upon thee suddenly, *which* thou shalt not know.

Enchantments Cannot Save Babylon

12 Stand now with thine enchantments, and with the multitude of thy sorceries, wherein thou hast laboured from thy youth; if so be thou shalt be able to profit, if so be thou mayest prevail.
13 Thou art wearied in the multitude of thy counsels. Let now the astrologers, the star-gazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up, and save thee from *these things* that shall come upon thee.
14 Behold, they shall be as stubble; the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame: *there shall* not *be* a coal to warm at, *nor* fire to sit before it.
15 Thus shall they be unto thee with whom thou hast laboured, *even* thy merchants, from thy youth: they shall wander every one to his quarter; none shall save thee.

Israel's Obstinate Nature

48 Hear ye this, O house of Jacob, which are called by the name of Israel, and are come forth out of the waters of Judah, which swear by the name of the LORD, and make mention of the God of Israel, *but* not in truth, nor in righteousness.
2 For they call themselves of the holy city, and stay themselves upon the God of Israel; The LORD of hosts *is* his name.
3 I have declared the former things from the beginning; and they went forth out of my mouth, and I shewed them; I did *them* suddenly, and they came to pass.
4 Because I knew that thou *art* obstinate, and thy neck *is* an iron sinew, and thy brow brass;
5 I have even from the beginning declared *it* to thee; before it came to pass I shewed *it* thee: lest thou shouldest say, Mine idol hath done them, and my graven image, and my molten image, hath commanded them.
6 Thou hast heard, see all this; and will not ye declare *it?* I have shewed thee new things from this time, even hidden things, and thou didst not know them.
7 They are created now, and not from the beginning; even before the day when thou heardest them not; lest thou shouldest say, Behold, I knew them.
8 Yea, thou heardest not; yea, thou knewest not; yea, from that time *that* thine ear was not opened: for I knew that thou wouldest deal very treacherously, and wast called a transgressor from the womb.

God's Deferred Anger

9 For my name's sake will I defer mine anger, and for my praise will I refrain for thee, that I cut thee not off.
10 Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction.
11 For mine own sake, *even* for mine own sake, will I do *it:* for how should *my name* be

47:7 latter end ▸ *see Dan. 11:4.*
47:9 sorceries ▸ *see 2 Kin. 9:22.*
47:11 desolation ▸ *see Ps. 35:8.*
48:4 sinew ▸ *see Ezek. 37:6.*
48:10 refine ▸ *see Zech. 13:9.*

polluted? and I will not give my glory unto another.

God's Love for Israel

12 Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I *am* he; I *am* the first, I also *am* the last.
13 Mine hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand hath spanned the heavens: *when* I call unto them, they stand up together.
14 All ye, assemble yourselves, and hear; which among them hath declared these *things?* The LORD hath loved him: he will do his pleasure on Babylon, and his arm *shall be on* the Chaldeans.
15 I, *even* I, have spoken; yea, I have called him: I have brought him, and he shall make his way prosperous.

The Redemption of Israel

16 Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there *am* I: and now the Lord GOD, and his Spirit, hath sent me.
17 Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I *am* the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way *that* thou shouldest go.
18 O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea:
19 Thy seed also had been as the sand, and the offspring of thy bowels like the gravel thereof; his name should not have been cut off nor destroyed from before me.
20 Go ye forth of Babylon, flee ye from the Chaldeans, with a voice of singing declare ye, tell this, utter it *even* to the end of the earth; say ye, The LORD hath redeemed his servant Jacob.
21 And they thirsted not *when* he led them through the deserts: he caused the waters to flow out of the rock for them: he clave the rock also, and the waters gushed out.
22 *There is* no peace, saith the LORD, unto the wicked.

The Shadow of God's Hand

49 Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye people, from far; The LORD hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name.
2 And he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand hath he hid me, and made me a polished shaft; in his quiver hath he hid me;
3 And said unto me, Thou *art* my servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified.
4 Then I said, I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nought, and in vain: *yet* surely my judgment *is* with the LORD, and my work with my God.
5 And now, saith the LORD that formed me from the womb *to be* his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, Though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, and my God shall be my strength.
6 And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.

48:16 secret ▸ *see Jer. 38:16.*

48:17 teach

(Heb. *lamad*) (Deut. 5:1; Ps. 25:9; Prov. 5:13) H3925: Teaching was a vitally important component of the Jewish faith. Moses commanded the people to listen to the laws and commandments he taught them, "that ye may live" (Deut. 4:1). The people were to "learn [*lamad*] them" (Deut. 5:1) and in turn "teach [*lamad*] them" to their children (Deut. 11:19). Indeed, the king was supposed to write down his own copy of the law, so that "he may learn to fear the LORD" (Deut. 17:19). David prayed to the Lord, "Teach me thy paths" (Ps. 25:4), meaning that he didn't just want to learn facts, but to be transformed by God's direction in his life, a gift promised to the humble (Ps. 25:9).

48:18 wave ▸ *see Ps. 107:25.*
49:4 in vain ▸ *see Eccl. 2:1.*
49:5 strength ▸ *see Jer. 16:19.*

49:6 salvation

(Heb. *yeshu`ah*) (Ex. 15:2; Job 30:15; Ps. 67:2) H3444: This word describes deliverance from distress and the resultant victory and well-being. The term occurs most often in Psalms and Isaiah where it is frequently used along with the word *righteousness*, indicating a connection between God's righteousness and His saving acts (Ps. 98:2;

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A Day of Salvation

7 Thus saith the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel, *and* his Holy One, to him whom man despiseth, to him whom the nation abhorreth, to a servant of rulers, Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship, because of the LORD that is faithful, *and* the Holy One of Israel, and he shall choose thee.
8 Thus saith the LORD, In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee: and I will preserve thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, to establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages;
9 That thou mayest say to the prisoners, Go forth; to them that *are* in darkness, Shew yourselves. They shall feed in the ways, and their pastures *shall be* in all high places.
10 They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun smite them: for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them.
11 And I will make all my mountains a way, and my highways shall be exalted.
12 Behold, these shall come from far: and, lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim.

Sing of God's Comfort and Mercy

13 Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the LORD hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted.
14 But Zion said, The LORD hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me.
15 Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee.
16 Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of *my* hands; thy walls *are* continually before me.
17 Thy children shall make haste; thy destroyers and they that made thee waste shall go forth of thee.
18 Lift up thine eyes round about, and behold: all these gather themselves together, *and* come to thee. *As* I live, saith the LORD, thou shalt surely clothe thee with them all, as with an ornament, and bind them *on thee,* as a bride *doeth.*
19 For thy waste and thy desolate places, and the land of thy destruction, shall even now be too narrow by reason of the inhabitants, and they that swallowed thee up shall be far away.
20 The children which thou shalt have, after thou hast lost the other, shall say again in thine ears, The place *is* too strait for me: give place to me that I may dwell.
21 Then shalt thou say in thine heart, Who hath begotten me these, seeing I have lost my children, and am desolate, a captive, and removing to and fro? and who hath brought up these? Behold, I was left alone; these, where *had* they *been?*
22 Thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up my standard to the people: and they shall bring thy sons in *their* arms, and thy daughters shall be carried upon *their* shoulders.
23 And kings shall be thy nursing fathers, and their queens thy nursing mothers: they shall bow down to thee with *their* face toward the earth, and lick up the dust of thy feet; and thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD: for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me.

The Mighty One of Jacob

24 Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the lawful captive delivered?
25 But thus saith the LORD, Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered: for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children.
26 And I will feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet

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Is. 45:8; 51:6, 8; 56:1; 62:1). This word can be used for a military victory (1 Sam. 14:45), but it is normally used of God's deliverance (Ex. 15:2; Ps. 13:5, 6). The expressions "the salvation of the LORD" and "the salvation of our God" speak of God's work on behalf of His people. The expression "the God of my salvation" is more private in nature, referring to the deliverance of an individual (Ex. 14:13; 2 Chr. 20:17; Ps. 88:1; 98:3; Is. 12:2; 52:10).

49:6 end ▸ *see 2 Kin. 7:5.*
49:7 abhor ▸ *see Ps. 5:6.*
49:7 prince ▸ *see 2 Kin. 24:12.*
49:9 pasture ▸ *see Hos. 13:6.*
49:17 make haste ▸ *see Nah. 2:5.*
49:25 terrible ▸ *see Ezek. 31:12.*
49:26 oppress ▸ *see Ps. 74:8.*

wine: and all flesh shall know that I the LORD *am* thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.

God's Hand Is Not Shortened

50 Thus saith the LORD, Where *is* the bill of your mother's divorcement, whom I have put away? or which of my creditors *is it* to whom I have sold you? Behold, for your iniquities have ye sold yourselves, and for your transgressions is your mother put away.
2 Wherefore, when I came, *was there* no man? when I called, *was there* none to answer? Is my hand shortened at all, that it cannot redeem? or have I no power to deliver? behold, at my rebuke I dry up the sea, I make the rivers a wilderness: their fish stinketh, because *there is* no water, and dieth for thirst.
3 I clothe the heavens with blackness, and I make sackcloth their covering.
4 The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to *him that is* weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned.
5 The Lord GOD hath opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away back.
6 I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting.
7 For the Lord GOD will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed.
8 *He is* near that justifieth me; who will contend with me? let us stand together: who *is* mine adversary? let him come near to me.
9 Behold, the Lord GOD will help me; who *is* he *that* shall condemn me? lo, they all shall wax old as a garment; the moth shall eat them up.

Trust in the Name of the Lord

10 Who *is* among you that feareth the LORD, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh *in* darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the LORD, and stay upon his God.
11 Behold, all ye that kindle a fire, that compass *yourselves* about with sparks: walk in the light of your fire, and in the sparks *that* ye have kindled. This shall ye have of mine hand; ye shall lie down in sorrow.

The Hewn Rock

51 Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the LORD: look unto the rock *whence* ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit *whence* ye are digged.
2 Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah *that* bare you: for I called him alone, and blessed him, and increased him.
3 For the LORD shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.

50:2 redeem ▸ *see Ps. 111:9.*
50:2 fish ▸ *see Ps. 105:29.*

50:3 sackcloth

(Heb. *saq*) (Gen. 37:34; 1 Kin. 20:31; Jon. 3:5) H8242: Sackcloth is a rough, coarse cloth or a baglike garment made of this cloth. In the Bible, sackcloth was often used to symbolize certain actions. In the case of mourning, either over a death (Gen. 37:34; Joel 1:8) or another calamity (Esth. 4:1–4; Job 16:15), the Israelites showed their grief by wearing sackcloth and ashes. This was done also in instances of confession and grief over sin (1 Kin. 21:27). Sackcloth was often worn by prophets, perhaps to show their own brokenness in the face of their terrible message of judgment and doom (Is. 20:2; Rev. 11:3). The word for sackcloth in the Bible can also mean sack. Joseph ordered that the sacks of his brothers be filled with grain (Gen. 42:25).

50:6 shame ▸ *see Ps. 69:7.*
50:7 ashamed ▸ *see Ezek. 16:63.*
50:10 fear ▸ *see Ps. 118:4.*

51:2 Sarah

(Heb. *sarah*) (Gen. 17:15; 18:14; 23:19) H8283: This is the Hebrew word for noble lady, gentlewoman, or princess. Sarah was the name given to Abraham's wife (originally known as Sarai) by God Himself. At age 90, Sarah became the mother of Isaac and the matriarch of the Jewish nation. Flawed but faithful, she serves as a great reminder of the great truth that nothing is too hard for the LORD (Gen. 18:14).

The Nearness of God's Righteousness

4 Hearken unto me, my people; and give ear unto me, O my nation: for a law shall proceed from me, and I will make my judgment to rest for a light of the people.
5 My righteousness *is* near; my salvation is gone forth, and mine arms shall judge the people; the isles shall wait upon me, and on mine arm shall they trust.
6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner: but my salvation shall be for ever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished.
7 Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart *is* my law; fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings.
8 For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool: but my righteousness shall be for ever, and my salvation from generation to generation.

An Everlasting Joy

9 Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the LORD; awake, as in the ancient days, in the generations of old. *Art* thou not it that hath cut Rahab, *and* wounded the dragon?
10 *Art* thou not it which hath dried the sea, the waters of the great deep; that hath made the depths of the sea a way for the ransomed to pass over?
11 Therefore the redeemed of the LORD shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy *shall be* upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; *and* sorrow and mourning shall flee away.

The Lord of Hosts Is His Name

12 I, *even* I, *am* he that comforteth you: who *art* thou, that thou shouldest be afraid of a man *that* shall die, and of the son of man *which* shall be made *as* grass;
13 And forgettest the LORD thy maker, that hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth; and hast feared continually every day because of the fury of the oppressor, as if he were ready to destroy? and where *is* the fury of the oppressor?
14 The captive exile hasteneth that he may be loosed, and that he should not die in the pit, nor that his bread should fail.
15 But I *am* the LORD thy God, that divided the sea, whose waves roared: The LORD of hosts *is* his name.
16 And I have put my words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou *art* my people.

The Cup of God's Fury

17 Awake, awake, stand up, O Jerusalem, which hast drunk at the hand of the LORD the cup of his fury; thou hast drunken the dregs of the cup of trembling, *and* wrung *them* out.
18 *There is* none to guide her among all the sons *whom* she hath brought forth; neither *is there any* that taketh her by the hand of all the sons *that* she hath brought up.
19 These two *things* are come unto thee; who shall be sorry for thee? desolation, and destruction, and the famine, and the sword: by whom shall I comfort thee?
20 Thy sons have fainted, they lie at the head of all the streets, as a wild bull in a net: they are full of the fury of the LORD, the rebuke of thy God.

The Cup of Trembling Is Removed

21 Therefore hear now this, thou afflicted, and drunken, but not with wine:
22 Thus saith thy Lord the LORD, and thy God *that* pleadeth the cause of his people, Behold, I have taken out of thine hand the

51:5 trust ▸ *see Ps. 38:15.*
51:7 men ▸ *see Job 4:17.*

51:13 oppressor

(Heb. *tsuq*) (Deut. 28:57; Judg. 14:17; Is. 29:2) H6693: The basic meaning of the word is to press—to press upon, to oppress, repress, or compress. It conveys the idea of driving or compelling another, constraining him, or causing trouble or hardship (Is. 29:2). It is even used of the relentless nagging of Delilah when she tried to get Samson to reveal the secret of his great strength (Judg. 14:17; 16:16). The good news for the people of God is that He is greater than any oppressive person or coercive power we will ever face.

51:18 bring forth ▸ *see Gen. 6:10.*

cup of trembling, *even* the dregs of the cup of my fury; thou shalt no more drink it again:
23 But I will put it into the hand of them that afflict thee; which have said to thy soul, Bow down, that we may go over: and thou hast laid thy body as the ground, and as the street, to them that went over.

The Holy City

52 Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean.
2 Shake thyself from the dust; arise, *and* sit down, O Jerusalem: loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion.
3 For thus saith the LORD, Ye have sold yourselves for nought; and ye shall be redeemed without money.
4 For thus saith the Lord GOD, My people went down aforetime into Egypt to sojourn there; and the Assyrian oppressed them without cause.
5 Now therefore, what have I here, saith the LORD, that my people is taken away for nought? they that rule over them make them to howl, saith the LORD; and my name continually every day *is* blasphemed.
6 Therefore my people shall know my name: therefore *they shall know* in that day that I *am* he that doth speak: behold, *it is* I.
7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!
8 Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring again Zion.
9 Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the LORD hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem.
10 The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.
11 Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean *thing;* go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the LORD.
12 For ye shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight: for the LORD will go before you; and the God of Israel *will be* your rereward.

The Exalted Servant

13 Behold, my servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high.
14 As many were astonied at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men:
15 So shall he sprinkle many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at him: for *that* which had not been told them shall they see; and *that* which they had not heard shall they consider.

A Man of Sorrows

53 Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?
2 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, *there is* no beauty that we should desire him.
3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were *our* faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

51:22 cup ▸ *see Jer. 49:12.*

52:1 put on

(Heb. *labash*) (Gen. 38:19; Ps. 93:1; Prov. 31:21; Song 5:3) H3847: The basic meaning is to be clothed or to dress. As with many Hebrew words, this verb can refer to the literal wearing of garments (Gen. 41:42; 2 Sam. 13:18). It is also used poetically (Job 7:5) and figuratively. For example, the Bible urges the people of God to be clothed in qualities like righteousness (Ps. 132:9) and salvation (2 Chr. 6:41); it discourages us from wearing the clothing of "shame and dishonour" (Ps. 35:26) or the garment of cursing (Ps. 109:18). Christians are chiefly called to put on Christ (Rom. 13:14).

52:2 loose ▸ *see Jer. 40:4.*
52:7 beautiful ▸ *see Ps. 93:5.*
52:7 foot ▸ *see 2 Sam. 14:25.*
52:15 sprinkle ▸ *see Lev. 8:11.*
53:3 despise ▸ *see Esth. 3:6.*

5 But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

A Lamb to the Slaughter

6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.
7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.
8 He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.
9 And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither *was any* deceit in his mouth.

An Offering for Sin

10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put *him* to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see *his* seed, he shall prolong *his* days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.
11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, *and* shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.
12 Therefore will I divide him *a portion* with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

The Children of the Desolate

54 Sing, O barren, thou *that* didst not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou *that* didst not travail with child: for more *are* the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith the LORD.
2 Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes;
3 For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited.
4 Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame: for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more.

An Everlasting Kindness

5 For thy Maker *is* thine husband; the LORD of hosts *is* his name; and thy Redeemer

53:5 chastisement ▸ *see Prov. 8:10.*

53:5 stripe

(Heb. *chabburah*) (Gen. 4:23; Ps. 38:5; Is. 1:6) H2250: The noun means wound, bruise, or welt, and it signifies a hard, hurtful blow that leaves a mark or causes an obvious injury (Ex. 21:25). In this messianic section of Isaiah, we see a clear foreshadowing of the Passion of Jesus Christ. Centuries later, Jesus would offer Himself as a sacrifice on our behalf. He would take the punishment we deserved. As our substitute, He would absorb the just penalty for our sin.

53:5 heal ▸ *see Jer. 17:14.*
53:8 cut off ▸ *see Ps. 136:13.*
53:9 grave ▸ *see Neh. 2:5.*
53:10 prolong ▸ *see Job 6:11.*
53:10 pleasure ▸ *see 1 Kin. 10:13.*
53:12 spoil ▸ *see 2 Chr. 14:13.*
53:12 strong ▸ *see Ps. 135:10.*
54:2 enlarge ▸ *see Deut. 19:8.*
54:2 curtain ▸ *see Ex. 26:1.*

54:3 inherit

(Heb. *yarash*) (Deut. 5:33; Josh. 12:1; 19:47) H3423: The Hebrew word translated *inherit* means to "take something from someone else and possess it for yourself." The word is frequently used to describe the Israelite conquest of Canaan (Deut. 5:33; Josh. 12:1; 19:47). At times the word can be translated *dispossess* (Num. 33:53) and may even mean "impoverish" (1 Sam. 2:7). In Isaiah 54:3, the prophet uses this word to describe Israel's expansion. The nation would expand so much that they would take possession of the land of other nations (Is. 11:14). Isaiah was prophesying that Israel would increase in number so much that they would be like a nomad who has so many children that he has to expand his tents to accommodate them all (Is. 54:2).

the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called.
6 For the LORD hath called thee as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and a wife of youth, when thou wast refused, saith thy God.
7 For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee.
8 In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the LORD thy Redeemer.
9 For this *is as* the waters of Noah unto me: for *as* I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee.
10 For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the LORD that hath mercy on thee.
11 O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, *and* not comforted, behold, I will lay thy stones with fair colours, and lay thy foundations with sapphires.
12 And I will make thy windows of agates, and thy gates of carbuncles, and all thy borders of pleasant stones.
13 And all thy children *shall be* taught of the LORD; and great *shall be* the peace of thy children.
14 In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee.
15 Behold, they shall surely gather together, *but* not by me: whosoever shall gather together against thee shall fall for thy sake.
16 Behold, I have created the smith that bloweth the coals in the fire, and that bringeth forth an instrument for his work; and I have created the waster to destroy.
17 No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue *that* shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This *is* the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness *is* of me, saith the LORD.

An Everlasting Covenant

55 Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
2 Wherefore do ye spend money for *that which is* not bread? and your labour for *that which* satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye *that which is* good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.
3 Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, *even* the sure mercies of David.
4 Behold, I have given him *for* a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people.
5 Behold, thou shalt call a nation *that* thou knowest not, and nations *that* knew not thee shall run unto thee because of the LORD thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee.

God Abundantly Pardons

6 Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:
7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
8 For my thoughts *are* not your thoughts, neither *are* your ways my ways, saith the LORD.
9 For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.
10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:
11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* whereto I sent it.
12 For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills

54:7 forsaken ▸ *see Jer. 12:7.*
54:13 peace ▸ *see 1 Chr. 12:18.*
54:17 weapon ▸ *see 1 Sam. 14:6.*
55:1 ho ▸ *see Is. 45:9.*
55:1 wine ▸ *see Ps. 75:8.*
55:6 seek ▸ *see Amos 5:4.*
55:7 pardon ▸ *see Ps. 103:3.*

shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap *their* hands.
13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign *that* shall not be cut off.

God's Salvation and Righteousness

56 Thus saith the LORD, Keep ye judgment, and do justice: for my salvation *is* near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed.
2 Blessed *is* the man *that* doeth this, and the son of man *that* layeth hold on it; that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil.
3 Neither let the son of the stranger, that hath joined himself to the LORD, speak, saying, The LORD hath utterly separated me from his people: neither let the eunuch say, Behold, I *am* a dry tree.
4 For thus saith the LORD unto the eunuchs that keep my sabbaths, and choose *the things* that please me, and take hold of my covenant;
5 Even unto them will I give in mine house and within my walls a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.
6 Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the LORD, to serve him, and to love the name of the LORD, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant;
7 Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices *shall be* accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.
8 The Lord GOD which gathereth the outcasts of Israel saith, Yet will I gather *others* to him, beside those that are gathered unto him.

The Dumb and Greedy Dogs

9 All ye beasts of the field, come to devour, *yea,* all ye beasts in the forest.
10 His watchmen *are* blind: they are all ignorant, they *are* all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber.
11 Yea, *they are* greedy dogs *which* can never have enough, and they *are* shepherds *that* cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter.
12 Come ye, *say they,* I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and to morrow shall be as this day, *and* much more abundant.

The Peace of the Righteous

57 The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth *it* to heart: and merciful men *are* taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil *to come.*

55:12 field ▸ *see Neh. 11:25.*

55:13 sign

(Heb. *'ot*) (Gen. 1:14; Is. 7:14; 19:20) H0226: The Hebrew word for *sign* refers to something which is marked off or made distinct. God gave circumcision to Israel as a sign of their covenant relationship with Him, the fact that they were set apart for Him (Gen. 17:11). The word was also used to call attention to a particular event and God's promises surrounding that event. For instance, the rainbow is a reminder of the Flood and God's promise to refrain from destroying the earth with a flood again (Gen. 9:13). God promised to provide a clear sign of the coming Messiah in His virgin birth (Is. 7:14). The counterpart of this word in the New Testament (Gr. *semeion*) is used widely by the Gospel writers (Matt. 16:4; Mark 8:12; John 2:11) to refer to Jesus' miraculous signs that confirmed His divinity.

56:3 eunuch ▸ *see Esth. 2:3.*
56:5 daughter ▸ *see Neh. 10:30.*
56:7 prayer ▸ *see 2 Chr. 6:20.*

56:8 outcast

(Heb. *dachah*) (Ps. 147:2; Prov. 14:32; Is. 11:12) H1760: None of the assorted meanings or possible translations of this word are pleasant to consider. *Dachah* means to chase maliciously, to drive out or away violently, and to throw down (all with the result that one is banished to a life of fleeing violence and living in the shadows as an outcast). The good news of the New Testament is that Jesus Himself experienced this kind of treatment on our behalf. He came that we might be rescued from an outcast life of insecurity and brought back to true safety in God.

2 He shall enter into peace: they shall rest in their beds, *each one* walking *in* his uprightness.

The Children of Transgression

3 But draw near hither, ye sons of the sorceress, the seed of the adulterer and the whore.
4 Against whom do ye sport yourselves? against whom make ye a wide mouth, *and* draw out the tongue? *are* ye not children of transgression, a seed of falsehood,
5 Enflaming yourselves with idols under every green tree, slaying the children in the valleys under the clifts of the rocks?
6 Among the smooth *stones* of the stream *is* thy portion; they, they *are* thy lot: even to them hast thou poured a drink offering, thou hast offered a meat offering. Should I receive comfort in these?
7 Upon a lofty and high mountain hast thou set thy bed: even thither wentest thou up to offer sacrifice.
8 Behind the doors also and the posts hast thou set up thy remembrance: for thou hast discovered *thyself to another* than me, and art gone up; thou hast enlarged thy bed, and made thee *a covenant* with them; thou lovedst their bed where thou sawest *it*.
9 And thou wentest to the king with ointment, and didst increase thy perfumes, and didst send thy messengers far off, and didst debase *thyself even* unto hell.
10 Thou art wearied in the greatness of thy way; *yet* saidst thou not, There is no hope: thou hast found the life of thine hand; therefore thou wast not grieved.
11 And of whom hast thou been afraid or feared, that thou hast lied, and hast not remembered me, nor laid *it* to thy heart? have not I held my peace even of old, and thou fearest me not?
12 I will declare thy righteousness, and thy works; for they shall not profit thee.

The High and Lofty Lord

13 When thou criest, let thy companies deliver thee; but the wind shall carry them all away; vanity shall take *them:* but he that putteth his trust in me shall possess the land, and shall inherit my holy mountain;
14 And shall say, Cast ye up, cast ye up, prepare the way, take up the stumblingblock out of the way of my people.
15 For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name *is* Holy; I dwell in the high and holy *place,* with him also *that is* of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.
16 For I will not contend for ever, neither will I be always wroth: for the spirit should fail before me, and the souls *which* I have made.
17 For the iniquity of his covetousness was I wroth, and smote him: I hid me, and was wroth, and he went on frowardly in the way of his heart.
18 I have seen his ways, and will heal him: I will lead him also, and restore comforts unto him and to his mourners.
19 I create the fruit of the lips; Peace, peace to *him that is* far off, and to *him that is* near, saith the LORD; and I will heal him.

No Peace to the Wicked

20 But the wicked *are* like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt.
21 *There is* no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.

The Sins of the House of Jacob

58 Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.
2 Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of

57:8 door

(Heb. *deleth*) (Gen. 19:6; 1 Sam. 3:15; Ps. 78:23) H1817: This Old Testament noun refers literally to the door of a house or the entryway to a tent (Gen. 18:1), the gate of a temple or city, or the lid to a chest (2 Kin. 12:9). Often it is used symbolically. The Book of Job speaks of the doors of the sea (Job 38:8) and the doors of the face (i.e., the mouth) of a great sea creature (Job 41:14). Heaven is described as having doors (Ps. 78:23). Most significantly, Jesus called Himself the door (John 10:7, 9) declaring He is the only way to the Father (John 14:6).

57:14 prepare ▸ *see Is. 40:3.*
57:16 fail ▸ *see Jon. 2:7.*
57:18 heal ▸ *see Jer. 17:14.*

their God: they ask of me the ordinances of justice; they take delight in approaching to God.

Israel's Way of Fasting

3 Wherefore have we fasted, *say they,* and thou seest not? *wherefore* have we afflicted our soul, and thou takest no knowledge? Behold, in the day of your fast ye find pleasure, and exact all your labours.
4 Behold, ye fast for strife and debate, and to smite with the fist of wickedness: ye shall not fast as *ye do this* day, to make your voice to be heard on high.

God's Way of Fasting

5 Is it such a fast that I have chosen? a day for a man to afflict his soul? *is it* to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes *under him?* wilt thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the LORD?
6 *Is* not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?
7 *Is it* not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?
8 Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy rereward.
9 Then shalt thou call, and the LORD shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I *am*. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity;
10 And *if* thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness *be* as the noon day:
11 And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.
12 And *they that shall be* of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.

Honour the Sabbath

13 If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, *from* doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking *thine own* words:
14 Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken *it*.

A Separation from God

59 Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:
2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid *his* face from you, that he will not hear.
3 For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness.
4 None calleth for justice, nor *any* pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.
5 They hatch cockatrice' eggs, and weave the spider's web: he that eateth of their eggs

58:6 free ▸ *see Ex. 21:5.*
58:6 yoke ▸ *see Is. 58:9.*

58:9 yoke

(Heb. *motah*) (Is. 58:6; Jer. 27:2; Ezek. 30:18) H4133: A yoke fits around the neck of a farm animal, slave, or prisoner of war so that they might do the bidding of their owner or master. Often it was a pole that was bent around the neck and joined two animals or captives together. Figuratively, a yoke was a metaphor for being oppressed (Is. 58:6). Jesus used this image in the New Testament to speak of the radically different kind of Lord/servant relationship He offered to His followers. Instead of harsh oppression, His yoke results in gentleness and rest (see Matt. 11:29, 30).

58:11 guide ▸ *see Ps. 67:4.*
58:12 breach ▸ *see Ezek. 22:30.*
59:2 separate ▸ *see Num. 16:9.*
59:3 defile ▸ *see Mal. 1:7.*

dieth, and that which is crushed breaketh out into a viper.
6 Their webs shall not become garments, neither shall they cover themselves with their works: their works *are* works of iniquity, and the act of violence *is* in their hands.
7 Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood: their thoughts *are* thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction *are* in their paths.
8 The way of peace they know not; and *there is* no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace.

Israel Walks in Darkness

9 Therefore is judgment far from us, neither doth justice overtake us: we wait for light, but behold obscurity; for brightness, *but* we walk in darkness.
10 We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if *we had* no eyes: we stumble at noon day as in the night; *we are* in desolate places as dead *men.*
11 We roar all like bears, and mourn sore like doves: we look for judgment, but *there is* none; for salvation, *but* it is far off from us.
12 For our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and our sins testify against us: for our transgressions *are* with us; and *as for* our iniquities, we know them;
13 In transgressing and lying against the LORD, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood.
14 And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter.
15 Yea, truth faileth; and he *that* departeth from evil maketh himself a prey: and the LORD saw *it,* and it displeased him that *there was* no judgment.

A Breastplate of Righteousness

16 And he saw that *there was* no man, and wondered that *there was* no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him.
17 For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance *for* clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloke.
18 According to *their* deeds, accordingly he will repay, fury to his adversaries, recompence to his enemies; to the islands he will repay recompence.

The Spirit of the Lord's Standard

19 So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.
20 And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD.
21 As for me, this *is* my covenant with them, saith the LORD; My spirit that *is* upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever.

The Lord's Glory Rests on Israel

60 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.
2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

The Gentiles Are Drawn to Israel's Light

3 And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

59:7 innocent ▸ *see Job 17:8.*

59:7 destruction

(Heb. *sheber*) (Prov. 16:18; Jer. 4:6; Amos 6:6) H7667: A common noun especially in the prophetic books of the Old Testament, the word means ruin, collapse, crushing, breach, shattering (Is. 30:14) or terror. Most often it refers to a crippling downfall (most often physical) coming upon an individual (Prov. 17:19; 18:12) or a nation (Jer. 50:22; Ezek. 32:9) because of prideful disobedience to God. No wonder the prophet Isaiah urgently pleaded with his countrymen to turn back to God!

59:11 dove ▸ *see Ps. 68:13.*
59:13 revolt ▸ *see Jer. 28:16.*
59:14 truth ▸ *see Ps. 86:11.*

4 Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at *thy* side.
5 Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee.

The Vast Richness of Israel

6 The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall shew forth the praises of the LORD.
7 All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together unto thee, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister unto thee: they shall come up with acceptance on mine altar, and I will glorify the house of my glory.
8 Who *are* these *that* fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows?
9 Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the LORD thy God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because he hath glorified thee.
10 And the sons of strangers shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee: for in my wrath I smote thee, but in my favour have I had mercy on thee.
11 Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that *men* may bring unto thee the forces of the Gentiles, and *that* their kings *may be* brought.
12 For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, *those* nations shall be utterly wasted.

The City of the Lord

13 The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir tree, the pine tree, and the box together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious.
14 The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee, The city of the LORD, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
15 Whereas thou hast been forsaken and hated, so that no man went through *thee,* I will make thee an eternal excellency, a joy of many generations.
16 Thou shalt also suck the milk of the Gentiles, and shalt suck the breast of kings: and thou shalt know that I the LORD *am* thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.
17 For brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood brass, and for stones iron: I will also make thy officers peace, and thine exactors righteousness.
18 Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise.

The Everlasting Light

19 The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the LORD shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory.
20 Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself: for the LORD shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.
21 Thy people also *shall be* all righteous: they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of

60:16 Redeemer ▸ *see Ruth 4:1.*
60:19 sun ▸ *see Ps. 84:11.*

60:19 everlasting

(Heb. *`olam*) (Ps. 89:2; Is. 30:8; Amos 9:11) H5769: This word is likely related to the one that means "to hide"; thus this term connotes "hidden, unknown time," usually referring to the future but sometimes to the past. The word may speak of time that is limited by a single life, that reaches through several generations (Gen. 6:3, 4; Deut. 15:17; Neh. 2:3; Mal. 3:4), or that extends to the beginning of the created order (Gen. 49:26; Is. 64:4). Sometimes the word refers to a period of time beyond death (Prov. 8:23; Eccl. 12:5; Is. 45:17; Dan. 12:2). Thus the term is quite naturally used of God, who is eternal and hidden (Gen. 21:33; Ps. 90:2; Is. 40:28). It refers to God's never-ending covenants, statutes, salvation, and love (Gen. 9:12; Lev. 16:29–31; Jer. 31:3). The Bible also describes the coming Messiah, His kingdom, and His priesthood as eternal (Ps. 45:6, 7; 110:4; Is. 9:7).

60:21 branch ▸ *see Is. 11:1.*

my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified.
22 A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation: I the LORD will hasten it in his time.

The Acceptable Year of the Lord

61 The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *them that are* bound;
2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;
3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.
4 And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.
5 And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien *shall be* your plowmen and your vinedressers.
6 But ye shall be named the Priests of the LORD: *men* shall call you the Ministers of our God: ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves.

The Everlasting Joy

7 For your shame *ye shall have* double; and *for* confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them.
8 For I the LORD love judgment, I hate robbery for burnt offering; and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
9 And their seed shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the people: all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they *are* the seed *which* the LORD hath blessed.

The Robe of Righteousness

10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh *himself* with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth *herself* with her jewels.
11 For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

A Crown of Glory

62 For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go

61:1 preach good tidings

(Heb. *basar*) (1 Sam. 4:17; Ps. 96:2; Jer. 20:15) H1319: This Hebrew verb means to be the bearer of tidings, to preach or proclaim. Typically such announcements had to do with news from battle, gladdening listening hearts with good news of military victory (1 Sam. 31:9; 2 Sam. 18:19). Here Isaiah prophesies that the coming Messiah will make known His authority to bless, heal, and set free. He will inaugurate a new era of justice for the oppressed and comfort for the downtrodden. Jesus cited this passage as He began His public ministry (Luke 4).

61:1 bind up ▸ *see Job 34:17.*
61:1 liberty ▸ *see Lev. 25:10.*
61:3 ashes ▸ *see Job 2:8.*
61:3 praise ▸ *see Ps. 100:4.*
61:4 raise ▸ *see Ps. 113:7.*
61:4 repair ▸ *see Lam. 5:21.*
61:10 garment ▸ *see Prov. 27:13.*

62:1 righteousness

(Heb. *tsedeq*) (Ps. 45:7; 85:10; Prov. 8:8) H6664: This term denotes conformity to an ethical or moral standard. It occurs in reference to honorable business dealings (Gen. 30:33; Lev. 19:36; Deut. 25:15) and proper speech (Ps. 52:3; Prov. 8:8). The term is used most often in relation to one's standing with legal authorities, either human or divine. The word is frequently found in the context of other legal terms such as judgment or justice (Lev. 19:15; Ps. 23:3; 72:2; 119:6–8). Righteousness, judgment, and justice are declared to be the foundation of God's throne (Ps. 89:14; 97:2). God's righteousness is associated with deliverance. It is in this context that one of the divine names of God is revealed: "The Lord Our Righteousness" (Is. 41:10; 51:5; Jer. 23:6; 33:16).

forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp *that* burneth.
2 And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name.
3 Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God.
4 Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Hephzibah, and thy land Beulah: for the LORD delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married.
5 For *as* a young man marrieth a virgin, *so* shall thy sons marry thee: and *as* the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, *so* shall thy God rejoice over thee.
6 I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, *which* shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not silence,
7 And give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

A City Not Forsaken

8 The LORD hath sworn by his right hand, and by the arm of his strength, Surely I will no more give thy corn *to be* meat for thine enemies; and the sons of the stranger shall not drink thy wine, for the which thou hast laboured:
9 But they that have gathered it shall eat it, and praise the LORD; and they that have brought it together shall drink it in the courts of my holiness.
10 Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people.
11 Behold, the LORD hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his reward *is* with him, and his work before him.
12 And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the LORD: and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken.

The Day of Vengeance

63 Who *is* this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this *that is* glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save.
2 Wherefore *art thou* red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat?
3 I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people *there was* none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment.
4 For the day of vengeance *is* in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come.
5 And I looked, and *there was* none to help; and I wondered that *there was* none to uphold: therefore mine own arm brought salvation unto me; and my fury, it upheld me.
6 And I will tread down the people in mine anger, and make them drunk in my fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth.

The Lord's Lovingkindness

7 I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the LORD, *and* the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his lovingkindnesses.
8 For he said, Surely they *are* my people, children *that* will not lie: so he was their Saviour.

62:3 glory ▸ *see Ps. 96:6.*
62:5 virgin ▸ *see Is. 7:14.*
62:8 stranger ▸ *see 2 Chr. 33:15.*
63:2 red ▸ *see Zech. 1:8.*
63:7 bestow ▸ *see Ps. 131:2.*

63:7 mercy

(Heb. *racham*) (Gen. 43:14; 1 Kin. 8:50; Neh. 1:11) H7356: This beautiful noun is variously translated compassion, pity, favor, and/or mercy. Closely related to the Hebrew word for womb, it implies strong feelings of tender affection (such as a loving mother feels for the new life in her womb). Again and again, Scripture attributes this breathtaking quality to God (Neh. 9:19; Ps. 40:11; 103:4). In His earthly ministry, Jesus exhibited this attribute in His interactions with individuals (Mark 1:41; Luke 7:13) and crowds (Matt. 9:36; 15:32). Christ calls His followers to demonstrate this same kind of compassion (Luke 6:36).

9 In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old.
10 But they rebelled, and vexed his holy Spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, *and* he fought against them.
11 Then he remembered the days of old, Moses, *and* his people, *saying,* Where *is* he that brought them up out of the sea with the shepherd of his flock? where *is* he that put his holy Spirit within him?
12 That led *them* by the right hand of Moses with his glorious arm, dividing the water before them, to make himself an everlasting name?
13 That led them through the deep, as an horse in the wilderness, *that* they should not stumble?
14 As a beast goeth down into the valley, the Spirit of the LORD caused him to rest: so didst thou lead thy people, to make thyself a glorious name.

Israel's Father and Redeemer

15 Look down from heaven, and behold from the habitation of thy holiness and of thy glory: where *is* thy zeal and thy strength, the sounding of thy bowels and of thy mercies toward me? are they restrained?
16 Doubtless thou *art* our father, though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledge us not: thou, O LORD, *art* our father, our redeemer; thy name *is* from everlasting.
17 O LORD, why hast thou made us to err from thy ways, *and* hardened our heart from thy fear? Return for thy servants' sake, the tribes of thine inheritance.
18 The people of thy holiness have possessed *it* but a little while: our adversaries have trodden down thy sanctuary.
19 We are *thine:* thou never barest rule over them; they were not called by thy name.

The Nations Tremble at God's Presence

64 Oh that thou wouldest rend the heavens, that thou wouldest come down, that the mountains might flow down at thy presence,
2 As *when* the melting fire burneth, the fire causeth the waters to boil, to make thy name known to thine adversaries, *that* the nations may tremble at thy presence!
3 When thou didst terrible things *which* we looked not for, thou camest down, the mountains flowed down at thy presence.
4 For since the beginning of the world *men* have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, *what* he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him.
5 Thou meetest him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness, *those that* remember thee in thy ways: behold, thou art wroth; for we have sinned: in those is continuance, and we shall be saved.
6 But we are all as an unclean *thing,* and all our righteousnesses *are* as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.
7 And *there is* none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee: for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.

The Work of God's Hand

8 But now, O LORD, thou *art* our father; we *are* the clay, and thou our potter; and we all *are* the work of thy hand.
9 Be not wroth very sore, O LORD, neither remember iniquity for ever: behold, see, we beseech thee, we *are* all thy people.
10 Thy holy cities are a wilderness, Zion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation.
11 Our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee, is burned up with

63:10 enemy ▸ *see Josh. 7:8.*
64:4 perceive by the ear ▸ *see Joel 1:2.*

64:5 rejoice

(Heb. *sus*) (Ps. 40:16; Is. 65:19; Jer. 32:41) H7797: To rejoice is to be glad (Is. 65:18) and to show joy (Is. 65:19), especially in light of God's blessing (Is. 66:14). The Lord promises that He will rejoice over those who do good (Jer. 32:41), and we will greatly rejoice when "clothed . . . with the garments of salvation" (Is. 61:10). The psalms repeatedly call for rejoicing in the Lord and in His salvation (Ps. 35:9). In fact, "Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee" (Ps. 40:16). It is a word that captures abundant celebration and an uplifted heart, almost always in response to God's work.

64:8 work ▸ *see Ps. 28:5.*

fire: and all our pleasant things are laid waste.
12 Wilt thou refrain thyself for these *things,* O LORD? wilt thou hold thy peace, and afflict us very sore?

A Rebellious People

65 I am sought of *them that* asked not *for me;* I am found of *them that* sought me not: I said, Behold me, behold me, unto a nation *that* was not called by my name.
2 I have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people, which walketh in a way *that was* not good, after their own thoughts;
3 A people that provoketh me to anger continually to my face; that sacrificeth in gardens, and burneth incense upon altars of brick;
4 Which remain among the graves, and lodge in the monuments, which eat swine's flesh, and broth of abominable *things is in* their vessels;
5 Which say, Stand by thyself, come not near to me; for I am holier than thou. These *are* a smoke in my nose, a fire that burneth all the day.
6 Behold, *it is* written before me: I will not keep silence, but will recompense, even recompense into their bosom,
7 Your iniquities, and the iniquities of your fathers together, saith the LORD, which have burned incense upon the mountains, and blasphemed me upon the hills: therefore will I measure their former work into their bosom.

A Seed Out of Jacob

8 Thus saith the LORD, As the new wine is found in the cluster, and *one* saith, Destroy it not; for a blessing *is* in it: so will I do for my servants' sakes, that I may not destroy them all.
9 And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob, and out of Judah an inheritor of my mountains: and mine elect shall inherit it, and my servants shall dwell there.
10 And Sharon shall be a fold of flocks, and the valley of Achor a place for the herds to lie down in, for my people that have sought me.

The Fate of Those Who Forsake the Lord

11 But ye *are* they that forsake the LORD, that forget my holy mountain, that prepare a table for that troop, and that furnish the drink offering unto that number.
12 Therefore will I number you to the sword, and ye shall all bow down to the slaughter: because when I called, ye did not answer; when I spake, ye did not hear; but did evil before mine eyes, and did choose *that* wherein I delighted not.
13 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, my servants shall eat, but ye shall be hungry: behold, my servants shall drink, but ye shall be thirsty: behold, my servants shall rejoice, but ye shall be ashamed:
14 Behold, my servants shall sing for joy of heart, but ye shall cry for sorrow of heart, and shall howl for vexation of spirit.
15 And ye shall leave your name for a curse unto my chosen: for the Lord GOD shall slay thee, and call his servants by another name:
16 That he who blesseth himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth; and he that sweareth in the earth shall swear by the God of truth; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hid from mine eyes.
17 For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.
18 But be ye glad and rejoice for ever *in that* which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.
19 And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy

65:4 grave ▸ *see Neh. 2:5.*

65:7 hill

(Heb. *gib`ah*) (Gen. 49:26; 2 Sam. 2:25; Ezek. 6:13) H1389: This common noun is used broadly in the Old Testament to refer to elevated geologic formations (though less prominent than mountains; see Ex. 17:9; Deut. 12:2). But the word is used repeatedly and pointedly (especially in the prophetic books) to designate "high places" (i.e., pagan altars) on those hills where Israel stubbornly ascended to participate in immoral fertility rituals and blasphemous sacrifices to the gods of the neighboring Canaanite peoples (Jer. 2:20).

65:8 blessing ▸ *see Is. 19:24.*
65:9 elect ▸ *see Ps. 106:5.*
65:17 create ▸ *see Gen. 1:1.*
65:19 rejoice ▸ *see Is. 64:5.*
65:19 joy ▸ *see Hab. 3:18.*

in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.
20 There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner *being* an hundred years old shall be accursed.

God's Elect Will Plant and Harvest

21 And they shall build houses, and inhabit *them;* and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.
22 They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree *are* the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
23 They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they *are* the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them.
24 And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.
25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust *shall be* the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.

A Poor and Contrite Spirit

66 Thus saith the LORD, The heaven *is* my throne, and the earth *is* my footstool: where *is* the house that ye build unto me? and where *is* the place of my rest?
2 For all those *things* hath mine hand made, and all those *things* have been, saith the LORD: but to this *man* will I look, *even* to *him that is* poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.
3 He that killeth an ox *is as if* he slew a man; he that sacrificeth a lamb, *as if* he cut off a dog's neck; he that offereth an oblation, *as if he offered* swine's blood; he that burneth incense, *as if* he blessed an idol. Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations.
4 I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did evil before mine eyes, and chose *that* in which I delighted not.

A Voice of the Lord

5 Hear the word of the LORD, ye that tremble at his word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name's sake, said, Let the LORD be glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed.
6 A voice of noise from the city, a voice from the temple, a voice of the LORD that rendereth recompence to his enemies.
7 Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child.
8 Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? *or* shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children.
9 Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? saith the LORD: shall I cause to bring forth, and shut *the womb?* saith thy God.

Rejoice with Jerusalem

10 Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all ye that love her: rejoice for joy with her, all ye that mourn for her:
11 That ye may suck, and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations; that ye may milk out, and be delighted with the abundance of her glory.
12 For thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream: then shall ye suck, ye shall be borne upon *her* sides, and be dandled upon *her* knees.
13 As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem.
14 And when ye see *this,* your heart shall

65:20 hundred ▸ *see 1 Chr. 27:1.*
65:25 bullock ▸ *see Ps. 66:15.*
66:1 throne ▸ *see 1 Chr. 17:12.*
66:1 footstool ▸ *see Ps. 110:1.*
66:2 contrite ▸ *see 2 Sam. 4:4.*
66:7 man ▸ *see Num. 1:2.*
66:11 consolation ▸ *see Ps. 94:19.*
66:12 stream ▸ *see Is. 35:6.*
66:13 comfort ▸ *see Ps. 23:4.*

rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like an herb: and the hand of the LORD shall be known toward his servants, and *his* indignation toward his enemies.
15 For, behold, the LORD will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire.
16 For by fire and by his sword will the LORD plead with all flesh: and the slain of the LORD shall be many.
17 They that sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the gardens behind one *tree* in the midst, eating swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, shall be consumed together, saith the LORD.

God's Glory Declared

18 For I *know* their works and their thoughts: it shall come, that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come, and see my glory.
19 And I will set a sign among them, and I will send those that escape of them unto the nations, *to* Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, that draw the bow, *to* Tubal, and Javan, *to* the isles afar off, that have not heard my fame, neither have seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the Gentiles.

An Offering in a Clean Vessel

20 And they shall bring all your brethren *for* an offering unto the LORD out of all nations upon horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and upon mules, and upon swift beasts, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, saith the LORD, as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the LORD.
21 And I will also take of them for priests *and* for Levites, saith the LORD.
22 For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain.
23 And it shall come to pass, *that* from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.
24 And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcases of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh.

66:14 flourish

(Heb. *parach*) (Gen. 40:10; Is. 35:2; Ezek. 7:10) H6524: Translated bud, blossom, sprout, or flourish, the verb *parach* is used in many passages to speak literally of agricultural bounty (Job 14:9; Is. 17:11; Hab. 3:17). More often, however, the word is used metaphorically to speak of a rich harvest of righteousness or fruitfulness in the lives of those who are faithful to God (Ps. 92:12, 13; Prov. 11:28). The New Testament speaks of the Christ-like character qualities that will be seen in the lives of those who are yielded to God's Spirit (Gal. 5:22, 23).

66:17 purify ▸ *see 2 Chr. 29:16.*
66:17 abomination ▸ *see Lev. 11:11.*

THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET

JEREMIAH

THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH IS the prophecy of a man divinely called in his youth from the priest-city of Anathoth. A heartbroken prophet with a heartbreaking message, Jeremiah labors for more than forty years proclaiming a message of doom to the stiff-necked people of Judah. Despised and persecuted by his countrymen, Jeremiah bathes his harsh prophecies in tears of compassion. His broken heart causes him to write a broken book, which is difficult to arrange chronologically or topically. But through his sermons and signs he faithfully declares that surrender to God's will is the only way to escape calamity.

***Yirmeyahu* or *Yirmeyah* literally means "Yahweh Throws," perhaps in the sense of laying a foundation. It may effectively mean "Yahweh Establishes, Appoints, or Sends." The Greek form of the Hebrew name in the Septuagint is *Hieremias*, and the Latin form is *Jeremias*.**

WATCH WORDS

- **understanding** (comprehending, having insight, or being prudent)—3:15
- **incline** (pay attention, listen closely)—7:26
- **wailing** (a loud expression of grief)—9:19 (also 31:15)
- **forsaken** (left, abandoned)—12:7 (also 2:13; 22:9)
- **rebellion** (revolt, rejection of God)—28:16 (also 29:32)

God's Word to Jeremiah

1 The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, of the priests that *were* in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin:
2 To whom the word of the LORD came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign.
3 It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month.

God's Calling of Jeremiah

4 Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
5 Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, *and* I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.
6 Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, I cannot speak: for I *am* a child.
7 But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I *am* a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak.
8 Be not afraid of their faces: for I *am* with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD.
9 Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth.
10 See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.

1:5 form ▸ *see Gen. 2:7.*
1:5 womb ▸ *see Num. 3:12.*
1:10 root out ▸ *see Jer. 24:6.*

1:10 build

(Heb. *banah*) (Gen. 22:9; Is. 45:13; Jer. 24:6) H1129: Things described as built using this word are "a new house" in Deuteronomy 20:5, "the altar" in Deuteronomy 27:6, and "the house of the LORD" in 1 Kings 6:1. The expression "build a house" can also refer to establishing a family (Ruth 4:11) or a dynasty (Ps. 89:4). The word may also be used in the sense of rebuilding or restoring something that has been destroyed or is in disrepair

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The Rod of an Almond Tree

11 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Jeremiah, what seest thou? And I said, I see a rod of an almond tree.
12 Then said the LORD unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I will hasten my word to perform it.
13 And the word of the LORD came unto me the second time, saying, What seest thou? And I said, I see a seething pot; and the face thereof *is* toward the north.
14 Then the LORD said unto me, Out of the north an evil shall break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land.
15 For, lo, I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north, saith the LORD; and they shall come, and they shall set every one his throne at the entering of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all the walls thereof round about, and against all the cities of Judah.
16 And I will utter my judgments against them touching all their wickedness, who have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, and worshipped the works of their own hands.

God's Protection of Jeremiah

17 Thou therefore gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee: be not dismayed at their faces, lest I confound thee before them.
18 For, behold, I have made thee this day a defenced city, and an iron pillar, and brasen walls against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against the princes thereof, against the priests thereof, and against the people of the land.
19 And they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; for I *am* with thee, saith the LORD, to deliver thee.

Israel's Faithfulness Recalled

2 Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying,
2 Go and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith the LORD; I remember thee, the kindness of thy youth, the love of thine espousals, when thou wentest after me in the wilderness, in a land *that was* not sown.
3 Israel *was* holiness unto the LORD, *and* the firstfruits of his increase: all that devour him shall offend; evil shall come upon them, saith the LORD.

Israel's Defilement of the Land

4 Hear ye the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel:
5 Thus saith the LORD, What iniquity have your fathers found in me, that they are gone far from me, and have walked after vanity, and are become vain?
6 Neither said they, Where *is* the LORD that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, that led us through the wilderness, through a land of deserts and of pits, through a land of drought, and of the shadow of death, through a land that no man passed through, and where no man dwelt?
7 And I brought you into a plentiful country, to eat the fruit thereof and the goodness thereof; but when ye entered, ye defiled my land, and made mine heritage an abomination.
8 The priests said not, Where *is* the LORD? and they that handle the law knew me not: the pastors also transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after *things that* do not profit.

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(Neh. 2:17). Jeremiah's commission as God's prophet included the task of building and planting (Jer. 1:10). In the present context the term is used figuratively of the prophetic ministry of restoring the people of God, or spiritually rebuilding Israel as the people of God, after the Exile (Jer. 31:4).

1:10 plant ▸ *see Jer. 31:28.*

1:12 hasten

(Heb. *shaqad*) (Ezra 8:29; Job 21:32; Ps. 127:1; Jer. 44:27) H8245: This verb actually means to watch, and includes the idea of paying close, careful attention—like a leopard eyeing its prey (Jer. 5:6), a watchman guarding a city (Ps. 127:1), or mourners sitting in rapt attention at a funeral (Job 21:32). It can also mean to wake (Ps. 102:3). It is closely related to the Hebrew term for almonds or almond trees, probably because the buds and blooms of the almond tree were considered a sign of spring. Jesus used this image—the phrase "all the trees"—in the New Testament to emphasize the importance of spiritual alertness (Luke 21:29–31).

1:13 word ▸ *see Jer. 20:8.*
1:18 defenced ▸ *see 2 Kin. 3:19.*
2:7 plentiful ▸ *see Is. 16:10.*

God Pleads for Israel's Faithfulness

9 Wherefore I will yet plead with you, saith the LORD, and with your children's children will I plead.
10 For pass over the isles of Chittim, and see; and send unto Kedar, and consider diligently, and see if there be such a thing.
11 Hath a nation changed *their* gods, which *are* yet no gods? but my people have changed their glory for *that which* doth not profit.
12 Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ye very desolate, saith the LORD.

Israel's Two Evils

13 For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, *and* hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.
14 *Is* Israel a servant? *is* he a homeborn *slave?* why is he spoiled?
15 The young lions roared upon him, *and* yelled, and they made his land waste: his cities are burned without inhabitant.
16 Also the children of Noph and Tahapanes have broken the crown of thy head.
17 Hast thou not procured this unto thyself, in that thou hast forsaken the LORD thy God, when he led thee by the way?
18 And now what hast thou to do in the way of Egypt, to drink the waters of Sihor? or what hast thou to do in the way of Assyria, to drink the waters of the river?
19 Thine own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee: know therefore and see that *it is* an evil *thing* and bitter, that thou hast forsaken the LORD thy God, and that my fear *is* not in thee, saith the Lord GOD of hosts.

A Degenerate Vine

20 For of old time I have broken thy yoke, *and* burst thy bands; and thou saidst, I will not transgress; when upon every high hill and under every green tree thou wanderest, playing the harlot.
21 Yet I had planted thee a noble vine, wholly a right seed: how then art thou turned into the degenerate plant of a strange vine unto me?
22 For though thou wash thee with nitre, and take thee much soap, *yet* thine iniquity is marked before me, saith the Lord GOD.
23 How canst thou say, I am not polluted, I have not gone after Baalim? see thy way in the valley, know what thou hast done: *thou art* a swift dromedary traversing her ways;
24 A wild ass used to the wilderness, *that* snuffeth up the wind at her pleasure; in her occasion who can turn her away? all they that seek her will not weary themselves; in her month they shall find her.
25 Withhold thy foot from being unshod, and thy throat from thirst: but thou saidst, There is no hope: no; for I have loved strangers, and after them will I go.
26 As the thief is ashamed when he is found, so is the house of Israel ashamed; they, their kings, their princes, and their priests, and their prophets,
27 Saying to a stock, Thou *art* my father; and to a stone, Thou hast brought me forth: for they have turned *their* back unto me, and not *their* face: but in the time of their trouble they will say, Arise, and save us.
28 But where *are* thy gods that thou hast made thee? let them arise, if they can save thee in the time of thy trouble: for *according to* the number of thy cities are thy gods, O Judah.

Israel's Transgressions Against God

29 Wherefore will ye plead with me? ye all have transgressed against me, saith the LORD.
30 In vain have I smitten your children; they received no correction: your own sword hath devoured your prophets, like a destroying lion.

2:13 forsaken ▸ *see Jer. 12:7.*
2:14 spoil ▸ *see Ezek. 36:5.*
2:19 correct ▸ *see Jer. 10:24.*
2:19 backsliding ▸ *see Jer. 5:6.*

2:19 bitter

(Heb. *mar*) (Esth. 4:1; Eccl. 7:26; Hab. 1:6) H4751: This word expresses the insipid and deadening effect of certain substances on our taste buds. Bitterness is a harsh absence of flavor that causes us to want to spit out. Note the test for infidelity in Numbers 5:18, 19, using bitter water. The word is used most often to picture a distasteful aspect of living. Here and in Jeremiah 4:18, the prophet calls wickedness a bitterness. Bitter was Esau's cry at discovering he had missed Isaac's blessing (Gen. 27:34).

31 O generation, see ye the word of the LORD. Have I been a wilderness unto Israel? a land of darkness? wherefore say my people, We are lords; we will come no more unto thee?
32 Can a maid forget her ornaments, *or* a bride her attire? yet my people have forgotten me days without number.
33 Why trimmest thou thy way to seek love? therefore hast thou also taught the wicked ones thy ways.
34 Also in thy skirts is found the blood of the souls of the poor innocents: I have not found it by secret search, but upon all these.
35 Yet thou sayest, Because I am innocent, surely his anger shall turn from me. Behold, I will plead with thee, because thou sayest, I have not sinned.
36 Why gaddest thou about so much to change thy way? thou also shalt be ashamed of Egypt, as thou wast ashamed of Assyria.
37 Yea, thou shalt go forth from him, and thine hands upon thine head: for the LORD hath rejected thy confidences, and thou shalt not prosper in them.

Israel Played the Harlot

3 They say, If a man put away his wife, and she go from him, and become another man's, shall he return unto her again? shall not that land be greatly polluted? but thou hast played the harlot with many lovers; yet return again to me, saith the LORD.
2 Lift up thine eyes unto the high places, and see where thou hast not been lien with. In the ways hast thou sat for them, as the Arabian in the wilderness; and thou hast polluted the land with thy whoredoms and with thy wickedness.
3 Therefore the showers have been withholden, and there hath been no latter rain; and thou hadst a whore's forehead, thou refusedst to be ashamed.
4 Wilt thou not from this time cry unto me, My father, thou *art* the guide of my youth?
5 Will he reserve *his anger* for ever? will he keep *it* to the end? Behold, thou hast spoken and done evil things as thou couldest.

Judah's Sin Is Greater Than Israel's Sin

6 The LORD said also unto me in the days of Josiah the king, Hast thou seen *that* which backsliding Israel hath done? she is gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree, and there hath played the harlot.
7 And I said after she had done all these *things,* Turn thou unto me. But she returned not. And her treacherous sister Judah saw *it*.
8 And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also.
9 And it came to pass through the lightness of her whoredom, that she defiled the land, and committed adultery with stones and with stocks.
10 And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah hath not turned unto me with her whole heart, but feignedly, saith the LORD.
11 And the LORD said unto me, The backsliding Israel hath justified herself more than treacherous Judah.

God's Mercy

12 Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the LORD; *and* I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you: for I *am* merciful, saith the LORD, *and* I will not keep *anger* for ever.
13 Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the LORD thy God, and hast scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree, and ye have not obeyed my voice, saith the LORD.
14 Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; for I am married unto you: and I will

2:32 forget ▸ *see Eccl. 9:5.*
2:34 secret search ▸ *see Ex. 22:2.*
2:36 gad about ▸ *see Job 14:11.*
3:3 whore ▸ *see Hos. 5:3.*

3:4 guide

(Heb.*'alluph*) (Prov. 2:17; 16:28; Mic. 7:5) H0441: The Hebrew word translated as *guide* here means "friend." Israel's appeal based on God's friendship with them will avail them nothing due to their hardness of heart (Jer. 3:3). Some versions translate *companion* in Proverbs 2:17 and Micah 7:5, where the subjects are human. In Psalm 55:13 the treachery of a false friend is reproached.

3:5 evil ▸ *see Deut. 4:25.*

take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion:
15 And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.
16 And it shall come to pass, when ye be multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, saith the LORD, they shall say no more, The ark of the covenant of the LORD: neither shall it come to mind: neither shall they remember it; neither shall they visit *it;* neither shall *that* be done any more.
17 At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the LORD; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the imagination of their evil heart.
18 In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given for an inheritance unto your fathers.
19 But I said, How shall I put thee among the children, and give thee a pleasant land, a goodly heritage of the hosts of nations? and I said, Thou shalt call me, My father; and shalt not turn away from me.
20 Surely *as* a wife treacherously departeth from her husband, so have ye dealt treacherously with me, O house of Israel, saith the LORD.

The Salvation of Israel

21 A voice was heard upon the high places, weeping *and* supplications of the children of Israel: for they have perverted their way, *and* they have forgotten the LORD their God.
22 Return, ye backsliding children, *and* I will heal your backslidings. Behold, we come unto thee; for thou *art* the LORD our God.
23 Truly in vain *is salvation hoped for* from the hills, *and from* the multitude of mountains: truly in the LORD our God *is* the salvation of Israel.
24 For shame hath devoured the labour of our fathers from our youth; their flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters.
25 We lie down in our shame, and our confusion covereth us: for we have sinned against the LORD our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even unto this day, and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God.

The Return to the Lord

4 If thou wilt return, O Israel, saith the LORD, return unto me: and if thou wilt put away thine abominations out of my sight, then shalt thou not remove.
2 And thou shalt swear, The LORD liveth, in truth, in judgment, and in righteousness; and the nations shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall they glory.
3 For thus saith the LORD to the men of Judah and Jerusalem, Break up your fallow ground, and sow not among thorns.
4 Circumcise yourselves to the LORD, and take away the foreskins of your heart, ye men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem: lest my fury come forth like fire, and burn that none can quench *it,* because of the evil of your doings.
5 Declare ye in Judah, and publish in Jerusalem; and say, Blow ye the trumpet in the land: cry, gather together, and say, Assemble yourselves, and let us go into the defenced cities.
6 Set up the standard toward Zion: retire, stay not: for I will bring evil from the north, and a great destruction.

The Lion Comes from His Thicket

7 The lion is come up from his thicket, and the destroyer of the Gentiles is on his way; he is gone forth from his place to make thy land desolate; *and* thy cities shall be laid waste, without an inhabitant.
8 For this gird you with sackcloth, lament and howl: for the fierce anger of the LORD is not turned back from us.
9 And it shall come to pass at that day, saith

3:15 understanding

(Heb. *sakal*) (1 Chr. 28:19; Ps. 14:2; Prov. 21:16) H7919: This verb conveys the idea of having insight or gaining understanding or being prudent. Sometimes this comprehension comes because God graciously grants insight; i.e., He gives the capacity to understand, as when David received plans for the temple (1 Chr. 28:19). At other times the implication is that such understanding is the result of individuals wisely paying attention and reflecting upon events and mysteries (Prov. 16:20; 21:12; Is. 41:20).

4:5 gather ▸ *see Gen. 35:29.*
4:6 destruction ▸ *see Is. 59:7.*
4:7 laid waste ▸ *see Num. 26:9.*

the LORD, *that* the heart of the king shall perish, and the heart of the princes; and the priests shall be astonished, and the prophets shall wonder.
10 Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! surely thou hast greatly deceived this people and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall have peace; whereas the sword reacheth unto the soul.
11 At that time shall it be said to this people and to Jerusalem, A dry wind of the high places in the wilderness toward the daughter of my people, not to fan, nor to cleanse,
12 *Even* a full wind from those *places* shall come unto me: now also will I give sentence against them.
13 Behold, he shall come up as clouds, and his chariots *shall be* as a whirlwind: his horses are swifter than eagles. Woe unto us! for we are spoiled.
14 O Jerusalem, wash thine heart from wickedness, that thou mayest be saved. How long shall thy vain thoughts lodge within thee?
15 For a voice declareth from Dan, and publisheth affliction from mount Ephraim.

The Watchers from a Far Country

16 Make ye mention to the nations; behold, publish against Jerusalem, *that* watchers come from a far country, and give out their voice against the cities of Judah.
17 As keepers of a field, are they against her round about; because she hath been rebellious against me, saith the LORD.
18 Thy way and thy doings have procured these *things* unto thee; this *is* thy wickedness, because it is bitter, because it reacheth unto thine heart.

Jeremiah's Anguish Over Destruction

19 My bowels, my bowels! I am pained at my very heart; my heart maketh a noise in me; I cannot hold my peace, because thou hast heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war.
20 Destruction upon destruction is cried; for the whole land is spoiled: suddenly are my tents spoiled, *and* my curtains in a moment.
21 How long shall I see the standard, *and* hear the sound of the trumpet?
22 For my people *is* foolish, they have not known me; they *are* sottish children, and they have none understanding: they *are* wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge.

The Desolation of the Land

23 I beheld the earth, and, lo, *it was* without form, and void; and the heavens, and they *had* no light.
24 I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly.
25 I beheld, and, lo, *there was* no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled.
26 I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place *was* a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the LORD, *and* by his fierce anger.
27 For thus hath the LORD said, The whole land shall be desolate; yet will I not make a full end.
28 For this shall the earth mourn, and the heavens above be black: because I have spoken *it,* I have purposed *it,* and will not repent, neither will I turn back from it.
29 The whole city shall flee for the noise of the horsemen and bowmen; they shall go into thickets, and climb up upon the rocks: every city *shall be* forsaken, and not a man dwell therein.
30 And *when* thou *art* spoiled, what wilt thou do? Though thou clothest thyself with crimson, though thou deckest thee with ornaments of gold, though thou rentest thy face with painting, in vain shalt thou make thyself fair; *thy* lovers will despise thee, they will seek thy life.

4:10 deceive ▸ *see Is. 36:14.*
4:13 whirlwind ▸ *see Is. 21:1.*
4:16 far ▸ *see Is. 8:9.*
4:19 noise ▸ *see Is. 17:12.*
4:20 spoiled ▸ *see Ps. 17:9.*
4:20 curtain ▸ *see Ex. 26:1.*

4:28 mourn

(Heb. *'abal*) (Neh. 8:9; Job 14:22; Jer. 12:4) H0056: This verb is one of several Hebrew verbs that refer to the outward acts involved in ancient mourning rites for the dead. Mourning often involved the appearance of an individual: a mourner would frequently wear sackcloth and ashes as a symbol of mourning (Jer. 6:26)—sometimes even the head would be shaved (Amos 8:10). In the Bible, this Hebrew word is also translated *lament* (Lam. 2:8). Often the word is used figuratively of objects that cannot really mourn. Here Jeremiah uses the word to describe the earth as mourning in reaction to the broken covenant. God's people had neglected their obligations to the Lord's covenant.

31 For I have heard a voice as of a woman in travail, *and* the anguish as of her that bringeth forth her first child, the voice of the daughter of Zion, *that* bewaileth herself, *that* spreadeth her hands, *saying,* Woe *is* me now! for my soul is wearied because of murderers.

The Search for a Righteous Man

5 Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man, if there be *any* that executeth judgment, that seeketh the truth; and I will pardon it.
2 And though they say, The LORD liveth; surely they swear falsely.
3 O LORD, *are* not thine eyes upon the truth? thou hast stricken them, but they have not grieved; thou hast consumed them, *but* they have refused to receive correction: they have made their faces harder than a rock; they have refused to return.
4 Therefore I said, Surely these *are* poor; they are foolish: for they know not the way of the LORD, *nor* the judgment of their God.
5 I will get me unto the great men, and will speak unto them; for they have known the way of the LORD, *and* the judgment of their God: but these have altogether broken the yoke, *and* burst the bonds.

The Lord's Vengeance

6 Wherefore a lion out of the forest shall slay them, *and* a wolf of the evenings shall spoil them, a leopard shall watch over their cities: every one that goeth out thence shall be torn in pieces: because their transgressions are many, *and* their backslidings are increased.
7 How shall I pardon thee for this? thy children have forsaken me, and sworn by *them that are* no gods: when I had fed them to the full, they then committed adultery, and assembled themselves by troops in the harlots' houses.
8 They were *as* fed horses in the morning: every one neighed after his neighbour's wife.
9 Shall I not visit for these *things?* saith the LORD: and shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?
10 Go ye up upon her walls, and destroy; but make not a full end: take away her battlements; for they *are* not the LORD's.

Treacherous Dealings

11 For the house of Israel and the house of Judah have dealt very treacherously against me, saith the LORD.
12 They have belied the LORD, and said, *It is* not he; neither shall evil come upon us; neither shall we see sword nor famine:
13 And the prophets shall become wind, and the word *is* not in them: thus shall it be done unto them.
14 Wherefore thus saith the LORD God of hosts, Because ye speak this word, behold, I will make my words in thy mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them.
15 Lo, I will bring a nation upon you from far, O house of Israel, saith the LORD: it *is* a mighty nation, it *is* an ancient nation, a nation whose language thou knowest not, neither understandest what they say.
16 Their quiver *is* as an open sepulchre, they *are* all mighty men.
17 And they shall eat up thine harvest, and thy bread, *which* thy sons and thy daughters should eat: they shall eat up thy flocks and thine herds: they shall eat up thy vines and thy fig trees: they shall impoverish thy fenced cities, wherein thou trustedst, with the sword.
18 Nevertheless in those days, saith the LORD, I will not make a full end with you.
19 And it shall come to pass, when ye shall say, Wherefore doeth the LORD our God all these *things* unto us? then shalt thou answer them, Like as ye have forsaken me, and served strange gods in your land, so shall ye serve strangers in a land *that is* not yours.

A Rebellious Heart

20 Declare this in the house of Jacob, and publish it in Judah, saying,

5:6 backsliding

(Heb. *meshubah*) (Prov. 1:32; Jer. 2:19; Hos. 14:4) H4878: Derived from the root word *sub* (which is translated "repent"), this noun means a turning away or being in a state or process of apostasy. This idea is a frequent theme of the prophets (especially Jeremiah) who pleaded with and railed against the people of God who had willfully renounced their prior faith in Him. The good news is that not even a backslidden heart is beyond the healing touch of God (Jer. 3:22; Hos. 14:4).

5:9 soul ▸ *see Ps. 103:1.*

21 Hear now this, O foolish people, and without understanding; which have eyes, and see not; which have ears, and hear not:
22 Fear ye not me? saith the LORD: will ye not tremble at my presence, which have placed the sand *for* the bound of the sea by a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass it: and though the waves thereof toss themselves, yet can they not prevail; though they roar, yet can they not pass over it?
23 But this people hath a revolting and a rebellious heart; they are revolted and gone.
24 Neither say they in their heart, Let us now fear the LORD our God, that giveth rain, both the former and the latter, in his season: he reserveth unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest.

Unjust Leaders

25 Your iniquities have turned away these *things,* and your sins have withholden good *things* from you.
26 For among my people are found wicked *men:* they lay wait, as he that setteth snares; they set a trap, they catch men.
27 As a cage is full of birds, so *are* their houses full of deceit: therefore they are become great, and waxen rich.
28 They are waxen fat, they shine: yea, they overpass the deeds of the wicked: they judge not the cause, the cause of the fatherless, yet they prosper; and the right of the needy do they not judge.
29 Shall I not visit for these *things?* saith the LORD: shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?
30 A wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land;
31 The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love *to have it* so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?

Destruction from the North

6 O ye children of Benjamin, gather yourselves to flee out of the midst of Jerusalem, and blow the trumpet in Tekoa, and set up a sign of fire in Beth-haccerem: for evil appeareth out of the north, and great destruction.
2 I have likened the daughter of Zion to a comely and delicate *woman.*
3 The shepherds with their flocks shall come unto her; they shall pitch *their* tents against her round about; they shall feed every one in his place.
4 Prepare ye war against her; arise, and let us go up at noon. Woe unto us! for the day goeth away, for the shadows of the evening are stretched out.
5 Arise, and let us go by night, and let us destroy her palaces.
6 For thus hath the LORD of hosts said, Hew ye down trees, and cast a mount against Jerusalem: this *is* the city to be visited; she *is* wholly oppression in the midst of her.
7 As a fountain casteth out her waters, so she casteth out her wickedness: violence and spoil is heard in her; before me continually *is* grief and wounds.
8 Be thou instructed, O Jerusalem, lest my soul depart from thee; lest I make thee desolate, a land not inhabited.

God Is Weary of Holding His Fury

9 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, They shall throughly glean the remnant of Israel as a vine: turn back thine hand as a grapegatherer into the baskets.
10 To whom shall I speak, and give warning, that they may hear? behold, their ear *is* uncircumcised, and they cannot hearken: behold, the word of the LORD is unto them a reproach; they have no delight in it.
11 Therefore I am full of the fury of the LORD; I am weary with holding in: I will pour it out upon the children abroad, and upon the assembly of young men together: for even the husband with the wife shall be taken, the aged with *him that is* full of days.
12 And their houses shall be turned unto others, *with their* fields and wives together: for I will stretch out my hand upon the inhabitants of the land, saith the LORD.
13 For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one *is* given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely.
14 They have healed also the hurt *of the daughter* of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when *there is* no peace.
15 Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were

5:31 in the end ▸ *see Dan. 11:4.*
6:3 tent ▸ *see 2 Sam. 20:1.*
6:14 slightly ▸ *see Jer. 8:11.*

not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore they shall fall among them that fall: at the time *that* I visit them they shall be cast down, saith the LORD.

Unacceptable Sacrifices

16 Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where *is* the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk *therein*.
17 Also I set watchmen over you, *saying*, Hearken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not hearken.
18 Therefore hear, ye nations, and know, O congregation, what *is* among them.
19 Hear, O earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this people, *even* the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not hearkened unto my words, nor to my law, but rejected it.
20 To what purpose cometh there to me incense from Sheba, and the sweet cane from a far country? your burnt offerings *are* not acceptable, nor your sacrifices sweet unto me.

A Merciless Nation

21 Therefore thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will lay stumblingblocks before this people, and the fathers and the sons together shall fall upon them; the neighbour and his friend shall perish.
22 Thus saith the LORD, Behold, a people cometh from the north country, and a great nation shall be raised from the sides of the earth.
23 They shall lay hold on bow and spear; they *are* cruel, and have no mercy; their voice roareth like the sea; and they ride upon horses, set in array as men for war against thee, O daughter of Zion.
24 We have heard the fame thereof: our hands wax feeble: anguish hath taken hold of us, *and* pain, as of a woman in travail.
25 Go not forth into the field, nor walk by the way; for the sword of the enemy *and* fear *is* on every side.
26 O daughter of my people, gird *thee* with sackcloth, and wallow thyself in ashes: make thee mourning, *as for* an only son, most bitter lamentation: for the spoiler shall suddenly come upon us.
27 I have set thee *for* a tower *and* a fortress among my people, that thou mayest know and try their way.
28 They *are* all grievous revolters, walking with slanders: *they are* brass and iron; they *are* all corrupters.
29 The bellows are burned, the lead is consumed of the fire; the founder melteth in vain: for the wicked are not plucked away.
30 Reprobate silver shall *men* call them, because the LORD hath rejected them.

Amend Your Ways

7 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,
2 Stand in the gate of the LORD's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the LORD, all *ye of* Judah, that enter in at these gates to worship the LORD.
3 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place.
4 Trust ye not in lying words, saying, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, *are* these.
5 For if ye throughly amend your ways and your doings; if ye throughly execute judgment between a man and his neighbour;
6 *If* ye oppress not the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and shed not innocent blood in this place, neither walk after other gods to your hurt:
7 Then will I cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, for ever and ever.
8 Behold, ye trust in lying words, that cannot profit.
9 Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other gods whom ye know not;
10 And come and stand before me in this

6:16 stand ▸ *see 2 Sam. 2:23.*
6:24 fame ▸ *see Josh. 9:9.*

6:26 wallow

(Heb. *palash*) (Jer. 25:34; Ezek. 27:30; Mic. 1:10) H6428: A term used in connection with aspects of grief or mourning. Usually the setting is ashes or dust. People displayed their despair by throwing dust and ashes on their heads and in cases of extreme duress, wallowing in ashes to cover themselves. To people intent on sinful living the prophets declared a coming time of humiliation and misery, leading to hopeless grief.

house, which is called by my name, and say, We are delivered to do all these abominations?
11 Is this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, even I have seen *it,* saith the LORD.
12 But go ye now unto my place which *was* in Shiloh, where I set my name at the first, and see what I did to it for the wickedness of my people Israel.

Cast Out of God's Sight

13 And now, because ye have done all these works, saith the LORD, and I spake unto you, rising up early and speaking, but ye heard not; and I called you, but ye answered not;
14 Therefore will I do unto *this* house, which is called by my name, wherein ye trust, and unto the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I have done to Shiloh.
15 And I will cast you out of my sight, as I have cast out all your brethren, *even* the whole seed of Ephraim.
16 Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to me: for I will not hear thee.

God's Anger and Fury

17 Seest thou not what they do in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem?
18 The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead *their* dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto other gods, that they may provoke me to anger.
19 Do they provoke me to anger? saith the LORD: *do they* not *provoke* themselves to the confusion of their own faces?
20 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, mine anger and my fury shall be poured out upon this place, upon man, and upon beast, and upon the trees of the field, and upon the fruit of the ground; and it shall burn, and shall not be quenched.
21 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Put your burnt offerings unto your sacrifices, and eat flesh.
22 For I spake not unto your fathers, nor commanded them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices:
23 But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.
24 But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels *and* in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward.

A Disobedient Nation

25 Since the day that your fathers came forth out of the land of Egypt unto this day I have even sent unto you all my servants the prophets, daily rising up early and sending *them:*
26 Yet they hearkened not unto me, nor inclined their ear, but hardened their neck: they did worse than their fathers.
27 Therefore thou shalt speak all these words unto them; but they will not hearken to thee: thou shalt also call unto them; but they will not answer thee.
28 But thou shalt say unto them, This *is* a nation that obeyeth not the voice of the LORD their God, nor receiveth correction: truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth.

God's House Is Defiled

29 Cut off thine hair, *O Jerusalem,* and cast *it* away, and take up a lamentation on high places; for the LORD hath rejected and forsaken the generation of his wrath.
30 For the children of Judah have done evil in my sight, saith the LORD: they have set their abominations in the house which is called by my name, to pollute it.
31 And they have built the high places of

7:16 pray ▸ *see 2 Chr. 7:14.*
7:16 make intercession ▸ *see Jer. 27:18.*
7:23 be well ▸ *see Deut. 12:25.*
7:25 servant ▸ *see Is. 42:1.*

7:26 incline

(Heb. *natah*) (2 Kin. 19:16; Prov. 4:20; Dan. 9:18) H5186: Frequently used in the expression *incline your ear* as a description of listening or attention. More rarely, *incline your heart* (Josh. 24:23; 1 Kin. 8:58). The psalmists (Ps. 17:6; 71:2; 102:2) often asked God to *incline thine ear.* Jeremiah uses the term six times, consistently picturing a people unwilling to turn to or listen to God. We use a similar expression today when we say *lean into* to picture attentiveness.

7:28 perish ▸ *see Judg. 5:31.*

Tophet, which *is* in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire; which I commanded *them* not, neither came it into my heart.

The Valley of Slaughter

32 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that it shall no more be called Tophet, nor the valley of the son of Hinnom, but the valley of slaughter: for they shall bury in Tophet, till there be no place.
33 And the carcases of this people shall be meat for the fowls of the heaven, and for the beasts of the earth; and none shall fray *them* away.
34 Then will I cause to cease from the cities of Judah, and from the streets of Jerusalem, the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride: for the land shall be desolate.

They Choose Death Rather Than Life

8 At that time, saith the LORD, they shall bring out the bones of the kings of Judah, and the bones of his princes, and the bones of the priests, and the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, out of their graves:
2 And they shall spread them before the sun, and the moon, and all the host of heaven, whom they have loved, and whom they have served, and after whom they have walked, and whom they have sought, and whom they have worshipped: they shall not be gathered, nor be buried; they shall be for dung upon the face of the earth.
3 And death shall be chosen rather than life by all the residue of them that remain of this evil family, which remain in all the places whither I have driven them, saith the LORD of hosts.
4 Moreover thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD; Shall they fall, and not arise? shall he turn away, and not return?
5 Why *then* is this people of Jerusalem slidden back by a perpetual backsliding? they hold fast deceit, they refuse to return.
6 I hearkened and heard, *but* they spake not aright: no man repented him of his wickedness, saying, What have I done? every one turned to his course, as the horse rusheth into the battle.
7 Yea, the stork in the heaven knoweth her appointed times; and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming; but my people know not the judgment of the LORD.

Wise Men Speak Falsely

8 How do ye say, We *are* wise, and the law of the LORD *is* with us? Lo, certainly in vain made he *it;* the pen of the scribes *is* in vain.
9 The wise *men* are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: lo, they have rejected the word of the LORD; and what wisdom *is* in them?
10 Therefore will I give their wives unto others, *and* their fields to them that shall inherit *them:* for every one from the least even unto the greatest is given to covetousness, from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely.
11 For they have healed the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when *there is* no peace.
12 Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush:

7:32 valley ▸ *see 2 Chr. 26:9.*
7:32 slaughter ▸ *see Zech. 11:7.*

8:8 vain

(Heb. *sheqer*) (Prov. 6:17; 31:30; Jer. 23:25) H8267: This word refers to all actions meant to deceive others, such as fraud, lying, betrayal, and unfaithfulness. It is sometimes translated lying (7:4), false (Ps. 119:128), or deceitful (Prov. 31:30). One of Jeremiah's greatest tasks as a prophet was to speak out against the deceitful schemes of lying prophets (Jer. 23:9–40). These prophets were prophesying relief for Judah from suffering when God was actually handing Judah over to the Babylonians for judgment (Jer. 23:17–19). Their deceptive ways made them enemies to the truth, the truth of God's Word (Ps. 119:20, 30).

8:9 reject ▸ *see Jer. 33:26.*

8:11 slightly

(Heb. *qalal*) (2 Sam. 6:22; 1 Kin. 16:31; Jer. 6:14) H7043: A word that conveys the idea of regarding lightly (2 Sam. 6:22), deeming superficial, insignificant, trivial (1 Kin. 16:31), or of little account. The Old Testament people of God were inclined to do that with regard to their sinfulness (Ezek. 8:17). Here Jeremiah rebukes the nation's religious leaders for their inappropriate, almost glib, response to the nation's brokenness.

therefore shall they fall among them that fall: in the time of their visitation they shall be cast down, saith the LORD.
13 I will surely consume them, saith the LORD: *there shall be* no grapes on the vine, nor figs on the fig tree, and the leaf shall fade; and *the things that* I have given them shall pass away from them.
14 Why do we sit still? assemble yourselves, and let us enter into the defenced cities, and let us be silent there: for the LORD our God hath put us to silence, and given us water of gall to drink, because we have sinned against the LORD.
15 We looked for peace, but no good *came;* *and* for a time of health, and behold trouble!
16 The snorting of his horses was heard from Dan: the whole land trembled at the sound of the neighing of his strong ones; for they are come, and have devoured the land, and all that is in it; the city, and those that dwell therein.
17 For, behold, I will send serpents, cockatrices, among you, which *will* not *be* charmed, and they shall bite you, saith the LORD.

The Harvest Is Past

18 *When* I would comfort myself against sorrow, my heart *is* faint in me.
19 Behold the voice of the cry of the daughter of my people because of them that dwell in a far country: *Is* not the LORD in Zion? *is* not her king in her? Why have they provoked me to anger with their graven images, *and* with strange vanities?
20 The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.
21 For the hurt of the daughter of my people am I hurt; I am black; astonishment hath taken hold on me.
22 *Is there* no balm in Gilead; *is there* no physician there? why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?

An Assembly of Treacherous Men

9 Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!
2 Oh that I had in the wilderness a lodging place of wayfaring men; that I might leave my people, and go from them! for they *be* all adulterers, an assembly of treacherous men.
3 And they bend their tongues *like* their bow *for* lies: but they are not valiant for the truth upon the earth; for they proceed from evil to evil, and they know not me, saith the LORD.
4 Take ye heed every one of his neighbour, and trust ye not in any brother: for every brother will utterly supplant, and every neighbour will walk with slanders.
5 And they will deceive every one his neighbour, and will not speak the truth: they have taught their tongue to speak lies, *and* weary themselves to commit iniquity.
6 Thine habitation *is* in the midst of deceit; through deceit they refuse to know me, saith the LORD.
7 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, I will melt them, and try them; for how shall I do for the daughter of my people?
8 Their tongue *is as* an arrow shot out; it speaketh deceit: *one* speaketh peaceably to his neighbour with his mouth, but in heart he layeth his wait.

A Den of Dragons

9 Shall I not visit them for these *things?* saith the LORD: shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?
10 For the mountains will I take up a weeping and wailing, and for the habitations of the wilderness a lamentation, because they are burned up, so that none can pass through *them;* neither can *men* hear the voice of the cattle; both the fowl of the heavens and the beast are fled; they are gone.
11 And I will make Jerusalem heaps, *and* a den of dragons; and I will make the cities of Judah desolate, without an inhabitant.
12 Who *is* the wise man, that may understand this? and *who is he* to whom the mouth of the LORD hath spoken, that he may declare it, for what the land perisheth *and* is burned up like a wilderness, that none passeth through?
13 And the LORD saith, Because they have forsaken my law which I set before them, and have not obeyed my voice, neither walked therein;
14 But have walked after the imagination

8:17 bite ▸ *see Deut. 23:19.*
9:7 try ▸ *see Mal. 3:10.*
9:10 lamentation ▸ *see Ezek. 19:1.*

of their own heart, and after Baalim, which their fathers taught them:
15 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will feed them, *even* this people, with wormwood, and give them water of gall to drink.
16 I will scatter them also among the heathen, whom neither they nor their fathers have known: and I will send a sword after them, till I have consumed them.

A Voice of Wailing

17 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Consider ye, and call for the mourning women, that they may come; and send for cunning *women,* that they may come:
18 And let them make haste, and take up a wailing for us, that our eyes may run down with tears, and our eyelids gush out with waters.
19 For a voice of wailing is heard out of Zion, How are we spoiled! we are greatly confounded, because we have forsaken the land, because our dwellings have cast *us* out.
20 Yet hear the word of the LORD, O ye women, and let your ear receive the word of his mouth, and teach your daughters wailing, and every one her neighbour lamentation.
21 For death is come up into our windows, *and* is entered into our palaces, to cut off the children from without, *and* the young men from the streets.
22 Speak, Thus saith the LORD, Even the carcases of men shall fall as dung upon the open field, and as the handful after the harvestman, and none shall gather *them.*

Glory in Knowing the Lord

23 Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise *man* glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty *man* glory in his might, let not the rich *man* glory in his riches:
24 But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I *am* the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these *things* I delight, saith the LORD.
25 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will punish all *them which are* circumcised with the uncircumcised;
26 Egypt, and Judah, and Edom, and the children of Ammon, and Moab, and all *that are* in the utmost corners, that dwell in the wilderness: for all *these* nations *are* uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel *are* uncircumcised in the heart.

Learn Not the Way of the Heathen

10 Hear ye the word which the LORD speaketh unto you, O house of Israel:
2 Thus saith the LORD, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them.
3 For the customs of the people *are* vain: for *one* cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe.
4 They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not.
5 They *are* upright as the palm tree, but speak not: they must needs be borne, because they cannot go. Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither also *is it* in them to do good.

God's Name Is Great

6 Forasmuch as *there is* none like unto thee, O LORD; thou *art* great, and thy name *is* great in might.
7 Who would not fear thee, O King of nations? for to thee doth it appertain: forasmuch as among all the wise *men* of the nations, and in all their kingdoms, *there is* none like unto thee.
8 But they are altogether brutish and foolish: the stock *is* a doctrine of vanities.
9 Silver spread into plates is brought from Tarshish, and gold from Uphaz, the work of the workman, and of the hands of the founder: blue and purple *is* their clothing: they *are* all the work of cunning *men.*

9:19 wailing

(Heb. *nehi*) (Jer. 31:15; Amos 5:16; Mic. 2:4) H5092: Four times Jeremiah uses this term in chapter 9 to emphasize the hopeless grief over destruction of the land caused by sin. In some places the word is translated *lamentation,* indicating a loud expression of grief. Jeremiah 31:15 contains the familiar quote used by Matthew to describe the prophecy fulfilled by the slaughter of infants in Bethlehem by Herod's search for the child Jesus (Matt. 2:18).

9:25 circumcise ▸ *see Deut. 30:6.*
10:9 purple ▸ *see Ezek. 27:7.*

The True and Living God

10 But the LORD *is* the true God, he *is* the living God, and an everlasting king: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation.
11 Thus shall ye say unto them, The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, *even* they shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens.
12 He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion.
13 When he uttereth his voice, *there is* a multitude of waters in the heavens, and he causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures.
14 Every man is brutish in *his* knowledge: every founder is confounded by the graven image: for his molten image *is* falsehood, and *there is* no breath in them.
15 They *are* vanity, *and* the work of errors: in the time of their visitation they shall perish.
16 The portion of Jacob *is* not like them: for he *is* the former of all *things;* and Israel *is* the rod of his inheritance: The LORD of hosts *is* his name.
17 Gather up thy wares out of the land, O inhabitant of the fortress.
18 For thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will sling out the inhabitants of the land at this once, and will distress them, that they may find *it so.*

A Great Commotion

19 Woe is me for my hurt! my wound is grievous: but I said, Truly this *is* a grief, and I must bear it.
20 My tabernacle is spoiled, and all my cords are broken: my children are gone forth of me, and they *are* not: *there is* none to stretch forth my tent any more, and to set up my curtains.
21 For the pastors are become brutish, and have not sought the LORD: therefore they shall not prosper, and all their flocks shall be scattered.
22 Behold, the noise of the bruit is come, and a great commotion out of the north country, to make the cities of Judah desolate, *and* a den of dragons.
23 O LORD, I know that the way of man *is* not in himself: *it is* not in man that walketh to direct his steps.
24 O LORD, correct me, but with judgment; not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing.
25 Pour out thy fury upon the heathen that know thee not, and upon the families that call not on thy name: for they have eaten up Jacob, and devoured him, and consumed him, and have made his habitation desolate.

Obey God's Voice

11 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,
2 Hear ye the words of this covenant, and speak unto the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem;
3 And say thou unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel; Cursed *be* the man that obeyeth not the words of this covenant,
4 Which I commanded your fathers in the day *that* I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, from the iron furnace, saying, Obey my voice, and do them, according to all which I command you: so shall ye be my people, and I will be your God:
5 That I may perform the oath which I have sworn unto your fathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, as *it is* this day. Then answered I, and said, So be it, O LORD.

Hear the Words of the Covenant

6 Then the LORD said unto me, Proclaim all these words in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, saying, Hear ye the words of this covenant, and do them.
7 For I earnestly protested unto your

10:10 indignation ▸ *see Ps. 78:49.*
10:13 ends ▸ *see 2 Kin. 7:5.*

10:24 correct

(Heb. *yasar*) (Prov. 9:7; 29:17; Jer. 2:19) H3256: This verb means to discipline or chasten so as to point out the error of one's ways and thereby alter behavior. In the Old Testament, this chastisement sometimes involved more than words (Prov. 29:19), but where God is concerned, the instruction/correction is always paternal, a Father training His children for their own good and out of a good heart full of love (Deut. 8:5; cf. Heb. 12:6).

11:5 flow ▸ *see Lam. 4:9.*

fathers in the day *that* I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, *even* unto this day, rising early and protesting, saying, Obey my voice.
8 Yet they obeyed not, nor inclined their ear, but walked every one in the imagination of their evil heart: therefore I will bring upon them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded *them* to do; but they did *them* not.
9 And the LORD said unto me, A conspiracy is found among the men of Judah, and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
10 They are turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers, which refused to hear my words; and they went after other gods to serve them: the house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken my covenant which I made with their fathers.
11 Therefore thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon them, which they shall not be able to escape; and though they shall cry unto me, I will not hearken unto them.
12 Then shall the cities of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem go, and cry unto the gods unto whom they offer incense: but they shall not save them at all in the time of their trouble.
13 For *according to* the number of thy cities were thy gods, O Judah; and *according to* the number of the streets of Jerusalem have ye set up altars to *that* shameful thing, *even* altars to burn incense unto Baal.
14 Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up a cry or prayer for them: for I will not hear *them* in the time that they cry unto me for their trouble.

Evil Against Israel and Judah

15 What hath my beloved to do in mine house, *seeing* she hath wrought lewdness with many, and the holy flesh is passed from thee? when thou doest evil, then thou rejoicest.
16 The LORD called thy name, A green olive tree, fair, *and* of goodly fruit: with the noise of a great tumult he hath kindled fire upon it, and the branches of it are broken.
17 For the LORD of hosts, that planted thee, hath pronounced evil against thee, for the evil of the house of Israel and of the house of Judah, which they have done against themselves to provoke me to anger in offering incense unto Baal.

The Plot Against Jeremiah's Life

18 And the LORD hath given me knowledge *of it,* and I know *it:* then thou shewedst me their doings.
19 But I *was* like a lamb *or* an ox *that* is brought to the slaughter; and I knew not that they had devised devices against me, *saying,* Let us destroy the tree with the fruit thereof, and let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name may be no more remembered.
20 But, O LORD of hosts, that judgest righteously, that triest the reins and the heart, let me see thy vengeance on them: for unto thee have I revealed my cause.
21 Therefore thus saith the LORD of the men of Anathoth, that seek thy life, saying, Prophesy not in the name of the LORD, that thou die not by our hand:
22 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, I will punish them: the young men shall die by the sword; their sons and their daughters shall die by famine:
23 And there shall be no remnant of them: for I will bring evil upon the men of Anathoth, *even* the year of their visitation.

Judgment for the Wicked

12 Righteous *art* thou, O LORD, when I plead with thee: yet let me talk with thee of *thy* judgments: Wherefore doth the way of the wicked prosper? *wherefore* are all they happy that deal very treacherously?
2 Thou hast planted them, yea, they have taken root: they grow, yea, they bring forth fruit: thou *art* near in their mouth, and far from their reins.

11:9 conspiracy

(Heb. *qesher*) (2 Sam. 15:12; 2 Kin. 17:4; Ezek. 22:25) H7195: Also translated confederacy (Is. 8:12) or treason (1 Kin. 16:20; 2 Kin. 11:14; 2 Chr. 23:13), this word covers both the action and the result. Generally the term refers to an organized betrayal among people. Both accounts of Athaliah's death (2 Kin. 11:14; 2 Chr. 23:13) include her shouting this accusation twice. But Jeremiah records one of God's complaints against "the men of Judah" (Jer. 11:9) who have set into motion a plan to break their covenant with God and go "after other gods to serve them" (Jer. 11:10).

11:19 lamb ▸ *see Is. 5:17.*
11:20 cause ▸ *see Mic. 6:2.*

3 But thou, O LORD, knowest me: thou hast seen me, and tried mine heart toward thee: pull them out like sheep for the slaughter, and prepare them for the day of slaughter.
4 How long shall the land mourn, and the herbs of every field wither, for the wickedness of them that dwell therein? the beasts are consumed, and the birds; because they said, He shall not see our last end.
5 If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? and *if* in the land of peace, *wherein* thou trustedst, *they wearied thee,* then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan?
6 For even thy brethren, and the house of thy father, even they have dealt treacherously with thee; yea, they have called a multitude after thee: believe them not, though they speak fair words unto thee.

God's Forsaken Heritage

7 I have forsaken mine house, I have left mine heritage; I have given the dearly beloved of my soul into the hand of her enemies.
8 Mine heritage is unto me as a lion in the forest; it crieth out against me: therefore have I hated it.
9 Mine heritage *is* unto me *as* a speckled bird, the birds round about *are* against her; come ye, assemble all the beasts of the field, come to devour.
10 Many pastors have destroyed my vineyard, they have trodden my portion under foot, they have made my pleasant portion a desolate wilderness.
11 They have made it desolate, *and being* desolate it mourneth unto me; the whole land is made desolate, because no man layeth *it* to heart.
12 The spoilers are come upon all high places through the wilderness: for the sword of the LORD shall devour from the *one* end of the land even to the *other* end of the land: no flesh shall have peace.
13 They have sown wheat, but shall reap thorns: they have put themselves to pain, *but* shall not profit: and they shall be ashamed of your revenues because of the fierce anger of the LORD.

God's Compassion Toward His People

14 Thus saith the LORD against all mine evil neighbours, that touch the inheritance which I have caused my people Israel to inherit; Behold, I will pluck them out of their land, and pluck out the house of Judah from among them.
15 And it shall come to pass, after that I have plucked them out I will return, and have compassion on them, and will bring them again, every man to his heritage, and every man to his land.
16 And it shall come to pass, if they will diligently learn the ways of my people, to swear by my name, The LORD liveth; as they taught my people to swear by Baal; then shall they be built in the midst of my people.
17 But if they will not obey, I will utterly pluck up and destroy that nation, saith the LORD.

The Marred Girdle

13 Thus saith the LORD unto me, Go and get thee a linen girdle, and put it upon thy loins, and put it not in water.
2 So I got a girdle according to the word of the LORD, and put *it* on my loins.
3 And the word of the LORD came unto me the second time, saying,
4 Take the girdle that thou hast got, which *is* upon thy loins, and arise, go to Euphrates, and hide it there in a hole of the rock.
5 So I went, and hid it by Euphrates, as the LORD commanded me.
6 And it came to pass after many days, that the LORD said unto me, Arise, go to Euphrates, and take the girdle from thence, which I commanded thee to hide there.
7 Then I went to Euphrates, and digged, and took the girdle from the place where

12:4 mourn ▸ *see Jer. 4:28.*

12:7 forsaken

(Heb. *`azab*) (Ps. 37:25; Is. 1:4; 54:7; Jer. 2:13) H5800: The prophets frequently used this term to describe the people's relationship to the covenant God made with them. Israel is described as "forsaking" God and His covenant by turning to idols (Jer. 22:9; Ezek. 20:8). Moses warned the Hebrews about breaking God's covenant and forsaking Him. Because of their unfaithfulness, God would in turn forsake His own people (Deut. 31:16, 17). Here the prophet Jeremiah indicates that this divine threat had become a reality for the nation of Judah (Jer. 12:7).

I had hid it: and, behold, the girdle was marred, it was profitable for nothing.

The Marred Pride of Judah

8 Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
9 Thus saith the LORD, After this manner will I mar the pride of Judah, and the great pride of Jerusalem.
10 This evil people, which refuse to hear my words, which walk in the imagination of their heart, and walk after other gods, to serve them, and to worship them, shall even be as this girdle, which is good for nothing.
11 For as the girdle cleaveth to the loins of a man, so have I caused to cleave unto me the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah, saith the LORD; that they might be unto me for a people, and for a name, and for a praise, and for a glory: but they would not hear.
12 Therefore thou shalt speak unto them this word; Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Every bottle shall be filled with wine: and they shall say unto thee, Do we not certainly know that every bottle shall be filled with wine?
13 Then shalt thou say unto them, Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will fill all the inhabitants of this land, even the kings that sit upon David's throne, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, with drunkenness.
14 And I will dash them one against another, even the fathers and the sons together, saith the LORD: I will not pity, nor spare, nor have mercy, but destroy them.

The Sin of Pride

15 Hear ye, and give ear; be not proud: for the LORD hath spoken.
16 Give glory to the LORD your God, before he cause darkness, and before your feet stumble upon the dark mountains, and, while ye look for light, he turn it into the shadow of death, *and* make *it* gross darkness.
17 But if ye will not hear it, my soul shall weep in secret places for *your* pride; and mine eye shall weep sore, and run down with tears, because the LORD's flock is carried away captive.
18 Say unto the king and to the queen, Humble yourselves, sit down: for your principalities shall come down, *even* the crown of your glory.
19 The cities of the south shall be shut up, and none shall open *them:* Judah shall be carried away captive all of it, it shall be wholly carried away captive.
20 Lift up your eyes, and behold them that come from the north: where *is* the flock *that* was given thee, thy beautiful flock?
21 What wilt thou say when he shall punish thee? for thou hast taught them *to be* captains, *and* as chief over thee: shall not sorrows take thee, as a woman in travail?

The Leopard's Spots

22 And if thou say in thine heart, Wherefore come these things upon me? For the greatness of thine iniquity are thy skirts discovered, *and* thy heels made bare.
23 Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? *then* may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil.
24 Therefore will I scatter them as the stubble that passeth away by the wind of the wilderness.
25 This *is* thy lot, the portion of thy measures from me, saith the LORD; because thou hast forgotten me, and trusted in falsehood.
26 Therefore will I discover thy skirts upon thy face, that thy shame may appear.
27 I have seen thine adulteries, and thy neighings, the lewdness of thy whoredom, *and* thine abominations on the hills in the fields. Woe unto thee, O Jerusalem! wilt thou not be made clean? when *shall it* once *be?*

The Cry of Jerusalem

14 The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah concerning the dearth.

13:16 dark ▸ *see Mic. 3:6.*
13:17 tear ▸ *see Ps. 116:8.*

13:18 humble

(Heb. *shaphel*) (1 Sam. 2:7; Job 40:11; Is. 26:5) H8213: A word that means lowly, derived from the verb which means to be low, to sink, or to be humbled. It's used to picture a humiliated man (Is. 2:9), a defeated city (Is. 32:19), or a person with a humble spirit (Prov. 16:19). Figuratively, it conveys the sense of humbling oneself, bowing in humility (Prov. 25:7). Repeatedly the Bible counsels humility and warns against pride (Prov. 29:23; James 4:6).

13:22 come upon ▸ *see 2 Sam. 1:6.*

2 Judah mourneth, and the gates thereof languish; they are black unto the ground; and the cry of Jerusalem is gone up.
3 And their nobles have sent their little ones to the waters: they came to the pits, *and* found no water; they returned with their vessels empty; they were ashamed and confounded, and covered their heads.
4 Because the ground is chapt, for there was no rain in the earth, the plowmen were ashamed, they covered their heads.
5 Yea, the hind also calved in the field, and forsook *it,* because there was no grass.
6 And the wild asses did stand in the high places, they snuffed up the wind like dragons; their eyes did fail, because *there was* no grass.

The Hope of Israel

7 O LORD, though our iniquities testify against us, do thou *it* for thy name's sake: for our backslidings are many; we have sinned against thee.
8 O the hope of Israel, the saviour thereof in time of trouble, why shouldest thou be as a stranger in the land, and as a wayfaring man *that* turneth aside to tarry for a night?
9 Why shouldest thou be as a man astonied, as a mighty man *that* cannot save? yet thou, O LORD, *art* in the midst of us, and we are called by thy name; leave us not.
10 Thus saith the LORD unto this people, Thus have they loved to wander, they have not refrained their feet, therefore the LORD doth not accept them; he will now remember their iniquity, and visit their sins.
11 Then said the LORD unto me, Pray not for this people for *their* good.
12 When they fast, I will not hear their cry; and when they offer burnt offering and an oblation, I will not accept them: but I will consume them by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence.

The False Prophets

13 Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, the prophets say unto them, Ye shall not see the sword, neither shall ye have famine; but I will give you assured peace in this place.
14 Then the LORD said unto me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart.
15 Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the prophets that prophesy in my name, and I sent them not, yet they say, Sword and famine shall not be in this land; By sword and famine shall those prophets be consumed.
16 And the people to whom they prophesy shall be cast out in the streets of Jerusalem because of the famine and the sword; and they shall have none to bury them, them, their wives, nor their sons, nor their daughters: for I will pour their wickedness upon them.

Jeremiah Intercedes

17 Therefore thou shalt say this word unto them; Let mine eyes run down with tears night and day, and let them not cease: for the virgin daughter of my people is broken with a great breach, with a very grievous blow.
18 If I go forth into the field, then behold the slain with the sword! and if I enter into the city, then behold them that are sick with famine! yea, both the prophet and the priest go about into a land that they know not.
19 Hast thou utterly rejected Judah? hath thy soul lothed Zion? why hast thou smitten us, and *there is* no healing for us? we looked for peace, and *there is* no good; and for the time of healing, and behold trouble!
20 We acknowledge, O LORD, our wickedness, *and* the iniquity of our fathers: for we have sinned against thee.
21 Do not abhor *us,* for thy name's sake, do not disgrace the throne of thy glory: remember, break not thy covenant with us.
22 Are there *any* among the vanities of the

14:2 languish

(Heb. *'amal*) (Is. 16:8; 33:9; Jer. 15:9; Lam. 2:8) H0535: Used in Hosea 4:3 and Joel 1:10 with the sense of people *wasting away*, the term indicates a lack of purpose or an object unable to serve its function. So Jeremiah sees ruined gates of a city (Jer. 14:2), a city without growing children (Jer. 15:9), and walls that have been breached and no longer protect. Isaiah notes fields and vines (Is. 16:8), fishermen (Is. 19:8), even the earth (Is. 33:9) stuck in a cycle of deterioration apart from the blessing of God.

14:7 testify ▸ *see 1 Sam. 12:3.*
14:19 healing ▸ *see Mal. 4:2.*

Gentiles that can cause rain? or can the heavens give showers? *art* not thou he, O LORD our God? therefore we will wait upon thee: for thou hast made all these *things*.

Cast Out of God's Sight

15 Then said the LORD unto me, Though Moses and Samuel stood before me, *yet* my mind *could* not *be* toward this people: cast *them* out of my sight, and let them go forth.
2 And it shall come to pass, if they say unto thee, Whither shall we go forth? then thou shalt tell them, Thus saith the LORD; Such as *are* for death, to death; and such as *are* for the sword, to the sword; and such as *are* for the famine, to the famine; and such as *are* for the captivity, to the captivity.
3 And I will appoint over them four kinds, saith the LORD: the sword to slay, and the dogs to tear, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the earth, to devour and destroy.
4 And I will cause them to be removed into all kingdoms of the earth, because of Manasseh the son of Hezekiah king of Judah, for *that* which he did in Jerusalem.

Weary with Repenting

5 For who shall have pity upon thee, O Jerusalem? or who shall bemoan thee? or who shall go aside to ask how thou doest?
6 Thou hast forsaken me, saith the LORD, thou art gone backward: therefore will I stretch out my hand against thee, and destroy thee; I am weary with repenting.
7 And I will fan them with a fan in the gates of the land; I will bereave *them* of children, I will destroy my people, *since* they return not from their ways.
8 Their widows are increased to me above the sand of the seas: I have brought upon them against the mother of the young men a spoiler at noonday: I have caused *him* to fall upon it suddenly, and terrors upon the city.
9 She that hath borne seven languisheth: she hath given up the ghost; her sun is gone down while *it was* yet day: she hath been ashamed and confounded: and the residue of them will I deliver to the sword before their enemies, saith the LORD.

Encouragement for Jeremiah

10 Woe is me, my mother, that thou hast borne me a man of strife and a man of contention to the whole earth! I have neither lent on usury, nor men have lent to me on usury; *yet* every one of them doth curse me.
11 The LORD said, Verily it shall be well with thy remnant; verily I will cause the enemy to intreat thee *well* in the time of evil and in the time of affliction.
12 Shall iron break the northern iron and the steel?
13 Thy substance and thy treasures will I give to the spoil without price, and *that* for all thy sins, even in all thy borders.
14 And I will make *thee* to pass with thine enemies into a land *which* thou knowest not: for a fire is kindled in mine anger, *which* shall burn upon you.
15 O LORD, thou knowest: remember me, and visit me, and revenge me of my persecutors; take me not away in thy longsuffering: know that for thy sake I have suffered rebuke.
16 Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.
17 I sat not in the assembly of the mockers, nor rejoiced; I sat alone because of thy hand: for thou hast filled me with indignation.
18 Why is my pain perpetual, and my wound incurable, *which* refuseth to be healed? wilt thou be altogether unto me as a liar, *and as* waters *that* fail?

A Fenced Brasen Wall

19 Therefore thus saith the LORD, If thou return, then will I bring thee again, *and* thou shalt stand before me: and if thou take forth the precious from the vile, thou shalt be as

15:7 fan

(Heb. *zarah*) (Ruth 3:2; Ps. 106:27; Is. 30:24) H2219: The process of fanning or winnowing separates grain from chaff, using the wind. The unwanted lighter, broken stocks and husks are blown away and the kernels of wheat or barley remain (Ruth 3:2). The term is frequently translated *scatter* (Lev. 26:33; Ps. 106:27). Psalm 1:4 equates the ungodly with chaff and creates a picture found in Jeremiah and Isaiah of God winnowing out those who reject Him. In the case of Babylon (Jer. 51:2), by the time God has finished winnowing, the land will be empty.

15:9 languish ▸ *see Jer. 14:2.*

my mouth: let them return unto thee; but return not thou unto them.
20 And I will make thee unto this people a fenced brasen wall: and they shall fight against thee, but they shall not prevail against thee: for I *am* with thee to save thee and to deliver thee, saith the LORD.
21 And I will deliver thee out of the hand of the wicked, and I will redeem thee out of the hand of the terrible.

The Grievous Deaths in the Land

16 The word of the LORD came also unto me, saying,
2 Thou shalt not take thee a wife, neither shalt thou have sons or daughters in this place.
3 For thus saith the LORD concerning the sons and concerning the daughters that are born in this place, and concerning their mothers that bare them, and concerning their fathers that begat them in this land;
4 They shall die of grievous deaths; they shall not be lamented; neither shall they be buried; *but* they shall be as dung upon the face of the earth: and they shall be consumed by the sword, and by famine; and their carcases shall be meat for the fowls of heaven, and for the beasts of the earth.
5 For thus saith the LORD, Enter not into the house of mourning, neither go to lament nor bemoan them: for I have taken away my peace from this people, saith the LORD, *even* lovingkindness and mercies.
6 Both the great and the small shall die in this land: they shall not be buried, neither shall *men* lament for them, nor cut themselves, nor make themselves bald for them:
7 Neither shall *men* tear *themselves* for them in mourning, to comfort them for the dead; neither shall *men* give them the cup of consolation to drink for their father or for their mother.
8 Thou shalt not also go into the house of feasting, to sit with them to eat and to drink.
9 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will cause to cease out of this place in your eyes, and in your days, the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride.

A Reason for Punishment

10 And it shall come to pass, when thou shalt shew this people all these words, and they shall say unto thee, Wherefore hath the LORD pronounced all this great evil against us? or what *is* our iniquity? or what *is* our sin that we have committed against the LORD our God?
11 Then shalt thou say unto them, Because your fathers have forsaken me, saith the LORD, and have walked after other gods, and have served them, and have worshipped them, and have forsaken me, and have not kept my law;
12 And ye have done worse than your fathers; for, behold, ye walk every one after the imagination of his evil heart, that they may not hearken unto me:
13 Therefore will I cast you out of this land into a land that ye know not, *neither* ye nor your fathers; and there shall ye serve other gods day and night; where I will not shew you favour.

God Will Deliver His People

14 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that it shall no more be said, The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;
15 But, The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither he had driven them: and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers.
16 Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the LORD, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.
17 For mine eyes *are* upon all their ways: they are not hid from my face, neither is their iniquity hid from mine eyes.
18 And first I will recompense their iniquity and their sin double; because they have defiled my land, they have filled mine inheritance with the carcases of their detestable and abominable things.

God's Might

19 O LORD, my strength, and my fortress,

16:7 consolation ▸ *see Ps. 94:19.*

16:19 strength

(Heb. *`oz*) (Ex. 15:2; Ps. 21:1; Is. 49:5) H5797: From the verb *`azaz* (H5810), meaning to be strong,

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and my refuge in the day of affliction, the Gentiles shall come unto thee from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Surely our fathers have inherited lies, vanity, and *things* wherein *there is* no profit.
20 Shall a man make gods unto himself, and they *are* no gods?
21 Therefore, behold, I will this once cause them to know, I will cause them to know mine hand and my might; and they shall know that my name *is* The LORD.

A Pen of Iron

17 The sin of Judah *is* written with a pen of iron, *and* with the point of a diamond: *it is* graven upon the table of their heart, and upon the horns of your altars;
2 Whilst their children remember their altars and their groves by the green trees upon the high hills.
3 O my mountain in the field, I will give thy substance *and* all thy treasures to the spoil, *and* thy high places for sin, throughout all thy borders.
4 And thou, even thyself, shalt discontinue from thine heritage that I gave thee; and I will cause thee to serve thine enemies in the land which thou knowest not: for ye have kindled a fire in mine anger, *which* shall burn for ever.
5 Thus saith the LORD; Cursed *be* the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD.
6 For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, *in* a salt land and not inhabited.

Blessed Is He That Trusts in God

7 Blessed *is* the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is.
8 For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and *that* spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.
9 The heart *is* deceitful above all *things,* and desperately wicked: who can know it?
10 I the LORD search the heart, *I* try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, *and* according to the fruit of his doings.
11 *As* the partridge sitteth *on eggs,* and hatcheth *them* not; *so* he that getteth riches, and not by right, shall leave them in the midst of his days, and at his end shall be a fool.
12 A glorious high throne from the beginning *is* the place of our sanctuary.

Forsaking the Fountain of Living Waters

13 O LORD, the hope of Israel, all that forsake thee shall be ashamed, *and* they that depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of living waters.
14 Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou *art* my praise.

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this noun conveys might, power, or strength. In describing God, it is usually coupled with some sort of concrete verbal imagery implying protection—He is a shield (Ps. 28:7), refuge (Ps. 46:1), and rock (Ps. 62:7). Knowing the power of the Almighty on behalf of His own prompts rejoicing and singing ("strength and song"—Ex. 15:2; Ps. 118:14; Is. 12:2; cf. Ps. 28:7; 81:1).

17:5 curse ▸ *see Deut. 28:16.*
17:8 heat ▸ *see Neh. 7:3.*
17:13 depart ▸ *see Num. 12:10.*
17:13 fountain ▸ *see Ps. 36:9.*

17:14 heal

(Heb. *rapha'*) (2 Chr. 7:14; Is. 19:22; 53:5; 57:18) H7495: This word applies literally to the work of a physician. Occasionally it refers to inanimate objects and can be best translated *repair* (1 Kin. 18:30). But more commonly this word connotes the idea of restoring to normal, as in 2 Chronicles 7:14, where God promises to restore the land if His people pray. In the psalms, God is praised for His role in healing disease (Ps. 103:3), healing the brokenhearted (Ps. 147:3), and healing the soul by providing salvation (Ps. 30:2; 107:20). Isaiah declared that the healing of God's people results from the sacrificial wounds of His Son (Is. 53:5–12).

17:14 save

(Heb. *yasha'*) (Ex. 14:30; Num. 10:9; Deut. 20:4) H3467: A common verb meaning to save, be saved, or be delivered from danger. The rescue

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15 Behold, they say unto me, Where *is* the word of the LORD? let it come now.
16 As for me, I have not hastened from *being* a pastor to follow thee: neither have I desired the woeful day; thou knowest: that which came out of my lips was *right* before thee.
17 Be not a terror unto me: thou *art* my hope in the day of evil.
18 Let them be confounded that persecute me, but let not me be confounded: let them be dismayed, but let not me be dismayed: bring upon them the day of evil, and destroy them with double destruction.

Hallow the Sabbath Day

19 Thus said the LORD unto me; Go and stand in the gate of the children of the people, whereby the kings of Judah come in, and by the which they go out, and in all the gates of Jerusalem;
20 And say unto them, Hear ye the word of the LORD, ye kings of Judah, and all Judah, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, that enter in by these gates:
21 Thus saith the LORD; Take heed to yourselves, and bear no burden on the sabbath day, nor bring *it* in by the gates of Jerusalem;
22 Neither carry forth a burden out of your houses on the sabbath day, neither do ye any work, but hallow ye the sabbath day, as I commanded your fathers.
23 But they obeyed not, neither inclined their ear, but made their neck stiff, that they might not hear, nor receive instruction.
24 And it shall come to pass, if ye diligently hearken unto me, saith the LORD, to bring in no burden through the gates of this city on the sabbath day, but hallow the sabbath day, to do no work therein;
25 Then shall there enter into the gates of this city kings and princes sitting upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, they, and their princes, the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: and this city shall remain for ever.
26 And they shall come from the cities of Judah, and from the places about Jerusalem, and from the land of Benjamin, and from the plain, and from the mountains, and from the south, bringing burnt offerings, and sacrifices, and meat offerings, and incense, and bringing sacrifices of praise, unto the house of the LORD.
27 But if ye will not hearken unto me to hallow the sabbath day, and not to bear a burden, even entering in at the gates of Jerusalem on the sabbath day; then will I kindle a fire in the gates thereof, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall not be quenched.

The Potter's Vessel of Clay

18 The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,
2 Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause thee to hear my words.
3 Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he wrought a work on the wheels.
4 And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make *it*.
5 Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,
6 O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the LORD. Behold, as the clay *is* in the potter's hand, so *are* ye in mine hand, O house of Israel.
7 *At what* instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, and to pull down, and to destroy *it;*
8 If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them.
9 And *at what* instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant *it;*
10 If it do evil in my sight, that it obey not my voice, then I will repent of the good, wherewith I said I would benefit them.

Desolation from the Lord

11 Now therefore go to, speak to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I frame evil against you, and devise a device against

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may be temporal and physical (Judg. 3:31; 1 Sam. 14:6; Jer. 17:14) or spiritual and eternal (Is. 30:15; 45:17, 22). A form of this word is used to speak of God as the source of salvation (Ps. 18:47; 79:9; Mic. 7:7). The name Jesus means "The Lord is salvation" (Matt. 1:21).

17:22 sabbath ▸ *see Num. 28:9.*

you: return ye now every one from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good.
12 And they said, There is no hope: but we will walk after our own devices, and we will every one do the imagination of his evil heart.
13 Therefore thus saith the LORD; Ask ye now among the heathen, who hath heard such things: the virgin of Israel hath done a very horrible thing.
14 Will *a man* leave the snow of Lebanon *which cometh* from the rock of the field? *or* shall the cold flowing waters that come from another place be forsaken?
15 Because my people hath forgotten me, they have burned incense to vanity, and they have caused them to stumble in their ways *from* the ancient paths, to walk in paths, *in* a way not cast up;
16 To make their land desolate, *and* a perpetual hissing; every one that passeth thereby shall be astonished, and wag his head.
17 I will scatter them as with an east wind before the enemy; I will shew them the back, and not the face, in the day of their calamity.

Jeremiah's Words Ignored

18 Then said they, Come, and let us devise devices against Jeremiah; for the law shall not perish from the priest, nor counsel from the wise, nor the word from the prophet. Come, and let us smite him with the tongue, and let us not give heed to any of his words.

Jeremiah's Plea for Vengeance

19 Give heed to me, O LORD, and hearken to the voice of them that contend with me.
20 Shall evil be recompensed for good? for they have digged a pit for my soul. Remember that I stood before thee to speak good for them, *and* to turn away thy wrath from them.
21 Therefore deliver up their children to the famine, and pour out their *blood* by the force of the sword; and let their wives be bereaved of their children, and *be* widows; and let their men be put to death; *let* their young men *be* slain by the sword in battle.
22 Let a cry be heard from their houses, when thou shalt bring a troop suddenly upon them: for they have digged a pit to take me, and hid snares for my feet.
23 Yet, LORD, thou knowest all their counsel against me to slay *me:* forgive not their iniquity, neither blot out their sin from thy sight, but let them be overthrown before thee; deal *thus* with them in the time of thine anger.

The Potter's Earthen Bottle

19 Thus saith the LORD, Go and get a potter's earthen bottle, and *take* of the ancients of the people, and of the ancients of the priests;
2 And go forth unto the valley of the son of Hinnom, which *is* by the entry of the east gate, and proclaim there the words that I shall tell thee,
3 And say, Hear ye the word of the LORD, O kings of Judah, and inhabitants of Jerusalem; Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, the which whosoever heareth, his ears shall tingle.
4 Because they have forsaken me, and have estranged this place, and have burned incense in it unto other gods, whom neither they nor their fathers have known, nor the kings of Judah, and have filled this place with the blood of innocents;
5 They have built also the high places of Baal, to burn their sons with fire *for* burnt offerings unto Baal, which I commanded not, nor spake *it,* neither came *it* into my mind:

A Place of Hissing

6 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that this place shall no more be called Tophet, nor The valley of the son of Hinnom, but The valley of slaughter.
7 And I will make void the counsel of

18:20 dig

(Heb. *karah*) (Gen. 26:25; 50:5; 2 Chr. 16:14; Prov. 26:27) H3738: The act of removing soil, the word is sometimes translated "make" (2 Chr. 16:14; Ps. 7:15, where another word for dig is also used—*chaphar*), indicating care or purpose. The term relates to digging wells or tombs. In Jeremiah's case, he realizes people are actively preparing, or digging, a figurative "pit" in order to silence him. Ironically, in Jeremiah 38:1–13 the prophet is lowered into an actual pit or cistern with no water but plenty of mud being used as a dungeon.

19:5 high place ▸ *see 2 Kin. 14:4.*
19:6 valley ▸ *see 2 Chr. 26:9.*
19:6 slaughter ▸ *see Zech. 11:7.*

Judah and Jerusalem in this place; and I will cause them to fall by the sword before their enemies, and by the hands of them that seek their lives: and their carcases will I give to be meat for the fowls of the heaven, and for the beasts of the earth.
8 And I will make this city desolate, and an hissing; every one that passeth thereby shall be astonished and hiss because of all the plagues thereof.
9 And I will cause them to eat the flesh of their sons and the flesh of their daughters, and they shall eat every one the flesh of his friend in the siege and straitness, wherewith their enemies, and they that seek their lives, shall straiten them.

The Message of the Broken Bottle

10 Then shalt thou break the bottle in the sight of the men that go with thee,
11 And shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Even so will I break this people and this city, as *one* breaketh a potter's vessel, that cannot be made whole again: and they shall bury *them* in Tophet, till *there be* no place to bury.
12 Thus will I do unto this place, saith the LORD, and to the inhabitants thereof, and *even* make this city as Tophet:
13 And the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses of the kings of Judah, shall be defiled as the place of Tophet, because of all the houses upon whose roofs they have burned incense unto all the host of heaven, and have poured out drink offerings unto other gods.

The People's Hardened Necks

14 Then came Jeremiah from Tophet, whither the LORD had sent him to prophesy; and he stood in the court of the LORD's house; and said to all the people,
15 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring upon this city and upon all her towns all the evil that I have pronounced against it, because they have hardened their necks, that they might not hear my words.

Jeremiah's Arrest

20 Now Pashur the son of Immer the priest, who *was* also chief governor in the house of the LORD, heard that Jeremiah prophesied these things.
2 Then Pashur smote Jeremiah the prophet, and put him in the stocks that *were* in the high gate of Benjamin, which *was* by the house of the LORD.
3 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Pashur brought forth Jeremiah out of the stocks. Then said Jeremiah unto him, The LORD hath not called thy name Pashur, but Magor-missabib.
4 For thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will make thee a terror to thyself, and to all thy friends: and they shall fall by the sword of their enemies, and thine eyes shall behold *it:* and I will give all Judah into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall carry them captive into Babylon, and shall slay them with the sword.
5 Moreover I will deliver all the strength of this city, and all the labours thereof, and all the precious things thereof, and all the treasures of the kings of Judah will I give into the hand of their enemies, which shall spoil them, and take them, and carry them to Babylon.
6 And thou, Pashur, and all that dwell in thine house shall go into captivity: and thou shalt come to Babylon, and there thou shalt die, and shalt be buried there, thou, and all thy friends, to whom thou hast prophesied lies.

Jeremiah Ridiculed

7 O LORD, thou hast deceived me, and I was deceived: thou art stronger than I, and hast prevailed: I am in derision daily, every one mocketh me.
8 For since I spake, I cried out, I cried

19:8 hissing ▸ *see Jer. 29:18.*

19:8 astonish

(Heb. *shamem*) (Lev. 26:32; 1 Kin. 9:8; Ezek. 28:19) H8074: The sense of this term is a reaction described as to be amazed, astounded, shocked, and silenced. Something terrible has happened that should not have happened, as here, accompanied by hissing (Jer. 49:17) or headshaking (Jer. 18:16). The first time it's used in Jeremiah, God expects hearers to be astonished over His people's folly: "They have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water" (Jer. 2:13).

19:9 straitness ▸ *see Deut. 28:55.*

violence and spoil; because the word of the LORD was made a reproach unto me, and a derision, daily.
9 Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But *his word* was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not *stay*.
10 For I heard the defaming of many, fear on every side. Report, *say they,* and we will report it. All my familiars watched for my halting, *saying,* Peradventure he will be enticed, and we shall prevail against him, and we shall take our revenge on him.

Persecutors Will Not Prevail

11 But the LORD *is* with me as a mighty terrible one: therefore my persecutors shall stumble, and they shall not prevail: they shall be greatly ashamed; for they shall not prosper: *their* everlasting confusion shall never be forgotten.
12 But, O LORD of hosts, that triest the righteous, *and* seest the reins and the heart, let me see thy vengeance on them: for unto thee have I opened my cause.
13 Sing unto the LORD, praise ye the LORD: for he hath delivered the soul of the poor from the hand of evildoers.

Born to See Labour and Sorrow

14 Cursed *be* the day wherein I was born: let not the day wherein my mother bare me be blessed.
15 Cursed *be* the man who brought tidings to my father, saying, A man child is born unto thee; making him very glad.
16 And let that man be as the cities which the LORD overthrew, and repented not: and let him hear the cry in the morning, and the shouting at noontide;
17 Because he slew me not from the womb; or that my mother might have been my grave, and her womb *to be* always great *with me*.
18 Wherefore came I forth out of the womb to see labour and sorrow, that my days should be consumed with shame?

Zedekiah Seeks God's Leadership

21 The word which came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, when king Zedekiah sent unto him Pashur the son of Melchiah, and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest, saying,
2 Enquire, I pray thee, of the LORD for us; for Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon maketh war against us; if so be that the LORD will deal with us according to all his wondrous works, that he may go up from us.

The Lord Will Fight Against Jerusalem

3 Then said Jeremiah unto them, Thus shall ye say to Zedekiah:
4 Thus saith the LORD God of Israel; Behold, I will turn back the weapons of war that *are* in your hands, wherewith ye fight against the king of Babylon, and *against* the Chaldeans, which besiege you without the walls, and I will assemble them into the midst of this city.
5 And I myself will fight against you with an outstretched hand and with a strong arm, even in anger, and in fury, and in great wrath.
6 And I will smite the inhabitants of this city, both man and beast: they shall die of a great pestilence.

Zedekiah to Be Captured

7 And afterward, saith the LORD, I will deliver Zedekiah king of Judah, and his servants, and the people, and such as are left in this city from the pestilence, from the sword, and from the famine, into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand

20:8 word

(Heb. *dabar*) (Deut. 24:5; 2 Sam. 11:19; Jer. 1:13; 26:5) H1697: This Hebrew word is derived from the verb "to speak," and it signifies the word or thing spoken. Often it refers to the idea or content of what is said and is translated "matter" (2 Sam. 11:19), "thing" (Ex. 16:16), or "business" (Deut. 24:5). The phrase "word of the LORD" is used by the prophets at the beginning of a divine message (see 1:13). In the case of prophetic literature, *word* can be a technical term for a prophecy. In the Bible, the word of revelation is associated with prophets (Jer. 26:5), just as wisdom is associated with wise men and the law with priests (Jer. 18:18). Jeremiah used *dabar* more than any other prophet in order to clarify the authority given to him by God.

20:9 burning ▸ *see Ps. 94:8.*
20:13 evildoer ▸ *see Ps. 119:115.*
20:15 bring tidings ▸ *see Is. 61:1.*
20:18 labour ▸ *see Eccl. 5:18.*

of those that seek their life: and he shall smite them with the edge of the sword; he shall not spare them, neither have pity, nor have mercy.
8 And unto this people thou shalt say, Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I set before you the way of life, and the way of death.
9 He that abideth in this city shall die by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence: but he that goeth out, and falleth to the Chaldeans that besiege you, he shall live, and his life shall be unto him for a prey.
10 For I have set my face against this city for evil, and not for good, saith the LORD: it shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire.

The Fruit of Judah's Doings

11 And touching the house of the king of Judah, *say,* Hear ye the word of the LORD;
12 O house of David, thus saith the LORD; Execute judgment in the morning, and deliver *him that is* spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor, lest my fury go out like fire, and burn that none can quench *it,* because of the evil of your doings.
13 Behold, I *am* against thee, O inhabitant of the valley, *and* rock of the plain, saith the LORD; which say, Who shall come down against us? or who shall enter into our habitations?
14 But I will punish you according to the fruit of your doings, saith the LORD: and I will kindle a fire in the forest thereof, and it shall devour all things round about it.

The Conditions for Obedience

22 Thus saith the LORD; Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and speak there this word,
2 And say, Hear the word of the LORD, O king of Judah, that sittest upon the throne of David, thou, and thy servants, and thy people that enter in by these gates:
3 Thus saith the LORD; Execute ye judgment and righteousness, and deliver the spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor: and do no wrong, do no violence to the stranger, the fatherless, nor the widow, neither shed innocent blood in this place.
4 For if ye do this thing indeed, then shall there enter in by the gates of this house kings sitting upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, he, and his servants, and his people.

God's Warning for Disobedience

5 But if ye will not hear these words, I swear by myself, saith the LORD, that this house shall become a desolation.
6 For thus saith the LORD unto the king's house of Judah; Thou *art* Gilead unto me, *and* the head of Lebanon: *yet* surely I will make thee a wilderness, *and* cities *which* are not inhabited.
7 And I will prepare destroyers against thee, every one with his weapons: and they shall cut down thy choice cedars, and cast *them* into the fire.
8 And many nations shall pass by this city, and they shall say every man to his neighbour, Wherefore hath the LORD done thus unto this great city?
9 Then they shall answer, Because they have forsaken the covenant of the LORD their God, and worshipped other gods, and served them.

21:7 spare ▸ *see Ezek. 8:18.*

21:12 morning

(Heb. *boqer*) (1 Sam. 3:15; Ps. 30:5; Eccl. 11:6) H1242: This is the word used in Genesis 1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31 to track the rhythm of creation with the repeated phrase "and the evening and the morning" of each day. It is derived from a root Hebrew term for *split* or *break*, referring to the way light shatters darkness. In over 200 appearances in the Old Testament, the term refers to the first part of the day. When dawn is meant (Ex. 8:20; Num. 22:13; Job 1:5), the term is qualified.

21:13 plain ▸ *see Deut. 3:10.*

22:6 wilderness

(Heb. *midbar*) (Ezek. 6:14; Amos 2:10; Mal. 1:3) H4057: Sometimes used for *desert* (Ex. 3:1; 5:3; Jer. 25:24), the word most frequently (over 250 times) refers to desolate, uninhabited spaces. When the exodus from Egypt is referred to (Ps. 78:15, 19, 40, 52), this word describes the place where God led and protected His people. In Jeremiah 2:31, God asks in the light of His people's unfaithfulness, "Have I been a wilderness unto Israel?" For the prophet, wilderness is the hostile environment that accompanies God's judgment.

10 Weep ye not for the dead, neither bemoan him: *but* weep sore for him that goeth away: for he shall return no more, nor see his native country.
11 For thus saith the LORD touching Shallum the son of Josiah king of Judah, which reigned instead of Josiah his father, which went forth out of this place; He shall not return thither any more:
12 But he shall die in the place whither they have led him captive, and shall see this land no more.

Woe to Jehoiakim

13 Woe unto him that buildeth his house by unrighteousness, and his chambers by wrong; *that* useth his neighbour's service without wages, and giveth him not for his work;
14 That saith, I will build me a wide house and large chambers, and cutteth him out windows; and *it is* cieled with cedar, and painted with vermilion.
15 Shalt thou reign, because thou closest *thyself* in cedar? did not thy father eat and drink, and do judgment and justice, *and* then *it was* well with him?
16 He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then *it was* well *with him: was* not this to know me? saith the LORD.
17 But thine eyes and thine heart *are* not but for thy covetousness, and for to shed innocent blood, and for oppression, and for violence, to do *it*.
18 Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah; They shall not lament for him, *saying,* Ah my brother! or, Ah sister! they shall not lament for him, *saying,* Ah lord! or, Ah his glory!
19 He shall be buried with the burial of an ass, drawn and cast forth beyond the gates of Jerusalem.
20 Go up to Lebanon, and cry; and lift up thy voice in Bashan, and cry from the passages: for all thy lovers are destroyed.
21 I spake unto thee in thy prosperity; *but* thou saidst, I will not hear. This *hath been* thy manner from thy youth, that thou obeyedst not my voice.
22 The wind shall eat up all thy pastors, and thy lovers shall go into captivity: surely then shalt thou be ashamed and confounded for all thy wickedness.
23 O inhabitant of Lebanon, that makest thy nest in the cedars, how gracious shalt thou be when pangs come upon thee, the pain as of a woman in travail!

Coniah's Seed Shall Not Rule

24 *As* I live, saith the LORD, though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah were the signet upon my right hand, yet would I pluck thee thence;
25 And I will give thee into the hand of them that seek thy life, and into the hand *of them* whose face thou fearest, even into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of the Chaldeans.
26 And I will cast thee out, and thy mother that bare thee, into another country, where ye were not born; and there shall ye die.
27 But to the land whereunto they desire to return, thither shall they not return.
28 *Is* this man Coniah a despised broken idol? *is he* a vessel wherein *is* no pleasure? wherefore are they cast out, he and his seed, and are cast into a land which they know not?
29 O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the LORD.
30 Thus saith the LORD, Write ye this man childless, a man *that* shall not prosper in his days: for no man of his seed shall prosper, sitting upon the throne of David, and ruling any more in Judah.

The Evil of Your Doings

23 Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the LORD.
2 Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel against the pastors that feed my people; Ye have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them: behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith the LORD.
3 And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase.

22:10 bemoan ▸ *see Job 42:11.*
22:13 chambers ▸ *see Neh. 3:32.*
22:24 signet ▸ *see Hag. 2:23.*
23:1 woe ▸ *see Is. 45:9.*
23:1 pastor ▸ *see Jer. 25:34.*
23:3 fruitful ▸ *see Gen. 28:3.*

4 And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith the LORD.

A Righteous Branch

5 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.
6 In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this *is* his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.
7 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that they shall no more say, The LORD liveth, which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;
8 But, The LORD liveth, which brought up and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all countries whither I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land.

The Profane Prophets and Priests

9 Mine heart within me is broken because of the prophets; all my bones shake; I am like a drunken man, and like a man whom wine hath overcome, because of the LORD, and because of the words of his holiness.
10 For the land is full of adulterers; for because of swearing the land mourneth; the pleasant places of the wilderness are dried up, and their course is evil, and their force *is* not right.
11 For both prophet and priest are profane; yea, in my house have I found their wickedness, saith the LORD.
12 Wherefore their way shall be unto them as slippery *ways* in the darkness: they shall be driven on, and fall therein: for I will bring evil upon them, *even* the year of their visitation, saith the LORD.
13 And I have seen folly in the prophets of Samaria; they prophesied in Baal, and caused my people Israel to err.
14 I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem an horrible thing: they commit adultery, and walk in lies: they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none doth return from his wickedness: they are all of them unto me as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah.
15 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts concerning the prophets; Behold, I will feed them with wormwood, and make them drink the water of gall: for from the prophets of Jerusalem is profaneness gone forth into all the land.

Hearken Not to the False Prophets

16 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Hearken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you: they make you vain: they speak a vision of their own heart, *and* not out of the mouth of the LORD.
17 They say still unto them that despise me, The LORD hath said, Ye shall have peace; and they say unto every one that walketh after the imagination of his own heart, No evil shall come upon you.
18 For who hath stood in the counsel of the LORD, and hath perceived and heard his word? who hath marked his word, and heard *it?*
19 Behold, a whirlwind of the LORD is gone forth in fury, even a grievous whirlwind: it shall fall grievously upon the head of the wicked.
20 The anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly.
21 I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied.
22 But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings.
23 *Am* I a God at hand, saith the LORD, and not a God afar off?

Prophesying False Dreams

24 Can any hide himself in secret places that

23:5 Branch ▸ *see Zech. 6:12.*
23:11 profane ▸ *see Ps. 106:38.*
23:15 wormwood ▸ *see Amos 6:12.*
23:19 grievous ▸ *see 1 Sam. 31:3.*
23:21 prophesy ▸ *see 1 Sam. 19:20.*
23:22 counsel ▸ *see Prov. 11:13.*

I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD.
25 I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed.
26 How long shall *this* be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? yea, *they are* prophets of the deceit of their own heart;
27 Which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbour, as their fathers have forgotten my name for Baal.
28 The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What *is* the chaff to the wheat? saith the LORD.
29 *Is* not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer *that* breaketh the rock in pieces?
30 Therefore, behold, I *am* against the prophets, saith the LORD, that steal my words every one from his neighbour.
31 Behold, I *am* against the prophets, saith the LORD, that use their tongues, and say, He saith.
32 Behold, I *am* against them that prophesy false dreams, saith the LORD, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their lightness; yet I sent them not, nor commanded them: therefore they shall not profit this people at all, saith the LORD.

The Burden of the Lord

33 And when this people, or the prophet, or a priest, shall ask thee, saying, What *is* the burden of the LORD? thou shalt then say unto them, What burden? I will even forsake you, saith the LORD.
34 And *as for* the prophet, and the priest, and the people, that shall say, The burden of the LORD, I will even punish that man and his house.
35 Thus shall ye say every one to his neighbour, and every one to his brother, What hath the LORD answered? and, What hath the LORD spoken?
36 And the burden of the LORD shall ye mention no more: for every man's word shall be his burden; for ye have perverted the words of the living God, of the LORD of hosts our God.
37 Thus shalt thou say to the prophet, What hath the LORD answered thee? and, What hath the LORD spoken?
38 But since ye say, The burden of the LORD; therefore thus saith the LORD; Because ye say this word, The burden of the LORD, and I have sent unto you, saying, Ye shall not say, The burden of the LORD;
39 Therefore, behold, I, even I, will utterly forget you, and I will forsake you, and the city that I gave you and your fathers, *and cast you* out of my presence:
40 And I will bring an everlasting reproach upon you, and a perpetual shame, which shall not be forgotten.

The Two Baskets of Figs

24 The LORD shewed me, and, behold, two baskets of figs *were* set before the temple of the LORD, after that Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon had carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah, and the princes of Judah, with the carpenters and smiths, from Jerusalem, and had brought them to Babylon.
2 One basket *had* very good figs, *even* like the figs *that are* first ripe: and the other basket *had* very naughty figs, which could not be eaten, they were so bad.
3 Then said the LORD unto me, What seest thou, Jeremiah? And I said, Figs; the good figs, very good; and the evil, very evil, that cannot be eaten, they are so evil.

Blessings and Restoration

4 Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
5 Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel;

23:24 fill

(Heb. *male'*) (Gen. 1:22; Ex. 2:16; Ps. 72:19; Is. 33:5) H4390: A verb with spatial and theological nuances. It can mean to fill up or be full, to spread out and completely occupy a space, as in humans filling the earth (Gen. 1:28), or liquid filling containers (Gen. 24:16; 42:25; 1 Sam. 16:1). Emotionally, a person can be filled with rage (Esth. 3:5). Spiritually, God's Spirit is said to fill certain people (Ex. 35:31) or the tabernacle (Ex. 40:34); His glory is said to fill the whole earth (Num. 14:21; Ps. 72:19). Followers of Jesus have the privilege of being filled with the Holy Spirit (Eph. 5:18).

23:25 lie ▸ *see Jer. 8:8.*
23:33 burden ▸ *see Is. 23:1.*

Like these good figs, so will I acknowledge them that are carried away captive of Judah, whom I have sent out of this place into the land of the Chaldeans for *their* good.
6 For I will set mine eyes upon them for good, and I will bring them again to this land: and I will build them, and not pull *them* down; and I will plant them, and not pluck *them* up.
7 And I will give them an heart to know me, that I *am* the LORD: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God: for they shall return unto me with their whole heart.
8 And as the evil figs, which cannot be eaten, they are so evil; surely thus saith the LORD, So will I give Zedekiah the king of Judah, and his princes, and the residue of Jerusalem, that remain in this land, and them that dwell in the land of Egypt:
9 And I will deliver them to be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth for *their* hurt, *to be* a reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a curse, in all places whither I shall drive them.
10 And I will send the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, among them, till they be consumed from off the land that I gave unto them and to their fathers.

Judah Ignores Warnings of Prophets

25 The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, that *was* the first year of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon;
2 The which Jeremiah the prophet spake unto all the people of Judah, and to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying,
3 From the thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon king of Judah, even unto this day, that *is* the three and twentieth year, the word of the LORD hath come unto me, and I have spoken unto you, rising early and speaking; but ye have not hearkened.
4 And the LORD hath sent unto you all his servants the prophets, rising early and sending *them;* but ye have not hearkened, nor inclined your ear to hear.
5 They said, Turn ye again now every one from his evil way, and from the evil of your doings, and dwell in the land that the LORD hath given unto you and to your fathers for ever and ever:
6 And go not after other gods to serve them, and to worship them, and provoke me not to anger with the works of your hands; and I will do you no hurt.
7 Yet ye have not hearkened unto me, saith the LORD; that ye might provoke me to anger with the works of your hands to your own hurt.

Seventy Years of Captivity

8 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; Because ye have not heard my words,
9 Behold, I will send and take all the families of the north, saith the LORD, and Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will bring them against this land, and against the inhabitants thereof, and against all these nations round about, and will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, and an hissing, and perpetual desolations.
10 Moreover I will take from them the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones, and the light of the candle.
11 And this whole land shall be a desolation, *and* an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

God's Punishment of Babylon

12 And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, *that* I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the LORD, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it perpetual desolations.

24:6 set ▸ *see Job 36:13.*
24:6 build ▸ *see Jer. 1:10.*

24:6 pluck up

(Heb. *nathash*) (Deut. 29:28; Jer. 1:10; Mic. 5:14) H5428: This word with agricultural roots identifies the action of removing a plant from the soil. Occasionally it is translated "root out" (Deut. 29:28; Jer. 1:10) or "root up" (1 Kin. 14:15). The term is used figuratively (often by Jeremiah) to describe God's action or restraint in relation to His people. In Jeremiah 18:7, 8 God makes it clear that His warning to a nation that He may pluck them up is accompanied by His willingness to relent "if that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil."

13 And I will bring upon that land all my words which I have pronounced against it, *even* all that is written in this book, which Jeremiah hath prophesied against all the nations.
14 For many nations and great kings shall serve themselves of them also: and I will recompense them according to their deeds, and according to the works of their own hands.
15 For thus saith the LORD God of Israel unto me; Take the wine cup of this fury at my hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send thee, to drink it.
16 And they shall drink, and be moved, and be mad, because of the sword that I will send among them.
17 Then took I the cup at the LORD's hand, and made all the nations to drink, unto whom the LORD had sent me:

Judgment on Jerusalem and Judah

18 *To wit,* Jerusalem, and the cities of Judah, and the kings thereof, and the princes thereof, to make them a desolation, an astonishment, an hissing, and a curse; as *it is* this day;

Judgment on Egypt and Others

19 Pharaoh king of Egypt, and his servants, and his princes, and all his people;
20 And all the mingled people, and all the kings of the land of Uz, and all the kings of the land of the Philistines, and Ashkelon, and Azzah, and Ekron, and the remnant of Ashdod,
21 Edom, and Moab, and the children of Ammon,
22 And all the kings of Tyrus, and all the kings of Zidon, and the kings of the isles which *are* beyond the sea,
23 Dedan, and Tema, and Buz, and all *that are* in the utmost corners,
24 And all the kings of Arabia, and all the kings of the mingled people that dwell in the desert,
25 And all the kings of Zimri, and all the kings of Elam, and all the kings of the Medes,
26 And all the kings of the north, far and near, one with another, and all the kingdoms of the world, which *are* upon the face of the earth: and the king of Sheshach shall drink after them.

Rise No More

27 Therefore thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Drink ye, and be drunken, and spue, and fall, and rise no more, because of the sword which I will send among you.
28 And it shall be, if they refuse to take the cup at thine hand to drink, then shalt thou say unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Ye shall certainly drink.
29 For, lo, I begin to bring evil on the city which is called by my name, and should ye be utterly unpunished? Ye shall not be unpunished: for I will call for a sword upon all the inhabitants of the earth, saith the LORD of hosts.

The Lord Shall Roar

30 Therefore prophesy thou against them all these words, and say unto them, The LORD shall roar from on high, and utter his voice from his holy habitation; he shall mightily roar upon his habitation; he shall give a shout, as they that tread *the grapes,* against all the inhabitants of the earth.
31 A noise shall come *even* to the ends of the earth; for the LORD hath a controversy with the nations, he will plead with all flesh; he will give them *that are* wicked to the sword, saith the LORD.
32 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth.
33 And the slain of the LORD shall be at that day from *one* end of the earth even unto the *other* end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground.

The Cry of the Shepherds

34 Howl, ye shepherds, and cry; and wallow

25:15 cup ▸ *see Jer. 49:12.*
25:30 roar ▸ *see Joel 3:16.*

25:34 shepherd

(Heb. *ra`ah*) (Gen. 49:24; 2 Sam. 5:2; Ps. 23:1; Jer. 23:1) H7462: The Hebrew noun for *shepherd* refers to someone who feeds and tends domestic animals. David spoke of God as His shepherd because God provided, sustained, and guided him (Ps. 23).

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yourselves *in the ashes,* ye principal of the flock: for the days of your slaughter and of your dispersions are accomplished; and ye shall fall like a pleasant vessel.
35 And the shepherds shall have no way to flee, nor the principal of the flock to escape.
36 A voice of the cry of the shepherds, and an howling of the principal of the flock, *shall be heard:* for the LORD hath spoiled their pasture.
37 And the peaceable habitations are cut down because of the fierce anger of the LORD.
38 He hath forsaken his covert, as the lion: for their land is desolate because of the fierceness of the oppressor, and because of his fierce anger.

Hearken and Turn from Your Evil Ways

26 In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah came this word from the LORD, saying,
2 Thus saith the LORD; Stand in the court of the LORD's house, and speak unto all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in the LORD's house, all the words that I command thee to speak unto them; diminish not a word:
3 If so be they will hearken, and turn every man from his evil way, that I may repent me of the evil, which I purpose to do unto them because of the evil of their doings.

A Curse to All the Nations

4 And thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD; If ye will not hearken to me, to walk in my law, which I have set before you,
5 To hearken to the words of my servants the prophets, whom I sent unto you, both rising up early, and sending *them,* but ye have not hearkened;
6 Then will I make this house like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth.
7 So the priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD.

Jeremiah's Death Demanded

8 Now it came to pass, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that the LORD had commanded *him* to speak unto all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the people took him, saying, Thou shalt surely die.
9 Why hast thou prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate without an inhabitant? And all the people were gathered against Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.
10 When the princes of Judah heard these things, then they came up from the king's house unto the house of the LORD, and sat down in the entry of the new gate of the LORD's *house.*
11 Then spake the priests and the prophets unto the princes and to all the people, saying, This man *is* worthy to die; for he hath prophesied against this city, as ye have heard with your ears.

Jeremiah's Defence

12 Then spake Jeremiah unto all the princes and to all the people, saying, The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words that ye have heard.
13 Therefore now amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the LORD your God; and the LORD will repent him of the evil that he hath pronounced against you.

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Kings and other leaders were also seen as shepherds of their people, and the title "shepherd" was frequently applied to kings in the ancient Middle East. David was a true shepherd-king, responsibly leading and protecting his people (2 Sam. 5:1, 2). Jeremiah rebuked the leaders of Israel who were false shepherds and failed in their responsibility of caring for the spiritual well-being of God's people (Jer. 23:1–4).

25:34 wallow ▸ *see Jer. 6:26.*
26:5 word ▸ *see Jer. 20:8.*

26:9 Shiloh

(Heb. *shiloh*) (Judg. 18:31; 1 Sam. 3:21; Ps. 78:60) H7887: For Jeremiah, Shiloh was a desolate holy place where the tabernacle had resided for many years, was briefly captured by the Philistines (1 Sam. 4:11), and was brought back to Jerusalem by David in preparation for the building of the temple. The prophet warned that what happened to Shiloh could happen to Jerusalem. The term appears suddenly in Genesis 49:10 in Jacob's blessing of Judah, causing scholarly speculation about the possible messianic overtones in the patriarch's words.

14 As for me, behold, I *am* in your hand: do with me as seemeth good and meet unto you.
15 But know ye for certain, that if ye put me to death, ye shall surely bring innocent blood upon yourselves, and upon this city, and upon the inhabitants thereof: for of a truth the LORD hath sent me unto you to speak all these words in your ears.
16 Then said the princes and all the people unto the priests and to the prophets; This man *is* not worthy to die: for he hath spoken to us in the name of the LORD our God.

Micah and Urijah's Fate

17 Then rose up certain of the elders of the land, and spake to all the assembly of the people, saying,
18 Micah the Morasthite prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and spake to all the people of Judah, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Zion shall be plowed *like* a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of a forest.
19 Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah put him at all to death? did he not fear the LORD, and besought the LORD, and the LORD repented him of the evil which he had pronounced against them? Thus might we procure great evil against our souls.
20 And there was also a man that prophesied in the name of the LORD, Urijah the son of Shemaiah of Kirjath-jearim, who prophesied against this city and against this land according to all the words of Jeremiah:
21 And when Jehoiakim the king, with all his mighty men, and all the princes, heard his words, the king sought to put him to death: but when Urijah heard it, he was afraid, and fled, and went into Egypt;
22 And Jehoiakim the king sent men into Egypt, *namely,* Elnathan the son of Achbor, and *certain* men with him into Egypt.
23 And they fetched forth Urijah out of Egypt, and brought him unto Jehoiakim the king; who slew him with the sword, and cast his dead body into the graves of the common people.
24 Nevertheless the hand of Ahikam the son of Shaphan was with Jeremiah, that they should not give him into the hand of the people to put him to death.

Jeremiah's Yokes and Bonds

27 In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah came this word unto Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,
2 Thus saith the LORD to me; Make thee bonds and yokes, and put them upon thy neck,
3 And send them to the king of Edom, and to the king of Moab, and to the king of the Ammonites, and to the king of Tyrus, and to the king of Zidon, by the hand of the messengers which come to Jerusalem unto Zedekiah king of Judah;
4 And command them to say unto their masters, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Thus shall ye say unto your masters;
5 I have made the earth, the man and the beast that *are* upon the ground, by my great power and by my outstretched arm, and have given it unto whom it seemed meet unto me.
6 And now have I given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant; and the beasts of the field have I given him also to serve him.
7 And all nations shall serve him, and his son, and his son's son, until the very time of his land come: and then many nations and great kings shall serve themselves of him.

Death to Any Nation Not Submitting

8 And it shall come to pass, *that* the nation and kingdom which will not serve the same Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, and that will not put their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, that nation will I punish, saith the LORD, with the sword, and with the famine, and with the pestilence, until I have consumed them by his hand.

Do Not Listen to the Diviners

9 Therefore hearken not ye to your prophets, nor to your diviners, nor to your dreamers, nor to your enchanters, nor to your sorcerers, which speak unto you, saying, Ye shall not serve the king of Babylon:
10 For they prophesy a lie unto you, to remove you far from your land; and that I should drive you out, and ye should perish.

27:2 yoke ▸ *see Is. 58:9.*

11 But the nations that bring their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him, those will I let remain still in their own land, saith the LORD; and they shall till it, and dwell therein.

A Message to Zedekiah

12 I spake also to Zedekiah king of Judah according to all these words, saying, Bring your necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him and his people, and live.
13 Why will ye die, thou and thy people, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, as the LORD hath spoken against the nation that will not serve the king of Babylon?
14 Therefore hearken not unto the words of the prophets that speak unto you, saying, Ye shall not serve the king of Babylon: for they prophesy a lie unto you.
15 For I have not sent them, saith the LORD, yet they prophesy a lie in my name; that I might drive you out, and that ye might perish, ye, and the prophets that prophesy unto you.
16 Also I spake to the priests and to all this people, saying, Thus saith the LORD; Hearken not to the words of your prophets that prophesy unto you, saying, Behold, the vessels of the LORD's house shall now shortly be brought again from Babylon: for they prophesy a lie unto you.
17 Hearken not unto them; serve the king of Babylon, and live: wherefore should this city be laid waste?
18 But if they *be* prophets, and if the word of the LORD be with them, let them now make intercession to the LORD of hosts, that the vessels which are left in the house of the LORD, and *in* the house of the king of Judah, and at Jerusalem, go not to Babylon.
19 For thus saith the LORD of hosts concerning the pillars, and concerning the sea, and concerning the bases, and concerning the residue of the vessels that remain in this city,
20 Which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took not, when he carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah from Jerusalem to Babylon, and all the nobles of Judah and Jerusalem;
21 Yea, thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, concerning the vessels that remain *in* the house of the LORD, and *in* the house of the king of Judah and of Jerusalem;
22 They shall be carried to Babylon, and there shall they be until the day that I visit them, saith the LORD; then will I bring them up, and restore them to this place.

Hananiah's False Prophecy

28 And it came to pass the same year, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fourth year, *and* in the fifth month, *that* Hananiah the son of Azur the prophet, which *was* of Gibeon, spake unto me in the house of the LORD, in the presence of the priests and of all the people, saying,
2 Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon.
3 Within two full years will I bring again into this place all the vessels of the LORD's house, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away from this place, and carried them to Babylon:
4 And I will bring again to this place Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah, with all the captives of Judah, that went into Babylon, saith the LORD: for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.

The True Test of Prophecy

5 Then the prophet Jeremiah said unto the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests, and in the presence of all the people that stood in the house of the LORD,
6 Even the prophet Jeremiah said, Amen: the LORD do so: the LORD perform thy words which thou hast prophesied, to bring again the vessels of the LORD's house, and all that is carried away captive, from Babylon into this place.

27:18 make intercession

(Heb. *paga'*) (Ruth 1:16; Job 21:15; Jer. 7:16) H6293: From a primitive root that means to encounter or meet comes this verb that has a wide range of nuances. Here, the idea is to entreat or intervene on behalf of others and encourage a certain response (Ruth 1:16; Is. 53:12; 59:16). One may petition a king (Jer. 36:25) or God (Jer. 7:16). The New Testament assures believers that both the Spirit of God (Rom. 8:27) and the Son of God (Heb. 7:25) make intercession for us, and that we also are to constantly intercede for others (1 Tim. 2:1).

7 Nevertheless hear thou now this word that I speak in thine ears, and in the ears of all the people;
8 The prophets that have been before me and before thee of old prophesied both against many countries, and against great kingdoms, of war, and of evil, and of pestilence.
9 The prophet which prophesieth of peace, when the word of the prophet shall come to pass, *then* shall the prophet be known, that the LORD hath truly sent him.
10 Then Hananiah the prophet took the yoke from off the prophet Jeremiah's neck, and brake it.
11 And Hananiah spake in the presence of all the people, saying, Thus saith the LORD; Even so will I break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon from the neck of all nations within the space of two full years. And the prophet Jeremiah went his way.

The Yokes of Iron

12 Then the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah *the prophet,* after that Hananiah the prophet had broken the yoke from off the neck of the prophet Jeremiah, saying,
13 Go and tell Hananiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD; Thou hast broken the yokes of wood; but thou shalt make for them yokes of iron.
14 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; I have put a yoke of iron upon the neck of all these nations, that they may serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and they shall serve him: and I have given him the beasts of the field also.

The Death of Hananiah

15 Then said the prophet Jeremiah unto Hananiah the prophet, Hear now, Hananiah; The LORD hath not sent thee; but thou makest this people to trust in a lie.
16 Therefore thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will cast thee from off the face of the earth: this year thou shalt die, because thou hast taught rebellion against the LORD.
17 So Hananiah the prophet died the same year in the seventh month.

Jeremiah's Letter to the Exiles

29 Now these *are* the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem unto the residue of the elders which were carried away captives, and to the priests, and to the prophets, and to all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon;
2 (After that Jeconiah the king, and the queen, and the eunuchs, the princes of Judah and Jerusalem, and the carpenters, and the smiths, were departed from Jerusalem;)
3 By the hand of Elasah the son of Shaphan, and Gemariah the son of Hilkiah, (whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent unto Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon) saying,
4 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, unto all that are carried away captives, whom I have caused to be carried away from Jerusalem unto Babylon;
5 Build ye houses, and dwell *in them;* and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them;
6 Take ye wives, and beget sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; that ye may be increased there, and not diminished.
7 And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto the LORD for it: for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace.
8 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Let not your prophets and your diviners, that *be* in the midst of you, deceive you, neither hearken to your dreams which ye cause to be dreamed.
9 For they prophesy falsely unto you in my name: I have not sent them, saith the LORD.

The Thoughts of Peace

10 For thus saith the LORD, That after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place.

28:16 rebellion

(Heb. *sarah*) (Is. 1:5; 59:13; Jer. 29:32) H5627: Both Jeremiah and Isaiah use this term in confronting the people's willingness to abandon God. Here and in Jeremiah 29:32, the prophet is prophesying the deaths of Hananiah and Shemiah because each of them "taught rebellion." In Isaiah the word is translated *revolt.* In both prophets' ministries, the rejection of God seems rooted in thought patterns and then acted out in widespread faithless behavior. Isaiah uses the word in Isaiah 59:13 as part of his confession of national apostasy.

11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.
12 Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you.
13 And ye shall seek me, and find *me,* when ye shall search for me with all your heart.
14 And I will be found of you, saith the LORD: and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the LORD; and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive.

The False Prophets in Babylon

15 Because ye have said, The LORD hath raised us up prophets in Babylon;
16 *Know* that thus saith the LORD of the king that sitteth upon the throne of David, and of all the people that dwelleth in this city, *and* of your brethren that are not gone forth with you into captivity;
17 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Behold, I will send upon them the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, and will make them like vile figs, that cannot be eaten, they are so evil.
18 And I will persecute them with the sword, with the famine, and with the pestilence, and will deliver them to be removed to all the kingdoms of the earth, to be a curse, and an astonishment, and an hissing, and a reproach, among all the nations whither I have driven them:
19 Because they have not hearkened to my words, saith the LORD, which I sent unto them by my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending *them;* but ye would not hear, saith the LORD.

Ahab and Zedekiah's Fate

20 Hear ye therefore the word of the LORD, all ye of the captivity, whom I have sent from Jerusalem to Babylon:
21 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, of Ahab the son of Kolaiah, and of Zedekiah the son of Maaseiah, which prophesy a lie unto you in my name; Behold, I will deliver them into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon; and he shall slay them before your eyes;
22 And of them shall be taken up a curse by all the captivity of Judah which *are* in Babylon, saying, The LORD make thee like Zedekiah and like Ahab, whom the king of Babylon roasted in the fire;
23 Because they have committed villany in Israel, and have committed adultery with their neighbours' wives, and have spoken lying words in my name, which I have not commanded them; even I know, and *am* a witness, saith the LORD.

The Rebuke of Shemaiah

24 *Thus* shalt thou also speak to Shemaiah the Nehelamite, saying,
25 Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, Because thou hast sent letters in thy name unto all the people that *are* at Jerusalem, and to Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest, and to all the priests, saying,
26 The LORD hath made thee priest in the stead of Jehoiada the priest, that ye should be officers in the house of the LORD, for every man *that is* mad, and maketh himself a prophet, that thou shouldest put him in prison, and in the stocks.
27 Now therefore why hast thou not reproved Jeremiah of Anathoth, which maketh himself a prophet to you?
28 For therefore he sent unto us *in* Babylon, saying, This *captivity is* long: build ye houses,

29:11 thought ▸ *see Esth. 8:5.*

29:18 hissing

(Heb. *shereqah*) (2 Chr. 29:8; Jer. 19:8; Mic. 6:16) H8322: The Hebrew word translated *hissing* is from a verb meaning "to whistle" (Is. 5:26) or "to play a pipe" as a signal for flocks (Judg. 5:16). This word may refer to a superstitious practice among ancients: They would shake their head and whistle when passing by the ruins of a village or a deserted city, as a charm against suffering the same fate. The Old Testament prophets used this word to warn the Israelites of the ridicule and scorn they would endure as part of God's judgment on their sins (Lam. 2:15, 16; Zeph. 2:15). Jeremiah often used this word in connection with astonishment over a calamity (Jer. 19:8; 29:18; 51:37). Zechariah used the same word to describe God's gracious regathering of the Israelites from the Exile (Zech. 10:8), using the image of a shepherd whistling for his sheep.

and dwell *in them;* and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them.
29 And Zephaniah the priest read this letter in the ears of Jeremiah the prophet.
30 Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah, saying,
31 Send to all them of the captivity, saying, Thus saith the LORD concerning Shemaiah the Nehelamite; Because that Shemaiah hath prophesied unto you, and I sent him not, and he caused you to trust in a lie:
32 Therefore thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will punish Shemaiah the Nehelamite, and his seed: he shall not have a man to dwell among this people; neither shall he behold the good that I will do for my people, saith the LORD; because he hath taught rebellion against the LORD.

The Promise of a Return to the Land

30 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,
2 Thus speaketh the LORD God of Israel, saying, Write thee all the words that I have spoken unto thee in a book.
3 For, lo, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, saith the LORD: and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.

The Time of Jacob's Trouble

4 And these *are* the words that the LORD spake concerning Israel and concerning Judah.
5 For thus saith the LORD; We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace.
6 Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness?
7 Alas! for that day *is* great, so that none *is* like it: it *is* even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.
8 For it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, *that* I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds, and strangers shall no more serve themselves of him:
9 But they shall serve the LORD their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them.

Jacob Shall Be at Rest

10 Therefore fear thou not, O my servant Jacob, saith the LORD; neither be dismayed, O Israel: for, lo, I will save thee from afar, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be in rest, and be quiet, and none shall make *him* afraid.
11 For I *am* with thee, saith the LORD, to save thee: though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee, yet will I not make a full end of thee: but I will correct thee in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished.
12 For thus saith the LORD, Thy bruise *is* incurable, *and* thy wound *is* grievous.
13 *There is* none to plead thy cause, that thou mayest be bound up: thou hast no healing medicines.
14 All thy lovers have forgotten thee; they seek thee not; for I have wounded thee with the wound of an enemy, with the chastisement of a cruel one, for the multitude of thine iniquity; *because* thy sins were increased.
15 Why criest thou for thine affliction? thy sorrow *is* incurable for the multitude of thine iniquity: *because* thy sins were increased, I have done these things unto thee.

The Destruction of Israel's Enemies

16 Therefore all they that devour thee shall be devoured; and all thine adversaries, every one of them, shall go into captivity; and they that spoil thee shall be a spoil, and all that prey upon thee will I give for a prey.

29:29 letter ▸ *see 1 Kin. 21:11.*
29:32 rebellion ▸ *see Jer. 28:16.*
30:8 yoke ▸ *see 1 Kin. 12:4.*

30:10 dismay

(Heb. *chathath*) (Deut. 1:21; Josh. 1:9; 2 Chr. 32:7) H2865: The root meaning of this verb is to be broken. It is used in Scripture to refer to the actual shattering of objects and more abstractly to suggest the downfall or defeat of cities or nations (Is. 20:5; Jer. 48:1). Such physical destruction and social collapse results in emotional brokenness. Victims are discouraged, demoralized, and immobilized by terror, panic, and dismay. Isaiah, for example, uses this word to refer to the disintegration of morale among military leaders (Is. 31:9).

30:16 they that spoil ▸ *see 2 Kin. 17:20.*

17 For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the LORD; because they called thee an Outcast, *saying,* This *is* Zion, whom no man seeketh after.

Jerusalem to Be Rebuilt

18 Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will bring again the captivity of Jacob's tents, and have mercy on his dwellingplaces; and the city shall be builded upon her own heap, and the palace shall remain after the manner thereof.
19 And out of them shall proceed thanksgiving and the voice of them that make merry: and I will multiply them, and they shall not be few; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small.
20 Their children also shall be as aforetime, and their congregation shall be established before me, and I will punish all that oppress them.
21 And their nobles shall be of themselves, and their governor shall proceed from the midst of them; and I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach unto me: for who *is* this that engaged his heart to approach unto me? saith the LORD.
22 And ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.
23 Behold, the whirlwind of the LORD goeth forth with fury, a continuing whirlwind: it shall fall with pain upon the head of the wicked.
24 The fierce anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have done *it,* and until he have performed the intents of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it.

God's Everlasting Love

31 At the same time, saith the LORD, will I be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.
2 Thus saith the LORD, The people *which were* left of the sword found grace in the wilderness; *even* Israel, when I went to cause him to rest.
3 The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, *saying,* Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.
4 Again I will build thee, and thou shalt be built, O virgin of Israel: thou shalt again be adorned with thy tabrets, and shalt go forth in the dances of them that make merry.
5 Thou shalt yet plant vines upon the mountains of Samaria: the planters shall plant, and shall eat *them* as common things.
6 For there shall be a day, *that* the watchmen upon the mount Ephraim shall cry, Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto the LORD our God.

The Regathering of Israel

7 For thus saith the LORD; Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations: publish ye, praise ye, and say, O LORD, save thy people, the remnant of Israel.
8 Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the coasts of the earth, *and* with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her that travaileth with child together: a great company shall return thither.
9 They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble: for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim *is* my firstborn.

The Redemption of Israel

10 Hear the word of the LORD, O ye nations, and declare *it* in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd *doth* his flock.
11 For the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of *him that was* stronger than he.
12 Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of the LORD, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all.
13 Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, both young men and old together: for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow.
14 And I will satiate the soul of the priests with fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, saith the LORD.

31:12 goodness ▸ *see 2 Kin. 8:9.*
31:12 herd ▸ *see Ps. 66:15.*
31:12 garden ▸ *see 2 Kin. 21:18.*

15 Thus saith the LORD; A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, *and* bitter weeping; Rahel weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because they *were* not.
16 Thus saith the LORD; Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears: for thy work shall be rewarded, saith the LORD; and they shall come again from the land of the enemy.
17 And there is hope in thine end, saith the LORD, that thy children shall come again to their own border.

Mercy on Ephraim

18 I have surely heard Ephraim bemoaning himself *thus;* Thou hast chastised me, and I was chastised, as a bullock unaccustomed *to the yoke:* turn thou me, and I shall be turned; for thou *art* the LORD my God.
19 Surely after that I was turned, I repented; and after that I was instructed, I smote upon *my* thigh: I was ashamed, yea, even confounded, because I did bear the reproach of my youth.
20 *Is* Ephraim my dear son? *is he* a pleasant child? for since I spake against him, I do earnestly remember him still: therefore my bowels are troubled for him; I will surely have mercy upon him, saith the LORD.
21 Set thee up waymarks, make thee high heaps: set thine heart toward the highway, *even* the way *which* thou wentest: turn again, O virgin of Israel, turn again to these thy cities.
22 How long wilt thou go about, O thou backsliding daughter? for the LORD hath created a new thing in the earth, A woman shall compass a man.

The Satiation of the Weary Soul

23 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; As yet they shall use this speech in the land of Judah and in the cities thereof, when I shall bring again their captivity; The LORD bless thee, O habitation of justice, *and* mountain of holiness.
24 And there shall dwell in Judah itself, and in all the cities thereof together, husbandmen, and they *that* go forth with flocks.
25 For I have satiated the weary soul, and I have replenished every sorrowful soul.
26 Upon this I awaked, and beheld; and my sleep was sweet unto me.

Man Shall Die for His Own Iniquity

27 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man, and with the seed of beast.
28 And it shall come to pass, *that* like as I have watched over them, to pluck up, and to break down, and to throw down, and to destroy, and to afflict; so will I watch over them, to build, and to plant, saith the LORD.
29 In those days they shall say no more, The fathers have eaten a sour grape, and the children's teeth are set on edge.
30 But every one shall die for his own iniquity: every man that eateth the sour grape, his teeth shall be set on edge.

A New Covenant

31 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

31:15 lamentation ▸ *see Jer. 9:19.*
31:15 Rahel ▸ *see Gen. 29:10.*
31:16 reward ▸ *see Gen. 30:28.*
31:22 go about ▸ *see Song 5:6.*

31:22 man

(Heb. *geber*) (Num. 24:3; Job 38:3; Ps. 40:4) H1397: From a verb that means to prevail, be mighty or great, comes this noun that typically refers to a man, i.e., masculinity, maleness as distinct from femaleness (Ex. 10:11; Deut. 22:5; Ps. 88:5; Dan. 8:15) and from those who are children (Ex. 12:37; 1 Chr. 23:3). It can be translated warrior or soldier (Judg. 5:30). In some instances it can refer to humanity in a general way (Ps. 37:24; Prov. 20:24).

31:25 weary ▸ *see 2 Sam. 16:14.*

31:28 plant

(Heb. *nata'*) (2 Sam. 7:10; Jer. 1:10; Dan. 11:45) H5193: Aside from references to the planting of crops (Gen. 9:20), this verb is used to describe the placement of tents and other objects on the ground (Dan. 11:45). Jeremiah uses this word to testify to God's sovereignty not only over Israel but over the establishment and eventual overthrow of all powers great and small on earth (Jer. 12:2). Since God planted and established every nation, He could also uproot them whenever He wished (Jer. 1:10).

31:31 make ▸ *see Ex. 34:27.*
31:31 covenant ▸ *see 2 Sam. 3:12.*

32 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day *that* I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD:
33 But this *shall be* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.
34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

The City Shall Be Built

35 Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, *and* the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts *is* his name:
36 If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD, *then* the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever.
37 Thus saith the LORD; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the LORD.
38 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that the city shall be built to the LORD from the tower of Hananeel unto the gate of the corner.
39 And the measuring line shall yet go forth over against it upon the hill Gareb, and shall compass about to Goath.
40 And the whole valley of the dead bodies, and of the ashes, and all the fields unto the brook of Kidron, unto the corner of the horse gate toward the east, *shall be* holy unto the LORD; it shall not be plucked up, nor thrown down any more for ever.

Jeremiah Is Imprisoned by Zedekiah

32 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which *was* the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar.
2 For then the king of Babylon's army besieged Jerusalem: and Jeremiah the prophet was shut up in the court of the prison, which *was* in the king of Judah's house.
3 For Zedekiah king of Judah had shut him up, saying, Wherefore dost thou prophesy, and say, Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it;
4 And Zedekiah king of Judah shall not escape out of the hand of the Chaldeans, but shall surely be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon, and shall speak with him mouth to mouth, and his eyes shall behold his eyes;
5 And he shall lead Zedekiah to Babylon, and there shall he be until I visit him, saith the LORD: though ye fight with the Chaldeans, ye shall not prosper.

Jeremiah Buys Property in Anathoth

6 And Jeremiah said, The word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
7 Behold, Hanameel the son of Shallum thine uncle shall come unto thee, saying, Buy thee my field that *is* in Anathoth: for the right of redemption *is* thine to buy *it*.
8 So Hanameel mine uncle's son came to me in the court of the prison according to the word of the LORD, and said unto me, Buy my field, I pray thee, that *is* in Anathoth, which *is* in the country of Benjamin: for the right of inheritance *is* thine, and the redemption *is* thine; buy *it* for thyself. Then I knew that this *was* the word of the LORD.
9 And I bought the field of Hanameel my uncle's son, that *was* in Anathoth, and weighed him the money, *even* seventeen shekels of silver.

31:33 heart ▸ *see Ps. 51:10.*
31:34 forgive ▸ *see Ps. 103:3.*
31:34 sin ▸ *see Lev. 9:2.*

32:9 weigh

(Heb. *shaqal*) (Gen. 23:16; Job 6:2; Is. 40:12) H8254: The basic meaning of this verb is to weigh. Typically it implied the placing of a precious

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10 And I subscribed the evidence, and sealed *it,* and took witnesses, and weighed *him* the money in the balances.
11 So I took the evidence of the purchase, *both* that which was sealed *according* to the law and custom, and that which was open:
12 And I gave the evidence of the purchase unto Baruch the son of Neriah, the son of Maaseiah, in the sight of Hanameel mine uncle's *son,* and in the presence of the witnesses that subscribed the book of the purchase, before all the Jews that sat in the court of the prison.
13 And I charged Baruch before them, saying,
14 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Take these evidences, this evidence of the purchase, both which is sealed, and this evidence which is open; and put them in an earthen vessel, that they may continue many days.
15 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Houses and fields and vineyards shall be possessed again in this land.

The Ways of Men

16 Now when I had delivered the evidence of the purchase unto Baruch the son of Neriah, I prayed unto the LORD, saying,
17 Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, *and* there is nothing too hard for thee:
18 Thou shewest lovingkindness unto thousands, and recompensest the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them: the Great, the Mighty God, the LORD of hosts, *is* his name,
19 Great in counsel, and mighty in work: for thine eyes *are* open upon all the ways of the sons of men: to give every one according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings:

Israel Obeyed Not God's Voice

20 Which hast set signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, *even* unto this day, and in Israel, and among *other* men; and hast made thee a name, as at this day;
21 And hast brought forth thy people Israel out of the land of Egypt with signs, and with wonders, and with a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with great terror;
22 And hast given them this land, which thou didst swear to their fathers to give them, a land flowing with milk and honey;
23 And they came in, and possessed it; but they obeyed not thy voice, neither walked in thy law; they have done nothing of all that thou commandedst them to do: therefore thou hast caused all this evil to come upon them:
24 Behold the mounts, they are come unto the city to take it; and the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans, that fight against it, because of the sword, and of the famine, and of the pestilence: and what thou hast spoken is come to pass; and, behold, thou seest *it.*
25 And thou hast said unto me, O Lord GOD, Buy thee the field for money, and take witnesses; for the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.
26 Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah, saying,
27 Behold, I *am* the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?
28 Therefore thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the Chaldeans, and into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and he shall take it:
29 And the Chaldeans, that fight against this city, shall come and set fire on this city, and burn it with the houses, upon whose roofs they have offered incense unto Baal, and poured out drink offerings unto other gods, to provoke me to anger.
30 For the children of Israel and the children of Judah have only done evil before me from their youth: for the children of Israel have only provoked me to anger with the work of their hands, saith the LORD.

The Provocation of God's Anger

31 For this city hath been to me *as* a provocation of mine anger and of my fury from the day that they built it even unto this day; that I should remove it from before my face,
32 Because of all the evil of the children of

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metal like silver or gold on a scale to determine its quantity and true value as part of the process of purchasing something (Ezra 8:25; Jer. 32:9). The word was also used figuratively to speak of measuring a person's grief (Job 6:2) or one's moral character or integrity (Job 31:6).

32:10 seal ▸ *see Dan. 12:9.*

Israel and of the children of Judah, which they have done to provoke me to anger, they, their kings, their princes, their priests, and their prophets, and the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
33 And they have turned unto me the back, and not the face: though I taught them, rising up early and teaching *them,* yet they have not hearkened to receive instruction.
34 But they set their abominations in the house, which is called by my name, to defile it.
35 And they built the high places of Baal, which *are* in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through *the fire* unto Molech; which I commanded them not, neither came it into my mind, that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.

A Time of Restoration

36 And now therefore thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning this city, whereof ye say, It shall be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence;
37 Behold, I will gather them out of all countries, whither I have driven them in mine anger, and in my fury, and in great wrath; and I will bring them again unto this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely:
38 And they shall be my people, and I will be their God:
39 And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me for ever, for the good of them, and of their children after them:
40 And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me.
41 Yea, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plant them in this land assuredly with my whole heart and with my whole soul.

God Will Bring Good to His People

42 For thus saith the LORD; Like as I have brought all this great evil upon this people, so will I bring upon them all the good that I have promised them.
43 And fields shall be bought in this land, whereof ye say, *It is* desolate without man or beast; it is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.
44 Men shall buy fields for money, and subscribe evidences, and seal *them,* and take witnesses in the land of Benjamin, and in the places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, and in the cities of the mountains, and in the cities of the valley, and in the cities of the south: for I will cause their captivity to return, saith the LORD.

Great and Mighty Things

33 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah the second time, while he was yet shut up in the court of the prison, saying,
2 Thus saith the LORD the maker thereof, the LORD that formed it, to establish it; the LORD *is* his name;
3 Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

An Abundance of Peace and Truth

4 For thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the houses of this city, and concerning the houses of the kings of Judah, which are thrown down by the mounts, and by the sword;
5 They come to fight with the Chaldeans, but *it is* to fill them with the dead bodies of men, whom I have slain in mine anger and in my fury, and for all whose wickedness I have hid my face from this city.
6 Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them, and will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth.

32:41 rejoice ▸ *see Is. 64:5.*

33:3 call

(Heb. *qara'*) (Ex. 1:18; 2 Kin. 4:15; Ps. 18:3) H7121: One of the more common verbs of the Old Testament, *qara'* has a primary meaning of vocalizing a message. It can mean to summon (Ex. 12:31; Is. 48:12) or even to invite (Ex. 2:20). It is used to convey the act of giving something a name or title (Gen. 1:5; 11:9). In other places it means simply to proclaim (1 Kin. 21:9), to cry out (Gen. 39:14; 45:1), or to address God (Ps. 99:6). One of the great scenes of the New Testament is Jesus calling or crying out for the spiritually thirsty to come to Him (John 7:37).

33:6 reveal ▸ *see Amos 3:7.*

7 And I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, as at the first.
8 And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity, whereby they have sinned against me; and I will pardon all their iniquities, whereby they have sinned, and whereby they have transgressed against me.
9 And it shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and an honour before all the nations of the earth, which shall hear all the good that I do unto them: and they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and for all the prosperity that I procure unto it.
10 Thus saith the LORD; Again there shall be heard in this place, which ye say *shall be* desolate without man and without beast, *even* in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, that are desolate, without man, and without inhabitant, and without beast,
11 The voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the voice of them that shall say, Praise the LORD of hosts: for the LORD *is* good; for his mercy *endureth* for ever: *and* of them that shall bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the LORD. For I will cause to return the captivity of the land, as at the first, saith the LORD.

A Desolate Land Inhabited

12 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Again in this place, which is desolate without man and without beast, and in all the cities thereof, shall be an habitation of shepherds causing *their* flocks to lie down.
13 In the cities of the mountains, in the cities of the vale, and in the cities of the south, and in the land of Benjamin, and in the places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, shall the flocks pass again under the hands of him that telleth *them,* saith the LORD.
14 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will perform that good thing which I have promised unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah.

A Branch of Righteousness

15 In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land.
16 In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this *is the name* wherewith she shall be called, The LORD our righteousness.
17 For thus saith the LORD; David shall never want a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel;
18 Neither shall the priests the Levites want a man before me to offer burnt offerings, and to kindle meat offerings, and to do sacrifice continually.
19 And the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah, saying,
20 Thus saith the LORD; If ye can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season;
21 *Then* may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne; and with the Levites the priests, my ministers.
22 As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured: so will I multiply the seed of David my servant, and the Levites that minister unto me.

God Will Have Mercy

23 Moreover the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying,
24 Considerest thou not what this people have spoken, saying, The two families which the LORD hath chosen, he hath even cast them off? thus they have despised my people, that they should be no more a nation before them.
25 Thus saith the LORD; If my covenant *be* not with day and night, *and if* I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth;
26 Then will I cast away the seed of Jacob, and David my servant, *so* that I will not take

33:9 honour ▸ *see Ps. 96:6.*
33:16 safely ▸ *see Deut. 33:12.*

33:26 cast away

(Heb. *ma'as*) (Lev. 26:43; Job 30:1; Jer. 8:9). H3988: This Hebrew verb means "to despise," "to hold without regard," or "to refuse, reject" (Lev. 26:43; 1 Sam. 16:10; Job 30:1). Like the Hebrew verb *`azab* (meaning "to abandon"), this term has reciprocal connotations when used in covenant contexts. When the people of Judah rejected God's law (Jer. 6:19), the Lord rejected that generation

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any of his seed *to be* rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: for I will cause their captivity to return, and have mercy on them.

Warning of the Coming Captivity

34 The word which came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and all his army, and all the kingdoms of the earth of his dominion, and all the people, fought against Jerusalem, and against all the cities thereof, saying,
2 Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel; Go and speak to Zedekiah king of Judah, and tell him, Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire:
3 And thou shalt not escape out of his hand, but shalt surely be taken, and delivered into his hand; and thine eyes shall behold the eyes of the king of Babylon, and he shall speak with thee mouth to mouth, and thou shalt go to Babylon.
4 Yet hear the word of the LORD, O Zedekiah king of Judah; Thus saith the LORD of thee, Thou shalt not die by the sword:
5 *But* thou shalt die in peace: and with the burnings of thy fathers, the former kings which were before thee, so shall they burn *odours* for thee; and they will lament thee, *saying,* Ah lord! for I have pronounced the word, saith the LORD.
6 Then Jeremiah the prophet spake all these words unto Zedekiah king of Judah in Jerusalem,
7 When the king of Babylon's army fought against Jerusalem, and against all the cities of Judah that were left, against Lachish, and against Azekah: for these defenced cities remained of the cities of Judah.

Freedom Ordered for the Hebrew Slaves

8 *This is* the word that came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, after that the king Zedekiah had made a covenant with all the people which *were* at Jerusalem, to proclaim liberty unto them;
9 That every man should let his manservant, and every man his maidservant, *being* an Hebrew or an Hebrewess, go free; that none should serve himself of them, *to wit,* of a Jew his brother.
10 Now when all the princes, and all the people, which had entered into the covenant, heard that every one should let his manservant, and every one his maidservant, go free, that none should serve themselves of them any more, then they obeyed, and let *them* go.
11 But afterward they turned, and caused the servants and the handmaids, whom they had let go free, to return, and brought them into subjection for servants and for handmaids.

God Reminds Israel of Its Covenant

12 Therefore the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,
13 Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel; I made a covenant with your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondmen, saying,
14 At the end of seven years let ye go every man his brother an Hebrew, which hath been sold unto thee; and when he hath served thee six years, thou shalt let him go free from thee: but your fathers hearkened not unto me, neither inclined their ear.
15 And ye were now turned, and had done right in my sight, in proclaiming liberty every man to his neighbour; and ye had made a covenant before me in the house which is called by my name:
16 But ye turned and polluted my name, and

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(Jer. 7:29). As part of the New Covenant, the Lord promised that He would never again reject His people, but would forgive their sin and remember it no more (Jer. 31:34, 37).

34:2 burn ▸ *see Judg. 12:1.*

34:9 Hebrew

(Heb. *`ibri*) (Gen. 14:13; Ex. 3:18; Jon. 1:9) H5680: This word (both a noun and an adjective) came to be the name by which Abraham and his descendants through Isaac and Jacob (i.e., the Israelites) would be forever known. It is thought by many scholars to be a derivative of the Hebrew verb *`abar*, a common word with many nuances, almost all of which suggest movement. Even those who doubt this lexical connection cannot dispute the historical record of the Jewish people, an epic travelogue of wandering, exile, and return.

34:9 free ▸ *see Ex. 21:5.*

caused every man his servant, and every man his handmaid, whom he had set at liberty at their pleasure, to return, and brought them into subjection, to be unto you for servants and for handmaids.

The Covenant Breakers' Fate

17 Therefore thus saith the LORD; Ye have not hearkened unto me, in proclaiming liberty, every one to his brother, and every man to his neighbour: behold, I proclaim a liberty for you, saith the LORD, to the sword, to the pestilence, and to the famine; and I will make you to be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth.
18 And I will give the men that have transgressed my covenant, which have not performed the words of the covenant which they had made before me, when they cut the calf in twain, and passed between the parts thereof,
19 The princes of Judah, and the princes of Jerusalem, the eunuchs, and the priests, and all the people of the land, which passed between the parts of the calf;
20 I will even give them into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of them that seek their life: and their dead bodies shall be for meat unto the fowls of the heaven, and to the beasts of the earth.
21 And Zedekiah king of Judah and his princes will I give into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of them that seek their life, and into the hand of the king of Babylon's army, which are gone up from you.
22 Behold, I will command, saith the LORD, and cause them to return to this city; and they shall fight against it, and take it, and burn it with fire: and I will make the cities of Judah a desolation without an inhabitant.

The Rechabites' Loyalty Tested

35 The word which came unto Jeremiah from the LORD in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, saying,
2 Go unto the house of the Rechabites, and speak unto them, and bring them into the house of the LORD, into one of the chambers, and give them wine to drink.
3 Then I took Jaazaniah the son of Jeremiah, the son of Habaziniah, and his brethren, and all his sons, and the whole house of the Rechabites;
4 And I brought them into the house of the LORD, into the chamber of the sons of Hanan, the son of Igdaliah, a man of God, which *was* by the chamber of the princes, which *was* above the chamber of Maaseiah the son of Shallum, the keeper of the door:
5 And I set before the sons of the house of the Rechabites pots full of wine, and cups, and I said unto them, Drink ye wine.

The Rechabites' Loyalty Asserted

6 But they said, We will drink no wine: for Jonadab the son of Rechab our father commanded us, saying, Ye shall drink no wine, *neither* ye, nor your sons for ever:
7 Neither shall ye build house, nor sow seed, nor plant vineyard, nor have *any:* but all your days ye shall dwell in tents; that ye may live many days in the land where ye *be* strangers.
8 Thus have we obeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab our father in all that he hath charged us, to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, nor our daughters;
9 Nor to build houses for us to dwell in: neither have we vineyard, nor field, nor seed:
10 But we have dwelt in tents, and have obeyed, and done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us.
11 But it came to pass, when Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon came up into the land, that we said, Come, and let us go to Jerusalem for fear of the army of the Chaldeans, and for fear of the army of the Syrians: so we dwell at Jerusalem.

Judah's Sin and the Rechabites' Loyalty

12 Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah, saying,
13 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Go and tell the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, Will ye not receive instruction to hearken to my words? saith the LORD.
14 The words of Jonadab the son of Rechab, that he commanded his sons not to drink wine, are performed; for unto this day they drink none, but obey their father's commandment: notwithstanding I have spoken unto you, rising early and speaking; but ye hearkened not unto me.
15 I have sent also unto you all my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending

them, saying, Return ye now every man from his evil way, and amend your doings, and go not after other gods to serve them, and ye shall dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your fathers: but ye have not inclined your ear, nor hearkened unto me.
16 Because the sons of Jonadab the son of Rechab have performed the commandment of their father, which he commanded them; but this people hath not hearkened unto me:

Punishment for Disobedience

17 Therefore thus saith the LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring upon Judah and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the evil that I have pronounced against them: because I have spoken unto them, but they have not heard; and I have called unto them, but they have not answered.

Blessings for the Rechabites' Obedience

18 And Jeremiah said unto the house of the Rechabites, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Because ye have obeyed the commandment of Jonadab your father, and kept all his precepts, and done according unto all that he hath commanded you:
19 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Jonadab the son of Rechab shall not want a man to stand before me for ever.

Jeremiah to Record the Words of the Lord

36 And it came to pass in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, *that* this word came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,
2 Take thee a roll of a book, and write therein all the words that I have spoken unto thee against Israel, and against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spake unto thee, from the days of Josiah, even unto this day.
3 It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I purpose to do unto them; that they may return every man from his evil way; that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin.

The Reading of the Book

4 Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah: and Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the LORD, which he had spoken unto him, upon a roll of a book.
5 And Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, I *am* shut up; I cannot go into the house of the LORD:
6 Therefore go thou, and read in the roll, which thou hast written from my mouth, the words of the LORD in the ears of the people in the LORD's house upon the fasting day: and also thou shalt read them in the ears of all Judah that come out of their cities.
7 It may be they will present their supplication before the LORD, and will return every one from his evil way: for great *is* the anger and the fury that the LORD hath pronounced against this people.
8 And Baruch the son of Neriah did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, reading in the book the words of the LORD in the LORD's house.
9 And it came to pass in the fifth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, in the ninth month, *that* they proclaimed a fast before the LORD to all the people in Jerusalem, and to all the people that came from the cities of Judah unto Jerusalem.
10 Then read Baruch in the book the words of Jeremiah in the house of the LORD, in the chamber of Gemariah the son of Shaphan the scribe, in the higher court, at the entry of the new gate of the LORD's house, in the ears of all the people.

The Book Read to the Princes

11 When Michaiah the son of Gemariah, the son of Shaphan, had heard out of the book all the words of the LORD,
12 Then he went down into the king's house, into the scribe's chamber: and, lo, all the

35:15 land

(Heb. *'adamah*) (Gen. 6:1; Lev. 20:24; Deut. 30:20) H0127: Here is the Hebrew word sometimes translated dust, dirt, or ground (1 Sam. 4:12; Is. 28:24)—referring to actual particles of soil. At other times it carries a broader meaning of earth or world (Gen. 6:7; 12:3). Still other times it references a particular geographical area and is rendered as land (Is. 19:17). Interestingly, *Adam* was so named because he was brought forth from the *'adamah* "dust of the ground" (Gen. 2:7). In the Fall, both experience a curse. In Christ, the last Adam (1 Cor. 15:45), all will be made new.

princes sat there, *even* Elishama the scribe, and Delaiah the son of Shemaiah, and Elnathan the son of Achbor, and Gemariah the son of Shaphan, and Zedekiah the son of Hananiah, and all the princes.
13 Then Michaiah declared unto them all the words that he had heard, when Baruch read the book in the ears of the people.
14 Therefore all the princes sent Jehudi the son of Nethaniah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Cushi, unto Baruch, saying, Take in thine hand the roll wherein thou hast read in the ears of the people, and come. So Baruch the son of Neriah took the roll in his hand, and came unto them.
15 And they said unto him, Sit down now, and read it in our ears. So Baruch read *it* in their ears.

The Princes Go to the King

16 Now it came to pass, when they had heard all the words, they were afraid both one and other, and said unto Baruch, We will surely tell the king of all these words.
17 And they asked Baruch, saying, Tell us now, How didst thou write all these words at his mouth?
18 Then Baruch answered them, He pronounced all these words unto me with his mouth, and I wrote *them* with ink in the book.
19 Then said the princes unto Baruch, Go, hide thee, thou and Jeremiah; and let no man know where ye be.
20 And they went in to the king into the court, but they laid up the roll in the chamber of Elishama the scribe, and told all the words in the ears of the king.

The King Burns the Scroll

21 So the king sent Jehudi to fetch the roll: and he took it out of Elishama the scribe's chamber. And Jehudi read it in the ears of the king, and in the ears of all the princes which stood beside the king.
22 Now the king sat in the winterhouse in the ninth month: and *there was a fire* on the hearth burning before him.
23 And it came to pass, *that* when Jehudi had read three or four leaves, he cut it with the penknife, and cast *it* into the fire that *was* on the hearth, until all the roll was consumed in the fire that *was* on the hearth.
24 Yet they were not afraid, nor rent their garments, *neither* the king, nor any of his servants that heard all these words.
25 Nevertheless Elnathan and Delaiah and Gemariah had made intercession to the king that he would not burn the roll: but he would not hear them.
26 But the king commanded Jerahmeel the son of Hammelech, and Seraiah the son of Azriel, and Shelemiah the son of Abdeel, to take Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet: but the LORD hid them.

Baruch Rewrites the Scroll

27 Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, after that the king had burned the roll, and the words which Baruch wrote at the mouth of Jeremiah, saying,
28 Take thee again another roll, and write in it all the former words that were in the first roll, which Jehoiakim the king of Judah hath burned.
29 And thou shalt say to Jehoiakim king of Judah, Thus saith the LORD; Thou hast burned this roll, saying, Why hast thou written therein, saying, The king of Babylon shall certainly come and destroy this land, and shall cause to cease from thence man and beast?
30 Therefore thus saith the LORD of Jehoiakim king of Judah; He shall have none to sit upon the throne of David: and his dead body shall be cast out in the day to the heat, and in the night to the frost.
31 And I will punish him and his seed and his servants for their iniquity; and I will bring upon them, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and upon the men of Judah, all the evil that I have pronounced against them; but they hearkened not.
32 Then took Jeremiah another roll, and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of

36:21 chamber

(Heb. *lishkah*) (2 Kin. 23:11; 1 Chr. 9:26; Neh. 13:4) H3957: This noun is usually rendered room or chamber or cell, and it is used most frequently to designate the special living quarters of the singers (Ezek. 40:44), priests (Ezek. 40:45), scribes (Jer. 36:12), and keepers of Israel's temple (Jer. 35:4). The word also applied to store rooms which held the temple's supplies (Neh. 10:38–40; 13:9). In 1 Samuel 9:22, the word is rendered hall, perhaps referring to a larger space where sacrificial meals were eaten.

Neriah; who wrote therein from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire: and there were added besides unto them many like words.

Zedekiah's Appeal for Intercession

37 And king Zedekiah the son of Josiah reigned instead of Coniah the son of Jehoiakim, whom Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon made king in the land of Judah.
2 But neither he, nor his servants, nor the people of the land, did hearken unto the words of the LORD, which he spake by the prophet Jeremiah.
3 And Zedekiah the king sent Jehucal the son of Shelemiah and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest to the prophet Jeremiah, saying, Pray now unto the LORD our God for us.
4 Now Jeremiah came in and went out among the people: for they had not put him into prison.
5 Then Pharaoh's army was come forth out of Egypt: and when the Chaldeans that besieged Jerusalem heard tidings of them, they departed from Jerusalem.

Egypt Will Return to Its Own Land

6 Then came the word of the LORD unto the prophet Jeremiah, saying,
7 Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel; Thus shall ye say to the king of Judah, that sent you unto me to enquire of me; Behold, Pharaoh's army, which is come forth to help you, shall return to Egypt into their own land.

The Chaldeans Will Return

8 And the Chaldeans shall come again, and fight against this city, and take it, and burn it with fire.
9 Thus saith the LORD; Deceive not yourselves, saying, The Chaldeans shall surely depart from us: for they shall not depart.
10 For though ye had smitten the whole army of the Chaldeans that fight against you, and there remained *but* wounded men among them, *yet* should they rise up every man in his tent, and burn this city with fire.

Jeremiah Is Imprisoned

11 And it came to pass, that when the army of the Chaldeans was broken up from Jerusalem for fear of Pharaoh's army,
12 Then Jeremiah went forth out of Jerusalem to go into the land of Benjamin, to separate himself thence in the midst of the people.
13 And when he was in the gate of Benjamin, a captain of the ward *was* there, whose name *was* Irijah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Hananiah; and he took Jeremiah the prophet, saying, Thou fallest away to the Chaldeans.
14 Then said Jeremiah, *It is* false; I fall not away to the Chaldeans. But he hearkened not to him: so Irijah took Jeremiah, and brought him to the princes.
15 Wherefore the princes were wroth with Jeremiah, and smote him, and put him in prison in the house of Jonathan the scribe: for they had made that the prison.
16 When Jeremiah was entered into the dungeon, and into the cabins, and Jeremiah had remained there many days;

Zedekiah Seeks a Word from the Lord

17 Then Zedekiah the king sent, and took him out: and the king asked him secretly in his house, and said, Is there *any* word from the LORD? And Jeremiah said, There is: for, said he, thou shalt be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon.

Jeremiah's Supplication

18 Moreover Jeremiah said unto king Zedekiah, What have I offended against thee, or against thy servants, or against this people, that ye have put me in prison?
19 Where *are* now your prophets which

37:6 prophet

(Heb. *nabi'*) (Deut. 13:1; 1 Sam. 3:20; 2 Kin. 19:2) H5030: The probable root word for *nabi'* means "to announce" or "to proclaim" (Jer. 19:14; Ezek. 37:4). Another possible derivation is from a Hebrew word meaning "to bubble up" or "to pour forth." Prophecy can be compared to the "bubbling up" of the Holy Spirit in a person who delivers a divine message (compare Amos 3:8; Mic. 3:8). In Old Testament times, prophets were heralds or spokesmen who delivered a message for someone else (2 Kin. 17:13; Jer. 1:5; 2:8; Ezek. 37:7). In the case of the Hebrew prophets, they spoke for God Himself. This is the reason the prophets introduced their messages with "thus saith the LORD of hosts" on countless occasions (Jer. 9:7, 17).

prophesied unto you, saying, The king of Babylon shall not come against you, nor against this land?
20 Therefore hear now, I pray thee, O my lord the king: let my supplication, I pray thee, be accepted before thee; that thou cause me not to return to the house of Jonathan the scribe, lest I die there.
21 Then Zedekiah the king commanded that they should commit Jeremiah into the court of the prison, and that they should give him daily a piece of bread out of the bakers' street, until all the bread in the city were spent. Thus Jeremiah remained in the court of the prison.

God's Message to Jerusalem

38 Then Shephatiah the son of Mattan, and Gedaliah the son of Pashur, and Jucal the son of Shelemiah, and Pashur the son of Malchiah, heard the words that Jeremiah had spoken unto all the people, saying,
2 Thus saith the LORD, He that remaineth in this city shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence: but he that goeth forth to the Chaldeans shall live; for he shall have his life for a prey, and shall live.
3 Thus saith the LORD, This city shall surely be given into the hand of the king of Babylon's army, which shall take it.

Jeremiah's Death Requested

4 Therefore the princes said unto the king, We beseech thee, let this man be put to death: for thus he weakeneth the hands of the men of war that remain in this city, and the hands of all the people, in speaking such words unto them: for this man seeketh not the welfare of this people, but the hurt.
5 Then Zedekiah the king said, Behold, he *is* in your hand: for the king *is* not *he that* can do *any* thing against you.
6 Then took they Jeremiah, and cast him into the dungeon of Malchiah the son of Hammelech, that *was* in the court of the prison: and they let down Jeremiah with cords. And in the dungeon *there was* no water, but mire: so Jeremiah sunk in the mire.

Ebed-melech's Plea for Jeremiah's Life

7 Now when Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, one of the eunuchs which was in the king's house, heard that they had put Jeremiah in the dungeon; the king then sitting in the gate of Benjamin;
8 Ebed-melech went forth out of the king's house, and spake to the king, saying,
9 My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they have done to Jeremiah the prophet, whom they have cast into the dungeon; and he is like to die for hunger in the place where he is: for *there is* no more bread in the city.

The King's Command

10 Then the king commanded Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, saying, Take from hence thirty men with thee, and take up Jeremiah the prophet out of the dungeon, before he die.
11 So Ebed-melech took the men with him, and went into the house of the king under the treasury, and took thence old cast clouts and old rotten rags, and let them down by cords into the dungeon to Jeremiah.
12 And Ebed-melech the Ethiopian said unto Jeremiah, Put now *these* old cast clouts and rotten rags under thine armholes under the cords. And Jeremiah did so.
13 So they drew up Jeremiah with cords, and took him up out of the dungeon: and Jeremiah remained in the court of the prison.
14 Then Zedekiah the king sent, and took Jeremiah the prophet unto him into the third entry that *is* in the house of the LORD: and the king said unto Jeremiah, I will ask thee a thing; hide nothing from me.

Jeremiah Bargains for His Life

15 Then Jeremiah said unto Zedekiah, If I declare *it* unto thee, wilt thou not surely put me to death? and if I give thee counsel, wilt thou not hearken unto me?
16 So Zedekiah the king sware secretly unto

38:4 weaken ▸ *see Ex. 5:8.*

38:16 secretly

(Heb. *sether*) (Ps. 27:5; Prov. 9:17; Is. 48:16) H5643: The essential meaning of this noun is hiding place (1 Sam. 19:2), a secret shelter where one can dwell in safety and protection. It is used to speak of a message not publicly known (Judg. 3:19), deeds carried out in private (Deut. 27:24; 2 Sam. 12:12),

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Jeremiah, saying, *As* the LORD liveth, that made us this soul, I will not put thee to death, neither will I give thee into the hand of these men that seek thy life.
17 Then said Jeremiah unto Zedekiah, Thus saith the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Israel; If thou wilt assuredly go forth unto the king of Babylon's princes, then thy soul shall live, and this city shall not be burned with fire; and thou shalt live, and thine house:
18 But if thou wilt not go forth to the king of Babylon's princes, then shall this city be given into the hand of the Chaldeans, and they shall burn it with fire, and thou shalt not escape out of their hand.
19 And Zedekiah the king said unto Jeremiah, I am afraid of the Jews that are fallen to the Chaldeans, lest they deliver me into their hand, and they mock me.
20 But Jeremiah said, They shall not deliver *thee.* Obey, I beseech thee, the voice of the LORD, which I speak unto thee: so it shall be well unto thee, and thy soul shall live.

The Fate of the King's Family

21 But if thou refuse to go forth, this *is* the word that the LORD hath shewed me:
22 And, behold, all the women that are left in the king of Judah's house *shall be* brought forth to the king of Babylon's princes, and those *women* shall say, Thy friends have set thee on, and have prevailed against thee: thy feet are sunk in the mire, *and* they are turned away back.
23 So they shall bring out all thy wives and thy children to the Chaldeans: and thou shalt not escape out of their hand, but shalt be taken by the hand of the king of Babylon: and thou shalt cause this city to be burned with fire.

Jeremiah and Zedekiah's Bargain

24 Then said Zedekiah unto Jeremiah, Let no man know of these words, and thou shalt not die.
25 But if the princes hear that I have talked with thee, and they come unto thee, and say unto thee, Declare unto us now what thou hast said unto the king, hide it not from us, and we will not put thee to death; also what the king said unto thee:
26 Then thou shalt say unto them, I presented my supplication before the king, that he would not cause me to return to Jonathan's house, to die there.
27 Then came all the princes unto Jeremiah, and asked him: and he told them according to all these words that the king had commanded. So they left off speaking with him; for the matter was not perceived.
28 So Jeremiah abode in the court of the prison until the day that Jerusalem was taken: and he was *there* when Jerusalem was taken.

Jerusalem's Fall

39 In the ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth month, came Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon and all his army against Jerusalem, and they besieged it.
2 *And* in the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, the ninth *day* of the month, the city was broken up.
3 And all the princes of the king of Babylon came in, and sat in the middle gate, *even* Nergal-sharezer, Samgar-nebo, Sarsechim, Rab-saris, Nergal-sharezer, Rab-mag, with all the residue of the princes of the king of Babylon.

Zedekiah's Flight and Capture

4 And it came to pass, *that* when Zedekiah the king of Judah saw them, and all the men of war, then they fled, and went forth out of the city by night, by the way of the king's garden, by the gate betwixt the two walls: and he went out the way of the plain.

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the development of a baby *in utero* (Ps. 139:15), even the hidden ravine of a mountain (1 Sam. 25:20). In Isaiah 45:19 and 48:16, God reminds His people that His words and will are not secret or hidden.

39:1 besiege

(Heb. *tsur*) (Deut. 20:19; 1 Sam. 23:8; 2 Kin. 6:25) H6696: The basic idea is to bind (e.g., wrapping up money in a bag, see 2 Kin. 5:23). Used often to describe military strategy, *tsur* conveys the idea of laying siege to a city or opposing army by surrounding it (Deut. 20:19). By closing off an enemy's supply line (2 Sam. 12:27), victory is certain. David, no stranger to this practice of encircling a city, spoke of God doing this to him: "Thou hast beset me behind and before" (Ps. 139:5). Such is God's relentless pursuit of those He loves.

5 But the Chaldeans' army pursued after them, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho: and when they had taken him, they brought him up to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath, where he gave judgment upon him.

The Death of Zedekiah's Sons

6 Then the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah in Riblah before his eyes: also the king of Babylon slew all the nobles of Judah.
7 Moreover he put out Zedekiah's eyes, and bound him with chains, to carry him to Babylon.
8 And the Chaldeans burned the king's house, and the houses of the people, with fire, and brake down the walls of Jerusalem.
9 Then Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard carried away captive into Babylon the remnant of the people that remained in the city, and those that fell away, that fell to him, with the rest of the people that remained.
10 But Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard left of the poor of the people, which had nothing, in the land of Judah, and gave them vineyards and fields at the same time.

The Kind Treatment of Jeremiah

11 Now Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon gave charge concerning Jeremiah to Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard, saying,
12 Take him, and look well to him, and do him no harm; but do unto him even as he shall say unto thee.
13 So Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard sent, and Nebushasban, Rab-saris, and Nergal-sharezer, Rab-mag, and all the king of Babylon's princes;
14 Even they sent, and took Jeremiah out of the court of the prison, and committed him unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, that he should carry him home: so he dwelt among the people.

Ebed-melech's Loyalty Rewarded

15 Now the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah, while he was shut up in the court of the prison, saying,
16 Go and speak to Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring my words upon this city for evil, and not for good; and they shall be *accomplished* in that day before thee.
17 But I will deliver thee in that day, saith the LORD: and thou shalt not be given into the hand of the men of whom thou *art* afraid.
18 For I will surely deliver thee, and thou shalt not fall by the sword, but thy life shall be for a prey unto thee: because thou hast put thy trust in me, saith the LORD.

Jeremiah Is Given His Freedom

40 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, after that Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard had let him go from Ramah, when he had taken him being bound in chains among all that were carried away captive of Jerusalem and Judah, which were carried away captive unto Babylon.
2 And the captain of the guard took Jeremiah, and said unto him, The LORD thy God hath pronounced this evil upon this place.
3 Now the LORD hath brought *it,* and done according as he hath said: because ye have sinned against the LORD, and have not obeyed his voice, therefore this thing is come upon you.
4 And now, behold, I loose thee this day from the chains which *were* upon thine hand. If it seem good unto thee to come with me into Babylon, come; and I will look well unto thee: but if it seem ill unto thee to come with me into Babylon, forbear: behold, all the land *is* before thee: whither it seemeth good and convenient for thee to go, thither go.
5 Now while he was not yet gone back, *he said,* Go back also to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, whom the king of Babylon hath made governor over the

39:7 bind ▸ *see Num. 30:6.*

40:4 loose

(Heb. *patach*) (Deut. 15:8; Ps. 102:20; Is. 52:2) H6605: The primary meaning is to open, e.g., a window (Gen. 8:6), the skies (Gen. 7:11), or gates (Is. 60:11). But here and in other contexts it conveys the nuance of being freed (Is. 52:2), having one's bonds loosed (Ps. 116:16) and being released (Ps. 102:20). Other passages, such as Deuteronomy 15:8, 11, combine these ideas—"open thine hand wide" so as to, in a literal sense, free another from poverty, by sharing one's possessions. Christ announced His mission as one of releasing captives and freeing the oppressed (Luke 4:18).

cities of Judah, and dwell with him among the people: or go wheresoever it seemeth convenient unto thee to go. So the captain of the guard gave him victuals and a reward, and let him go.
6 Then went Jeremiah unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah; and dwelt with him among the people that were left in the land.

Gedaliah's Leadership

7 Now when all the captains of the forces which *were* in the fields, *even* they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam governor in the land, and had committed unto him men, and women, and children, and of the poor of the land, of them that were not carried away captive to Babylon;
8 Then they came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan and Jonathan the sons of Kareah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth, and the sons of Ephai the Netophathite, and Jezaniah the son of a Maachathite, they and their men.
9 And Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan sware unto them and to their men, saying, Fear not to serve the Chaldeans: dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you.
10 As for me, behold, I will dwell at Mizpah, to serve the Chaldeans, which will come unto us: but ye, gather ye wine, and summer fruits, and oil, and put *them* in your vessels, and dwell in your cities that ye have taken.
11 Likewise when all the Jews that *were* in Moab, and among the Ammonites, and in Edom, and that *were* in all the countries, heard that the king of Babylon had left a remnant of Judah, and that he had set over them Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan;
12 Even all the Jews returned out of all places whither they were driven, and came to the land of Judah, to Gedaliah, unto Mizpah, and gathered wine and summer fruits very much.

Johanan's Warning

13 Moreover Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that *were* in the fields, came to Gedaliah to Mizpah,
14 And said unto him, Dost thou certainly know that Baalis the king of the Ammonites hath sent Ishmael the son of Nethaniah to slay thee? But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam believed them not.
15 Then Johanan the son of Kareah spake to Gedaliah in Mizpah secretly, saying, Let me go, I pray thee, and I will slay Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and no man shall know *it:* wherefore should he slay thee, that all the Jews which are gathered unto thee should be scattered, and the remnant in Judah perish?
16 But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam said unto Johanan the son of Kareah, Thou shalt not do this thing: for thou speakest falsely of Ishmael.

Gedaliah Is Slain by Ishmael

41 Now it came to pass in the seventh month, *that* Ishmael the son of Nethaniah the son of Elishama, of the seed royal, and the princes of the king, even ten men with him, came unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah; and there they did eat bread together in Mizpah.
2 Then arose Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and the ten men that were with him, and smote Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan with the sword, and slew him, whom the king of Babylon had made governor over the land.
3 Ishmael also slew all the Jews that were with him, *even* with Gedaliah, at Mizpah, and the Chaldeans that were found there, *and* the men of war.
4 And it came to pass the second day after he had slain Gedaliah, and no man knew *it,*
5 That there came certain from Shechem, from Shiloh, and from Samaria, *even* fourscore men, having their beards shaven, and their clothes rent, and having cut themselves, with offerings and incense in their hand, to bring *them* to the house of the LORD.
6 And Ishmael the son of Nethaniah went forth from Mizpah to meet them, weeping all along as he went: and it came to pass, as he met them, he said unto them, Come to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam.
7 And it was *so,* when they came into the midst of the city, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah slew them, *and cast them* into the midst of the pit, he, and the men that *were* with him.
8 But ten men were found among them that said unto Ishmael, Slay us not: for we have treasures in the field, of wheat, and of barley,

and of oil, and of honey. So he forbare, and slew them not among their brethren.
9 Now the pit wherein Ishmael had cast all the dead bodies of the men, whom he had slain because of Gedaliah, *was* it which Asa the king had made for fear of Baasha king of Israel: *and* Ishmael the son of Nethaniah filled it with *them that were* slain.
10 Then Ishmael carried away captive all the residue of the people that *were* in Mizpah, *even* the king's daughters, and all the people that remained in Mizpah, whom Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard had committed to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam: and Ishmael the son of Nethaniah carried them away captive, and departed to go over to the Ammonites.

Johanan Frees the Captives

11 But when Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that *were* with him, heard of all the evil that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had done,
12 Then they took all the men, and went to fight with Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and found him by the great waters that *are* in Gibeon.
13 Now it came to pass, *that* when all the people which *were* with Ishmael saw Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that *were* with him, then they were glad.
14 So all the people that Ishmael had carried away captive from Mizpah cast about and returned, and went unto Johanan the son of Kareah.
15 But Ishmael the son of Nethaniah escaped from Johanan with eight men, and went to the Ammonites.
16 Then took Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that *were* with him, all the remnant of the people whom he had recovered from Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, from Mizpah, after *that* he had slain Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, *even* mighty men of war, and the women, and the children, and the eunuchs, whom he had brought again from Gibeon:
17 And they departed, and dwelt in the habitation of Chimham, which is by Bethlehem, to go to enter into Egypt,
18 Because of the Chaldeans: for they were afraid of them, because Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had slain Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, whom the king of Babylon made governor in the land.

A Promise to Obey the Lord

42 Then all the captains of the forces, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and Jezaniah the son of Hoshaiah, and all the people from the least even unto the greatest, came near,
2 And said unto Jeremiah the prophet, Let, we beseech thee, our supplication be accepted before thee, and pray for us unto the LORD thy God, *even* for all this remnant; (for we are left *but* a few of many, as thine eyes do behold us:)
3 That the LORD thy God may shew us the way wherein we may walk, and the thing that we may do.
4 Then Jeremiah the prophet said unto them, I have heard *you;* behold, I will pray unto the LORD your God according to your words; and it shall come to pass, *that* whatsoever thing the LORD shall answer you, I will declare *it* unto you; I will keep nothing back from you.
5 Then they said to Jeremiah, The LORD be a true and faithful witness between us, if we do not even according to all things for the which the LORD thy God shall send thee to us.
6 Whether *it be* good, or whether *it be* evil, we will obey the voice of the LORD our God, to whom we send thee; that it may be well with us, when we obey the voice of the LORD our God.

Mercy If the Remnant Stays in the Land

7 And it came to pass after ten days, that the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah.

41:18 Chaldean

(Heb. *kasdi*) (Gen. 11:28; 2 Kin. 25:10; Is. 47:5) H3778: The name of the tribal people of ancient Mesopotamia who lived in southern Babylon (modern-day Iraq) with the Sumerian and Akkadian peoples as neighbors. Their king Nebuchadnezzar overthrew Israel's southern kingdom of Judah and carried its inhabitants into exile (2 Kin. 25:24; Jer. 39:5). The Chaldeans were highly regarded for their wise men and astrologers (Dan. 2:24). The Chaldean/Babylonian empire was eventually conquered by Persia (Is. 48:20).

42:2 supplication ▸ *see 1 Kin. 8:28.*

8 Then called he Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces which *were* with him, and all the people from the least even to the greatest,
9 And said unto them, Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, unto whom ye sent me to present your supplication before him;
10 If ye will still abide in this land, then will I build you, and not pull *you* down, and I will plant you, and not pluck *you* up: for I repent me of the evil that I have done unto you.
11 Be not afraid of the king of Babylon, of whom ye are afraid; be not afraid of him, saith the LORD: for I *am* with you to save you, and to deliver you from his hand.
12 And I will shew mercies unto you, that he may have mercy upon you, and cause you to return to your own land.

Death If Egypt Is Entered

13 But if ye say, We will not dwell in this land, neither obey the voice of the LORD your God,
14 Saying, No; but we will go into the land of Egypt, where we shall see no war, nor hear the sound of the trumpet, nor have hunger of bread; and there will we dwell:
15 And now therefore hear the word of the LORD, ye remnant of Judah; Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; If ye wholly set your faces to enter into Egypt, and go to sojourn there;
16 Then it shall come to pass, *that* the sword, which ye feared, shall overtake you there in the land of Egypt, and the famine, whereof ye were afraid, shall follow close after you there in Egypt; and there ye shall die.
17 So shall it be with all the men that set their faces to go into Egypt to sojourn there; they shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence: and none of them shall remain or escape from the evil that I will bring upon them.
18 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; As mine anger and my fury hath been poured forth upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem; so shall my fury be poured forth upon you, when ye shall enter into Egypt: and ye shall be an execration, and an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach; and ye shall see this place no more.

Jeremiah Rebukes the Remnant

19 The LORD hath said concerning you, O ye remnant of Judah; Go ye not into Egypt: know certainly that I have admonished you this day.
20 For ye dissembled in your hearts, when ye sent me unto the LORD your God, saying, Pray for us unto the LORD our God; and according unto all that the LORD our God shall say, so declare unto us, and we will do *it.*
21 And *now* I have this day declared *it* to you; but ye have not obeyed the voice of the LORD your God, nor any *thing* for the which he hath sent me unto you.
22 Now therefore know certainly that ye shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, in the place whither ye desire to go *and* to sojourn.

Refusal to Heed the Warning

43 And it came to pass, *that* when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking unto all the people all the words of the LORD their God, for which the LORD their God had sent him to them, *even* all these words,
2 Then spake Azariah the son of Hoshaiah, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the proud men, saying unto Jeremiah, Thou speakest falsely: the LORD our God hath not sent thee to say, Go not into Egypt to sojourn there:
3 But Baruch the son of Neriah setteth thee on against us, for to deliver us into the hand of the Chaldeans, that they might put us to death, and carry us away captives into Babylon.
4 So Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, and all the people, obeyed not the voice of the LORD, to dwell in the land of Judah.

42:9 supplication ▸ *see 1 Kin. 8:28.*

42:17 sojourn

(Heb. *gur*) (Lev. 19:33; Deut. 18:6; 2 Chr. 15:9) H1481: A verb that means to linger or reside in a place, often with the idea that one is a stranger or guest there and will dwell in that place only temporarily. The Israelites dwelt in Egypt, but only for a time; Canaan was their home (Ps. 105:23; Is. 52:4). Wicked peoples will not remain in their lands indefinitely; they will be judged by God (Jer. 49:18, 33). In the New Testament, Jesus spoke of abiding (i.e., dwelling) in His followers and pledged to be with them always (Matt. 28:20).

42:18 astonishment ▸ *see Ps. 46:8.*

5 But Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, took all the remnant of Judah, that were returned from all nations, whither they had been driven, to dwell in the land of Judah;
6 *Even* men, and women, and children, and the king's daughters, and every person that Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard had left with Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Jeremiah the prophet, and Baruch the son of Neriah.
7 So they came into the land of Egypt: for they obeyed not the voice of the LORD: thus came they *even* to Tahpanhes.

The Sign of the Stones

8 Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah in Tahpanhes, saying,
9 Take great stones in thine hand, and hide them in the clay in the brickkiln, which *is* at the entry of Pharaoh's house in Tahpanhes, in the sight of the men of Judah;
10 And say unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will send and take Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will set his throne upon these stones that I have hid; and he shall spread his royal pavilion over them.
11 And when he cometh, he shall smite the land of Egypt, *and deliver* such *as are* for death to death; and such *as are* for captivity to captivity; and such *as are* for the sword to the sword.
12 And I will kindle a fire in the houses of the gods of Egypt; and he shall burn them, and carry them away captives: and he shall array himself with the land of Egypt, as a shepherd putteth on his garment; and he shall go forth from thence in peace.
13 He shall break also the images of Beth-shemesh, that *is* in the land of Egypt; and the houses of the gods of the Egyptians shall he burn with fire.

Israel's Sins Brought Desolation

44 The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the Jews which dwell in the land of Egypt, which dwell at Migdol, and at Tahpanhes, and at Noph, and in the country of Pathros, saying,
2 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Ye have seen all the evil that I have brought upon Jerusalem, and upon all the cities of Judah; and, behold, this day they *are* a desolation, and no man dwelleth therein,
3 Because of their wickedness which they have committed to provoke me to anger, in that they went to burn incense, *and* to serve other gods, whom they knew not, *neither* they, ye, nor your fathers.
4 Howbeit I sent unto you all my servants the prophets, rising early and sending *them,* saying, Oh, do not this abominable thing that I hate.
5 But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear to turn from their wickedness, to burn no incense unto other gods.
6 Wherefore my fury and mine anger was poured forth, and was kindled in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem; and they are wasted *and* desolate, as at this day.
7 Therefore now thus saith the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Israel; Wherefore commit ye *this* great evil against your souls, to cut off from you man and woman, child and suckling, out of Judah, to leave you none to remain;
8 In that ye provoke me unto wrath with the works of your hands, burning incense unto other gods in the land of Egypt, whither ye be gone to dwell, that ye might cut yourselves off, and that ye might be a curse and a reproach among all the nations of the earth?

43:11 captivity

(Heb. *shebi*) (Dan. 11:33; Amos 9:4; Nah. 3:10) H7628: This Hebrew noun refers to the state of having been captured by an enemy and—usually—carried off to live in exile and/or slavery (Deut. 28:41; Neh. 8:17; Jer. 20:6). Not only people, but also wealth or booty were captured. Those prisoners of war who survived execution were often subjected to horrible treatment (Judg. 1:7; Zech. 14:2). Despite dire pronouncements and descriptions of Israel's Babylonian captivity throughout the prophets, there are also hints of hope and promises of deliverance (Is. 49:25; Jer. 30:10).

44:8 curse

(Heb. *qelalah*) (Gen. 27:12; Deut. 11:26; Josh. 8:34) H7045: This word is the antonym of blessing. As a verb it means to invoke evil or call for harm on an enemy (Judg. 9:57; 1 Kin. 2:8). As a noun it refers to the disgraced state of having been removed from covenant relationship. To live under a curse

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9 Have ye forgotten the wickedness of your fathers, and the wickedness of the kings of Judah, and the wickedness of their wives, and your own wickedness, and the wickedness of your wives, which they have committed in the land of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem?
10 They are not humbled *even* unto this day, neither have they feared, nor walked in my law, nor in my statutes, that I set before you and before your fathers.

The Remnant Shall Fall in Egypt

11 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will set my face against you for evil, and to cut off all Judah.
12 And I will take the remnant of Judah, that have set their faces to go into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, and they shall all be consumed, *and* fall in the land of Egypt; they shall *even* be consumed by the sword *and* by the famine: they shall die, from the least even unto the greatest, by the sword and by the famine: and they shall be an execration, *and* an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach.
13 For I will punish them that dwell in the land of Egypt, as I have punished Jerusalem, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence:
14 So that none of the remnant of Judah, which are gone into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, shall escape or remain, that they should return into the land of Judah, to the which they have a desire to return to dwell there: for none shall return but such as shall escape.

The Idolatry of Judah

15 Then all the men which knew that their wives had burned incense unto other gods, and all the women that stood by, a great multitude, even all the people that dwelt in the land of Egypt, in Pathros, answered Jeremiah, saying,
16 *As for* the word that thou hast spoken unto us in the name of the LORD, we will not hearken unto thee.
17 But we will certainly do whatsoever thing goeth forth out of our own mouth, to burn incense unto the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her, as we have done, we, and our fathers, our kings, and our princes, in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem: for *then* had we plenty of victuals, and were well, and saw no evil.
18 But since we left off to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her, we have wanted all *things,* and have been consumed by the sword and by the famine.
19 And when we burned incense to the queen of heaven, and poured out drink offerings unto her, did we make her cakes to worship her, and pour out drink offerings unto her, without our men?

Judah's Evil Doings

20 Then Jeremiah said unto all the people, to the men, and to the women, and to all the people which had given him *that* answer, saying,
21 The incense that ye burned in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, ye, and your fathers, your kings, and your princes, and the people of the land, did not the LORD remember them, and came it *not* into his mind?
22 So that the LORD could no longer bear, because of the evil of your doings, *and* because of the abominations which ye have committed; therefore is your land a desolation, and an astonishment, and a curse, without an inhabitant, as at this day.
23 Because ye have burned incense, and because ye have sinned against the LORD, and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD, nor walked in his law, nor in his statutes, nor in his testimonies; therefore this evil is happened unto you, as at this day.

The Remnant Shall Be Consumed

24 Moreover Jeremiah said unto all the people, and to all the women, Hear the word of the LORD, all Judah that *are* in the land of Egypt:
25 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying; Ye and your wives have both spoken with your mouths, and fulfilled with your hand, saying, We will surely perform

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is to be accursed (Jer. 24:9; John 7:49). The gospel message is that Jesus was cursed by God on the cross (Deut. 21:23) with the result that repentant sinners can find eternal blessing through faith (Gal. 3:13).

our vows that we have vowed, to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her: ye will surely accomplish your vows, and surely perform your vows.
26 Therefore hear ye the word of the LORD, all Judah that dwell in the land of Egypt; Behold, I have sworn by my great name, saith the LORD, that my name shall no more be named in the mouth of any man of Judah in all the land of Egypt, saying, The Lord GOD liveth.
27 Behold, I will watch over them for evil, and not for good: and all the men of Judah that *are* in the land of Egypt shall be consumed by the sword and by the famine, until there be an end of them.
28 Yet a small number that escape the sword shall return out of the land of Egypt into the land of Judah, and all the remnant of Judah, that are gone into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, shall know whose words shall stand, mine, or theirs.

A Sign of Punishment

29 And this *shall be* a sign unto you, saith the LORD, that I will punish you in this place, that ye may know that my words shall surely stand against you for evil:
30 Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will give Pharaoh-hophra king of Egypt into the hand of his enemies, and into the hand of them that seek his life; as I gave Zedekiah king of Judah into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, his enemy, and that sought his life.

God's Message to Baruch

45 The word that Jeremiah the prophet spake unto Baruch the son of Neriah, when he had written these words in a book at the mouth of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, saying,
2 Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, unto thee, O Baruch;
3 Thou didst say, Woe is me now! for the LORD hath added grief to my sorrow; I fainted in my sighing, and I find no rest.
4 Thus shalt thou say unto him, The LORD saith thus; Behold, *that* which I have built will I break down, and that which I have planted I will pluck up, even this whole land.
5 And seekest thou great things for thyself? seek *them* not: for, behold, I will bring evil upon all flesh, saith the LORD: but thy life will I give unto thee for a prey in all places whither thou goest.

God's Message to Egypt

46 The word of the LORD which came to Jeremiah the prophet against the Gentiles;
2 Against Egypt, against the army of Pharaoh-necho king of Egypt, which was by the river Euphrates in Carchemish, which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon smote in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah.
3 Order ye the buckler and shield, and draw near to battle.
4 Harness the horses; and get up, ye horsemen, and stand forth with *your* helmets; furbish the spears, *and* put on the brigandines.
5 Wherefore have I seen them dismayed *and* turned away back? and their mighty ones are beaten down, and are fled apace, and look not back: *for* fear *was* round about, saith the LORD.
6 Let not the swift flee away, nor the mighty man escape; they shall stumble, and fall toward the north by the river Euphrates.

44:27 watch ▸ *see Jer. 1:12.*

45:3 sighing

(Heb. *'anachah*) (Ps. 6:6; 38:9; Is. 35:10) H0585: This Hebrew noun is translated also as groaning or moaning. It is descriptive of any wordless expression of emotional exasperation or anguish (Job 3:24; Ps. 31:10). Jesus said, "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh" (Matt. 12:34). It follows that when weary, hurting, and confused hearts are unable to articulate emotions or consciously put words to specific distresses, they typically resort to unconscious sighs, groans, and moans (Job 23:2; Ps. 102:5). It is encouraging to know that even Jesus groaned on occasion (John 11:33).

46:6 north

(Heb. *tsaphon*) (Gen. 28:14; Num. 34:7; Deut. 2:3) H6828: This noun is used simply to refer to the compass point opposite the south. But some scholars see more than a directional marker here. In Canaanite religion, the gods were believed to assemble in the north. So biblical references to Mount Zion in the north (Ps. 48:2), or God's glory

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7 Who *is* this *that* cometh up as a flood, whose waters are moved as the rivers?
8 Egypt riseth up like a flood, and *his* waters are moved like the rivers; and he saith, I will go up, *and* will cover the earth; I will destroy the city and the inhabitants thereof.
9 Come up, ye horses; and rage, ye chariots; and let the mighty men come forth; the Ethiopians and the Libyans, that handle the shield; and the Lydians, that handle *and* bend the bow.

The Lord's Day of Vengeance

10 For this *is* the day of the Lord GOD of hosts, a day of vengeance, that he may avenge him of his adversaries: and the sword shall devour, and it shall be satiate and made drunk with their blood: for the Lord GOD of hosts hath a sacrifice in the north country by the river Euphrates.
11 Go up into Gilead, and take balm, O virgin, the daughter of Egypt: in vain shalt thou use many medicines; *for* thou shalt not be cured.
12 The nations have heard of thy shame, and thy cry hath filled the land: for the mighty man hath stumbled against the mighty, *and* they are fallen both together.

The Coming Destruction

13 The word that the LORD spake to Jeremiah the prophet, how Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon should come *and* smite the land of Egypt.
14 Declare ye in Egypt, and publish in Migdol, and publish in Noph and in Tahpanhes: say ye, Stand fast, and prepare thee; for the sword shall devour round about thee.
15 Why are thy valiant *men* swept away? they stood not, because the LORD did drive them.
16 He made many to fall, yea, one fell upon another: and they said, Arise, and let us go again to our own people, and to the land of our nativity, from the oppressing sword.
17 They did cry there, Pharaoh king of Egypt *is but* a noise; he hath passed the time appointed.
18 *As* I live, saith the King, whose name *is* the LORD of hosts, Surely as Tabor *is* among the mountains, and as Carmel by the sea, *so* shall he come.
19 O thou daughter dwelling in Egypt, furnish thyself to go into captivity: for Noph shall be waste and desolate without an inhabitant.

Destruction from the North

20 Egypt *is like* a very fair heifer, *but* destruction cometh; it cometh out of the north.
21 Also her hired men *are* in the midst of her like fatted bullocks; for they also are turned back, *and* are fled away together: they did not stand, because the day of their calamity was come upon them, *and* the time of their visitation.
22 The voice thereof shall go like a serpent; for they shall march with an army, and come against her with axes, as hewers of wood.
23 They shall cut down her forest, saith the LORD, though it cannot be searched; because they are more than the grasshoppers, and *are* innumerable.
24 The daughter of Egypt shall be confounded; she shall be delivered into the hand of the people of the north.

Jacob Shall Return

25 The LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saith; Behold, I will punish the multitude of No, and Pharaoh, and Egypt, with their gods, and their kings; even Pharaoh, and *all* them that trust in him:
26 And I will deliver them into the hand of those that seek their lives, and into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of his servants: and afterward it shall be inhabited, as in the days of old, saith the LORD.
27 But fear not thou, O my servant Jacob, and be not dismayed, O Israel: for, behold, I will save thee from afar off, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and be in rest and at ease, and none shall make *him* afraid.
28 Fear thou not, O Jacob my servant, saith the LORD: for I *am* with thee; for I will make a full end of all the nations whither I have driven thee: but I will not make a full end of thee, but correct thee in measure; yet will I not leave thee wholly unpunished.

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coming out of the north (Job 37:22; Ezek. 1:4), or God's people being freed from the north (Is. 43:6) may all serve to highlight the superiority of Yahweh over other so-called gods.

God's Message Against Philistia

47 The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah the prophet against the Philistines, before that Pharaoh smote Gaza.
2 Thus saith the LORD; Behold, waters rise up out of the north, and shall be an overflowing flood, and shall overflow the land, and all that is therein; the city, and them that dwell therein: then the men shall cry, and all the inhabitants of the land shall howl.
3 At the noise of the stamping of the hoofs of his strong *horses,* at the rushing of his chariots, *and at* the rumbling of his wheels, the fathers shall not look back to *their* children for feebleness of hands;
4 Because of the day that cometh to spoil all the Philistines, *and* to cut off from Tyrus and Zidon every helper that remaineth: for the LORD will spoil the Philistines, the remnant of the country of Caphtor.
5 Baldness is come upon Gaza; Ashkelon is cut off *with* the remnant of their valley: how long wilt thou cut thyself?
6 O thou sword of the LORD, how long *will it be* ere thou be quiet? put up thyself into thy scabbard, rest, and be still.
7 How can it be quiet, seeing the LORD hath given it a charge against Ashkelon, and against the sea shore? there hath he appointed it.

God's Message Against Moab

48 Against Moab thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Woe unto Nebo! for it is spoiled: Kiriathaim is confounded *and* taken: Misgab is confounded and dismayed.
2 *There shall be* no more praise of Moab: in Heshbon they have devised evil against it; come, and let us cut it off from *being* a nation. Also thou shalt be cut down, O Madmen; the sword shall pursue thee.
3 A voice of crying *shall be* from Horonaim, spoiling and great destruction.
4 Moab is destroyed; her little ones have caused a cry to be heard.
5 For in the going up of Luhith continual weeping shall go up; for in the going down of Horonaim the enemies have heard a cry of destruction.
6 Flee, save your lives, and be like the heath in the wilderness.

Moab Trusted in His Own Works

7 For because thou hast trusted in thy works and in thy treasures, thou shalt also be taken: and Chemosh shall go forth into captivity *with* his priests and his princes together.
8 And the spoiler shall come upon every city, and no city shall escape: the valley also shall perish, and the plain shall be destroyed, as the LORD hath spoken.
9 Give wings unto Moab, that it may flee and get away: for the cities thereof shall be desolate, without any to dwell therein.
10 Cursed *be* he that doeth the work of the LORD deceitfully, and cursed *be* he that keepeth back his sword from blood.
11 Moab hath been at ease from his youth, and he hath settled on his lees, and hath not been emptied from vessel to vessel, neither hath he gone into captivity: therefore his taste remained in him, and his scent is not changed.
12 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith

47:6 still

(Heb. *damam*) (Lev. 10:3; Josh. 10:12; Ps. 37:7) H1826: The basic idea of *damam* is to be still and silent, to wait. In some passages, the element of quietness is emphasized (Job 31:34; Is. 23:2), while in other contexts stillness is mostly in view (Ex. 15:16; Jer. 47:6). In addition to waiting (1 Sam. 14:9; Job 29:21; Ps. 62:5), the word can also connote resting (Lam. 2:18). One of the best pictures of this kind of stillness and rest is found in Psalm 131:2 as David compares his soul to a weaned child leaning peacefully and quietly against his mother.

47:7 appoint ▸ *see 2 Chr. 5:6.*
48:6 flee ▸ *see Num. 35:6.*
48:7 trust ▸ *see Ps. 52:7.*

48:8 escape

(Heb. *malat*) (Gen. 19:17; 1 Sam. 19:10; Prov. 19:5) H4422: In its active forms this verb means to slip away, get away, or escape (Esth. 4:13; Job 19:20; Is. 20:6). When used passively it means to be released, rescued, or delivered (Ps. 116:8; Is. 31:5). In the New Testament, the ideas inherent in *malat* are rendered by the Greek word *sozo* (i.e., save). That is the gospel message: through faith in Christ's finished work on the Cross, believers escape punishment from sin and are rescued from the penalty of death (Rom. 6:23).

the LORD, that I will send unto him wanderers, that shall cause him to wander, and shall empty his vessels, and break their bottles.
13 And Moab shall be ashamed of Chemosh, as the house of Israel was ashamed of Beth-el their confidence.

The Calamity of Moab

14 How say ye, We *are* mighty and strong men for the war?
15 Moab is spoiled, and gone up *out of* her cities, and his chosen young men are gone down to the slaughter, saith the King, whose name *is* the LORD of hosts.
16 The calamity of Moab *is* near to come, and his affliction hasteth fast.
17 All ye that are about him, bemoan him; and all ye that know his name, say, How is the strong staff broken, *and* the beautiful rod!
18 Thou daughter that dost inhabit Dibon, come down from *thy* glory, and sit in thirst; for the spoiler of Moab shall come upon thee, *and* he shall destroy thy strong holds.
19 O inhabitant of Aroer, stand by the way, and espy; ask him that fleeth, and her that escapeth, *and* say, What is done?

Judgment Is Come

20 Moab is confounded; for it is broken down: howl and cry; tell ye it in Arnon, that Moab is spoiled,
21 And judgment is come upon the plain country; upon Holon, and upon Jahazah, and upon Mephaath,
22 And upon Dibon, and upon Nebo, and upon Beth-diblathaim,
23 And upon Kiriathaim, and upon Beth-gamul, and upon Beth-meon,
24 And upon Kerioth, and upon Bozrah, and upon all the cities of the land of Moab, far or near.
25 The horn of Moab is cut off, and his arm is broken, saith the LORD.

The Pride of Moab

26 Make ye him drunken: for he magnified *himself* against the LORD: Moab also shall wallow in his vomit, and he also shall be in derision.
27 For was not Israel a derision unto thee? was he found among thieves? for since thou spakest of him, thou skippedst for joy.
28 O ye that dwell in Moab, leave the cities, and dwell in the rock, and be like the dove *that* maketh her nest in the sides of the hole's mouth.
29 We have heard the pride of Moab, (he is exceeding proud) his loftiness, and his arrogancy, and his pride, and the haughtiness of his heart.
30 I know his wrath, saith the LORD; but *it shall* not *be* so; his lies shall not so effect *it*.
31 Therefore will I howl for Moab, and I will cry out for all Moab; *mine heart* shall mourn for the men of Kir-heres.
32 O vine of Sibmah, I will weep for thee with the weeping of Jazer: thy plants are gone over the sea, they reach *even* to the sea of Jazer: the spoiler is fallen upon thy summer fruits and upon thy vintage.
33 And joy and gladness is taken from the plentiful field, and from the land of Moab; and I have caused wine to fail from the wine-presses: none shall tread with shouting; *their* shouting *shall be* no shouting.
34 From the cry of Heshbon *even* unto Elealeh, *and even* unto Jahaz, have they uttered their voice, from Zoar *even* unto Horonaim, *as* an heifer of three years old: for the waters also of Nimrim shall be desolate.

The Derision of Moab

35 Moreover I will cause to cease in Moab, saith the LORD, him that offereth in the high places, and him that burneth incense to his gods.
36 Therefore mine heart shall sound for Moab like pipes, and mine heart shall sound like pipes for the men of Kir-heres: because the riches *that* he hath gotten are perished.
37 For every head *shall be* bald, and every beard clipped: upon all the hands *shall be* cuttings, and upon the loins sackcloth.
38 *There shall be* lamentation generally upon all the housetops of Moab, and in the streets thereof: for I have broken Moab like a vessel wherein *is* no pleasure, saith the LORD.
39 They shall howl, *saying,* How is it broken down! how hath Moab turned the back with shame! so shall Moab be a derision and a dismaying to all them about him.

48:27 skip ▸ *see Job 42:11.*
48:30 wrath ▸ *see Is. 14:6.*
48:31 mourn ▸ *see Ps. 1:2.*
48:33 plentiful field ▸ *see Is. 16:10.*

40 For thus saith the LORD; Behold, he shall fly as an eagle, and shall spread his wings over Moab.
41 Kerioth is taken, and the strong holds are surprised, and the mighty men's hearts in Moab at that day shall be as the heart of a woman in her pangs.
42 And Moab shall be destroyed from *being* a people, because he hath magnified *himself* against the LORD.

The Year of Visitation

43 Fear, and the pit, and the snare, *shall be* upon thee, O inhabitant of Moab, saith the LORD.
44 He that fleeth from the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that getteth up out of the pit shall be taken in the snare: for I will bring upon it, *even* upon Moab, the year of their visitation, saith the LORD.
45 They that fled stood under the shadow of Heshbon because of the force: but a fire shall come forth out of Heshbon, and a flame from the midst of Sihon, and shall devour the corner of Moab, and the crown of the head of the tumultuous ones.
46 Woe be unto thee, O Moab! the people of Chemosh perisheth: for thy sons are taken captives, and thy daughters captives.
47 Yet will I bring again the captivity of Moab in the latter days, saith the LORD. Thus far *is* the judgment of Moab.

God's Message Against Ammon

49 Concerning the Ammonites, thus saith the LORD; Hath Israel no sons? hath he no heir? why *then* doth their king inherit Gad, and his people dwell in his cities?
2 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will cause an alarm of war to be heard in Rabbah of the Ammonites; and it shall be a desolate heap, and her daughters shall be burned with fire: then shall Israel be heir unto them that were his heirs, saith the LORD.
3 Howl, O Heshbon, for Ai is spoiled: cry, ye daughters of Rabbah, gird you with sackcloth; lament, and run to and fro by the hedges; for their king shall go into captivity, *and* his priests and his princes together.
4 Wherefore gloriest thou in the valleys, thy flowing valley, O backsliding daughter? that trusted in her treasures, *saying,* Who shall come unto me?
5 Behold, I will bring a fear upon thee, saith the Lord GOD of hosts, from all those that be about thee; and ye shall be driven out every man right forth; and none shall gather up him that wandereth.
6 And afterward I will bring again the captivity of the children of Ammon, saith the LORD.

God's Message Against Edom

7 Concerning Edom, thus saith the LORD of hosts; *Is* wisdom no more in Teman? is counsel perished from the prudent? is their wisdom vanished?
8 Flee ye, turn back, dwell deep, O inhabitants of Dedan; for I will bring the calamity of Esau upon him, the time *that* I will visit him.
9 If grapegatherers come to thee, would they not leave *some* gleaning grapes? if thieves by night, they will destroy till they have enough.
10 But I have made Esau bare, I have uncovered his secret places, and he shall not be able to hide himself: his seed is spoiled, and his brethren, and his neighbours, and he *is* not.
11 Leave thy fatherless children, I will preserve *them* alive; and let thy widows trust in me.
12 For thus saith the LORD; Behold, they whose judgment *was* not to drink of the cup have assuredly drunken; and *art* thou he *that*

48:47 Moab ▸ *see Judg. 11:18.*
49:2 desolate ▸ *see Is. 1:7.*

49:12 cup

(Heb. *kos*) (Ps. 23:5; Is. 51:22; Jer. 25:15) H3563: The Hebrew word translated *cup* refers to a drinking goblet. In the Old Testament prophetic books, the word is usually associated with imagery of God's wrath, such as "the wine cup of this fury" or "the cup of astonishment" (Jer. 25:15; Ezek. 23:33). In other places the cup can have a positive significance: it indicates a close relationship with a powerful person (see "Pharaoh's cup" in Gen. 40:11). Moreover, in both the Old Testament and New Testament, the cup can be symbolic of fellowship because of the cup's association with togetherness. The cup is an important image in the New Testament, especially in the celebration of the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 11:25–28).

shall altogether go unpunished? thou shalt not go unpunished, but thou shalt surely drink *of it.*
13 For I have sworn by myself, saith the LORD, that Bozrah shall become a desolation, a reproach, a waste, and a curse; and all the cities thereof shall be perpetual wastes.
14 I have heard a rumour from the LORD, and an ambassador is sent unto the heathen, *saying,* Gather ye together, and come against her, and rise up to the battle.
15 For, lo, I will make thee small among the heathen, *and* despised among men.
16 Thy terribleness hath deceived thee, *and* the pride of thine heart, O thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, that holdest the height of the hill: though thou shouldest make thy nest as high as the eagle, I will bring thee down from thence, saith the LORD.

Desolate Edom

17 Also Edom shall be a desolation: every one that goeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss at all the plagues thereof.
18 As in the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbour *cities* thereof, saith the LORD, no man shall abide there, neither shall a son of man dwell in it.
19 Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the swelling of Jordan against the habitation of the strong: but I will suddenly make him run away from her: and who *is* a chosen *man, that* I may appoint over her? for who *is* like me? and who will appoint me the time? and who *is* that shepherd that will stand before me?
20 Therefore hear the counsel of the LORD, that he hath taken against Edom; and his purposes, that he hath purposed against the inhabitants of Teman: Surely the least of the flock shall draw them out: surely he shall make their habitations desolate with them.
21 The earth is moved at the noise of their fall, at the cry the noise thereof was heard in the Red sea.
22 Behold, he shall come up and fly as the eagle, and spread his wings over Bozrah: and at that day shall the heart of the mighty men of Edom be as the heart of a woman in her pangs.

God's Message Against Damascus

23 Concerning Damascus. Hamath is confounded, and Arpad: for they have heard evil tidings: they are fainthearted; *there is* sorrow on the sea; it cannot be quiet.
24 Damascus is waxed feeble, *and* turneth herself to flee, and fear hath seized on *her:* anguish and sorrows have taken her, as a woman in travail.
25 How is the city of praise not left, the city of my joy!
26 Therefore her young men shall fall in her streets, and all the men of war shall be cut off in that day, saith the LORD of hosts.
27 And I will kindle a fire in the wall of Damascus, and it shall consume the palaces of Ben-hadad.

God's Message Against Kedar

28 Concerning Kedar, and concerning the kingdoms of Hazor, which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon shall smite, thus saith the LORD; Arise ye, go up to Kedar, and spoil the men of the east.
29 Their tents and their flocks shall they take away: they shall take to themselves their curtains, and all their vessels, and their camels; and they shall cry unto them, Fear *is* on every side.

God's Message Against Hazor

30 Flee, get you far off, dwell deep, O ye inhabitants of Hazor, saith the LORD; for Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath taken counsel against you, and hath conceived a purpose against you.
31 Arise, get you up unto the wealthy nation, that dwelleth without care, saith the LORD, which have neither gates nor bars, *which* dwell alone.
32 And their camels shall be a booty, and the multitude of their cattle a spoil: and I will scatter into all winds them *that are* in the utmost corners; and I will bring their calamity from all sides thereof, saith the LORD.
33 And Hazor shall be a dwelling for dragons, *and* a desolation for ever: there shall no man abide there, nor *any* son of man dwell in it.

God's Message Against Elam

34 The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah the prophet against Elam in the begin-

49:16 pride ▸ *see Obad. 3.*
49:23 sorrow ▸ *see Prov. 12:25.*

ning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, saying,
35 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Behold, I will break the bow of Elam, the chief of their might.
36 And upon Elam will I bring the four winds from the four quarters of heaven, and will scatter them toward all those winds; and there shall be no nation whither the outcasts of Elam shall not come.
37 For I will cause Elam to be dismayed before their enemies, and before them that seek their life: and I will bring evil upon them, *even* my fierce anger, saith the LORD; and I will send the sword after them, till I have consumed them:
38 And I will set my throne in Elam, and will destroy from thence the king and the princes, saith the LORD.
39 But it shall come to pass in the latter days, *that* I will bring again the captivity of Elam, saith the LORD.

God's Message Against Babylon

50 The word that the LORD spake against Babylon *and* against the land of the Chaldeans by Jeremiah the prophet.
2 Declare ye among the nations, and publish, and set up a standard; publish, *and* conceal not: say, Babylon is taken, Bel is confounded, Merodach is broken in pieces; her idols are confounded, her images are broken in pieces.
3 For out of the north there cometh up a nation against her, which shall make her land desolate, and none shall dwell therein: they shall remove, they shall depart, both man and beast.

Israel Shall Seek the Lord

4 In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together, going and weeping: they shall go, and seek the LORD their God.
5 They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces thitherward, *saying,* Come, and let us join ourselves to the LORD in a perpetual covenant *that* shall not be forgotten.
6 My people hath been lost sheep: their shepherds have caused them to go astray, they have turned them away *on* the mountains: they have gone from mountain to hill, they have forgotten their restingplace.
7 All that found them have devoured them: and their adversaries said, We offend not, because they have sinned against the LORD, the habitation of justice, even the LORD, the hope of their fathers.
8 Remove out of the midst of Babylon, and go forth out of the land of the Chaldeans, and be as the he goats before the flocks.

The Assembly of Great Nations

9 For, lo, I will raise and cause to come up against Babylon an assembly of great nations from the north country: and they shall set themselves in array against her; from thence she shall be taken: their arrows *shall be* as of a mighty expert man; none shall return in vain.
10 And Chaldea shall be a spoil: all that spoil her shall be satisfied, saith the LORD.

Babylon Destroyed by God's Wrath

11 Because ye were glad, because ye rejoiced, O ye destroyers of mine heritage, because ye are grown fat as the heifer at grass, and bellow as bulls;
12 Your mother shall be sore confounded; she that bare you shall be ashamed: behold, the hindermost of the nations *shall be* a wilderness, a dry land, and a desert.
13 Because of the wrath of the LORD it shall not be inhabited, but it shall be wholly desolate: every one that goeth by Babylon shall be astonished, and hiss at all her plagues.
14 Put yourselves in array against Babylon round about: all ye that bend the bow, shoot at her, spare no arrows: for she hath sinned against the LORD.
15 Shout against her round about: she hath given her hand: her foundations are fallen, her walls are thrown down: for it *is* the vengeance of the LORD: take vengeance upon her; as she hath done, do unto her.
16 Cut off the sower from Babylon, and him that handleth the sickle in the time of

50:9 take ▸ *see Josh. 11:17.*
50:14 arrow ▸ *see Ps. 58:7.*

50:16 sickle

(Heb. *maggal*) (Joel 3:13) H4038: This word is found in the Old Testament only twice, here and in Joel 3:13. Its root meaning is to reap, and thus

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harvest: for fear of the oppressing sword they shall turn every one to his people, and they shall flee every one to his own land.

Israel's Satisfied Soul

17 Israel *is* a scattered sheep; the lions have driven *him* away: first the king of Assyria hath devoured him; and last this Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath broken his bones.
18 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will punish the king of Babylon and his land, as I have punished the king of Assyria.
19 And I will bring Israel again to his habitation, and he shall feed on Carmel and Bashan, and his soul shall be satisfied upon mount Ephraim and Gilead.
20 In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and *there shall be* none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon them whom I reserve.

A Sound of Battle

21 Go up against the land of Merathaim, *even* against it, and against the inhabitants of Pekod: waste and utterly destroy after them, saith the LORD, and do according to all that I have commanded thee.
22 A sound of battle *is* in the land, and of great destruction.
23 How is the hammer of the whole earth cut asunder and broken! how is Babylon become a desolation among the nations!
24 I have laid a snare for thee, and thou art also taken, O Babylon, and thou wast not aware: thou art found, and also caught, because thou hast striven against the LORD.
25 The LORD hath opened his armoury, and hath brought forth the weapons of his indignation: for this *is* the work of the Lord GOD of hosts in the land of the Chaldeans.
26 Come against her from the utmost border, open her storehouses: cast her up as heaps, and destroy her utterly: let nothing of her be left.
27 Slay all her bullocks; let them go down to the slaughter: woe unto them! for their day is come, the time of their visitation.
28 The voice of them that flee and escape out of the land of Babylon, to declare in Zion the vengeance of the LORD our God, the vengeance of his temple.

Babylon's Pride

29 Call together the archers against Babylon: all ye that bend the bow, camp against it round about; let none thereof escape: recompense her according to her work; according to all that she hath done, do unto her: for she hath been proud against the LORD, against the Holy One of Israel.
30 Therefore shall her young men fall in the streets, and all her men of war shall be cut off in that day, saith the LORD.
31 Behold, I *am* against thee, O *thou* most proud, saith the Lord GOD of hosts: for thy day is come, the time *that* I will visit thee.
32 And the most proud shall stumble and fall, and none shall raise him up: and I will kindle a fire in his cities, and it shall devour all round about him.

Israel's Strong Redeemer

33 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; The children of Israel and the children of Judah *were* oppressed together: and all that took them captives held them fast; they refused to let them go.
34 Their Redeemer *is* strong; the LORD of hosts *is* his name: he shall throughly plead their cause, that he may give rest to the land, and disquiet the inhabitants of Babylon.
35 A sword *is* upon the Chaldeans, saith the LORD, and upon the inhabitants of Babylon, and upon her princes, and upon her wise *men.*
36 A sword *is* upon the liars; and they shall dote: a sword *is* upon her mighty men; and they shall be dismayed.
37 A sword *is* upon their horses, and upon their chariots, and upon all the mingled people that *are* in the midst of her; and they shall become as women: a sword *is* upon her treasures; and they shall be robbed.

The Land of Graven Images

38 A drought *is* upon her waters; and they shall be dried up: for it *is* the land of graven images, and they are mad upon *their* idols.

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it refers to the iron-bladed, wooden-handled agricultural tool (sometimes called a reaping-hook) used to harvest stalks of wheat or grain. In the New Testament, Revelation 14 pictures an angel wielding a sickle in judgment over the earth in the final days of the present age.

39 Therefore the wild beasts of the desert with the wild beasts of the islands shall dwell *there,* and the owls shall dwell therein: and it shall be no more inhabited for ever; neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation.
40 As God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbour *cities* thereof, saith the LORD; *so* shall no man abide there, neither shall any son of man dwell therein.
41 Behold, a people shall come from the north, and a great nation, and many kings shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth.
42 They shall hold the bow and the lance: they *are* cruel, and will not shew mercy: their voice shall roar like the sea, and they shall ride upon horses, *every one* put in array, like a man to the battle, against thee, O daughter of Babylon.
43 The king of Babylon hath heard the report of them, and his hands waxed feeble: anguish took hold of him, *and* pangs as of a woman in travail.

A Cry Heard Among the Nations

44 Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the swelling of Jordan unto the habitation of the strong: but I will make them suddenly run away from her: and who *is* a chosen *man, that* I may appoint over her? for who *is* like me? and who will appoint me the time? and who *is* that shepherd that will stand before me?
45 Therefore hear ye the counsel of the LORD, that he hath taken against Babylon; and his purposes, that he hath purposed against the land of the Chaldeans: Surely the least of the flock shall draw them out: surely he shall make *their* habitation desolate with them.
46 At the noise of the taking of Babylon the earth is moved, and the cry is heard among the nations.

A Destroying Wind

51 Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will raise up against Babylon, and against them that dwell in the midst of them that rise up against me, a destroying wind;
2 And will send unto Babylon fanners, that shall fan her, and shall empty her land: for in the day of trouble they shall be against her round about.
3 Against *him that* bendeth let the archer bend his bow, and against *him that* lifteth himself up in his brigandine: and spare ye not her young men; destroy ye utterly all her host.
4 Thus the slain shall fall in the land of the Chaldeans, and *they that are* thrust through in her streets.
5 For Israel *hath* not *been* forsaken, nor Judah of his God, of the LORD of hosts; though their land was filled with sin against the Holy One of Israel.
6 Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul: be not cut off in her iniquity; for this *is* the time of the LORD's vengeance; he will render unto her a recompence.
7 Babylon *hath been* a golden cup in the LORD's hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are mad.

Babylon Has Fallen

8 Babylon is suddenly fallen and destroyed: howl for her; take balm for her pain, if so be she may be healed.
9 We would have healed Babylon, but she is not healed: forsake her, and let us go every one into his own country: for her judgment reacheth unto heaven, and is lifted up *even* to the skies.
10 The LORD hath brought forth our righteousness: come, and let us declare in Zion the work of the LORD our God.
11 Make bright the arrows; gather the shields: the LORD hath raised up the spirit of the kings of the Medes: for his device *is* against Babylon, to destroy it; because it *is* the vengeance of the LORD, the vengeance of his temple.
12 Set up the standard upon the walls of Babylon, make the watch strong, set up the watchmen, prepare the ambushes: for the LORD hath both devised and done that which he spake against the inhabitants of Babylon.
13 O thou that dwellest upon many waters, abundant in treasures, thine end is come, *and* the measure of thy covetousness.
14 The LORD of hosts hath sworn by himself, *saying,* Surely I will fill thee with men, as with caterpillers; and they shall lift up a shout against thee.
15 He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom,

and hath stretched out the heaven by his understanding.
16 When he uttereth *his* voice, *there is* a multitude of waters in the heavens; and he causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth: he maketh lightnings with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures.
17 Every man is brutish by *his* knowledge; every founder is confounded by the graven image: for his molten image *is* falsehood, and *there is* no breath in them.
18 They *are* vanity, the work of errors: in the time of their visitation they shall perish.

The Rod of God's Inheritance

19 The portion of Jacob *is* not like them; for he *is* the former of all things: and *Israel is* the rod of his inheritance: the LORD of hosts *is* his name.
20 Thou *art* my battle axe *and* weapons of war: for with thee will I break in pieces the nations, and with thee will I destroy kingdoms;
21 And with thee will I break in pieces the horse and his rider; and with thee will I break in pieces the chariot and his rider;
22 With thee also will I break in pieces man and woman; and with thee will I break in pieces old and young; and with thee will I break in pieces the young man and the maid;
23 I will also break in pieces with thee the shepherd and his flock; and with thee will I break in pieces the husbandman and his yoke of oxen; and with thee will I break in pieces captains and rulers.
24 And I will render unto Babylon and to all the inhabitants of Chaldea all their evil that they have done in Zion in your sight, saith the LORD.
25 Behold, I *am* against thee, O destroying mountain, saith the LORD, which destroyest all the earth: and I will stretch out mine hand upon thee, and roll thee down from the rocks, and will make thee a burnt mountain.
26 And they shall not take of thee a stone for a corner, nor a stone for foundations; but thou shalt be desolate for ever, saith the LORD.
27 Set ye up a standard in the land, blow the trumpet among the nations, prepare the nations against her, call together against her the kingdoms of Ararat, Minni, and Ashchenaz; appoint a captain against her; cause the horses to come up as the rough caterpillers.
28 Prepare against her the nations with the kings of the Medes, the captains thereof, and all the rulers thereof, and all the land of his dominion.
29 And the land shall tremble and sorrow: for every purpose of the LORD shall be performed against Babylon, to make the land of Babylon a desolation without an inhabitant.
30 The mighty men of Babylon have forborn to fight, they have remained in *their* holds: their might hath failed; they became as women: they have burned her dwellingplaces; her bars are broken.
31 One post shall run to meet another, and one messenger to meet another, to shew the king of Babylon that his city is taken at *one* end,
32 And that the passages are stopped, and the reeds they have burned with fire, and the men of war are affrighted.

The Time of Babylon's Harvest

33 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; The daughter of Babylon *is* like a threshingfloor, *it is* time to thresh her: yet a little while, and the time of her harvest shall come.
34 Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon hath devoured me, he hath crushed me, he hath made me an empty vessel, he hath swallowed me up like a dragon, he hath filled his belly with my delicates, he hath cast me out.
35 The violence done to me and to my flesh *be* upon Babylon, shall the inhabitant of Zion say; and my blood upon the inhabitants of Chaldea, shall Jerusalem say.
36 Therefore thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will plead thy cause, and take vengeance for thee; and I will dry up her sea, and make her springs dry.
37 And Babylon shall become heaps, a dwellingplace for dragons, an astonishment, and an hissing, without an inhabitant.
38 They shall roar together like lions: they shall yell as lions' whelps.
39 In their heat I will make their feasts, and I will make them drunken, that they may

51:20 destroy ▸ *see 1 Chr. 20:1.*
51:23 yoke ▸ *see 1 Sam. 11:7.*

rejoice, and sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake, saith the LORD.
40 I will bring them down like lambs to the slaughter, like rams with he goats.
41 How is Sheshach taken! and how is the praise of the whole earth surprised! how is Babylon become an astonishment among the nations!
42 The sea is come up upon Babylon: she is covered with the multitude of the waves thereof.
43 Her cities are a desolation, a dry land, and a wilderness, a land wherein no man dwelleth, neither doth *any* son of man pass thereby.
44 And I will punish Bel in Babylon, and I will bring forth out of his mouth that which he hath swallowed up: and the nations shall not flow together any more unto him: yea, the wall of Babylon shall fall.

Deliver Your Soul from God's Anger

45 My people, go ye out of the midst of her, and deliver ye every man his soul from the fierce anger of the LORD.
46 And lest your heart faint, and ye fear for the rumour that shall be heard in the land; a rumour shall both come *one* year, and after that in *another* year *shall come* a rumour, and violence in the land, ruler against ruler.
47 Therefore, behold, the days come, that I will do judgment upon the graven images of Babylon: and her whole land shall be confounded, and all her slain shall fall in the midst of her.
48 Then the heaven and the earth, and all that *is* therein, shall sing for Babylon: for the spoilers shall come unto her from the north, saith the LORD.
49 As Babylon *hath caused* the slain of Israel to fall, so at Babylon shall fall the slain of all the earth.

Bring Jerusalem to Mind

50 Ye that have escaped the sword, go away, stand not still: remember the LORD afar off, and let Jerusalem come into your mind.
51 We are confounded, because we have heard reproach: shame hath covered our faces: for strangers are come into the sanctuaries of the LORD's house.
52 Wherefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will do judgment upon her graven images: and through all her land the wounded shall groan.
53 Though Babylon should mount up to heaven, and though she should fortify the height of her strength, *yet* from me shall spoilers come unto her, saith the LORD.
54 A sound of a cry *cometh* from Babylon, and great destruction from the land of the Chaldeans:
55 Because the LORD hath spoiled Babylon, and destroyed out of her the great voice; when her waves do roar like great waters, a noise of their voice is uttered:
56 Because the spoiler is come upon her, *even* upon Babylon, and her mighty men are taken, every one of their bows is broken: for the LORD God of recompences shall surely requite.
57 And I will make drunk her princes, and her wise *men,* her captains, and her rulers, and her mighty men: and they shall sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake, saith the King, whose name *is* the LORD of hosts.
58 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; The broad walls of Babylon shall be utterly broken, and her high gates shall be burned with fire; and the people shall labour in vain, and the folk in the fire, and they shall be weary.

Words Written Against Babylon

59 The word which Jeremiah the prophet commanded Seraiah the son of Neriah, the son of Maaseiah, when he went with Zedekiah the king of Judah into Babylon in the fourth year of his reign. And *this* Seraiah *was* a quiet prince.
60 So Jeremiah wrote in a book all the evil

51:42 multitude ▸ *see Ps. 42:4.*

51:46 rumour

(Heb. *shemu`ah*) (2 Kin. 19:7; Is. 37:7; Dan. 11:44) H8052: A noun usually translated message or report, this word typically refers to announced news or information (either good or bad) from another place (1 Sam 2:24; 4:19; 1 Kin. 2:28), but here it has the added nuance of a rumor, gossip, or hearsay that cannot be substantiated (Ezek. 7:26; Dan. 11:44). Jesus said that one of the signs of the end (i.e., His second coming) would be reports of "war and rumours of war" (Matt. 24:6).

51:51 stranger ▸ *see Hos. 7:9.*

that should come upon Babylon, *even* all these words that are written against Babylon.
61 And Jeremiah said to Seraiah, When thou comest to Babylon, and shalt see, and shalt read all these words;
62 Then shalt thou say, O LORD, thou hast spoken against this place, to cut it off, that none shall remain in it, neither man nor beast, but that it shall be desolate for ever.
63 And it shall be, when thou hast made an end of reading this book, *that* thou shalt bind a stone to it, and cast it into the midst of Euphrates:
64 And thou shalt say, Thus shall Babylon sink, and shall not rise from the evil that I will bring upon her: and they shall be weary. Thus far *are* the words of Jeremiah.

Zedekiah's Rebellion

52 Zedekiah *was* one and twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.
2 And he did *that which was* evil in the eyes of the LORD, according to all that Jehoiakim had done.
3 For through the anger of the LORD it came to pass in Jerusalem and Judah, till he had cast them out from his presence, that Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

Jerusalem Besieged by Babylon

4 And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth *day* of the month, *that* Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, and pitched against it, and built forts against it round about.
5 So the city was besieged unto the eleventh year of king Zedekiah.
6 And in the fourth month, in the ninth *day* of the month, the famine was sore in the city, so that there was no bread for the people of the land.

Zedekiah and the Army Flee

7 Then the city was broken up, and all the men of war fled, and went forth out of the city by night by the way of the gate between the two walls, which *was* by the king's garden; (now the Chaldeans *were* by the city round about:) and they went by the way of the plain.
8 But the army of the Chaldeans pursued after the king, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho; and all his army was scattered from him.

Zedekiah's Fate

9 Then they took the king, and carried him up unto the king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath; where he gave judgment upon him.
10 And the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes: he slew also all the princes of Judah in Riblah.
11 Then he put out the eyes of Zedekiah; and the king of Babylon bound him in chains, and carried him to Babylon, and put him in prison till the day of his death.

Jerusalem Burned

12 Now in the fifth month, in the tenth *day* of the month, which *was* the nineteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, came Nebuzar-adan, captain of the guard, *which* served the king of Babylon, into Jerusalem,
13 And burned the house of the LORD, and the king's house; and all the houses of Jerusalem, and all the houses of the great *men,* burned he with fire:
14 And all the army of the Chaldeans, that *were* with the captain of the guard, brake down all the walls of Jerusalem round about.
15 Then Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard carried away captive *certain* of the poor of the people, and the residue of the people that remained in the city, and those that fell away, that fell to the king of Babylon, and the rest of the multitude.
16 But Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard left *certain* of the poor of the land for vinedressers and for husbandmen.

The Temple Utensils Removed

17 Also the pillars of brass that *were* in the house of the LORD, and the bases, and the brasen sea that *was* in the house of the LORD, the Chaldeans brake, and carried all the brass of them to Babylon.
18 The caldrons also, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the bowls, and the spoons,

52:5 besieged ▸ *see Ezek. 4:8.*

and all the vessels of brass wherewith they ministered, took they away.
19 And the basons, and the firepans, and the bowls, and the caldrons, and the candlesticks, and the spoons, and the cups; *that* which *was* of gold *in* gold, and *that* which *was* of silver *in* silver, took the captain of the guard away.
20 The two pillars, one sea, and twelve brasen bulls that *were* under the bases, which king Solomon had made in the house of the LORD: the brass of all these vessels was without weight.
21 And *concerning* the pillars, the height of one pillar *was* eighteen cubits; and a fillet of twelve cubits did compass it; and the thickness thereof *was* four fingers: *it was* hollow.
22 And a chapiter of brass *was* upon it; and the height of one chapiter *was* five cubits, with network and pomegranates upon the chapiters round about, all *of* brass. The second pillar also and the pomegranates *were* like unto these.
23 And there were ninety and six pomegranates on a side; *and* all the pomegranates upon the network *were* an hundred round about.

The Priests and the Leaders Slain

24 And the captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three keepers of the door:
25 He took also out of the city an eunuch, which had the charge of the men of war; and seven men of them that were near the king's person, which were found in the city; and the principal scribe of the host, who mustered the people of the land; and threescore men of the people of the land, that were found in the midst of the city.
26 So Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard took them, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah.
27 And the king of Babylon smote them, and put them to death in Riblah in the land of Hamath. Thus Judah was carried away captive out of his own land.

The Number of Captives

28 This *is* the people whom Nebuchadrezzar carried away captive: in the seventh year three thousand Jews and three and twenty:
29 In the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar he carried away captive from Jerusalem eight hundred thirty and two persons:
30 In the three and twentieth year of Nebuchadrezzar Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard carried away captive of the Jews seven hundred forty and five persons: all the persons *were* four thousand and six hundred.

A Kindness Shown to Jehoiachin

31 And it came to pass in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, in the five and twentieth *day* of the month, *that* Evil-merodach king of Babylon in the *first* year of his reign lifted up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah, and brought him forth out of prison,
32 And spake kindly unto him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings that *were* with him in Babylon,
33 And changed his prison garments: and he did continually eat bread before him all the days of his life.
34 And *for* his diet, there was a continual diet given him of the king of Babylon, every day a portion until the day of his death, all the days of his life.

52:31 Babylon

(Heb. *babel*) (2 Kin. 17:24; 1 Chr. 9:1; Ps. 137:1) H0894: This is the Greek spelling of the name of the capital city of the ancient empire of Babylonia, which in Hebrew is consistently *Babel* (Ps. 87:4; Is. 13:1; Micah 4:10). The notorious city was situated on the banks of the Euphrates River, some 20 miles south of modern-day Baghdad, and serves in Scripture (especially in the prophetic literature) as a symbol of the forces opposed to Almighty God. In Revelation, we read the victorious chant, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils" (Rev. 18:2).

THE BOOK OF

LAMENTATIONS

LAMENTATIONS DESCRIBES THE FUNERAL OF a city. It is a tearstained portrait of the once proud Jerusalem, now reduced to rubble by the invading Babylonian hordes. In a five-poem dirge, Jeremiah exposes his emotions. A death has occurred; Jerusalem lies barren.

Jeremiah writes his lament in acrostic or alphabetical fashion. Beginning each chapter with the first letter *aleph*, he progresses verse by verse through the Hebrew alphabet (every three verses in chapter three). In the midst of this terrible holocaust, Jeremiah triumphantly cries out, "Great is thy faithfulness" (3:23). In the face of death and destruction, with life seemingly coming apart, Jeremiah turns tragedy into a triumph of faith. God has never failed him in the past. God has promised to remain faithful in the future. In the light of the God he knows and loves, Jeremiah finds hope and comfort.

The Hebrew title of this book comes from the first word of chapters 1, 2, and 4: *Ekah*, "Ah, how!" Another Hebrew word *Ginoth* ("Elegies" or "Lamentations") has also been used as the title because it better represents the contents of the book. The Greek title *Threnoi* means "Dirges" or "Laments," and the Latin title *Threni* ("Tears" or "Lamentations") was derived from this word. The subtitle in Jerome's Vulgate reads: *"Id est lamentationes Jeremiae prophetae,"* and this became the basis for the English title "The Lamentations of Jeremiah."

WATCH WORDS

- **weep** (show grief through tears, crying)—1:2 (also 1:16)
- **renew** (repair, make new)—5:21

The Solitary City

1 How doth the city sit solitary, *that was* full of people! *how* is she become as a widow! she *that was* great among the nations, *and* princess among the provinces, *how* is she become tributary!

2 She weepeth sore in the night, and her tears *are* on her cheeks: among all her lovers she hath none to comfort *her:* all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they are become her enemies.

3 Judah is gone into captivity because of affliction, and because of great servitude: she dwelleth among the heathen, she findeth no rest: all her persecutors overtook her between the straits.

4 The ways of Zion do mourn, because none come to the solemn feasts: all her gates are desolate: her priests sigh, her virgins are afflicted, and she *is* in bitterness.

5 Her adversaries are the chief, her enemies prosper; for the LORD hath afflicted her for the multitude of her transgressions: her children are gone into captivity before the enemy.

1:2 weep

(Heb. *bakah*) (Ruth 1:9; Ezra 3:12; Job 30:31) H1058: This verb describes the act of wailing, which expresses emotions ranging from grief to happiness. While the word is often associated with lamentation, the bitter wailing of ancient people who were mourning their dead (2 Sam. 1:12), it is also used with expressions of joy (Gen. 29:11). The ancients wept when saying farewell (Ruth 1:9), over impending doom (Jer. 9:1), to express their joy over the rebuilt temple (Ezra 3:12), and at the burial of an individual (Gen. 50:1). In Lamentations, Jeremiah weeps over the sins of the people, the sins that would eventually result in the destruction of Jerusalem (Lam. 1:1, 16).

1:4 sigh ▸ *see Is. 24:7.*
1:5 prosper ▸ *see Ps. 122:6.*

6 And from the daughter of Zion all her beauty is departed: her princes are become like harts *that* find no pasture, and they are gone without strength before the pursuer.

Jerusalem's Pleasant Things

7 Jerusalem remembered in the days of her affliction and of her miseries all her pleasant things that she had in the days of old, when her people fell into the hand of the enemy, and none did help her: the adversaries saw her, *and* did mock at her sabbaths.
8 Jerusalem hath grievously sinned; therefore she is removed: all that honoured her despise her, because they have seen her nakedness: yea, she sigheth, and turneth backward.
9 Her filthiness *is* in her skirts; she remembereth not her last end; therefore she came down wonderfully: she had no comforter. O LORD, behold my affliction: for the enemy hath magnified *himself.*
10 The adversary hath spread out his hand upon all her pleasant things: for she hath seen *that* the heathen entered into her sanctuary, whom thou didst command *that* they should not enter into thy congregation.
11 All her people sigh, they seek bread; they have given their pleasant things for meat to relieve the soul: see, O LORD, and consider; for I am become vile.

The Yoke of My Transgressions

12 *Is it* nothing to you, all ye that pass by? behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow, which is done unto me, wherewith the LORD hath afflicted *me* in the day of his fierce anger.
13 From above hath he sent fire into my bones, and it prevaileth against them: he hath spread a net for my feet, he hath turned me back: he hath made me desolate *and* faint all the day.
14 The yoke of my transgressions is bound by his hand: they are wreathed, *and* come up upon my neck: he hath made my strength to fall, the Lord hath delivered me into *their* hands, *from whom* I am not able to rise up.
15 The Lord hath trodden under foot all my mighty *men* in the midst of me: he hath called an assembly against me to crush my young men: the Lord hath trodden the virgin, the daughter of Judah, *as* in a winepress.
16 For these *things* I weep; mine eye, mine eye runneth down with water, because the comforter that should relieve my soul is far from me: my children are desolate, because the enemy prevailed.
17 Zion spreadeth forth her hands, *and there is* none to comfort her: the LORD hath commanded concerning Jacob, *that* his adversaries *should be* round about him: Jerusalem is as a menstruous woman among them.

Behold My Sorrow

18 The LORD is righteous; for I have rebelled against his commandment: hear, I pray you, all people, and behold my sorrow: my virgins and my young men are gone into captivity.
19 I called for my lovers, *but* they deceived me: my priests and mine elders gave up the ghost in the city, while they sought their meat to relieve their souls.
20 Behold, O LORD; for I *am* in distress: my bowels are troubled; mine heart is turned within me; for I have grievously rebelled: abroad the sword bereaveth, at home *there is* as death.
21 They have heard that I sigh: *there is* none to comfort me: all mine enemies have heard of my trouble; they are glad that thou hast done *it:* thou wilt bring the day *that* thou hast called, and they shall be like unto me.
22 Let all their wickedness come before thee; and do unto them, as thou hast done unto me for all my transgressions: for my sighs *are* many, and my heart *is* faint.

1:9 remember ▸ *see Ps. 25:6.*
1:9 behold ▸ *see Job 19:27.*
1:9 affliction ▸ *see Job 30:16.*

1:18 righteous

(Heb. *tsaddiq*) (Gen. 6:9; Ps. 1:6; Prov. 4:18) H6662: Derived from a root word that essentially conveys adherence to a moral standard, this adjective can be translated "just" or "devout" or "upright." It is used of people who conform their lives to God's commands (Gen. 18:23; Prov. 17:15) and kings or judges who rule ethically and with integrity (Deut. 16:19; 2 Sam. 23:3), but more often of God who is the truly righteous One (Deut. 32:4; Jer. 12:1; Ps. 11:7). The Christian's hope is our "advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous" (1 John 2:1).

God's Fierce Anger

2 How hath the Lord covered the daughter of Zion with a cloud in his anger, *and* cast down from heaven unto the earth the beauty of Israel, and remembered not his footstool in the day of his anger!
2 The Lord hath swallowed up all the habitations of Jacob, and hath not pitied: he hath thrown down in his wrath the strong holds of the daughter of Judah; he hath brought *them* down to the ground: he hath polluted the kingdom and the princes thereof.
3 He hath cut off in *his* fierce anger all the horn of Israel: he hath drawn back his right hand from before the enemy, and he burned against Jacob like a flaming fire, *which* devoureth round about.
4 He hath bent his bow like an enemy: he stood with his right hand as an adversary, and slew all *that were* pleasant to the eye in the tabernacle of the daughter of Zion: he poured out his fury like fire.
5 The Lord was as an enemy: he hath swallowed up Israel, he hath swallowed up all her palaces: he hath destroyed his strong holds, and hath increased in the daughter of Judah mourning and lamentation.

The Destruction of the Temple

6 And he hath violently taken away his tabernacle, as *if it were of* a garden: he hath destroyed his places of the assembly: the LORD hath caused the solemn feasts and sabbaths to be forgotten in Zion, and hath despised in the indignation of his anger the king and the priest.
7 The Lord hath cast off his altar, he hath abhorred his sanctuary, he hath given up into the hand of the enemy the walls of her palaces; they have made a noise in the house of the LORD, as in the day of a solemn feast.

The Destruction of Jerusalem

8 The LORD hath purposed to destroy the wall of the daughter of Zion: he hath stretched out a line, he hath not withdrawn his hand from destroying: therefore he made the rampart and the wall to lament; they languished together.
9 Her gates are sunk into the ground; he hath destroyed and broken her bars: her king and her princes *are* among the Gentiles: the law *is* no *more;* her prophets also find no vision from the LORD.
10 The elders of the daughter of Zion sit upon the ground, *and* keep silence: they have cast up dust upon their heads; they have girded themselves with sackcloth: the virgins of Jerusalem hang down their heads to the ground.

Jeremiah's Anguish Over Its Destruction

11 Mine eyes do fail with tears, my bowels are troubled, my liver is poured upon the earth, for the destruction of the daughter of my people; because the children and the sucklings swoon in the streets of the city.
12 They say to their mothers, Where *is* corn and wine? when they swooned as the wounded in the streets of the city, when their soul was poured out into their mothers' bosom.
13 What thing shall I take to witness for thee? what thing shall I liken to thee, O daughter of Jerusalem? what shall I equal to thee, that I may comfort thee, O virgin daughter of Zion? for thy breach *is* great like the sea: who can heal thee?
14 Thy prophets have seen vain and foolish things for thee: and they have not discovered thine iniquity, to turn away thy captivity; but have seen for thee false burdens and causes of banishment.

Enemies Rejoice at Jerusalem's Ruin

15 All that pass by clap *their* hands at thee; they hiss and wag their head at the daughter

2:1 footstool ▸ *see Ps. 110:1.*
2:3 fierce ▸ *see Deut. 29:24.*

2:5 mourning

(Heb. *ta'aniyah*) (Is. 29:2) H8386: Only used twice in the Old Testament, it can also (as in Isaiah) carry the sense of heaviness, the effect of sorrow. It is possibly an example of onomatopoeia, in which the sound of a word closely resembles what it names or describes. There are a number of words in Hebrew associated with nuances of grief and lament. Here it forms an alliterative pair with its synonym, *'anniyah*, usually translated lamentation or mourning.

2:8 wall ▸ *see Neh. 6:15.*
2:8 rampart ▸ *see Ps. 10:10.*
2:8 languish ▸ *see Jer. 14:2.*

of Jerusalem, *saying, Is* this the city that *men* call The perfection of beauty, The joy of the whole earth?
16 All thine enemies have opened their mouth against thee: they hiss and gnash the teeth: they say, We have swallowed *her* up: certainly this *is* the day that we looked for; we have found, we have seen *it*.
17 The LORD hath done *that* which he had devised; he hath fulfilled his word that he had commanded in the days of old: he hath thrown down, and hath not pitied: and he hath caused *thine* enemy to rejoice over thee, he hath set up the horn of thine adversaries.

Pour Out Thine Heart

18 Their heart cried unto the Lord, O wall of the daughter of Zion, let tears run down like a river day and night: give thyself no rest; let not the apple of thine eye cease.
19 Arise, cry out in the night: in the beginning of the watches pour out thine heart like water before the face of the Lord: lift up thy hands toward him for the life of thy young children, that faint for hunger in the top of every street.
20 Behold, O LORD, and consider to whom thou hast done this. Shall the women eat their fruit, *and* children of a span long? shall the priest and the prophet be slain in the sanctuary of the Lord?
21 The young and the old lie on the ground in the streets: my virgins and my young men are fallen by the sword; thou hast slain *them* in the day of thine anger; thou hast killed, *and* not pitied.
22 Thou hast called as in a solemn day my terrors round about, so that in the day of the LORD's anger none escaped nor remained: those that I have swaddled and brought up hath mine enemy consumed.

The Rod of God's Wrath

3 I *am* the man *that* hath seen affliction by the rod of his wrath.
2 He hath led me, and brought *me into* darkness, but not *into* light.

The Judgmental Hand of God

3 Surely against me is he turned; he turneth his hand *against me* all the day.
4 My flesh and my skin hath he made old; he hath broken my bones.
5 He hath builded against me, and compassed *me* with gall and travail.
6 He hath set me in dark places, as *they that be* dead of old.
7 He hath hedged me about, that I cannot get out: he hath made my chain heavy.
8 Also when I cry and shout, he shutteth out my prayer.
9 He hath inclosed my ways with hewn stone, he hath made my paths crooked.
10 He *was* unto me *as* a bear lying in wait, *and as* a lion in secret places.
11 He hath turned aside my ways, and pulled me in pieces: he hath made me desolate.
12 He hath bent his bow, and set me as a mark for the arrow.
13 He hath caused the arrows of his quiver to enter into my reins.

Bitterness and Derision

14 I was a derision to all my people; *and* their song all the day.
15 He hath filled me with bitterness, he hath made me drunken with wormwood.
16 He hath also broken my teeth with gravel stones, he hath covered me with ashes.
17 And thou hast removed my soul far off from peace: I forgat prosperity.
18 And I said, My strength and my hope is perished from the LORD:

Remembering God's Faithfulness

19 Remembering mine affliction and my misery, the wormwood and the gall.
20 My soul hath *them* still in remembrance, and is humbled in me.
21 This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope.
22 *It is of* the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.
23 *They are* new every morning: great *is* thy faithfulness.

2:16 gnash ▸ *see Job 16:9.*
2:17 devise ▸ *see Ps. 37:12.*
3:7 hedge ▸ *see 2 Kin. 22:6.*
3:9 inclose ▸ *see 2 Kin. 22:6.*
3:10 bear ▸ *see Prov. 17:12.*
3:12 bow ▸ *see Ps. 44:6.*
3:15 wormwood ▸ *see Amos 6:12.*
3:21 hope ▸ *see Ps. 38:15.*
3:22 consume ▸ *see Deut. 2:16.*
3:23 great ▸ *see Ps. 31:19.*

24 The LORD *is* my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.
25 The LORD *is* good unto them that wait for him, to the soul *that* seeketh him.
26 *It is* good that *a man* should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD.
27 *It is* good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.
28 He sitteth alone and keepeth silence, because he hath borne *it* upon him.
29 He putteth his mouth in the dust; if so be there may be hope.
30 He giveth *his* cheek to him that smiteth him: he is filled full with reproach.

God Does Not Afflict Man Willingly

31 For the Lord will not cast off for ever:
32 But though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies.
33 For he doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men.
34 To crush under his feet all the prisoners of the earth,
35 To turn aside the right of a man before the face of the most High,
36 To subvert a man in his cause, the Lord approveth not.
37 Who *is* he *that* saith, and it cometh to pass, *when* the Lord commandeth *it* not?
38 Out of the mouth of the most High proceedeth not evil and good?
39 Wherefore doth a living man complain, a man for the punishment of his sins?
40 Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the LORD.
41 Let us lift up our heart with *our* hands unto God in the heavens.

Desolation and Destruction

42 We have transgressed and have rebelled: thou hast not pardoned.
43 Thou hast covered with anger, and persecuted us: thou hast slain, thou hast not pitied.
44 Thou hast covered thyself with a cloud, that *our* prayer should not pass through.
45 Thou hast made us *as* the offscouring and refuse in the midst of the people.
46 All our enemies have opened their mouths against us.
47 Fear and a snare is come upon us, desolation and destruction.

Jeremiah's Tears

48 Mine eye runneth down with rivers of water for the destruction of the daughter of my people.
49 Mine eye trickleth down, and ceaseth not, without any intermission,
50 Till the LORD look down, and behold from heaven.
51 Mine eye affecteth mine heart because of all the daughters of my city.
52 Mine enemies chased me sore, like a bird, without cause.
53 They have cut off my life in the dungeon, and cast a stone upon me.
54 Waters flowed over mine head; *then* I said, I am cut off.

God's Redeeming Power

55 I called upon thy name, O LORD, out of the low dungeon.
56 Thou hast heard my voice: hide not thine ear at my breathing, at my cry.
57 Thou drewest near in the day *that* I called upon thee: thou saidst, Fear not.
58 O Lord, thou hast pleaded the causes of my soul; thou hast redeemed my life.
59 O LORD, thou hast seen my wrong: judge thou my cause.
60 Thou hast seen all their vengeance *and* all their imaginations against me.
61 Thou hast heard their reproach, O LORD, *and* all their imaginations against me;
62 The lips of those that rose up against me, and their device against me all the day.
63 Behold their sitting down, and their rising up; I *am* their musick.
64 Render unto them a recompence,

3:25 wait

(Heb. *qavah*) (Gen. 49:18; Ps. 27:14; Hos. 12:6) H6960: The idea is anticipation or even confident expectation, to wait with or in hope. The motive for such waiting can be evil (Ps. 56:6). More often in the Old Testament, the verb suggests looking forward eagerly to future good: God's truth and salvation (Ps. 25:5); God's exaltation or vindication (Ps. 37:34); God's deliverance (Prov. 20:22); renewed strength (Is. 40:31); or peace (Jer. 8:15). Christians are called to "look [wait] for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ" (Phil. 3:20).

3:26 quietly ▸ *see Is. 47:5.*
3:52 bird ▸ *see Is. 31:5.*

O LORD, according to the work of their hands.
65 Give them sorrow of heart, thy curse unto them.
66 Persecute and destroy them in anger from under the heavens of the LORD.

The Precious Sons of Zion

4 How is the gold become dim! *how* is the most fine gold changed! the stones of the sanctuary are poured out in the top of every street.
2 The precious sons of Zion, comparable to fine gold, how are they esteemed as earthen pitchers, the work of the hands of the potter!
3 Even the sea monsters draw out the breast, they give suck to their young ones: the daughter of my people *is become* cruel, like the ostriches in the wilderness.
4 The tongue of the sucking child cleaveth to the roof of his mouth for thirst: the young children ask bread, *and* no man breaketh *it* unto them.
5 They that did feed delicately are desolate in the streets: they that were brought up in scarlet embrace dunghills.
6 For the punishment of the iniquity of the daughter of my people is greater than the punishment of the sin of Sodom, that was overthrown as in a moment, and no hands stayed on her.

Hunger in the Land

7 Her Nazarites were purer than snow, they were whiter than milk, they were more ruddy in body than rubies, their polishing *was* of sapphire:
8 Their visage is blacker than a coal; they are not known in the streets: their skin cleaveth to their bones; it is withered, it is become like a stick.
9 *They that be* slain with the sword are better than *they that be* slain with hunger: for these pine away, stricken through for *want of* the fruits of the field.
10 The hands of the pitiful women have sodden their own children: they were their meat in the destruction of the daughter of my people.
11 The LORD hath accomplished his fury; he hath poured out his fierce anger, and hath kindled a fire in Zion, and it hath devoured the foundations thereof.
12 The kings of the earth, and all the inhabitants of the world, would not have believed that the adversary and the enemy should have entered into the gates of Jerusalem.
13 For the sins of her prophets, *and* the iniquities of her priests, that have shed the blood of the just in the midst of her,
14 They have wandered *as* blind *men* in the streets, they have polluted themselves with blood, so that men could not touch their garments.
15 They cried unto them, Depart ye; *it is* unclean; depart, depart, touch not: when they fled away and wandered, they said among the heathen, They shall no more sojourn *there.*
16 The anger of the LORD hath divided them; he will no more regard them: they respected not the persons of the priests, they favoured not the elders.

Our Days Are Fulfilled

17 As for us, our eyes as yet failed for our vain help: in our watching we have watched for a nation *that* could not save *us.*
18 They hunt our steps, that we cannot go in our streets: our end is near, our days are fulfilled; for our end is come.
19 Our persecutors are swifter than the eagles of the heaven: they pursued us upon the mountains, they laid wait for us in the wilderness.
20 The breath of our nostrils, the anointed of the LORD, was taken in their pits, of whom we said, Under his shadow we shall live among the heathen.

Edom's Rejoicing Will End

21 Rejoice and be glad, O daughter of Edom, that dwellest in the land of Uz; the cup also

4:2 potter ▸ *see Gen. 2:7.*
4:7 pure ▸ *see Job 15:15.*

4:9 pine away

(Heb. *zub*) (Ex. 3:8; Deut. 6:3; Jer. 11:5) H2100: Appears with this usage only here. It is more often in the familiar phrase describing the land God promised as a place "flowing" (*zub*) with milk and honey (see also Josh. 5:6; Ezek. 20:6, 15). It appears repeatedly in Leviticus 15 discussing various "issues," as in bodily flow, or discharge (Lev. 15:2, 4, 19, 25). Jeremiah is picturing those whose life is seeping away because of hunger, disease, and despair.

shall pass through unto thee: thou shalt be drunken, and shalt make thyself naked.
22 The punishment of thine iniquity is accomplished, O daughter of Zion; he will no more carry thee away into captivity: he will visit thine iniquity, O daughter of Edom; he will discover thy sins.

Behold Our Reproach

5 Remember, O LORD, what is come upon us: consider, and behold our reproach.
2 Our inheritance is turned to strangers, our houses to aliens.
3 We are orphans and fatherless, our mothers *are* as widows.
4 We have drunken our water for money; our wood is sold unto us.
5 Our necks *are* under persecution: we labour, *and* have no rest.
6 We have given the hand *to* the Egyptians, *and to* the Assyrians, to be satisfied with bread.

The Sins of the Fathers

7 Our fathers have sinned, *and are* not; and we have borne their iniquities.
8 Servants have ruled over us: *there is* none that doth deliver *us* out of their hand.
9 We gat our bread with *the peril of* our lives because of the sword of the wilderness.
10 Our skin was black like an oven because of the terrible famine.
11 They ravished the women in Zion, *and* the maids in the cities of Judah.
12 Princes are hanged up by their hand: the faces of elders were not honoured.
13 They took the young men to grind, and the children fell under the wood.
14 The elders have ceased from the gate, the young men from their musick.
15 The joy of our heart is ceased; our dance is turned into mourning.
16 The crown is fallen *from* our head: woe unto us, that we have sinned!
17 For this our heart is faint; for these *things* our eyes are dim.
18 Because of the mountain of Zion, which is desolate, the foxes walk upon it.
19 Thou, O LORD, remainest for ever; thy throne from generation to generation.
20 Wherefore dost thou forget us for ever, *and* forsake us so long time?
21 Turn thou us unto thee, O LORD, and we shall be turned; renew our days as of old.
22 But thou hast utterly rejected us; thou art very wroth against us.

5:1 reproach ▸ *see Ps. 15:3.*

5:19 remain

(Heb. *yashab*) (Gen. 27:19; Ex. 16:29; Judg. 4:5; 1 Sam. 2:8) H3427: An Old Testament verb occurring more than a thousand times; it can convey the basic idea of dwelling or settling in, or inhabiting a certain place (Gen. 4:16; 47:11; Jer. 6:8). Here, the added nuance is sitting on a throne and remaining there, thus ruling (cf. 1 Kin. 1:13, 24, 27, 35; 8:20). The New Testament pictures the Lord Jesus Christ as seated at the right hand of God (Eph. 1:20; Heb. 8:1).

5:21 renew

(Heb. *chadash*) (2 Chr. 24:4; Ps. 103:5; Is. 61:4) H2318: As a verb, the term can mean "to renew" (Ps. 51:10) or "to repair" (Is. 61:4). As an adjective, the word identifies something new in contrast to something old (such as the "old harvest" versus the "new harvest"; see Lev. 26:10), or something different when compared to the status quo (such as "a new spirit"; see Ezek. 11:19; 18:31). The Bible teaches that God alone is the One who makes things new, whether a new song in the heart of the faithful (Ps. 40:3), a new phase in His plan of redemption (Is. 42:9; 43:19), a new name (Is. 62:2), or a new heavens and earth (Is. 65:17).

THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET

EZEKIEL

EZEKIEL, A PRIEST AND A prophet, ministers during the darkest days of Judah's history: the seventy-year period of Babylonian captivity. Carried to Babylon before the final assault on Jerusalem, Ezekiel uses prophecies, parables, signs, and symbols to dramatize God's message to His exiled people. Though they are like dry bones in the sun, God will reassemble them and breathe life into the nation once again. Present judgment will be followed by future glory so that "ye shall know that I am the LORD" (6:7).

The Hebrew name *Yehezke'l* means "God Strengthens" or "Strengthened by God." Ezekiel is indeed strengthened by God for the prophetic ministry to which he is called (3:8, 9). The name occurs twice in this book and nowhere else in the Old Testament. The Greek form in the Septuagint is *Iezekiel* and the Latin form in the Vulgate is *Ezechiel*.

WATCH WORDS

- **idol** (a false god, often made of stone or wood)—6:4 (also 6:9; 14:5; 20:16, 39; 22:3)
- **repent** (turn back or turn around)—14:6 (also 18:30)
- **abomination** (disgust or revulsion, something that is detestable in God's sight)—18:12 (also 5:11; 11:18, 21; 44:6, 7, 13)
- **watchman** (a lookout, someone to warn an army or city)—33:2 (also 3:17; 33:8)
- **glory** (greatness, splendor, honor)—43:2 (also 3:23)

Ezekiel's Visions of God

1 Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth *month,* in the fifth *day* of the month, as I *was* among the captives by the river of Chebar, *that* the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God.
2 In the fifth *day* of the month, which *was* the fifth year of king Jehoiachin's captivity,
3 The word of the LORD came expressly unto Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and the hand of the LORD was there upon him.

A Whirlwind from the North

4 And I looked, and, behold, a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire infolding itself, and a brightness *was* about it, and out of the midst thereof as the colour of amber, out of the midst of the fire.

Four Living Creatures

5 Also out of the midst thereof *came* the likeness of four living creatures. And this *was* their appearance; they had the likeness of a man.
6 And every one had four faces, and every one had four wings.
7 And their feet *were* straight feet; and the sole of their feet *was* like the sole of a calf's foot: and they sparkled like the colour of burnished brass.

1:1 vision ▸ *see Dan. 10:7.*

1:5 living creature

(Heb. *chay*) (Gen. 1:21; 8:1; Ps. 27:13; Ezek. 26:20) H2416: Ezekiel uses this term 11 times in his first chapter (Ezek. 1:5, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21, 22). It is related to *chayah*, where the emphasis is on life and living. Daniel and Hosea use the word as part of a divine title for the *living God* (Dan. 6:20, 26; Hos. 1:10). When used alone as here, the context determines the use of "creature" or "thing." Ezekiel was overwhelmed by a vision filled with difficult-to-describe beings, but their common feature was life.

8 And *they had* the hands of a man under their wings on their four sides; and they four had their faces and their wings.
9 Their wings *were* joined one to another; they turned not when they went; they went every one straight forward.

The Likeness of Their Faces

10 As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right side: and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four also had the face of an eagle.
11 Thus *were* their faces: and their wings *were* stretched upward; two *wings* of every one *were* joined one to another, and two covered their bodies.
12 And they went every one straight forward: whither the spirit was to go, they went; *and* they turned not when they went.
13 As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance *was* like burning coals of fire, *and* like the appearance of lamps: it went up and down among the living creatures; and the fire was bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning.
14 And the living creatures ran and returned as the appearance of a flash of lightning.

A Wheel in the Middle of a Wheel

15 Now as I beheld the living creatures, behold one wheel upon the earth by the living creatures, with his four faces.
16 The appearance of the wheels and their work *was* like unto the colour of a beryl: and they four had one likeness: and their appearance and their work *was* as it were a wheel in the middle of a wheel.
17 When they went, they went upon their four sides: *and* they turned not when they went.
18 As for their rings, they were so high that they were dreadful; and their rings *were* full of eyes round about them four.
19 And when the living creatures went, the wheels went by them: and when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up.
20 Whithersoever the spirit was to go, they went, thither *was their* spirit to go; and the wheels were lifted up over against them: for the spirit of the living creature *was* in the wheels.
21 When those went, *these* went; and when those stood, *these* stood; and when those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up over against them: for the spirit of the living creature *was* in the wheels.
22 And the likeness of the firmament upon the heads of the living creature *was* as the colour of the terrible crystal, stretched forth over their heads above.
23 And under the firmament *were* their wings straight, the one toward the other: every one had two, which covered on this side, and every one had two, which covered on that side, their bodies.
24 And when they went, I heard the noise of their wings, like the noise of great waters, as the voice of the Almighty, the voice of speech, as the noise of an host: when they stood, they let down their wings.
25 And there was a voice from the firmament that *was* over their heads, when they stood, *and* had let down their wings.

The Likeness of a Throne

26 And above the firmament that *was* over their heads *was* the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone: and upon the likeness of the throne *was* the likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it.
27 And I saw as the colour of amber, as the appearance of fire round about within it, from the appearance of his loins even upward, and from the appearance of his loins even downward, I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and it had brightness round about.
28 As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so *was* the appearance of the brightness round about. This *was* the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw *it,* I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that spake.

A Rebellious Nation

2 And he said unto me, Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak unto thee.
2 And the spirit entered into me when he spake unto me, and set me upon my feet, that I heard him that spake unto me.
3 And he said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against me: they and their fathers have transgressed against me, *even* unto this very day.

4 For *they are* impudent children and stiff-hearted. I do send thee unto them; and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD.
5 And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, (for they *are* a rebellious house,) yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them.
6 And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briers and thorns *be* with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions: be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they *be* a rebellious house.
7 And thou shalt speak my words unto them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear: for they *are* most rebellious.
8 But thou, son of man, hear what I say unto thee; Be not thou rebellious like that rebellious house: open thy mouth, and eat that I give thee.
9 And when I looked, behold, an hand *was* sent unto me; and, lo, a roll of a book *was* therein;
10 And he spread it before me; and it *was* written within and without: and *there was* written therein lamentations, and mourning, and woe.

The Eating of the Roll

3 Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, eat that thou findest; eat this roll, and go speak unto the house of Israel.
2 So I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat that roll.
3 And he said unto me, Son of man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. Then did I eat *it;* and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness.

Go and Speak

4 And he said unto me, Son of man, go, get thee unto the house of Israel, and speak with my words unto them.
5 For thou *art* not sent to a people of a strange speech and of an hard language, *but* to the house of Israel;
6 Not to many people of a strange speech and of an hard language, whose words thou canst not understand. Surely, had I sent thee to them, they would have hearkened unto thee.
7 But the house of Israel will not hearken unto thee; for they will not hearken unto me: for all the house of Israel *are* impudent and hardhearted.

Be Strong

8 Behold, I have made thy face strong against their faces, and thy forehead strong against their foreheads.
9 As an adamant harder than flint have I made thy forehead: fear them not, neither be dismayed at their looks, though they *be* a rebellious house.
10 Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, all my words that I shall speak unto thee receive in thine heart, and hear with thine ears.
11 And go, get thee to them of the captivity, unto the children of thy people, and speak unto them, and tell them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear.

2:4 impudent

(Heb. *qasheh*) (Ex. 32:9; 1 Kin. 12:4; Is. 21:2) H7186: Literally the term is stiff- or hard-necked (Ex. 32:9; 33:3, 5; Deut. 9:6, 13). It is given various shades of meaning surrounding the picture of a stubborn will. Alongside impudent are the words cruel (Ex. 6:9), hard-hearted (Ezek. 3:7), grievous (1 Kin. 12:4 ; Is. 21:2), and obstinate (Is. 48:4). The expression conveys both the implacable intent of the individual and the impact of that person's willfulness on others. It is used in a wider sense in Psalm 60:3 referring to a truth that is difficult to face.

2:5 rebellious ▸ *see Ezek. 12:2.*
2:6 scorpion ▸ *see 2 Chr. 10:14.*
2:10 lamentation ▸ *see Ezek. 19:1.*

3:8 forehead

(Heb. *metsach*) (Ex. 28:38; 1 Sam. 17:49; Ezek. 9:4) H4696: We see a similar usage today in the expression "butting heads" to picture a contest of wills. Usually it refers to that part of the anatomy above the eyes. Ezekiel uses it here and in verse 9 to describe a national resolve that God is challenging by stiffening His prophet's resolve against them. But later (Ezek. 9:4), the term simply refers to identifying those who respond with repentance and righteousness. When David killed Goliath with a stone, this was the place on the giant's head that he hit.

A Voice of a Great Rushing

12 Then the spirit took me up, and I heard behind me a voice of a great rushing, *saying,* Blessed *be* the glory of the LORD from his place.
13 *I heard* also the noise of the wings of the living creatures that touched one another, and the noise of the wheels over against them, and a noise of a great rushing.
14 So the spirit lifted me up, and took me away, and I went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit; but the hand of the LORD was strong upon me.
15 Then I came to them of the captivity at Tel-abib, that dwelt by the river of Chebar, and I sat where they sat, and remained there astonished among them seven days.

A Watchman

16 And it came to pass at the end of seven days, that the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
17 Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me.

Warn the Wicked

18 When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked *man* shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.
19 Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

Warn the Righteous

20 Again, When a righteous *man* doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand.
21 Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous *man,* that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul.
22 And the hand of the LORD was there upon me; and he said unto me, Arise, go forth into the plain, and I will there talk with thee.
23 Then I arose, and went forth into the plain: and, behold, the glory of the LORD stood there, as the glory which I saw by the river of Chebar: and I fell on my face.
24 Then the spirit entered into me, and set me upon my feet, and spake with me, and said unto me, Go, shut thyself within thine house.

Ezekiel Is Struck Dumb

25 But thou, O son of man, behold, they shall put bands upon thee, and shall bind thee with them, and thou shalt not go out among them:
26 And I will make thy tongue cleave to the roof of thy mouth, that thou shalt be dumb, and shalt not be to them a reprover: for they *are* a rebellious house.
27 But when I speak with thee, I will open thy mouth, and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; He that heareth, let him hear; and he that forbeareth, let him forbear: for they *are* a rebellious house.

The Sign of the Tile

4 Thou also, son of man, take thee a tile, and lay it before thee, and pourtray upon it the city, *even* Jerusalem:
2 And lay siege against it, and build a fort against it, and cast a mount against it; set the camp also against it, and set *battering* rams against it round about.
3 Moreover take thou unto thee an iron pan, and set it *for* a wall of iron between thee and the city: and set thy face against it, and it shall be besieged, and thou shalt lay siege against it. This *shall be* a sign to the house of Israel.

The Years of Israel's Iniquity

4 Lie thou also upon thy left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel upon it: *according* to the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon it thou shalt bear their iniquity.
5 For I have laid upon thee the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days: so shalt thou bear the iniquity of the house of Israel.

3:17 watchman ▸ *see Ezek. 33:2.*
3:21 warn ▸ *see 2 Kin. 6:10.*

6 And when thou hast accomplished them, lie again on thy right side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days: I have appointed thee each day for a year.
7 Therefore thou shalt set thy face toward the siege of Jerusalem, and thine arm *shall be* uncovered, and thou shalt prophesy against it.
8 And, behold, I will lay bands upon thee, and thou shalt not turn thee from one side to another, till thou hast ended the days of thy siege.

The Defiled Bread

9 Take thou also unto thee wheat, and barley, and beans, and lentiles, and millet, and fitches, and put them in one vessel, and make thee bread thereof, *according* to the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon thy side, three hundred and ninety days shalt thou eat thereof.
10 And thy meat which thou shalt eat *shall be* by weight, twenty shekels a day: from time to time shalt thou eat it.
11 Thou shalt drink also water by measure, the sixth part of an hin: from time to time shalt thou drink.
12 And thou shalt eat it *as* barley cakes, and thou shalt bake it with dung that cometh out of man, in their sight.
13 And the LORD said, Even thus shall the children of Israel eat their defiled bread among the Gentiles, whither I will drive them.
14 Then said I, Ah Lord GOD! behold, my soul hath not been polluted: for from my youth up even till now have I not eaten of that which dieth of itself, or is torn in pieces; neither came there abominable flesh into my mouth.
15 Then he said unto me, Lo, I have given thee cow's dung for man's dung, and thou shalt prepare thy bread therewith.

The Staff of Bread

16 Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, behold, I will break the staff of bread in Jerusalem: and they shall eat bread by weight, and with care; and they shall drink water by measure, and with astonishment:
17 That they may want bread and water, and be astonied one with another, and consume away for their iniquity.

The Shaving of Hair and Beard

5 And thou, son of man, take thee a sharp knife, take thee a barber's razor, and cause *it* to pass upon thine head and upon thy beard: then take thee balances to weigh, and divide the *hair.*
2 Thou shalt burn with fire a third part in the midst of the city, when the days of the siege are fulfilled: and thou shalt take a third part, *and* smite about it with a knife: and a third part thou shalt scatter in the wind; and I will draw out a sword after them.
3 Thou shalt also take thereof a few in number, and bind them in thy skirts.
4 Then take of them again, and cast them into the midst of the fire, and burn them in the fire; *for* thereof shall a fire come forth into all the house of Israel.
5 Thus saith the Lord GOD; This is Jerusalem: I have set it in the midst of the nations and countries *that are* round about her.
6 And she hath changed my judgments into wickedness more than the nations, and my statutes more than the countries that *are* round about her: for they have refused my judgments and my statutes, they have not walked in them.
7 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because ye multiplied more than the nations that *are* round about you, *and* have not walked in my statutes, neither have kept my judgments, neither have done according to the judgments of the nations that *are* round about you;

God Will Diminish the People

8 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I, even I, *am* against thee, and will execute judgments in the midst of thee in the sight of the nations.

4:8 siege

(Heb. *matsor*) (2 Kin. 24:10; Jer. 52:5; Mic. 5:1; Zech. 12:2) H4692: This term of warfare was used to describe the surrounding and isolating of a city until it surrendered. Ironically, the walls built to keep an enemy out could be used by an enemy to imprison the city. Ezekiel was dealing with the immediate siege of Jerusalem. The word appears in Micah 5:1 describing the general condition of a nation under siege, yet Micah 5:2 then delivers one of the clearest messianic prophecies in the Old Testament, identifying the location of His birth in Bethlehem.

9 And I will do in thee that which I have not done, and whereunto I will not do any more the like, because of all thine abominations.
10 Therefore the fathers shall eat the sons in the midst of thee, and the sons shall eat their fathers; and I will execute judgments in thee, and the whole remnant of thee will I scatter into all the winds.
11 Wherefore, *as* I live, saith the Lord GOD; Surely, because thou hast defiled my sanctuary with all thy detestable things, and with all thine abominations, therefore will I also diminish *thee;* neither shall mine eye spare, neither will I have any pity.

The Fate of the City

12 A third part of thee shall die with the pestilence, and with famine shall they be consumed in the midst of thee: and a third part shall fall by the sword round about thee; and I will scatter a third part into all the winds, and I will draw out a sword after them.
13 Thus shall mine anger be accomplished, and I will cause my fury to rest upon them, and I will be comforted: and they shall know that I the LORD have spoken *it* in my zeal, when I have accomplished my fury in them.
14 Moreover I will make thee waste, and a reproach among the nations that *are* round about thee, in the sight of all that pass by.
15 So it shall be a reproach and a taunt, an instruction and an astonishment unto the nations that *are* round about thee, when I shall execute judgments in thee in anger and in fury and in furious rebukes. I the LORD have spoken *it*.
16 When I shall send upon them the evil arrows of famine, which shall be for *their* destruction, *and* which I will send to destroy you: and I will increase the famine upon you, and will break your staff of bread:
17 So will I send upon you famine and evil beasts, and they shall bereave thee; and pestilence and blood shall pass through thee; and I will bring the sword upon thee. I the LORD have spoken *it*.

The Desolate Altars

6 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
2 Son of man, set thy face toward the mountains of Israel, and prophesy against them,
3 And say, Ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord GOD; Thus saith the Lord GOD to the mountains, and to the hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys; Behold, I, *even* I, will bring a sword upon you, and I will destroy your high places.
4 And your altars shall be desolate, and your images shall be broken: and I will cast down your slain *men* before your idols.
5 And I will lay the dead carcases of the children of Israel before their idols; and I will scatter your bones round about your altars.
6 In all your dwellingplaces the cities shall be laid waste, and the high places shall be desolate; that your altars may be laid waste and made desolate, and your idols may be broken and cease, and your images may be cut down, and your works may be abolished.
7 And the slain shall fall in the midst of you, and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

Some Shall Escape Death

8 Yet will I leave a remnant, that ye may have *some* that shall escape the sword among

5:11 abomination ▸ *see Ezek. 18:12.*
5:11 spare ▸ *see Ezek. 8:18.*

5:16 famine

(Heb. *ra`ab*) (Gen. 41:27; Ruth 1:1; Amos 8:11) H7458: The most common term for famine, which is the lack of food caused by environmental conditions like drought or social conditions like warfare that prevented planting and harvesting. Famine plays a major role in raising Joseph to leadership in Egypt and moving Jacob and his family there (Gen. 41:56; 42:5). The word is used deliberately in Amos 8:11 when God promises to send a famine "of hearing the words of the LORD."

6:4 idol

(Heb. *gillul*) (2 Kin. 23:24; Ezek. 20:16; 30:13) H1544: This Hebrew noun is related to a verb which means "to roll" (Gen. 29:3; Josh. 10:18). The word refers to "shapeless things" like stones or tree logs of which idols were made (1 Kin. 21:26; Ezek. 6:9; 20:39; 22:3). The prophet Ezekiel uses this Hebrew term for *idols* nearly 40 times, always contemptuously, for these false gods had led Israel away from the true God (Ezek. 14:5). The plural word, *gillulim,* may be related to a similar Hebrew expression meaning "dung pellets." Later Jewish commentators mocked the *gillulim* as the "dung idols," idols as worthless as dung.

the nations, when ye shall be scattered through the countries.
9 And they that escape of you shall remember me among the nations whither they shall be carried captives, because I am broken with their whorish heart, which hath departed from me, and with their eyes, which go a whoring after their idols: and they shall lothe themselves for the evils which they have committed in all their abominations.
10 And they shall know that I *am* the LORD, *and that* I have not said in vain that I would do this evil unto them.
11 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Smite with thine hand, and stamp with thy foot, and say, Alas for all the evil abominations of the house of Israel! for they shall fall by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence.
12 He that is far off shall die of the pestilence; and he that is near shall fall by the sword; and he that remaineth and is besieged shall die by the famine: thus will I accomplish my fury upon them.
13 Then shall ye know that I *am* the LORD, when their slain *men* shall be among their idols round about their altars, upon every high hill, in all the tops of the mountains, and under every green tree, and under every thick oak, the place where they did offer sweet savour to all their idols.
14 So will I stretch out my hand upon them, and make the land desolate, yea, more desolate than the wilderness toward Diblath, in all their habitations: and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

The End Is Come

7 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
2 Also, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord GOD unto the land of Israel; An end, the end is come upon the four corners of the land.
3 Now *is* the end *come* upon thee, and I will send mine anger upon thee, and will judge thee according to thy ways, and will recompense upon thee all thine abominations.
4 And mine eye shall not spare thee, neither will I have pity: but I will recompense thy ways upon thee, and thine abominations shall be in the midst of thee: and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.
5 Thus saith the Lord GOD; An evil, an only evil, behold, is come.
6 An end is come, the end is come: it watcheth for thee; behold, it is come.
7 The morning is come unto thee, O thou that dwellest in the land: the time is come, the day of trouble *is* near, and not the sounding again of the mountains.
8 Now will I shortly pour out my fury upon thee, and accomplish mine anger upon thee: and I will judge thee according to thy ways, and will recompense thee for all thine abominations.
9 And mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: I will recompense thee according to thy ways and thine abominations *that* are in the midst of thee; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD that smiteth.
10 Behold the day, behold, it is come: the morning is gone forth; the rod hath blossomed, pride hath budded.
11 Violence is risen up into a rod of wickedness: none of them *shall remain,* nor of their multitude, nor of any of theirs: neither *shall there be* wailing for them.
12 The time is come, the day draweth near: let not the buyer rejoice, nor the seller mourn: for wrath *is* upon all the multitude thereof.
13 For the seller shall not return to that which is sold, although they were yet alive: for the vision *is* touching the whole multitude thereof, *which* shall not return; neither shall any strengthen himself in the iniquity of his life.

A Call to Battle

14 They have blown the trumpet, even to

6:13 hill ▸ *see Is. 65:7.*
6:13 oak ▸ *see Judg. 6:11.*
6:14 wilderness ▸ *see Jer. 22:6.*

7:8 fury

(Heb. *chemah*) (Num. 25:11; Deut. 9:19; 2 Kin. 5:12; Prov. 15:1) H2534: Often used by Ezekiel to identify God's righteous anger, it literally means *heat.* Here and consistently in this prophet's book, God's fury is visualized as something destructive that can be poured out. The word can also be translated as wrath (Num. 25:11; 2 Chr. 34:21; Ps. 78:38), displeasure (Deut. 9:19), and rage (2 Kin. 5:12). In Proverbs 15:1 and 19:19, human wrath is turned away by a soft answer or it results in punishment for someone who can't control it.

7:10 bud ▸ *see Is. 66:14.*

make all ready; but none goeth to the battle: for my wrath *is* upon all the multitude thereof.
15 The sword *is* without, and the pestilence and the famine within: he that *is* in the field shall die with the sword; and he that *is* in the city, famine and pestilence shall devour him.
16 But they that escape of them shall escape, and shall be on the mountains like doves of the valleys, all of them mourning, every one for his iniquity.
17 All hands shall be feeble, and all knees shall be weak *as* water.
18 They shall also gird *themselves* with sackcloth, and horror shall cover them; and shame *shall be* upon all faces, and baldness upon all their heads.

Idols Will Not Save Israel

19 They shall cast their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be removed: their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of the LORD: they shall not satisfy their souls, neither fill their bowels: because it is the stumblingblock of their iniquity.
20 As for the beauty of his ornament, he set it in majesty: but they made the images of their abominations *and* of their detestable things therein: therefore have I set it far from them.
21 And I will give it into the hands of the strangers for a prey, and to the wicked of the earth for a spoil; and they shall pollute it.
22 My face will I turn also from them, and they shall pollute my secret *place:* for the robbers shall enter into it, and defile it.

A City Full of Violence

23 Make a chain: for the land is full of bloody crimes, and the city is full of violence.
24 Wherefore I will bring the worst of the heathen, and they shall possess their houses: I will also make the pomp of the strong to cease; and their holy places shall be defiled.
25 Destruction cometh; and they shall seek peace, and *there shall be* none.
26 Mischief shall come upon mischief, and rumour shall be upon rumour; then shall they seek a vision of the prophet; but the law shall perish from the priest, and counsel from the ancients.
27 The king shall mourn, and the prince shall be clothed with desolation, and the hands of the people of the land shall be troubled: I will do unto them after their way, and according to their deserts will I judge them; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

The Vision of the Glory of God

8 And it came to pass in the sixth year, in the sixth *month,* in the fifth *day* of the month, *as* I sat in mine house, and the elders of Judah sat before me, that the hand of the Lord GOD fell there upon me.
2 Then I beheld, and lo a likeness as the appearance of fire: from the appearance of his loins even downward, fire; and from his loins even upward, as the appearance of brightness, as the colour of amber.
3 And he put forth the form of an hand, and took me by a lock of mine head; and the spirit lifted me up between the earth and the heaven, and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the door of the inner gate that looketh toward the north; where *was* the seat of the image of jealousy, which provoketh to jealousy.
4 And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel *was* there, according to the vision that I saw in the plain.
5 Then said he unto me, Son of man, lift up thine eyes now the way toward the north. So I lifted up mine eyes the way toward the north, and behold northward at the gate of the altar this image of jealousy in the entry.
6 He said furthermore unto me, Son of man, seest thou what they do? *even* the great abominations that the house of Israel committeth here, that I should go far off from my sanctuary? but turn thee yet again, *and* thou shalt see greater abominations.
7 And he brought me to the door of the court; and when I looked, behold a hole in the wall.
8 Then said he unto me, Son of man, dig now in the wall: and when I had digged in the wall, behold a door.
9 And he said unto me, Go in, and behold the wicked abominations that they do here.

The Seventy Men of the Ancients

10 So I went in and saw; and behold every form of creeping things, and abominable

7:18 shame ▸ *see Ps. 89:45.*
8:3 jealousy ▸ *see Eccl. 4:4.*

beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel, pourtrayed upon the wall round about.
11 And there stood before them seventy men of the ancients of the house of Israel, and in the midst of them stood Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan, with every man his censer in his hand; and a thick cloud of incense went up.
12 Then said he unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the chambers of his imagery? for they say, The LORD seeth us not; the LORD hath forsaken the earth.

The Women Weeping for Tammuz

13 He said also unto me, Turn thee yet again, *and* thou shalt see greater abominations that they do.
14 Then he brought me to the door of the gate of the LORD's house which *was* toward the north; and, behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz.

Five and Twenty Men

15 Then said he unto me, Hast thou seen *this,* O son of man? turn thee yet again, *and* thou shalt see greater abominations than these.
16 And he brought me into the inner court of the LORD's house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, *were* about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east.

Judah Provokes the Lord to Anger

17 Then he said unto me, Hast thou seen *this,* O son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? for they have filled the land with violence, and have returned to provoke me to anger: and, lo, they put the branch to their nose.
18 Therefore will I also deal in fury: mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: and though they cry in mine ears with a loud voice, *yet* will I not hear them.

God's Destroying Weapons

9 He cried also in mine ears with a loud voice, saying, Cause them that have charge over the city to draw near, even every man *with* his destroying weapon in his hand.
2 And, behold, six men came from the way of the higher gate, which lieth toward the north, and every man a slaughter weapon in his hand; and one man among them *was* clothed with linen, with a writer's inkhorn by his side: and they went in, and stood beside the brasen altar.
3 And the glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the cherub, whereupon he was, to the threshold of the house. And he called to the man clothed with linen, which *had* the writer's inkhorn by his side;

The Mark of the Righteous

4 And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.
5 And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity:
6 Slay utterly old *and* young, both maids,

8:12 imagery ▸ *see Ps. 73:7.*

8:18 spare

(Heb. *chus*) (Ps. 72:13; Jer. 21:7; Ezek. 5:11; Jon. 4:11) H2347: This word, which literally means *cover,* indicates a willingness to protect, to have pity, to shield. Unfortunately, Ezekiel had to regularly deliver the message that God would not spare. Here and elsewhere, the word is part of the expression "mine eye shall not spare": the picture of God refusing to overlook any longer. The line of persistent, willful disobedience has been crossed by the people and now judgment is inevitable. This is the term God uses with Jonah in His final words to that prophet, "And should not I spare Nineveh, that great city?" (Jon. 4:11).

9:4 mark

(Heb. *tav*) (Job 31:35; Ezek. 9:6) H8420: *Tav* is used in the sense of a signature or symbol of ownership. Here Ezekiel twice is told that certain men will have an identifying mark that indicates their righteousness. For Job, the mark is his pledge or witness signature of his desire for a hearing before God to have his circumstances explained.

9:4 forehead ▸ *see Ezek. 3:8.*
9:4 sigh ▸ *see Is. 24:7.*

and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom *is* the mark; and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men which *were* before the house.
7 And he said unto them, Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain: go ye forth. And they went forth, and slew in the city.
8 And it came to pass, while they were slaying them, and I was left, that I fell upon my face, and cried, and said, Ah Lord GOD! wilt thou destroy all the residue of Israel in thy pouring out of thy fury upon Jerusalem?
9 Then said he unto me, The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah *is* exceeding great, and the land is full of blood, and the city full of perverseness: for they say, The LORD hath forsaken the earth, and the LORD seeth not.
10 And as for me also, mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity, *but* I will recompense their way upon their head.
11 And, behold, the man clothed with linen, which *had* the inkhorn by his side, reported the matter, saying, I have done as thou hast commanded me.

Coals of Fire

10 Then I looked, and, behold, in the firmament that was above the head of the cherubims there appeared over them as it were a sapphire stone, as the appearance of the likeness of a throne.
2 And he spake unto the man clothed with linen, and said, Go in between the wheels, *even* under the cherub, and fill thine hand with coals of fire from between the cherubims, and scatter *them* over the city. And he went in in my sight.
3 Now the cherubims stood on the right side of the house, when the man went in; and the cloud filled the inner court.
4 Then the glory of the LORD went up from the cherub, *and stood* over the threshold of the house; and the house was filled with the cloud, and the court was full of the brightness of the LORD's glory.
5 And the sound of the cherubims' wings was heard *even* to the outer court, as the voice of the Almighty God when he speaketh.
6 And it came to pass, *that* when he had commanded the man clothed with linen, saying, Take fire from between the wheels, from between the cherubims; then he went in, and stood beside the wheels.
7 And *one* cherub stretched forth his hand from between the cherubims unto the fire that *was* between the cherubims, and took *thereof,* and put *it* into the hands of *him that was* clothed with linen: who took *it,* and went out.

Four Wheels and One Likeness

8 And there appeared in the cherubims the form of a man's hand under their wings.
9 And when I looked, behold the four wheels by the cherubims, one wheel by one cherub, and another wheel by another cherub: and the appearance of the wheels *was* as the colour of a beryl stone.
10 And *as for* their appearances, they four had one likeness, as if a wheel had been in the midst of a wheel.
11 When they went, they went upon their four sides; they turned not as they went, but to the place whither the head looked they followed it; they turned not as they went.
12 And their whole body, and their backs, and their hands, and their wings, and the wheels, *were* full of eyes round about, *even* the wheels that they four had.
13 As for the wheels, it was cried unto them in my hearing, O wheel.
14 And every one had four faces: the first face *was* the face of a cherub, and the second face *was* the face of a man, and the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle.
15 And the cherubims were lifted up. This *is* the living creature that I saw by the river of Chebar.
16 And when the cherubims went, the

9:6 mark ▸ *see Ezek. 9:4.*

10:6 linen

(Heb. *bad*) (Ex. 28:42; Lev. 6:10; 2 Sam. 6:14) H0906: Linen is made from flax, not cotton, and is dried, spun, and woven in a complex process. Among the finest cloths available in the ancient world, different kinds of linen were worn by priests, kings, and wealthy people. This type was probably lighter than the linen curtains specified in the making of the tabernacle (Ex. 26:1, 31, 36). As in Ezekiel, it denotes someone of rank who is serving the Lord. In 2 Samuel 6:14, David is wearing a linen ephod as he dances before the Lord.

10:14 eagle ▸ *see Ezek. 17:3.*

wheels went by them: and when the cherubims lifted up their wings to mount up from the earth, the same wheels also turned not from beside them.
17 When they stood, *these* stood; and when they were lifted up, *these* lifted up themselves *also:* for the spirit of the living creature *was* in them.

The Glory of the Lord

18 Then the glory of the LORD departed from off the threshold of the house, and stood over the cherubims.
19 And the cherubims lifted up their wings, and mounted up from the earth in my sight: when they went out, the wheels also *were* beside them, and *every one* stood at the door of the east gate of the LORD's house; and the glory of the God of Israel *was* over them above.
20 This *is* the living creature that I saw under the God of Israel by the river of Chebar; and I knew that they *were* the cherubims.
21 Every one had four faces apiece, and every one four wings; and the likeness of the hands of a man *was* under their wings.
22 And the likeness of their faces *was* the same faces which I saw by the river of Chebar, their appearances and themselves: they went every one straight forward.

The Wicked Counsel

11 Moreover the spirit lifted me up, and brought me unto the east gate of the LORD's house, which looketh eastward: and behold at the door of the gate five and twenty men; among whom I saw Jaazaniah the son of Azur, and Pelatiah the son of Benaiah, princes of the people.
2 Then said he unto me, Son of man, these *are* the men that devise mischief, and give wicked counsel in this city:
3 Which say, *It is* not near; let us build houses: this *city is* the caldron, and we *be* the flesh.
4 Therefore prophesy against them, prophesy, O son of man.
5 And the Spirit of the LORD fell upon me, and said unto me, Speak; Thus saith the LORD; Thus have ye said, O house of Israel: for I know the things that come into your mind, *every one of* them.
6 Ye have multiplied your slain in this city, and ye have filled the streets thereof with the slain.
7 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Your slain whom ye have laid in the midst of it, they *are* the flesh, and this *city is* the caldron: but I will bring you forth out of the midst of it.
8 Ye have feared the sword; and I will bring a sword upon you, saith the Lord GOD.
9 And I will bring you out of the midst thereof, and deliver you into the hands of strangers, and will execute judgments among you.
10 Ye shall fall by the sword; I will judge you in the border of Israel; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.
11 This *city* shall not be your caldron, neither shall ye be the flesh in the midst thereof; *but* I will judge you in the border of Israel:
12 And ye shall know that I *am* the LORD: for ye have not walked in my statutes, neither executed my judgments, but have done after the manners of the heathen that *are* round about you.

The Death of Pelatiah

13 And it came to pass, when I prophesied, that Pelatiah the son of Benaiah died. Then fell I down upon my face, and cried with a loud voice, and said, Ah Lord GOD! wilt thou make a full end of the remnant of Israel?
14 Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
15 Son of man, thy brethren, *even* thy brethren, the men of thy kindred, and all the

11:1 eastward ▸ *see Ezek. 47:2.*

11:9 judgment

(Heb. *shephet*) (Ex. 12:12; Num. 33:4; Prov. 19:29; Ezek. 28:26) H8201: This type of judgment refers to a guilty sentence being carried out or executed. The immediate effects may be natural disasters like droughts and floods or the devastating attacks of foreign armies, but behind those effects is the Lord, executing judgment on His people. In Exodus 12:12, God promises to execute judgment on Egypt's firstborn sons, triggering the Exodus for His people. Numbers 33:4 summarizes God's acts on behalf of His people by executing judgments on the gods of Egypt. It's used in a general sense in Proverbs 19:29 to warn against judgments that await scoffers.

house of Israel wholly, *are* they unto whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, Get you far from the LORD: unto us is this land given in possession.
16 Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Although I have cast them far off among the heathen, and although I have scattered them among the countries, yet will I be to them as a little sanctuary in the countries where they shall come.
17 Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will even gather you from the people, and assemble you out of the countries where ye have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.
18 And they shall come thither, and they shall take away all the detestable things thereof and all the abominations thereof from thence.
19 And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh:
20 That they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.
21 But *as for them* whose heart walketh after the heart of their detestable things and their abominations, I will recompense their way upon their own heads, saith the Lord GOD.

The Glory of the Lord on the Mountain

22 Then did the cherubims lift up their wings, and the wheels beside them; and the glory of the God of Israel *was* over them above.
23 And the glory of the LORD went up from the midst of the city, and stood upon the mountain which *is* on the east side of the city.
24 Afterwards the spirit took me up, and brought me in a vision by the Spirit of God into Chaldea, to them of the captivity. So the vision that I had seen went up from me.
25 Then I spake unto them of the captivity all the things that the LORD had shewed me.

Removed from Thy Place

12 The word of the LORD also came unto me, saying,
2 Son of man, thou dwellest in the midst of a rebellious house, which have eyes to see, and see not; they have ears to hear, and hear not: for they *are* a rebellious house.
3 Therefore, thou son of man, prepare thee stuff for removing, and remove by day in their sight; and thou shalt remove from thy place to another place in their sight: it may be they will consider, though they *be* a rebellious house.
4 Then shalt thou bring forth thy stuff by day in their sight, as stuff for removing: and thou shalt go forth at even in their sight, as they that go forth into captivity.
5 Dig thou through the wall in their sight, and carry out thereby.
6 In their sight shalt thou bear *it* upon *thy* shoulders, *and* carry *it* forth in the twilight: thou shalt cover thy face, that thou see not the ground: for I have set thee *for* a sign unto the house of Israel.
7 And I did so as I was commanded: I brought forth my stuff by day, as stuff for captivity, and in the even I digged through the wall with mine hand; I brought *it* forth in the twilight, *and* I bare *it* upon *my* shoulder in their sight.

The Captivity of Jerusalem

8 And in the morning came the word of the LORD unto me, saying,
9 Son of man, hath not the house of Israel, the rebellious house, said unto thee, What doest thou?
10 Say thou unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; This burden *concerneth* the prince in Jerusalem, and all the house of Israel that *are* among them.

12:2 rebellious

(Heb. *meri*) (1 Sam. 15:23; Is. 30:9; Ezek. 2:5) H4805: This noun is derived from a verbal root that means "to resist authority" or "to be contentious" (Deut. 1:26; Jer. 4:17; Neh. 9:26), that root also depicting someone opposing an authority figure out of stubborn pride (Deut. 21:18) and commonly describes disobedience (1 Kin. 13:21). Ezekiel identified Israel as a "rebellious house" a dozen times, meaning they were willfully disobedient, refusing to listen to the word of God (Ezek. 2:5–8). Ezekiel was addressing an audience chafing under God's authority (Ezek. 3:9). Samuel equated this kind of rebellion with witchcraft (1 Sam. 15:23).

12:6 sign ▸ *see Zech. 3:8.*

11 Say, I *am* your sign: like as I have done, so shall it be done unto them: they shall remove *and* go into captivity.
12 And the prince that *is* among them shall bear upon *his* shoulder in the twilight, and shall go forth: they shall dig through the wall to carry out thereby: he shall cover his face, that he see not the ground with *his* eyes.
13 My net also will I spread upon him, and he shall be taken in my snare: and I will bring him to Babylon *to* the land of the Chaldeans; yet shall he not see it, though he shall die there.
14 And I will scatter toward every wind all that *are* about him to help him, and all his bands; and I will draw out the sword after them.
15 And they shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I shall scatter them among the nations, and disperse them in the countries.

A Remnant Shall Be Saved

16 But I will leave a few men of them from the sword, from the famine, and from the pestilence; that they may declare all their abominations among the heathen whither they come; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

Eat and Drink with Carefulness

17 Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying,
18 Son of man, eat thy bread with quaking, and drink thy water with trembling and with carefulness;
19 And say unto the people of the land, Thus saith the Lord GOD of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, *and* of the land of Israel; They shall eat their bread with carefulness, and drink their water with astonishment, that her land may be desolate from all that is therein, because of the violence of all them that dwell therein.
20 And the cities that are inhabited shall be laid waste, and the land shall be desolate; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

The Judgment Shall Come Soon

21 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
22 Son of man, what *is* that proverb *that* ye have in the land of Israel, saying, The days are prolonged, and every vision faileth?
23 Tell them therefore, Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will make this proverb to cease, and they shall no more use it as a proverb in Israel; but say unto them, The days are at hand, and the effect of every vision.
24 For there shall be no more any vain vision nor flattering divination within the house of Israel.
25 For I *am* the LORD: I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall come to pass; it shall be no more prolonged: for in your days, O rebellious house, will I say the word, and will perform it, saith the Lord GOD.
26 Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying,
27 Son of man, behold, *they of* the house of Israel say, The vision that he seeth *is* for many days *to come,* and he prophesieth of the times *that are* far off.
28 Therefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; There shall none of my words be prolonged any more, but the word which I have spoken shall be done, saith the Lord GOD.

Woe on the Foolish Prophets

13 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
2 Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel that prophesy, and say thou unto them that prophesy out of their own hearts, Hear ye the word of the LORD;
3 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Woe unto the foolish prophets, that follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing!
4 O Israel, thy prophets are like the foxes in the deserts.
5 Ye have not gone up into the gaps, neither made up the hedge for the house of Israel to stand in the battle in the day of the LORD.
6 They have seen vanity and lying divination, saying, The LORD saith: and the LORD hath not sent them: and they have made *others* to hope that they would confirm the word.
7 Have ye not seen a vain vision, and have ye not spoken a lying divination, whereas ye say, The LORD saith *it;* albeit I have not spoken?
8 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because ye have spoken vanity, and seen lies, therefore, behold, I *am* against you, saith the Lord GOD.

12:14 band ▸ *see Ezek. 39:4.*
12:18 carefulness ▸ *see Prov. 12:25.*

9 And mine hand shall be upon the prophets that see vanity, and that divine lies: they shall not be in the assembly of my people, neither shall they be written in the writing of the house of Israel, neither shall they enter into the land of Israel; and ye shall know that I *am* the Lord GOD.
10 Because, even because they have seduced my people, saying, Peace; and *there was* no peace; and one built up a wall, and, lo, others daubed it with untempered *morter:*
11 Say unto them which daub *it* with untempered *morter,* that it shall fall: there shall be an overflowing shower; and ye, O great hailstones, shall fall; and a stormy wind shall rend *it.*
12 Lo, when the wall is fallen, shall it not be said unto you, Where *is* the daubing wherewith ye have daubed *it?*

A Stormy Wind of Fury

13 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; I will even rend *it* with a stormy wind in my fury; and there shall be an overflowing shower in mine anger, and great hailstones in *my* fury to consume *it.*
14 So will I break down the wall that ye have daubed with untempered *morter,* and bring it down to the ground, so that the foundation thereof shall be discovered, and it shall fall, and ye shall be consumed in the midst thereof: and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.
15 Thus will I accomplish my wrath upon the wall, and upon them that have daubed it with untempered *morter,* and will say unto you, The wall *is* no *more,* neither they that daubed it;
16 *To wit,* the prophets of Israel which prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and which see visions of peace for her, and *there is* no peace, saith the Lord GOD.

Woe to the Women

17 Likewise, thou son of man, set thy face against the daughters of thy people, which prophesy out of their own heart; and prophesy thou against them,
18 And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Woe to the *women* that sew pillows to all armholes, and make kerchiefs upon the head of every stature to hunt souls! Will ye hunt the souls of my people, and will ye save the souls alive *that come* unto you?
19 And will ye pollute me among my people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, to slay the souls that should not die, and to save the souls alive that should not live, by your lying to my people that hear *your* lies?
20 Wherefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I *am* against your pillows, wherewith ye there hunt the souls to make *them* fly, and I will tear them from your arms, and will let the souls go, *even* the souls that ye hunt to make *them* fly.
21 Your kerchiefs also will I tear, and deliver my people out of your hand, and they shall be no more in your hand to be hunted; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.
22 Because with lies ye have made the heart of the righteous sad, whom I have not made sad; and strengthened the hands of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way, by promising him life:
23 Therefore ye shall see no more vanity, nor divine divinations: for I will deliver my people out of your hand: and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

Idols in Their Heart

14 Then came certain of the elders of Israel unto me, and sat before me.
2 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

13:9 writing ▸ *see Ezra 2:62.*

13:10 seduce

(Heb. *ta`ah*) H2937: This is the only occurrence of this word. It is used to describe the act of leading someone astray, convincing them toward wrongdoing, and causing the innocent to become guilty. This is a causative form of a verb that means "to wander"; in other words, to cause someone to wander or stray. In translation, *ta`ah* (same transliteration but different Strong's number, H8582) is more often seen as the Hebrew usage, with essentially the same meanings (2 Kin. 21:9; Prov. 12:26; Is. 19:13; Amos 2:4). While sexual seduction may be involved, leading someone astray in any way can be called seduction, as we find here in Ezekiel. The deception of announcing peace when there is clearly no peace is labeled seduction. Amos 2:4 translates the word as "caused them to err." God told Ezekiel to confront the false prophets of his day with their sin in deceiving the people.

13:13 stormy ▸ *see Ps. 83:15.*

3 Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their heart, and put the stumblingblock of their iniquity before their face: should I be enquired of at all by them?
4 Therefore speak unto them, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Every man of the house of Israel that setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to the prophet; I the LORD will answer him that cometh according to the multitude of his idols;
5 That I may take the house of Israel in their own heart, because they are all estranged from me through their idols.

Repent and Turn from Idols

6 Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Repent, and turn *yourselves* from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations.
7 For every one of the house of Israel, or of the stranger that sojourneth in Israel, which separateth himself from me, and setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to a prophet to enquire of him concerning me; I the LORD will answer him by myself:
8 And I will set my face against that man, and will make him a sign and a proverb, and I will cut him off from the midst of my people; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.
9 And if the prophet be deceived when he hath spoken a thing, I the LORD have deceived that prophet, and I will stretch out my hand upon him, and will destroy him from the midst of my people Israel.
10 And they shall bear the punishment of their iniquity: the punishment of the prophet shall be even as the punishment of him that seeketh *unto him;*

I Will Be Their God

11 That the house of Israel may go no more astray from me, neither be polluted any more with all their transgressions; but that they may be my people, and I may be their God, saith the Lord GOD.
12 The word of the LORD came again to me, saying,
13 Son of man, when the land sinneth against me by trespassing grievously, then will I stretch out mine hand upon it, and will break the staff of the bread thereof, and will send famine upon it, and will cut off man and beast from it:
14 Though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they should deliver *but* their own souls by their righteousness, saith the Lord GOD.
15 If I cause noisome beasts to pass through the land, and they spoil it, so that it be desolate, that no man may pass through because of the beasts:
16 *Though* these three men *were* in it, *as* I live, saith the Lord GOD, they shall deliver neither sons nor daughters; they only shall be delivered, but the land shall be desolate.
17 Or *if* I bring a sword upon that land, and say, Sword, go through the land; so that I cut off man and beast from it:
18 Though these three men *were* in it, *as* I live, saith the Lord GOD, they shall deliver neither sons nor daughters, but they only shall be delivered themselves.
19 Or *if* I send a pestilence into that land, and pour out my fury upon it in blood, to cut off from it man and beast:
20 Though Noah, Daniel, and Job, *were* in it, *as* I live, saith the Lord GOD, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter; they shall *but* deliver their own souls by their righteousness.
21 For thus saith the Lord GOD; How much more when I send my four sore judgments upon Jerusalem, the sword, and the famine, and the noisome beast, and the pestilence, to cut off from it man and beast?

God's Justness Will Be Known

22 Yet, behold, therein shall be left a

14:6 repent

(Heb. *shub*) (Gen. 8:3; Ps. 85:4; Ezek. 18:30) H7725: The Hebrew word translated *repent* means "to turn back" or "turn around." The word refers to a reversal or a change of direction, as when the word is used of the receding floodwaters (Gen. 8:3). The prophets commonly used this word to call the Israelites to a radical, conscious rejection of their past sin. A psalmist used the word to describe God's restoration of a believer (Ps. 85:4). When used as a theological term, repentance implies not only sorrow but a complete turnaround: to change one's mind about sin, receive God's provision of salvation, and return wholeheartedly to Him.

14:8 proverb ▸ *see Prov. 10:1.*

remnant that shall be brought forth, *both* sons and daughters: behold, they shall come forth unto you, and ye shall see their way and their doings: and ye shall be comforted concerning the evil that I have brought upon Jerusalem, *even* concerning all that I have brought upon it.
23 And they shall comfort you, when ye see their ways and their doings: and ye shall know that I have not done without cause all that I have done in it, saith the Lord GOD.

A Charred Vine

15 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
2 Son of man, What is the vine tree more than any tree, *or than* a branch which is among the trees of the forest?
3 Shall wood be taken thereof to do any work? or will *men* take a pin of it to hang any vessel thereon?
4 Behold, it is cast into the fire for fuel; the fire devoureth both the ends of it, and the midst of it is burned. Is it meet for *any* work?
5 Behold, when it was whole, it was meet for no work: how much less shall it be meet yet for *any* work, when the fire hath devoured it, and it is burned?

The Fire of God's Judgment

6 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; As the vine tree among the trees of the forest, which I have given to the fire for fuel, so will I give the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
7 And I will set my face against them; they shall go out from *one* fire, and *another* fire shall devour them; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I set my face against them.
8 And I will make the land desolate, because they have committed a trespass, saith the Lord GOD.

Jerusalem Is Cast Out in a Field

16 Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
2 Son of man, cause Jerusalem to know her abominations,
3 And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD unto Jerusalem; Thy birth and thy nativity *is* of the land of Canaan; thy father *was* an Amorite, and thy mother an Hittite.
4 And *as for* thy nativity, in the day thou wast born thy navel was not cut, neither wast thou washed in water to supple *thee;* thou wast not salted at all, nor swaddled at all.
5 None eye pitied thee, to do any of these unto thee, to have compassion upon thee; but thou wast cast out in the open field, to the lothing of thy person, in the day that thou wast born.

God's Covenant with Her

6 And when I passed by thee, and saw thee polluted in thine own blood, I said unto thee *when thou wast* in thy blood, Live; yea, I said unto thee *when thou wast* in thy blood, Live.
7 I have caused thee to multiply as the bud of the field, and thou hast increased and waxen great, and thou art come to excellent ornaments: *thy* breasts are fashioned, and thine hair is grown, whereas thou *wast* naked and bare.
8 Now when I passed by thee, and looked upon thee, behold, thy time *was* the time of love; and I spread my skirt over thee, and covered thy nakedness: yea, I sware unto thee, and entered into a covenant with thee, saith the Lord GOD, and thou becamest mine.
9 Then washed I thee with water; yea, I throughly washed away thy blood from thee, and I anointed thee with oil.
10 I clothed thee also with broidered work, and shod thee with badgers' skin, and I girded thee about with fine linen, and I covered thee with silk.
11 I decked thee also with ornaments, and I put bracelets upon thy hands, and a chain on thy neck.
12 And I put a jewel on thy forehead, and earrings in thine ears, and a beautiful crown upon thine head.

15:5 devour

(Heb. *'akal*) (Ex. 24:17; Lev. 10:2; Ezek. 16:20) H0398: The word describes the voracious consumption of raging fires and locusts that destroy or eat everything before them. In Exodus 24:17, the glory of the Lord is described as a "devouring fire." Ezekiel also uses the term to describe famine, disease, beasts, and nations as devourers of people. In Ezekiel 16:20 the prophet must confront his people's horrendous act of presenting their own children to be consumed by fire in idolatrous worship.

16:8 nakedness ▸ *see Lev. 18:13.*

13 Thus wast thou decked with gold and silver; and thy raiment *was* of fine linen, and silk, and broidered work; thou didst eat fine flour, and honey, and oil: and thou wast exceeding beautiful, and thou didst prosper into a kingdom.
14 And thy renown went forth among the heathen for thy beauty: for it *was* perfect through my comeliness, which I had put upon thee, saith the Lord GOD.

She Has Played the Harlot

15 But thou didst trust in thine own beauty, and playedst the harlot because of thy renown, and pouredst out thy fornications on every one that passed by; his it was.
16 And of thy garments thou didst take, and deckedst thy high places with divers colours, and playedst the harlot thereupon: *the like things* shall not come, neither shall it be so.
17 Thou hast also taken thy fair jewels of my gold and of my silver, which I had given thee, and madest to thyself images of men, and didst commit whoredom with them,
18 And tookest thy broidered garments, and coveredst them: and thou hast set mine oil and mine incense before them.
19 My meat also which I gave thee, fine flour, and oil, and honey, *wherewith* I fed thee, thou hast even set it before them for a sweet savour: and *thus* it was, saith the Lord GOD.
20 Moreover thou hast taken thy sons and thy daughters, whom thou hast borne unto me, and these hast thou sacrificed unto them to be devoured. *Is this* of thy whoredoms a small matter,
21 That thou hast slain my children, and delivered them to cause them to pass through *the fire* for them?
22 And in all thine abominations and thy whoredoms thou hast not remembered the days of thy youth, when thou wast naked and bare, *and* wast polluted in thy blood.

She Has Multiplied Her Whoredoms

23 And it came to pass after all thy wickedness, (woe, woe unto thee! saith the Lord GOD;)
24 *That* thou hast also built unto thee an eminent place, and hast made thee an high place in every street.
25 Thou hast built thy high place at every head of the way, and hast made thy beauty to be abhorred, and hast opened thy feet to every one that passed by, and multiplied thy whoredoms.
26 Thou hast also committed fornication with the Egyptians thy neighbours, great of flesh; and hast increased thy whoredoms, to provoke me to anger.
27 Behold, therefore I have stretched out my hand over thee, and have diminished thine ordinary *food,* and delivered thee unto the will of them that hate thee, the daughters of the Philistines, which are ashamed of thy lewd way.
28 Thou hast played the whore also with the Assyrians, because thou wast unsatiable; yea, thou hast played the harlot with them, and yet couldest not be satisfied.
29 Thou hast moreover multiplied thy fornication in the land of Canaan unto Chaldea; and yet thou wast not satisfied herewith.

Like an Adulterous Wife

30 How weak is thine heart, saith the Lord GOD, seeing thou doest all these *things,* the work of an imperious whorish woman;
31 In that thou buildest thine eminent place in the head of every way, and makest thine high place in every street; and hast not been as an harlot, in that thou scornest hire;
32 *But as* a wife that committeth adultery, *which* taketh strangers instead of her husband!
33 They give gifts to all whores: but thou givest thy gifts to all thy lovers, and hirest them, that they may come unto thee on every side for thy whoredom.
34 And the contrary is in thee from *other* women in thy whoredoms, whereas none followeth thee to commit whoredoms: and in that thou givest a reward, and no reward is given unto thee, therefore thou art contrary.

Her Lovers Gather Against Her

35 Wherefore, O harlot, hear the word of the LORD:
36 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thy filthiness was poured out, and thy nakedness discovered through thy whoredoms with thy lovers, and with all the idols of thy

16:15 fornication ▸ *see Ezek. 23:7.*
16:20 devour ▸ *see Ezek. 15:5.*
16:35 harlot ▸ *see Hos. 5:3.*

abominations, and by the blood of thy children, which thou didst give unto them;
37 Behold, therefore I will gather all thy lovers, with whom thou hast taken pleasure, and all *them* that thou hast loved, with all *them* that thou hast hated; I will even gather them round about against thee, and will discover thy nakedness unto them, that they may see all thy nakedness.
38 And I will judge thee, as women that break wedlock and shed blood are judged; and I will give thee blood in fury and jealousy.
39 And I will also give thee into their hand, and they shall throw down thine eminent place, and shall break down thy high places: they shall strip thee also of thy clothes, and shall take thy fair jewels, and leave thee naked and bare.
40 They shall also bring up a company against thee, and they shall stone thee with stones, and thrust thee through with their swords.
41 And they shall burn thine houses with fire, and execute judgments upon thee in the sight of many women: and I will cause thee to cease from playing the harlot, and thou also shalt give no hire any more.
42 So will I make my fury toward thee to rest, and my jealousy shall depart from thee, and I will be quiet, and will be no more angry.
43 Because thou hast not remembered the days of thy youth, but hast fretted me in all these *things;* behold, therefore I also will recompense thy way upon *thine* head, saith the Lord GOD: and thou shalt not commit this lewdness above all thine abominations.

Her Mother's Daughter

44 Behold, every one that useth proverbs shall use *this* proverb against thee, saying, As *is* the mother, *so is* her daughter.
45 Thou *art* thy mother's daughter, that lotheth her husband and her children; and thou *art* the sister of thy sisters, which lothed their husbands and their children: your mother *was* an Hittite, and your father an Amorite.
46 And thine elder sister is Samaria, she and her daughters that dwell at thy left hand: and thy younger sister, that dwelleth at thy right hand, *is* Sodom and her daughters.
47 Yet hast thou not walked after their ways, nor done after their abominations: but, as *if that were* a very little *thing,* thou wast corrupted more than they in all thy ways.

Her Sins More Than Sodom's

48 *As* I live, saith the Lord GOD, Sodom thy sister hath not done, she nor her daughters, as thou hast done, thou and thy daughters.
49 Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.
50 And they were haughty, and committed abomination before me: therefore I took them away as I saw *good.*
51 Neither hath Samaria committed half of thy sins; but thou hast multiplied thine abominations more than they, and hast justified thy sisters in all thine abominations which thou hast done.
52 Thou also, which hast judged thy sisters, bear thine own shame for thy sins that thou hast committed more abominable than they: they are more righteous than thou: yea, be thou confounded also, and bear thy shame, in that thou hast justified thy sisters.
53 When I shall bring again their captivity, the captivity of Sodom and her daughters, and the captivity of Samaria and her daughters, then *will I bring again* the captivity of thy captives in the midst of them:
54 That thou mayest bear thine own shame, and mayest be confounded in all that thou hast done, in that thou art a comfort unto them.

Her Lewdness and Abominations

55 When thy sisters, Sodom and her daughters, shall return to their former estate, and Samaria and her daughters shall return to their former estate, then thou and thy daughters shall return to your former estate.
56 For thy sister Sodom was not mentioned by thy mouth in the day of thy pride,
57 Before thy wickedness was discovered, as at the time of *thy* reproach of the daughters of Syria, and all *that are* round about her, the daughters of the Philistines, which despise thee round about.
58 Thou hast borne thy lewdness and thine abominations, saith the LORD.

God's Everlasting Covenant

59 For thus saith the Lord GOD; I will even

deal with thee as thou hast done, which hast despised the oath in breaking the covenant.
60 Nevertheless I will remember my covenant with thee in the days of thy youth, and I will establish unto thee an everlasting covenant.
61 Then thou shalt remember thy ways, and be ashamed, when thou shalt receive thy sisters, thine elder and thy younger: and I will give them unto thee for daughters, but not by thy covenant.
62 And I will establish my covenant with thee; and thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD:
63 That thou mayest remember, and be confounded, and never open thy mouth any more because of thy shame, when I am pacified toward thee for all that thou hast done, saith the Lord GOD.

The Parable of the Eagles

17 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
2 Son of man, put forth a riddle, and speak a parable unto the house of Israel;
3 And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; A great eagle with great wings, longwinged, full of feathers, which had divers colours, came unto Lebanon, and took the highest branch of the cedar:
4 He cropped off the top of his young twigs, and carried it into a land of traffick; he set it in a city of merchants.
5 He took also of the seed of the land, and planted it in a fruitful field; he placed *it* by great waters, *and* set it *as* a willow tree.
6 And it grew, and became a spreading vine of low stature, whose branches turned toward him, and the roots thereof were under him: so it became a vine, and brought forth branches, and shot forth sprigs.
7 There was also another great eagle with great wings and many feathers: and, behold, this vine did bend her roots toward him, and shot forth her branches toward him, that he might water it by the furrows of her plantation.
8 It was planted in a good soil by great waters, that it might bring forth branches, and that it might bear fruit, that it might be a goodly vine.
9 Say thou, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Shall it prosper? shall he not pull up the roots thereof, and cut off the fruit thereof, that it wither? it shall wither in all the leaves of her spring, even without great power or many people to pluck it up by the roots thereof.
10 Yea, behold, *being* planted, shall it prosper? shall it not utterly wither, when the east wind toucheth it? it shall wither in the furrows where it grew.

Babylon's Covenant with Zedekiah

11 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
12 Say now to the rebellious house, Know ye not what these *things mean?* tell *them,* Behold, the king of Babylon is come to Jerusalem, and hath taken the king thereof, and the princes thereof, and led them with him to Babylon;
13 And hath taken of the king's seed, and made a covenant with him, and hath taken an oath of him: he hath also taken the mighty of the land:
14 That the kingdom might be base, that it might not lift itself up, *but* that by keeping of his covenant it might stand.

Zedekiah's Rebellion

15 But he rebelled against him in sending his ambassadors into Egypt, that they might give him horses and much people. Shall he prosper? shall he escape that doeth such *things?*

16:63 confounded

(Heb. *bush*) (Gen. 2:25; Ps. 25:3; Is. 50:7) H0954: This verb, primarily found in the poetical and prophetical books of the Old Testament, means to feel shame or disgrace or to be disappointed. Typically this humiliation is because one is reaping the consequences of wrong choices (Ps. 35:4; 97:7), especially arrogance (Ps. 119:78). The height of sin is to feel no shame even when one is guilty of despicable, shameful acts (Jer. 8:12). On the cross, Jesus endured the shame deserved by sinners (Heb. 12:2), so that all who trust Him might share in His glory.

17:3 eagle

(Heb. *nesher*) (Ex. 19:4; Prov. 23:5; Is. 40:31; Ezek. 10:14) H5404: Used throughout the Old Testament to identify that noteworthy bird. Isaiah uses it one unforgettable time to describe the lives of those who truly wait upon the Lord (Is. 40:31). The four times the term is used in Ezekiel are parts of visions or word pictures in which the appearance or capacity of an eagle is part of the lesson.

or shall he break the covenant, and be delivered?
16 *As* I live, saith the Lord GOD, surely in the place *where* the king *dwelleth* that made him king, whose oath he despised, and whose covenant he brake, *even* with him in the midst of Babylon he shall die.
17 Neither shall Pharaoh with *his* mighty army and great company make for him in the war, by casting up mounts, and building forts, to cut off many persons:
18 Seeing he despised the oath by breaking the covenant, when, lo, he had given his hand, and hath done all these *things,* he shall not escape.

God's Punishment of Zedekiah

19 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; *As* I live, surely mine oath that he hath despised, and my covenant that he hath broken, even it will I recompense upon his own head.
20 And I will spread my net upon him, and he shall be taken in my snare, and I will bring him to Babylon, and will plead with him there for his trespass that he hath trespassed against me.
21 And all his fugitives with all his bands shall fall by the sword, and they that remain shall be scattered toward all winds: and ye shall know that I the LORD have spoken *it.*

God's Tender One

22 Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will also take of the highest branch of the high cedar, and will set *it;* I will crop off from the top of his young twigs a tender one, and will plant *it* upon an high mountain and eminent:
23 In the mountain of the height of Israel will I plant it: and it shall bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a goodly cedar: and under it shall dwell all fowl of every wing; in the shadow of the branches thereof shall they dwell.
24 And all the trees of the field shall know that I the LORD have brought down the high tree, have exalted the low tree, have dried up the green tree, and have made the dry tree to flourish: I the LORD have spoken and have done *it.*

The Sinning Soul Shall Die

18 The word of the LORD came unto me again, saying,
2 What mean ye, that ye use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge?
3 *As* I live, saith the Lord GOD, ye shall not have *occasion* any more to use this proverb in Israel.
4 Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.

The Just Soul Shall Live

5 But if a man be just, and do that which is lawful and right,
6 *And* hath not eaten upon the mountains, neither hath lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, neither hath defiled his neighbour's wife, neither hath come near to a menstruous woman,
7 And hath not oppressed any, *but* hath restored to the debtor his pledge, hath spoiled none by violence, hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment;
8 He *that* hath not given forth upon usury, neither hath taken any increase, *that* hath withdrawn his hand from iniquity, hath executed true judgment between man and man,
9 Hath walked in my statutes, and hath kept my judgments, to deal truly; he *is* just, he shall surely live, saith the Lord GOD.
10 If he beget a son *that is* a robber, a shedder of blood, and *that* doeth the like to *any* one of these *things,*
11 And that doeth not any of those *duties,* but even hath eaten upon the mountains, and defiled his neighbour's wife,
12 Hath oppressed the poor and needy, hath spoiled by violence, hath not restored the pledge, and hath lifted up his eyes to the idols, hath committed abomination,

17:21 band ▸ *see Ezek. 39:4.*
17:24 dry ▸ *see Num. 11:6.*

18:12 abomination

(Heb. *to`ebah*) (Gen. 46:34; 2 Chr. 34:33; Ezek. 5:11) H8441: Found in Ezekiel more than any other Old Testament book (more than 40 times), a word conveying disgust or revulsion. The prophet was charged to inform Israel and seven other nations of their abominable practices before

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13 Hath given forth upon usury, and hath taken increase: shall he then live? he shall not live: he hath done all these abominations; he shall surely die; his blood shall be upon him.
14 Now, lo, *if* he beget a son, that seeth all his father's sins which he hath done, and considereth, and doeth not such like,
15 *That* hath not eaten upon the mountains, neither hath lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, hath not defiled his neighbour's wife,
16 Neither hath oppressed any, hath not withholden the pledge, neither hath spoiled by violence, *but* hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment,
17 *That* hath taken off his hand from the poor, *that* hath not received usury nor increase, hath executed my judgments, hath walked in my statutes; he shall not die for the iniquity of his father, he shall surely live.

Every Soul Bears Its Own Iniquity

18 *As for* his father, because he cruelly oppressed, spoiled his brother by violence, and did *that* which *is* not good among his people, lo, even he shall die in his iniquity.
19 Yet say ye, Why? doth not the son bear the iniquity of the father? When the son hath done that which is lawful and right, *and* hath kept all my statutes, and hath done them, he shall surely live.
20 The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.
21 But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die.
22 All his transgressions that he hath committed, they shall not be mentioned unto him: in his righteousness that he hath done he shall live.
23 Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord GOD: *and* not that he should return from his ways, and live?

He Who Sins Shall Die in His Iniquity

24 But when the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, *and* doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked *man* doeth, shall he live? All his righteousness that he hath done shall not be mentioned: in his trespass that he hath trespassed, and in his sin that he hath sinned, in them shall he die.
25 Yet ye say, The way of the Lord is not equal. Hear now, O house of Israel; Is not my way equal? are not your ways unequal?
26 When a righteous *man* turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and dieth in them; for his iniquity that he hath done shall he die.
27 Again, when the wicked *man* turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive.
28 Because he considereth, and turneth away from all his transgressions that he hath committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.
29 Yet saith the house of Israel, The way of the Lord is not equal. O house of Israel, are not my ways equal? are not your ways unequal?

Repent and Live

30 Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord GOD. Repent, and turn *yourselves* from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin.
31 Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel?
32 For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord GOD: wherefore turn *yourselves,* and live ye.

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God. It was particularly used to describe the reaction of God and the righteous to sin (2 Chr. 34:33; Prov. 6:16). The term refers to both objects and actions that could provide a profound offense to others. Joseph had to tell his brothers that their lifestyle as shepherds was offensive to the Egyptians (Gen. 46:34).

18:30 repent ▸ *see Ezek. 14:6.*

A Lament for Israel's Princes

19 Moreover take thou up a lamentation for the princes of Israel,
2 And say, What *is* thy mother? A lioness: she lay down among lions, she nourished her whelps among young lions.
3 And she brought up one of her whelps: it became a young lion, and it learned to catch the prey; it devoured men.
4 The nations also heard of him; he was taken in their pit, and they brought him with chains unto the land of Egypt.
5 Now when she saw that she had waited, *and* her hope was lost, then she took another of her whelps, *and* made him a young lion.
6 And he went up and down among the lions, he became a young lion, and learned to catch the prey, *and* devoured men.
7 And he knew their desolate palaces, and he laid waste their cities; and the land was desolate, and the fulness thereof, by the noise of his roaring.
8 Then the nations set against him on every side from the provinces, and spread their net over him: he was taken in their pit.
9 And they put him in ward in chains, and brought him to the king of Babylon: they brought him into holds, that his voice should no more be heard upon the mountains of Israel.

Judah Is Likened to a Vine

10 Thy mother *is* like a vine in thy blood, planted by the waters: she was fruitful and full of branches by reason of many waters.
11 And she had strong rods for the sceptres of them that bare rule, and her stature was exalted among the thick branches, and she appeared in her height with the multitude of her branches.
12 But she was plucked up in fury, she was cast down to the ground, and the east wind dried up her fruit: her strong rods were broken and withered; the fire consumed them.
13 And now she *is* planted in the wilderness, in a dry and thirsty ground.
14 And fire is gone out of a rod of her branches, *which* hath devoured her fruit, so that she hath no strong rod *to be* a sceptre to rule. This *is* a lamentation, and shall be for a lamentation.

Judgment on the Elders

20 And it came to pass in the seventh year, in the fifth *month,* the tenth *day* of the month, *that* certain of the elders of Israel came to enquire of the LORD, and sat before me.
2 Then came the word of the LORD unto me, saying,
3 Son of man, speak unto the elders of Israel, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Are ye come to enquire of me? *As* I live, saith the Lord GOD, I will not be enquired of by you.
4 Wilt thou judge them, son of man, wilt thou judge *them?* cause them to know the abominations of their fathers:
5 And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; In the day when I chose Israel, and lifted up mine hand unto the seed of the house of Jacob, and made myself known unto them in the land of Egypt, when I lifted up mine hand unto them, saying, I *am* the LORD your God;
6 In the day *that* I lifted up mine hand unto them, to bring them forth of the land of Egypt into a land that I had espied for them, flowing with milk and honey, which *is* the glory of all lands:
7 Then said I unto them, Cast ye away every man the abominations of his eyes, and defile not yourselves with the idols of Egypt: I *am* the LORD your God.

19:1 lamentation

(Heb. *qiynah*) (2 Sam. 1:17; Jer. 9:10; Ezek. 2:10; Amos 5:1) H7015: This noun refers to a type of poetic song with a distinctive meter, a dirge which was sung to express grief over someone's death. It is derived from a Hebrew verb that means "to sing a song of lament" (2 Sam. 1:17). Such songs would be sung during funeral rites. The prophets' use of the word was intended to suggest the coming death of Israel and other nations because of the inescapable condemnation they had incurred for their sin (Amos 5:1).

20:7 abomination

(Heb. *shiqquts*) (1 Kin. 11:5; Dan. 12:11; Hos. 9:10) H8251: The Hebrew noun translated *abomination* is from the verb meaning "to detest" (compare Lev. 7:21; 11:11). Typically it refers to ceremonially unclean foods and animals (Lev. 11:23; Is. 66:17;

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Israel's Rebellion

8 But they rebelled against me, and would not hearken unto me: they did not every man cast away the abominations of their eyes, neither did they forsake the idols of Egypt: then I said, I will pour out my fury upon them, to accomplish my anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt.
9 But I wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be polluted before the heathen, among whom they *were,* in whose sight I made myself known unto them, in bringing them forth out of the land of Egypt.
10 Wherefore I caused them to go forth out of the land of Egypt, and brought them into the wilderness.
11 And I gave them my statutes, and shewed them my judgments, which *if* a man do, he shall even live in them.
12 Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I *am* the LORD that sanctify them.
13 But the house of Israel rebelled against me in the wilderness: they walked not in my statutes, and they despised my judgments, which *if* a man do, he shall even live in them; and my sabbaths they greatly polluted: then I said, I would pour out my fury upon them in the wilderness, to consume them.
14 But I wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be polluted before the heathen, in whose sight I brought them out.

Israel's Punishment in the Wilderness

15 Yet also I lifted up my hand unto them in the wilderness, that I would not bring them into the land which I had given *them,* flowing with milk and honey, which *is* the glory of all lands;
16 Because they despised my judgments, and walked not in my statutes, but polluted my sabbaths: for their heart went after their idols.
17 Nevertheless mine eye spared them from destroying them, neither did I make an end of them in the wilderness.
18 But I said unto their children in the wilderness, Walk ye not in the statutes of your fathers, neither observe their judgments, nor defile yourselves with their idols:
19 I *am* the LORD your God; walk in my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them;
20 And hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I *am* the LORD your God.
21 Notwithstanding the children rebelled against me: they walked not in my statutes, neither kept my judgments to do them, which *if* a man do, he shall even live in them; they polluted my sabbaths: then I said, I would pour out my fury upon them, to accomplish my anger against them in the wilderness.
22 Nevertheless I withdrew mine hand, and wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be polluted in the sight of the heathen, in whose sight I brought them forth.

God's Lifted Hand

23 I lifted up mine hand unto them also in the wilderness, that I would scatter them among the heathen, and disperse them through the countries;
24 Because they had not executed my judgments, but had despised my statutes, and had polluted my sabbaths, and their eyes were after their fathers' idols.
25 Wherefore I gave them also statutes *that were* not good, and judgments whereby they should not live;
26 And I polluted them in their own gifts, in that they caused to pass through *the fire* all that openeth the womb, that I might make them desolate, to the end that they might know that I *am* the LORD.
27 Therefore, son of man, speak unto the house of Israel, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Yet in this your fathers have blasphemed me, in that they have committed a trespass against me.
28 *For* when I had brought them into the land, *for* the which I lifted up mine hand to give it to them, then they saw every high hill,

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Ezek. 8:10). But it may also describe the detestable practices associated with pagan idol worship, including child sacrifice and ritual prostitution (1 Kin. 11:5–7; 2 Kin. 23:13; Jer. 7:30; 13:27). Hosea rightly observed that those who love abominations become like the unclean practices they love (Hos. 9:10). But the Lord had called the Israelites to a different and higher purpose: they were to remain pure and holy because their God was holy (Lev. 11:45).

20:16 idol ▸ *see Ezek. 6:4.*

and all the thick trees, and they offered there their sacrifices, and there they presented the provocation of their offering: there also they made their sweet savour, and poured out there their drink offerings.
29 Then I said unto them, What *is* the high place whereunto ye go? And the name thereof is called Bamah unto this day.
30 Wherefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Are ye polluted after the manner of your fathers? and commit ye whoredom after their abominations?
31 For when ye offer your gifts, when ye make your sons to pass through the fire, ye pollute yourselves with all your idols, even unto this day: and shall I be enquired of by you, O house of Israel? *As* I live, saith the Lord GOD, I will not be enquired of by you.
32 And that which cometh into your mind shall not be at all, that ye say, We will be as the heathen, as the families of the countries, to serve wood and stone.

Israel Gathered with a Mighty Hand

33 As I live, saith the Lord GOD, surely with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out, will I rule over you:
34 And I will bring you out from the people, and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out.
35 And I will bring you into the wilderness of the people, and there will I plead with you face to face.
36 Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I plead with you, saith the Lord GOD.
37 And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant:
38 And I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against me: I will bring them forth out of the country where they sojourn, and they shall not enter into the land of Israel: and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.
39 As for you, O house of Israel, thus saith the Lord GOD; Go ye, serve ye every one his idols, and hereafter *also,* if ye will not hearken unto me: but pollute ye my holy name no more with your gifts, and with your idols.
40 For in mine holy mountain, in the mountain of the height of Israel, saith the Lord GOD, there shall all the house of Israel, all of them in the land, serve me: there will I accept them, and there will I require your offerings, and the firstfruits of your oblations, with all your holy things.
41 I will accept you with your sweet savour, when I bring you out from the people, and gather you out of the countries wherein ye have been scattered; and I will be sanctified in you before the heathen.
42 And ye shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I shall bring you into the land of Israel, into the country *for* the which I lifted up mine hand to give it to your fathers.
43 And there shall ye remember your ways, and all your doings, wherein ye have been defiled; and ye shall lothe yourselves in your own sight for all your evils that ye have committed.
44 And ye shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have wrought with you for my name's sake, not according to your wicked ways, nor according to your corrupt doings, O ye house of Israel, saith the Lord GOD.

God's Unquenchable Fire

45 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
46 Son of man, set thy face toward the south, and drop *thy word* toward the south, and prophesy against the forest of the south field;
47 And say to the forest of the south, Hear the word of the LORD; Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will kindle a fire in thee, and it shall devour every green tree in thee, and every dry tree: the flaming flame shall not be quenched, and all faces from the south to the north shall be burned therein.
48 And all flesh shall see that I the LORD have kindled it: it shall not be quenched.
49 Then said I, Ah Lord GOD! they say of me, Doth he not speak parables?

God's Judgment Sword

21 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
2 Son of man, set thy face toward Jeru-

20:28 offering ▸ *see Lev. 1:2.*
20:41 savour ▸ *see Ex. 29:25.*
20:46 drop ▸ *see Ezek. 21:2.*
20:47 forest ▸ *see Ps. 50:10.*

salem, and drop *thy word* toward the holy places, and prophesy against the land of Israel,
3 And say to the land of Israel, Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I *am* against thee, and will draw forth my sword out of his sheath, and will cut off from thee the righteous and the wicked.
4 Seeing then that I will cut off from thee the righteous and the wicked, therefore shall my sword go forth out of his sheath against all flesh from the south to the north:
5 That all flesh may know that I the LORD have drawn forth my sword out of his sheath: it shall not return any more.
6 Sigh therefore, thou son of man, with the breaking of *thy* loins; and with bitterness sigh before their eyes.
7 And it shall be, when they say unto thee, Wherefore sighest thou? that thou shalt answer, For the tidings; because it cometh: and every heart shall melt, and all hands shall be feeble, and every spirit shall faint, and all knees shall be weak *as* water: behold, it cometh, and shall be brought to pass, saith the Lord GOD.
8 Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
9 Son of man, prophesy, and say, Thus saith the LORD; Say, A sword, a sword is sharpened, and also furbished:
10 It is sharpened to make a sore slaughter; it is furbished that it may glitter: should we then make mirth? it contemneth the rod of my son, *as* every tree.
11 And he hath given it to be furbished, that it may be handled: this sword is sharpened, and it is furbished, to give it into the hand of the slayer.
12 Cry and howl, son of man: for it shall be upon my people, it *shall be* upon all the princes of Israel: terrors by reason of the sword shall be upon my people: smite therefore upon *thy* thigh.
13 Because *it is* a trial, and what if *the sword* contemn even the rod? it shall be no *more,* saith the Lord GOD.

The Sword of the Slain

14 Thou therefore, son of man, prophesy, and smite *thine* hands together, and let the sword be doubled the third time, the sword of the slain: it *is* the sword of the great *men that are* slain, which entereth into their privy chambers.
15 I have set the point of the sword against all their gates, that *their* heart may faint, and *their* ruins be multiplied: ah! *it is* made bright, *it is* wrapped up for the slaughter.
16 Go thee one way or other, *either* on the right hand, *or* on the left, whithersoever thy face *is* set.
17 I will also smite mine hands together, and I will cause my fury to rest: I the LORD have said *it.*

The Sword of the King of Babylon

18 The word of the LORD came unto me again, saying,
19 Also, thou son of man, appoint thee two ways, that the sword of the king of Babylon may come: both twain shall come forth out of one land: and choose thou a place, choose *it* at the head of the way to the city.
20 Appoint a way, that the sword may come to Rabbath of the Ammonites, and to Judah in Jerusalem the defenced.
21 For the king of Babylon stood at the parting of the way, at the head of the two ways, to use divination: he made *his* arrows bright, he consulted with images, he looked in the liver.
22 At his right hand was the divination for Jerusalem, to appoint captains, to open the mouth in the slaughter, to lift up the voice with shouting, to appoint *battering* rams against the gates, to cast a mount, *and* to build a fort.
23 And it shall be unto them as a false divination in their sight, to them that have sworn oaths: but he will call to remembrance the iniquity, that they may be taken.

21:2 drop

(Heb. *nataph*) (Judg. 5:4; Ezek. 20:46; Mic. 2:6) H5197: A verb that literally means to drip or drop—as in the clouds dripping water (Judg. 5:4) or the heavens dropping rain (Ps. 68:8). Here it has the figurative meaning of a prophet's lips dripping with speech (cf. Amos 7:16). A similar image is used to describe the seductive talk of an adulteress (Prov. 5:3). In the same way that the image of mountains that "drop down new wine" (Joel 3:18) pictures God's blessing, the truth that drops from the mouth of God's messenger brings blessing when it is taken to heart.

21:23 divination ▸ *see Is. 44:25.*

Remove the Diadem

24 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because ye have made your iniquity to be remembered, in that your transgressions are discovered, so that in all your doings your sins do appear; because, *I say,* that ye are come to remembrance, ye shall be taken with the hand.
25 And thou, profane wicked prince of Israel, whose day is come, when iniquity *shall have* an end,
26 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Remove the diadem, and take off the crown: this *shall* not *be* the same: exalt *him that is* low, and abase *him that is* high.
27 I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it: and it shall be no *more,* until he come whose right it is; and I will give it *him.*

No Mercy for the Ammonites

28 And thou, son of man, prophesy and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD concerning the Ammonites, and concerning their reproach; even say thou, The sword, the sword *is* drawn: for the slaughter *it is* furbished, to consume because of the glittering:
29 Whiles they see vanity unto thee, whiles they divine a lie unto thee, to bring thee upon the necks of *them that are* slain, of the wicked, whose day is come, when their iniquity *shall have* an end.
30 Shall I cause *it* to return into his sheath? I will judge thee in the place where thou wast created, in the land of thy nativity.
31 And I will pour out mine indignation upon thee, I will blow against thee in the fire of my wrath, and deliver thee into the hand of brutish men, *and* skilful to destroy.
32 Thou shalt be for fuel to the fire; thy blood shall be in the midst of the land; thou shalt be no *more* remembered: for I the LORD have spoken *it.*

The Judgments on the Bloody City

22 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
2 Now, thou son of man, wilt thou judge, wilt thou judge the bloody city? yea, thou shalt shew her all her abominations.
3 Then say thou, Thus saith the Lord GOD, The city sheddeth blood in the midst of it, that her time may come, and maketh idols against herself to defile herself.
4 Thou art become guilty in thy blood that thou hast shed; and hast defiled thyself in thine idols which thou hast made; and thou hast caused thy days to draw near, and art come *even* unto thy years: therefore have I made thee a reproach unto the heathen, and a mocking to all countries.
5 *Those that be* near, and *those that be* far from thee, shall mock thee, *which art* infamous *and* much vexed.
6 Behold, the princes of Israel, every one were in thee to their power to shed blood.
7 In thee have they set light by father and mother: in the midst of thee have they dealt by oppression with the stranger: in thee have they vexed the fatherless and the widow.
8 Thou hast despised mine holy things, and hast profaned my sabbaths.
9 In thee are men that carry tales to shed blood: and in thee they eat upon the mountains: in the midst of thee they commit lewdness.
10 In thee have they discovered their fathers' nakedness: in thee have they humbled her that was set apart for pollution.
11 And one hath committed abomination with his neighbour's wife; and another hath lewdly defiled his daughter in law; and another in thee hath humbled his sister, his father's daughter.
12 In thee have they taken gifts to shed blood; thou hast taken usury and increase, and thou hast greedily gained of thy neighbours by extortion, and hast forgotten me, saith the Lord GOD.
13 Behold, therefore I have smitten mine hand at thy dishonest gain which thou hast made, and at thy blood which hath been in the midst of thee.
14 Can thine heart endure, or can thine hands be strong, in the days that I shall deal with thee? I the LORD have spoken *it,* and will do *it.*
15 And I will scatter thee among the heathen, and disperse thee in the countries, and will consume thy filthiness out of thee.
16 And thou shalt take thine inheritance in thyself in the sight of the heathen, and thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD.

21:24 take ▸ *see Gen. 39:12.*
22:8 despise ▸ *see Esth. 3:6.*

The People Are Like Dross

17 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
18 Son of man, the house of Israel is to me become dross: all they *are* brass, and tin, and iron, and lead, in the midst of the furnace; they are *even* the dross of silver.
19 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because ye are all become dross, behold, therefore I will gather you into the midst of Jerusalem.
20 *As* they gather silver, and brass, and iron, and lead, and tin, into the midst of the furnace, to blow the fire upon it, to melt *it;* so will I gather *you* in mine anger and in my fury, and I will leave *you there,* and melt you.
21 Yea, I will gather you, and blow upon you in the fire of my wrath, and ye shall be melted in the midst thereof.
22 As silver is melted in the midst of the furnace, so shall ye be melted in the midst thereof; and ye shall know that I the LORD have poured out my fury upon you.
23 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
24 Son of man, say unto her, Thou *art* the land that is not cleansed, nor rained upon in the day of indignation.
25 *There is* a conspiracy of her prophets in the midst thereof, like a roaring lion ravening the prey; they have devoured souls; they have taken the treasure and precious things; they have made her many widows in the midst thereof.
26 Her priests have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shewed *difference* between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.
27 Her princes in the midst thereof *are* like wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood, *and* to destroy souls, to get dishonest gain.
28 And her prophets have daubed them with untempered *morter,* seeing vanity, and divining lies unto them, saying, Thus saith the Lord GOD, when the LORD hath not spoken.
29 The people of the land have used oppression, and exercised robbery, and have vexed the poor and needy: yea, they have oppressed the stranger wrongfully.

The Fire of God's Wrath

30 And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.
31 Therefore have I poured out mine indignation upon them; I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath: their own way have I recompensed upon their heads, saith the Lord GOD.

Whoredoms in Egypt

23 The word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,
2 Son of man, there were two women, the daughters of one mother:
3 And they committed whoredoms in Egypt; they committed whoredoms in their youth: there were their breasts pressed, and there they bruised the teats of their virginity.
4 And the names of them *were* Aholah the elder, and Aholibah her sister: and they were mine, and they bare sons and daughters. Thus *were* their names; Samaria *is* Aholah, and Jerusalem Aholibah.

Israel's Love for Assyria's Idols

5 And Aholah played the harlot when she was mine; and she doted on her lovers, on the Assyrians *her* neighbours,
6 *Which were* clothed with blue, captains and rulers, all of them desirable young men, horsemen riding upon horses.
7 Thus she committed her whoredoms with

22:25 conspiracy ▸ *see Jer. 11:9.*
22:25 precious things ▸ *see Esth. 6:6.*

22:30 gap

(Heb. *perets*) (Neh. 6:1; Is. 58:12; Amos 9:11) H6556: This noun is descriptive of a breach—as in a wall (Neh. 6:1; Amos 4:3), between tribes (Judg. 21:15), the bursting forth of water (2 Sam. 5:20), or even an outburst of divine anger (2 Sam. 6:8; Job 16:14). Here the word is figurative, indicating the broken relationship between God and His people—and the need for someone to stand in that breach as an intermediary (cf. Ps. 106:23). Christians have that someone in "the man Christ Jesus" (1 Tim. 2:5).

22:31 indignation ▸ *see Ps. 78:49.*

23:7 whoredom

(Heb. *taznuth*) (Ezek. 16:15; 23:43) H8457: A word used only in Ezekiel to confront both sexual sin

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them, with all them *that were* the chosen men of Assyria, and with all on whom she doted: with all their idols she defiled herself.
8 Neither left she her whoredoms *brought* from Egypt: for in her youth they lay with her, and they bruised the breasts of her virginity, and poured their whoredom upon her.
9 Wherefore I have delivered her into the hand of her lovers, into the hand of the Assyrians, upon whom she doted.
10 These discovered her nakedness: they took her sons and her daughters, and slew her with the sword: and she became famous among women; for they had executed judgment upon her.

Judah's Alliance with Assyria

11 And when her sister Aholibah saw *this,* she was more corrupt in her inordinate love than she, and in her whoredoms more than her sister in *her* whoredoms.
12 She doted upon the Assyrians *her* neighbours, captains and rulers clothed most gorgeously, horsemen riding upon horses, all of them desirable young men.
13 Then I saw that she was defiled, *that* they *took* both one way,

Judah's Alliance with Babylon

14 And *that* she increased her whoredoms: for when she saw men pourtrayed upon the wall, the images of the Chaldeans pourtrayed with vermilion,
15 Girded with girdles upon their loins, exceeding in dyed attire upon their heads, all of them princes to look to, after the manner of the Babylonians of Chaldea, the land of their nativity:
16 And as soon as she saw them with her eyes, she doted upon them, and sent messengers unto them into Chaldea.
17 And the Babylonians came to her into the bed of love, and they defiled her with their whoredom, and she was polluted with them, and her mind was alienated from them.
18 So she discovered her whoredoms, and discovered her nakedness: then my mind was alienated from her, like as my mind was alienated from her sister.

Judah's Alliance with Egypt

19 Yet she multiplied her whoredoms, in calling to remembrance the days of her youth, wherein she had played the harlot in the land of Egypt.
20 For she doted upon their paramours, whose flesh *is as* the flesh of asses, and whose issue *is like* the issue of horses.
21 Thus thou calledst to remembrance the lewdness of thy youth, in bruising thy teats by the Egyptians for the paps of thy youth.
22 Therefore, O Aholibah, thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will raise up thy lovers against thee, from whom thy mind is alienated, and I will bring them against thee on every side;
23 The Babylonians, and all the Chaldeans, Pekod, and Shoa, and Koa, *and* all the Assyrians with them: all of them desirable young men, captains and rulers, great lords and renowned, all of them riding upon horses.
24 And they shall come against thee with chariots, wagons, and wheels, and with an assembly of people, *which* shall set against thee buckler and shield and helmet round about: and I will set judgment before them, and they shall judge thee according to their judgments.
25 And I will set my jealousy against thee, and they shall deal furiously with thee: they shall take away thy nose and thine ears; and thy remnant shall fall by the sword: they shall take thy sons and thy daughters; and thy residue shall be devoured by the fire.
26 They shall also strip thee out of thy clothes, and take away thy fair jewels.
27 Thus will I make thy lewdness to cease from thee, and thy whoredom *brought* from the land of Egypt: so that thou shalt not lift up thine eyes unto them, nor remember Egypt any more.

Judah's Punishment

28 For thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will deliver thee into the hand *of them* whom

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and idolatry, related to "harlotry." It can refer to various sexual acts, but has adultery in focus. Ezekiel was tasked to confront not only the physical promiscuity among God's people, but their national adultery in their allegiances with other nations. Because idolatry often involved sexual practices, the condemnation of that toxic mix often appears in the prophets' writing.

23:27 lewdness ▸ *see Ezek. 24:13.*

thou hatest, into the hand *of them* from whom thy mind is alienated:
29 And they shall deal with thee hatefully, and shall take away all thy labour, and shall leave thee naked and bare: and the nakedness of thy whoredoms shall be discovered, both thy lewdness and thy whoredoms.
30 I will do these *things* unto thee, because thou hast gone a whoring after the heathen, *and* because thou art polluted with their idols.

Judah to Drink of Israel's Cup

31 Thou hast walked in the way of thy sister; therefore will I give her cup into thine hand.
32 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou shalt drink of thy sister's cup deep and large: thou shalt be laughed to scorn and had in derision; it containeth much.
33 Thou shalt be filled with drunkenness and sorrow, with the cup of astonishment and desolation, with the cup of thy sister Samaria.
34 Thou shalt even drink it and suck *it* out, and thou shalt break the sherds thereof, and pluck off thine own breasts: for I have spoken *it,* saith the Lord GOD.
35 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thou hast forgotten me, and cast me behind thy back, therefore bear thou also thy lewdness and thy whoredoms.

The Sins of Israel and Judah

36 The LORD said moreover unto me; Son of man, wilt thou judge Aholah and Aholibah? yea, declare unto them their abominations;
37 That they have committed adultery, and blood *is* in their hands, and with their idols have they committed adultery, and have also caused their sons, whom they bare unto me, to pass for them through *the fire,* to devour *them.*
38 Moreover this they have done unto me: they have defiled my sanctuary in the same day, and have profaned my sabbaths.
39 For when they had slain their children to their idols, then they came the same day into my sanctuary to profane it; and, lo, thus have they done in the midst of mine house.
40 And furthermore, that ye have sent for men to come from far, unto whom a messenger *was* sent; and, lo, they came: for whom thou didst wash thyself, paintedst thy eyes, and deckedst thyself with ornaments,
41 And satest upon a stately bed, and a table prepared before it, whereupon thou hast set mine incense and mine oil.
42 And a voice of a multitude being at ease *was* with her: and with the men of the common sort *were* brought Sabeans from the wilderness, which put bracelets upon their hands, and beautiful crowns upon their heads.
43 Then said I unto *her that was* old in adulteries, Will they now commit whoredoms with her, and she *with them?*
44 Yet they went in unto her, as they go in unto a woman that playeth the harlot: so went they in unto Aholah and unto Aholibah, the lewd women.

Lewdness to Cease in the Land

45 And the righteous men, they shall judge them after the manner of adulteresses, and after the manner of women that shed blood; because they *are* adulteresses, and blood *is* in their hands.
46 For thus saith the Lord GOD; I will bring up a company upon them, and will give them to be removed and spoiled.
47 And the company shall stone them with stones, and dispatch them with their swords; they shall slay their sons and their daughters, and burn up their houses with fire.
48 Thus will I cause lewdness to cease out of the land, that all women may be taught not to do after your lewdness.
49 And they shall recompense your lewdness upon you, and ye shall bear the sins of your idols: and ye shall know that I *am* the Lord GOD.

A Parable to a Rebellious Nation

24 Again in the ninth year, in the tenth month, in the tenth *day* of the month, the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
2 Son of man, write thee the name of the day, *even* of this same day: the king of Babylon set himself against Jerusalem this same day.

The Boiling Pot

3 And utter a parable unto the rebellious house, and say unto them, Thus saith the

23:42 crown ▸ *see Prov. 4:9.*
23:43 whoredom ▸ *see Ezek. 23:7.*

Lord God; Set on a pot, set *it* on, and also pour water into it:
4 Gather the pieces thereof into it, *even* every good piece, the thigh, and the shoulder; fill *it* with the choice bones.
5 Take the choice of the flock, and burn also the bones under it, *and* make it boil well, and let them seethe the bones of it therein.
6 Wherefore thus saith the Lord God; Woe to the bloody city, to the pot whose scum *is* therein, and whose scum is not gone out of it! bring it out piece by piece; let no lot fall upon it.
7 For her blood is in the midst of her; she set it upon the top of a rock; she poured it not upon the ground, to cover it with dust;
8 That it might cause fury to come up to take vengeance; I have set her blood upon the top of a rock, that it should not be covered.
9 Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Woe to the bloody city! I will even make the pile for fire great.
10 Heap on wood, kindle the fire, consume the flesh, and spice it well, and let the bones be burned.
11 Then set it empty upon the coals thereof, that the brass of it may be hot, and may burn, and *that* the filthiness of it may be molten in it, *that* the scum of it may be consumed.
12 She hath wearied *herself* with lies, and her great scum went not forth out of her: her scum *shall be* in the fire.
13 In thy filthiness *is* lewdness: because I have purged thee, and thou wast not purged, thou shalt not be purged from thy filthiness any more, till I have caused my fury to rest upon thee.
14 I the Lord have spoken *it:* it shall come to pass, and I will do *it;* I will not go back, neither will I spare, neither will I repent; according to thy ways, and according to thy doings, shall they judge thee, saith the Lord God.
15 Also the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,
16 Son of man, behold, I take away from thee the desire of thine eyes with a stroke: yet neither shalt thou mourn nor weep, neither shall thy tears run down.
17 Forbear to cry, make no mourning for the dead, bind the tire of thine head upon thee, and put on thy shoes upon thy feet, and cover not *thy* lips, and eat not the bread of men.
18 So I spake unto the people in the morning: and at even my wife died; and I did in the morning as I was commanded.

The Destruction of the Temple

19 And the people said unto me, Wilt thou not tell us what these *things are* to us, that thou doest *so?*
20 Then I answered them, The word of the Lord came unto me, saying,
21 Speak unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will profane my sanctuary, the excellency of your strength, the desire of your eyes, and that which your soul pitieth; and your sons and your daughters whom ye have left shall fall by the sword.
22 And ye shall do as I have done: ye shall not cover *your* lips, nor eat the bread of men.
23 And your tires *shall be* upon your heads, and your shoes upon your feet: ye shall not mourn nor weep; but ye shall pine away for your iniquities, and mourn one toward another.
24 Thus Ezekiel is unto you a sign: according to all that he hath done shall ye do: and when this cometh, ye shall know that I *am* the Lord God.

Ezekiel Shall Speak

25 Also, thou son of man, *shall it* not *be* in the day when I take from them their strength, the joy of their glory, the desire of

24:5 boil ▸ *see Job 41:31.*

24:13 lewdness

(Heb. *zimmah*) (Lev. 19:29; Judg. 20:6; Ezek. 23:27; Hos. 6:9) H2154: Most often translated "lewdness," the word can also mean wickedness, mischief, and attitude of evil intent. Lewdness refers to not only a disregard for appearance or propriety, but willfully flaunting immorality in actual behavior and spiritual adultery. Throughout chapter 23 in particular, Ezekiel charges the nation with harlotry and describes their behavior as disgusting lewdness. Judges 20:6 recounts a shameful episode of murderous immorality that shocked a nation deeply involved in idolatry and unfaithfulness to God.

24:14 doings ▸ *see Ps. 99:8.*
24:23 shoe ▸ *see Amos 8:6.*
24:24 sign ▸ *see Zech. 3:8.*
24:25 strength ▸ *see Is. 27:5.*

their eyes, and that whereupon they set their minds, their sons and their daughters,
26 *That* he that escapeth in that day shall come unto thee, to cause *thee* to hear *it* with *thine* ears?
27 In that day shall thy mouth be opened to him which is escaped, and thou shalt speak, and be no more dumb: and thou shalt be a sign unto them; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

Judgment on Ammon

25 The word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,
2 Son of man, set thy face against the Ammonites, and prophesy against them;
3 And say unto the Ammonites, Hear the word of the Lord GOD; Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thou saidst, Aha, against my sanctuary, when it was profaned; and against the land of Israel, when it was desolate; and against the house of Judah, when they went into captivity;
4 Behold, therefore I will deliver thee to the men of the east for a possession, and they shall set their palaces in thee, and make their dwellings in thee: they shall eat thy fruit, and they shall drink thy milk.
5 And I will make Rabbah a stable for camels, and the Ammonites a couching place for flocks: and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.
6 For thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thou hast clapped *thine* hands, and stamped with the feet, and rejoiced in heart with all thy despite against the land of Israel;
7 Behold, therefore I will stretch out mine hand upon thee, and will deliver thee for a spoil to the heathen; and I will cut thee off from the people, and I will cause thee to perish out of the countries: I will destroy thee; and thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD.

Judgment on Moab and Edom

8 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because that Moab and Seir do say, Behold, the house of Judah *is* like unto all the heathen;
9 Therefore, behold, I will open the side of Moab from the cities, from his cities *which are* on his frontiers, the glory of the country, Beth-jeshimoth, Baal-meon, and Kiriathaim,
10 Unto the men of the east with the Ammonites, and will give them in possession, that the Ammonites may not be remembered among the nations.
11 And I will execute judgments upon Moab; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.
12 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because that Edom hath dealt against the house of Judah by taking vengeance, and hath greatly offended, and revenged himself upon them;
13 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; I will also stretch out mine hand upon Edom, and will cut off man and beast from it; and I will make it desolate from Teman; and they of Dedan shall fall by the sword.
14 And I will lay my vengeance upon Edom by the hand of my people Israel: and they shall do in Edom according to mine anger and according to my fury; and they shall know my vengeance, saith the Lord GOD.

Judgment on Philistia

15 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because the Philistines have dealt by revenge, and have taken vengeance with a despiteful heart, to destroy *it* for the old hatred;
16 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will stretch out mine hand upon the Philistines, and I will cut off the Cherethims, and destroy the remnant of the sea coast.
17 And I will execute great vengeance upon them with furious rebukes; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I shall lay my vengeance upon them.

Judgment on Tyrus

26 And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the first *day* of the month, *that* the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

25:3 Ammonite ▸ *see Num. 21:24.*

25:4 palace

(Heb. *tirah*) (Gen. 25:16; Ps. 69:25; Ezek. 46:23) H2918: Denotes a castle or palace, but can simply mean a dwelling. The context in Ezekiel's prophecy pictures the Babylonians living as conquerors on the best of the land. It sometimes refers to a battlement (Song 8:9), emphasizing the military aspects of a leader's dwelling. In Numbers 31:10, fort. "Habitation" is used in Psalm 69:25.

25:15 hatred ▸ *see Ezek. 35:5.*

2 Son of man, because that Tyrus hath said against Jerusalem, Aha, she is broken *that was* the gates of the people: she is turned unto me: I shall be replenished, *now* she is laid waste:
3 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I *am* against thee, O Tyrus, and will cause many nations to come up against thee, as the sea causeth his waves to come up.
4 And they shall destroy the walls of Tyrus, and break down her towers: I will also scrape her dust from her, and make her like the top of a rock.
5 It shall be *a place for* the spreading of nets in the midst of the sea: for I have spoken *it,* saith the Lord GOD: and it shall become a spoil to the nations.
6 And her daughters which *are* in the field shall be slain by the sword; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

Babylon Shall Destroy the City

7 For thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will bring upon Tyrus Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, a king of kings, from the north, with horses, and with chariots, and with horsemen, and companies, and much people.
8 He shall slay with the sword thy daughters in the field: and he shall make a fort against thee, and cast a mount against thee, and lift up the buckler against thee.
9 And he shall set engines of war against thy walls, and with his axes he shall break down thy towers.
10 By reason of the abundance of his horses their dust shall cover thee: thy walls shall shake at the noise of the horsemen, and of the wheels, and of the chariots, when he shall enter into thy gates, as men enter into a city wherein is made a breach.
11 With the hoofs of his horses shall he tread down all thy streets: he shall slay thy people by the sword, and thy strong garrisons shall go down to the ground.
12 And they shall make a spoil of thy riches, and make a prey of thy merchandise: and they shall break down thy walls, and destroy thy pleasant houses: and they shall lay thy stones and thy timber and thy dust in the midst of the water.
13 And I will cause the noise of thy songs to cease; and the sound of thy harps shall be no more heard.
14 And I will make thee like the top of a rock: thou shalt be *a place* to spread nets upon; thou shalt be built no more: for I the LORD have spoken *it,* saith the Lord GOD.

A Lamentation for Tyrus

15 Thus saith the Lord GOD to Tyrus; Shall not the isles shake at the sound of thy fall, when the wounded cry, when the slaughter is made in the midst of thee?
16 Then all the princes of the sea shall come down from their thrones, and lay away their robes, and put off their broidered garments: they shall clothe themselves with trembling; they shall sit upon the ground, and shall tremble at *every* moment, and be astonished at thee.
17 And they shall take up a lamentation for thee, and say to thee, How art thou destroyed, *that wast* inhabited of seafaring men, the renowned city, which wast strong in the sea, she and her inhabitants, which cause their terror *to be* on all that haunt it!
18 Now shall the isles tremble in the day of thy fall; yea, the isles that *are* in the sea shall be troubled at thy departure.
19 For thus saith the Lord GOD; When I shall make thee a desolate city, like the cities that are not inhabited; when I shall bring up the deep upon thee, and great waters shall cover thee;
20 When I shall bring thee down with them that descend into the pit, with the people of old time, and shall set thee in the low parts of the earth, in places desolate of old, with them that go down to the pit, that thou be not inhabited; and I shall set glory in the land of the living;
21 I will make thee a terror, and thou *shalt be*

26:10 dust ▸ *see Is. 29:5.*

26:18 isle

(Heb. *'i*) (Gen. 10:5; Esth. 10:1; Is. 23:2; Dan. 11:18) H0339: This noun, which appears most commonly in the prophetic books of the Old Testament, can refer to a literal strip of land near the sea (i.e., a seacoast or seashore; see Jer. 47:4) or to an island (Is. 11:11). In many cases, however, the word is found in passages that speak of God's universal glory and rule, and the implication is that Yahweh is the sovereign King even over faraway peoples living beyond distant shores (Is. 41:5; 42:4; Jer. 31:10; Zeph. 2:11).

26:20 of the living ▸ *see Ezek. 1:5.*

no *more:* though thou be sought for, yet shalt thou never be found again, saith the Lord GOD.

Tyrus's Sin of Pride

27 The word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,
2 Now, thou son of man, take up a lamentation for Tyrus;
3 And say unto Tyrus, O thou that art situate at the entry of the sea, *which art* a merchant of the people for many isles, Thus saith the Lord GOD; O Tyrus, thou hast said, I *am* of perfect beauty.
4 Thy borders *are* in the midst of the seas, thy builders have perfected thy beauty.
5 They have made all thy *ship* boards of fir trees of Senir: they have taken cedars from Lebanon to make masts for thee.
6 *Of* the oaks of Bashan have they made thine oars; the company of the Ashurites have made thy benches *of* ivory, *brought* out of the isles of Chittim.
7 Fine linen with broidered work from Egypt was that which thou spreadest forth to be thy sail; blue and purple from the isles of Elishah was that which covered thee.
8 The inhabitants of Zidon and Arvad were thy mariners: thy wise *men,* O Tyrus, *that* were in thee, were thy pilots.

Tyrus's Armies and Merchants

9 The ancients of Gebal and the wise *men* thereof were in thee thy calkers: all the ships of the sea with their mariners were in thee to occupy thy merchandise.
10 They of Persia and of Lud and of Phut were in thine army, thy men of war: they hanged the shield and helmet in thee; they set forth thy comeliness.
11 The men of Arvad with thine army *were* upon thy walls round about, and the Gammadims were in thy towers: they hanged their shields upon thy walls round about; they have made thy beauty perfect.
12 Tarshish *was* thy merchant by reason of the multitude of all *kind of* riches; with silver, iron, tin, and lead, they traded in thy fairs.
13 Javan, Tubal, and Meshech, they *were* thy merchants: they traded the persons of men and vessels of brass in thy market.
14 They of the house of Togarmah traded in thy fairs with horses and horsemen and mules.
15 The men of Dedan *were* thy merchants; many isles *were* the merchandise of thine hand: they brought thee *for* a present horns of ivory and ebony.
16 Syria *was* thy merchant by reason of the multitude of the wares of thy making: they occupied in thy fairs with emeralds, purple, and broidered work, and fine linen, and coral, and agate.

Judah and Israel Were Merchants

17 Judah, and the land of Israel, they *were* thy merchants: they traded in thy market wheat of Minnith, and Pannag, and honey, and oil, and balm.
18 Damascus *was* thy merchant in the multitude of the wares of thy making, for the multitude of all riches; in the wine of Helbon, and white wool.
19 Dan also and Javan going to and fro occupied in thy fairs: bright iron, cassia, and calamus, were in thy market.
20 Dedan *was* thy merchant in precious clothes for chariots.
21 Arabia, and all the princes of Kedar, they

27:7 blue

(Heb. *tekeleth*) (Ex. 25:4; 39:31; Esth. 8:15) H8504: The conventional translation of *tekeleth* is blue (or sometimes violet). Surely this encompassed a wide spectrum of shades and hues. Yarn died blue was woven into linen cloth that was featured prominently in the décor of the Hebrew tabernacle (Ex. 26:31; Num. 4:9). Blue fabric was also used to make robes for the priests (Ex. 39:22) and various cords or tassels that were worn during Israel's worship ceremonies (Ex. 39:21; Num. 15:38).

27:7 purple

(Heb. *'argaman*) (Ex. 25:4; Prov. 31:22; Jer. 10:9) H0713: This is the Hebrew word for the color purple, in all of its various shades. From ancient times, purple thread was woven and used symbolically to represent royalty, nobility, and even divinity. Purple dye was rare; therefore, sellers enjoyed a lucrative business (Acts 16:14). Much of the fabric used in the Jewish tabernacle (i.e., curtains, veils, etc.) was purple cloth, often linen (Ex. 26:1; 28:5, 6; 35:23). When He appeared before Pilate, Jesus was forced to wear a purple robe (John 19:2–5) by the mocking soldiers, who were ignorant of His true identity.

27:9 calker ▸ *see 2 Kin. 12:8.*

occupied with thee in lambs, and rams, and goats: in these *were they* thy merchants.
22 The merchants of Sheba and Raamah, they *were* thy merchants: they occupied in thy fairs with chief of all spices, and with all precious stones, and gold.
23 Haran, and Canneh, and Eden, the merchants of Sheba, Asshur, *and* Chilmad, *were* thy merchants.
24 These *were* thy merchants in all sorts *of things,* in blue clothes, and broidered work, and in chests of rich apparel, bound with cords, and made of cedar, among thy merchandise.
25 The ships of Tarshish did sing of thee in thy market: and thou wast replenished, and made very glorious in the midst of the seas.

Tyrus's Day of Destruction

26 Thy rowers have brought thee into great waters: the east wind hath broken thee in the midst of the seas.
27 Thy riches, and thy fairs, thy merchandise, thy mariners, and thy pilots, thy calkers, and the occupiers of thy merchandise, and all thy men of war, that *are* in thee, and in all thy company which *is* in the midst of thee, shall fall into the midst of the seas in the day of thy ruin.
28 The suburbs shall shake at the sound of the cry of thy pilots.
29 And all that handle the oar, the mariners, *and* all the pilots of the sea, shall come down from their ships, they shall stand upon the land;
30 And shall cause their voice to be heard against thee, and shall cry bitterly, and shall cast up dust upon their heads, they shall wallow themselves in the ashes:
31 And they shall make themselves utterly bald for thee, and gird them with sackcloth, and they shall weep for thee with bitterness of heart *and* bitter wailing.
32 And in their wailing they shall take up a lamentation for thee, and lament over thee, *saying,* What *city is* like Tyrus, like the destroyed in the midst of the sea?

Tyrus's Wealth Is Destroyed

33 When thy wares went forth out of the seas, thou filledst many people; thou didst enrich the kings of the earth with the multitude of thy riches and of thy merchandise.
34 In the time *when* thou shalt be broken by the seas in the depths of the waters thy merchandise and all thy company in the midst of thee shall fall.
35 All the inhabitants of the isles shall be astonished at thee, and their kings shall be sore afraid, they shall be troubled in *their* countenance.
36 The merchants among the people shall hiss at thee; thou shalt be a terror, and never *shalt be* any more.

The Pride of Tyrus's King

28 The word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,
2 Son of man, say unto the prince of Tyrus, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thine heart *is* lifted up, and thou hast said, I *am* a God, I sit *in* the seat of God, in the midst of the seas; yet thou *art* a man, and not God, though thou set thine heart as the heart of God:
3 Behold, thou *art* wiser than Daniel; there is no secret that they can hide from thee:
4 With thy wisdom and with thine understanding thou hast gotten thee riches, and hast gotten gold and silver into thy treasures:
5 By thy great wisdom *and* by thy traffick hast thou increased thy riches, and thine heart is lifted up because of thy riches:

The Death of Tyrus's King

6 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thou hast set thine heart as the heart of God;
7 Behold, therefore I will bring strangers upon thee, the terrible of the nations: and they shall draw their swords against the beauty of thy wisdom, and they shall defile thy brightness.
8 They shall bring thee down to the pit, and thou shalt die the deaths of *them that are* slain in the midst of the seas.
9 Wilt thou yet say before him that slayeth thee, I *am* God? but thou *shalt be* a man, and no God, in the hand of him that slayeth thee.
10 Thou shalt die the deaths of the uncircumcised by the hand of strangers: for I have spoken *it,* saith the Lord GOD.
11 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

27:27 calker ▸ *see 2 Kin. 12:8.*
27:30 wallow ▸ *see Jer. 6:26.*
27:31 wailing ▸ *see Gen. 50:10.*

12 Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.
13 Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone *was* thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.
14 Thou *art* the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee *so:* thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.
15 Thou *wast* perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.
16 By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.
17 Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.
18 Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.
19 All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never *shalt* thou *be* any more.

Judgment on Zidon

20 Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
21 Son of man, set thy face against Zidon, and prophesy against it,
22 And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I *am* against thee, O Zidon; and I will be glorified in the midst of thee: and they shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I shall have executed judgments in her, and shall be sanctified in her.
23 For I will send into her pestilence, and blood into her streets; and the wounded shall be judged in the midst of her by the sword upon her on every side; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.
24 And there shall be no more a pricking brier unto the house of Israel, nor *any* grieving thorn of all *that are* round about them, that despised them; and they shall know that I *am* the Lord GOD.
25 Thus saith the Lord GOD; When I shall have gathered the house of Israel from the people among whom they are scattered, and shall be sanctified in them in the sight of the heathen, then shall they dwell in their land that I have given to my servant Jacob.
26 And they shall dwell safely therein, and shall build houses, and plant vineyards; yea, they shall dwell with confidence, when I have executed judgments upon all those that despise them round about them; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD their God.

Judgment on Egypt

29 In the tenth year, in the tenth *month,* in the twelfth *day* of the month, the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
2 Son of man, set thy face against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and prophesy against him, and against all Egypt:
3 Speak, and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I *am* against thee, Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great dragon that lieth in the midst of his rivers, which hath said, My river *is* mine own, and I have made *it* for myself.
4 But I will put hooks in thy jaws, and I will cause the fish of thy rivers to stick unto thy scales, and I will bring thee up out of the midst of thy rivers, and all the fish of thy rivers shall stick unto thy scales.

28:12 beauty

(Heb. *yophi*) (Esth. 1:11; Ps. 50:2; Prov. 31:30) H3308: This noun, a favorite of the prophet Ezekiel, is used in the Old Testament to refer to the physical beauty of a woman (Prov. 6:25; 31:30), or the figurative attractiveness of a country or culture (Ezek. 16:14), especially Zion (Ps. 50:2; Lam. 2:15). God's true anointed king is also seen as beautiful (Is. 33:17).

28:19 astonish ▸ *see Jer. 19:8.*
28:25 scatter ▸ *see 2 Kin. 25:5.*
28:26 judgment ▸ *see Ezek. 11:9.*

5 And I will leave thee *thrown* into the wilderness, thee and all the fish of thy rivers: thou shalt fall upon the open fields; thou shalt not be brought together, nor gathered: I have given thee for meat to the beasts of the field and to the fowls of the heaven.
6 And all the inhabitants of Egypt shall know that I *am* the LORD, because they have been a staff of reed to the house of Israel.
7 When they took hold of thee by thy hand, thou didst break, and rend all their shoulder: and when they leaned upon thee, thou brakest, and madest all their loins to be at a stand.
8 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will bring a sword upon thee, and cut off man and beast out of thee.
9 And the land of Egypt shall be desolate and waste; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD: because he hath said, The river *is* mine, and I have made *it*.
10 Behold, therefore I *am* against thee, and against thy rivers, and I will make the land of Egypt utterly waste *and* desolate, from the tower of Syene even unto the border of Ethiopia.
11 No foot of man shall pass through it, nor foot of beast shall pass through it, neither shall it be inhabited forty years.
12 And I will make the land of Egypt desolate in the midst of the countries *that are* desolate, and her cities among the cities *that are* laid waste shall be desolate forty years: and I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them through the countries.

Egypt Will Be Restored to the Land

13 Yet thus saith the Lord GOD; At the end of forty years will I gather the Egyptians from the people whither they were scattered:
14 And I will bring again the captivity of Egypt, and will cause them to return *into* the land of Pathros, into the land of their habitation; and they shall be there a base kingdom.
15 It shall be the basest of the kingdoms; neither shall it exalt itself any more above the nations: for I will diminish them, that they shall no more rule over the nations.
16 And it shall be no more the confidence of the house of Israel, which bringeth *their* iniquity to remembrance, when they shall look after them: but they shall know that I *am* the Lord GOD.

The Wages for Babylon's Army

17 And it came to pass in the seven and twentieth year, in the first *month,* in the first *day* of the month, the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
18 Son of man, Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon caused his army to serve a great service against Tyrus: every head *was* made bald, and every shoulder *was* peeled: yet had he no wages, nor his army, for Tyrus, for the service that he had served against it:
19 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will give the land of Egypt unto Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon; and he shall take her multitude, and take her spoil, and take her prey; and it shall be the wages for his army.
20 I have given him the land of Egypt *for* his labour wherewith he served against it, because they wrought for me, saith the Lord GOD.
21 In that day will I cause the horn of the house of Israel to bud forth, and I will give thee the opening of the mouth in the midst of them; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

God's Wrath on Egypt and Its Allies

30 The word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,
2 Son of man, prophesy and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Howl ye, Woe worth the day!
3 For the day *is* near, even the day of the LORD *is* near, a cloudy day; it shall be the time of the heathen.
4 And the sword shall come upon Egypt, and great pain shall be in Ethiopia, when the slain shall fall in Egypt, and they shall take

29:21 horn

(Heb. *qeren*) (Gen. 22:13; 1 Sam. 2:1; Ps. 18:2) H7161: This noun is used commonly to refer to the literal horns of an animal: a ram's horn employed to sound an alarm, like a trumpet blast (Josh. 6:5); an animal horn used as a flask-like container and filled with oil (1 Sam. 16:13). It describes the decorative horn-like shapes on the corners of an altar (Ex. 29:12). "Horn" is also used often in a figurative way to symbolize power or strength (1 Kin. 22:11; Ezek. 34:21). The psalmist referred to the Lord as "the horn of my salvation"—the idea being that He is mighty to deliver His people (Ps. 18:2).

away her multitude, and her foundations shall be broken down.
5 Ethiopia, and Libya, and Lydia, and all the mingled people, and Chub, and the men of the land that is in league, shall fall with them by the sword.

A Fire in Egypt

6 Thus saith the LORD; They also that uphold Egypt shall fall; and the pride of her power shall come down: from the tower of Syene shall they fall in it by the sword, saith the Lord GOD.
7 And they shall be desolate in the midst of the countries *that are* desolate, and her cities shall be in the midst of the cities *that are* wasted.
8 And they shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have set a fire in Egypt, and *when* all her helpers shall be destroyed.
9 In that day shall messengers go forth from me in ships to make the careless Ethiopians afraid, and great pain shall come upon them, as in the day of Egypt: for, lo, it cometh.

The Terrible of the Nations

10 Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will also make the multitude of Egypt to cease by the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon.
11 He and his people with him, the terrible of the nations, shall be brought to destroy the land: and they shall draw their swords against Egypt, and fill the land with the slain.
12 And I will make the rivers dry, and sell the land into the hand of the wicked: and I will make the land waste, and all that is therein, by the hand of strangers: I the LORD have spoken *it*.

The Destruction of Egypt's Idols

13 Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will also destroy the idols, and I will cause *their* images to cease out of Noph; and there shall be no more a prince of the land of Egypt: and I will put a fear in the land of Egypt.
14 And I will make Pathros desolate, and will set fire in Zoan, and will execute judgments in No.
15 And I will pour my fury upon Sin, the strength of Egypt; and I will cut off the multitude of No.
16 And I will set fire in Egypt: Sin shall have great pain, and No shall be rent asunder, and Noph *shall have* distresses daily.
17 The young men of Aven and of Pi-beseth shall fall by the sword: and these *cities* shall go into captivity.
18 At Tehaphnehes also the day shall be darkened, when I shall break there the yokes of Egypt: and the pomp of her strength shall cease in her: as for her, a cloud shall cover her, and her daughters shall go into captivity.
19 Thus will I execute judgments in Egypt: and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

Egypt Falls to Babylon's Strength

20 And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the first *month,* in the seventh *day* of the month, *that* the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
21 Son of man, I have broken the arm of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and, lo, it shall not be bound up to be healed, to put a roller to bind it, to make it strong to hold the sword.
22 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I *am* against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and will break his arms, the strong, and that which was broken; and I will cause the sword to fall out of his hand.
23 And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them through the countries.
24 And I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and put my sword in his hand: but I will break Pharaoh's arms, and he shall groan before him with the groanings of a deadly wounded *man*.
25 But I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and the arms of Pharaoh shall fall down; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I shall put my sword into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall stretch it out upon the land of Egypt.

30:4 foundation

(Heb. *yesod*) (2 Chr. 23:5; Job 4:19; Ps. 137:7) H3247: *Yesod* means foundation, base, or bottom. It is used to refer to the foundation of a city wall (Mic. 1:6; Lam. 4:11) or the base of an altar (Ex. 29:12). Figuratively, it can refer to the stability and perseverance of the righteous (Prov. 10:25). Here the prophet Ezekiel uses it metaphorically to refer to the instability of Egypt and the surrounding nations—enemies of Israel—that will be destroyed by the judgment of God.

30:13 idol ▸ *see Ezek. 6:4.*
30:18 yoke ▸ *see Is. 58:9.*

26 And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and disperse them among the countries; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

The Greatness of Egypt

31 And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the third *month,* in the first *day* of the month, *that* the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
2 Son of man, speak unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, and to his multitude; Whom art thou like in thy greatness?
3 Behold, the Assyrian *was* a cedar in Lebanon with fair branches, and with a shadowing shroud, and of an high stature; and his top was among the thick boughs.
4 The waters made him great, the deep set him up on high with her rivers running round about his plants, and sent out her little rivers unto all the trees of the field.
5 Therefore his height was exalted above all the trees of the field, and his boughs were multiplied, and his branches became long because of the multitude of waters, when he shot forth.
6 All the fowls of heaven made their nests in his boughs, and under his branches did all the beasts of the field bring forth their young, and under his shadow dwelt all great nations.
7 Thus was he fair in his greatness, in the length of his branches: for his root was by great waters.
8 The cedars in the garden of God could not hide him: the fir trees were not like his boughs, and the chesnut trees were not like his branches; nor any tree in the garden of God was like unto him in his beauty.
9 I have made him fair by the multitude of his branches: so that all the trees of Eden, that *were* in the garden of God, envied him.

Egypt's Pride

10 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thou hast lifted up thyself in height, and he hath shot up his top among the thick boughs, and his heart is lifted up in his height;
11 I have therefore delivered him into the hand of the mighty one of the heathen; he shall surely deal with him: I have driven him out for his wickedness.
12 And strangers, the terrible of the nations, have cut him off, and have left him: upon the mountains and in all the valleys his branches are fallen, and his boughs are broken by all the rivers of the land; and all the people of the earth are gone down from his shadow, and have left him.
13 Upon his ruin shall all the fowls of the heaven remain, and all the beasts of the field shall be upon his branches:
14 To the end that none of all the trees by the waters exalt themselves for their height, neither shoot up their top among the thick boughs, neither their trees stand up in their height, all that drink water: for they are all delivered unto death, to the nether parts of the earth, in the midst of the children of men, with them that go down to the pit.

The Nations Shake at Egypt's Fall

15 Thus saith the Lord GOD; In the day when he went down to the grave I caused a mourning: I covered the deep for him, and I restrained the floods thereof, and the great waters were stayed: and I caused Lebanon to mourn for him, and all the trees of the field fainted for him.
16 I made the nations to shake at the sound of his fall, when I cast him down to hell with them that descend into the pit: and all the trees of Eden, the choice and best of Lebanon, all that drink water, shall be comforted in the nether parts of the earth.
17 They also went down into hell with him unto *them that be* slain with the sword; and *they that were* his arm, *that* dwelt under his shadow in the midst of the heathen.
18 To whom art thou thus like in glory and in greatness among the trees of Eden? yet shalt thou be brought down with the trees of Eden unto the nether parts of the earth: thou shalt lie in the midst of the uncircumcised

31:3 shadow ▸ *see Is. 17:9.*
31:8 fir tree ▸ *see Hos. 14:8.*

31:12 terrible

(Heb. *`arits*) (Job 6:23; 27:13; Is. 49:25) H6184: An adjective that means awe-inspiring or terrifying. This is a quality of tyrants (Ezek. 32:12). But such wickedness or violence can also be a characteristic of a common man (Ps. 37:35; 54:3). Usually the idea conveyed is cold-hearted ruthlessness—whether of individuals (Job 15:20; Prov. 11:16) or godless nations (Is. 25:3, 4).

with *them that be* slain by the sword. This is Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith the Lord GOD.

Egypt's Fall

32 And it came to pass in the twelfth year, in the twelfth month, in the first *day* of the month, *that* the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
2 Son of man, take up a lamentation for Pharaoh king of Egypt, and say unto him, Thou art like a young lion of the nations, and thou *art* as a whale in the seas: and thou camest forth with thy rivers, and troubledst the waters with thy feet, and fouledst their rivers.
3 Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will therefore spread out my net over thee with a company of many people; and they shall bring thee up in my net.
4 Then will I leave thee upon the land, I will cast thee forth upon the open field, and will cause all the fowls of the heaven to remain upon thee, and I will fill the beasts of the whole earth with thee.
5 And I will lay thy flesh upon the mountains, and fill the valleys with thy height.
6 I will also water with thy blood the land wherein thou swimmest, *even* to the mountains; and the rivers shall be full of thee.
7 And when I shall put thee out, I will cover the heaven, and make the stars thereof dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give her light.
8 All the bright lights of heaven will I make dark over thee, and set darkness upon thy land, saith the Lord GOD.
9 I will also vex the hearts of many people, when I shall bring thy destruction among the nations, into the countries which thou hast not known.
10 Yea, I will make many people amazed at thee, and their kings shall be horribly afraid for thee, when I shall brandish my sword before them; and they shall tremble at *every* moment, every man for his own life, in the day of thy fall.

The Swords of the Mighty

11 For thus saith the Lord GOD; The sword of the king of Babylon shall come upon thee.
12 By the swords of the mighty will I cause thy multitude to fall, the terrible of the nations, all of them: and they shall spoil the pomp of Egypt, and all the multitude thereof shall be destroyed.
13 I will destroy also all the beasts thereof from beside the great waters; neither shall the foot of man trouble them any more, nor the hoofs of beasts trouble them.
14 Then will I make their waters deep, and cause their rivers to run like oil, saith the Lord GOD.
15 When I shall make the land of Egypt desolate, and the country shall be destitute of that whereof it was full, when I shall smite all them that dwell therein, then shall they know that I *am* the LORD.
16 This *is* the lamentation wherewith they shall lament her: the daughters of the nations shall lament her: they shall lament for her, *even* for Egypt, and for all her multitude, saith the Lord GOD.

Egypt's Allies Face Destruction

17 It came to pass also in the twelfth year, in the fifteenth *day* of the month, *that* the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
18 Son of man, wail for the multitude of Egypt, and cast them down, *even* her, and the daughters of the famous nations, unto the nether parts of the earth, with them that go down into the pit.
19 Whom dost thou pass in beauty? go down, and be thou laid with the uncircumcised.
20 They shall fall in the midst of *them that are* slain by the sword: she is delivered to the sword: draw her and all her multitudes.
21 The strong among the mighty shall speak to him out of the midst of hell with them that help him: they are gone down, they lie uncircumcised, slain by the sword.

32:3 net ▸ *see Ps. 140:5.*
32:7 moon ▸ *see Ps. 121:6.*

32:12 pomp

(Heb. *ga'on*) (Lev. 26:19; Ps. 59:12; Prov. 16:18) H1347: The primary idea is exaltation; a sense of majesty, greatness, glory, or indomitable strength. Such pomp is usually exaggerated and evidence of pride when it refers to how people or nations feel about themselves (Is. 13:19; 14:11; Hos. 5:5; Zech. 9:6). But the word is apt when used in reference to the excellence of God or His purposes and plans (Ex. 15:7; Is. 4:2; 24:14; Mic. 5:4).

22 Asshur *is* there and all her company: his graves *are* about him: all of them slain, fallen by the sword:
23 Whose graves are set in the sides of the pit, and her company is round about her grave: all of them slain, fallen by the sword, which caused terror in the land of the living.
24 There *is* Elam and all her multitude round about her grave, all of them slain, fallen by the sword, which are gone down uncircumcised into the nether parts of the earth, which caused their terror in the land of the living; yet have they borne their shame with them that go down to the pit.
25 They have set her a bed in the midst of the slain with all her multitude: her graves *are* round about him: all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword: though their terror was caused in the land of the living, yet have they borne their shame with them that go down to the pit: he is put in the midst of *them that be* slain.
26 There *is* Meshech, Tubal, and all her multitude: her graves *are* round about him: all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword, though they caused their terror in the land of the living.
27 And they shall not lie with the mighty *that are* fallen of the uncircumcised, which are gone down to hell with their weapons of war: and they have laid their swords under their heads, but their iniquities shall be upon their bones, though *they were* the terror of the mighty in the land of the living.
28 Yea, thou shalt be broken in the midst of the uncircumcised, and shalt lie with *them that are* slain with the sword.
29 There *is* Edom, her kings, and all her princes, which with their might are laid by *them that were* slain by the sword: they shall lie with the uncircumcised, and with them that go down to the pit.
30 There *be* the princes of the north, all of them, and all the Zidonians, which are gone down with the slain; with their terror they are ashamed of their might; and they lie uncircumcised with *them that be* slain by the sword, and bear their shame with them that go down to the pit.
31 Pharaoh shall see them, and shall be comforted over all his multitude, *even* Pharaoh and all his army slain by the sword, saith the Lord GOD.
32 For I have caused my terror in the land of the living: and he shall be laid in the midst of the uncircumcised with *them that are* slain with the sword, *even* Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith the Lord GOD.

A Watchman's Warning

33 Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
2 Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman:
3 If when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people;
4 Then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head.
5 He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him. But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul.
6 But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take *any* person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand.
7 So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me.

32:22 fall ▸ *see Esth. 7:8.*

33:2 watchman

(Heb. *tsaphah*) (1 Sam. 14:16; Ezek. 3:17; Hos. 9:8) H6822: This noun is derived from the verb meaning "to watch in anticipation." This verb is used to describe the actions of individuals waiting in ambush as they watch for their prey (Ps. 37:32). Watchman was an official military position. They were stationed on the towers of a city and were responsible for spotting approaching armies and sounding the alarm to warn the city (1 Sam. 14:16). The imagery behind the watchman is much like that of the shepherd, though *watchman* as a symbolic title was limited to the office of a prophet (Hos. 9:8). A watchman's failure was punishable by death. In the case of Ezekiel, punishment would come directly from God if he failed to report to the people the messages God gave him (Ezek. 33:8).

8 When I say unto the wicked, O wicked *man,* thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked *man* shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.
9 Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

Turn from Your Evil Ways

10 Therefore, O thou son of man, speak unto the house of Israel; Thus ye speak, saying, If our transgressions and our sins *be* upon us, and we pine away in them, how should we then live?
11 Say unto them, *As* I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?
12 Therefore, thou son of man, say unto the children of thy people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression: as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turneth from his wickedness; neither shall the righteous be able to live for his *righteousness* in the day that he sinneth.
13 When I shall say to the righteous, *that* he shall surely live; if he trust to his own righteousness, and commit iniquity, all his righteousnesses shall not be remembered; but for his iniquity that he hath committed, he shall die for it.
14 Again, when I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; if he turn from his sin, and do that which is lawful and right;
15 *If* the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die.
16 None of his sins that he hath committed shall be mentioned unto him: he hath done that which is lawful and right; he shall surely live.

God's Judgment Is Equal

17 Yet the children of thy people say, The way of the Lord is not equal: but as for them, their way is not equal.
18 When the righteous turneth from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, he shall even die thereby.
19 But if the wicked turn from his wickedness, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall live thereby.
20 Yet ye say, The way of the Lord is not equal. O ye house of Israel, I will judge you every one after his ways.

The Destruction Is Still to Come

21 And it came to pass in the twelfth year of our captivity, in the tenth *month,* in the fifth *day* of the month, *that* one that had escaped out of Jerusalem came unto me, saying, The city is smitten.
22 Now the hand of the LORD was upon me in the evening, afore he that was escaped came; and had opened my mouth, until he came to me in the morning; and my mouth was opened, and I was no more dumb.
23 Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
24 Son of man, they that inhabit those wastes of the land of Israel speak, saying, Abraham was one, and he inherited the land: but we *are* many; the land is given us for inheritance.
25 Wherefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Ye eat with the blood, and lift up your eyes toward your idols, and shed blood: and shall ye possess the land?
26 Ye stand upon your sword, ye work abomination, and ye defile every one his neighbour's wife: and shall ye possess the land?
27 Say thou thus unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; *As* I live, surely they that *are* in the wastes shall fall by the sword, and him that *is* in the open field will I give to the beasts to be devoured, and they that *be* in the forts and in the caves shall die of the pestilence.
28 For I will lay the land most desolate, and the pomp of her strength shall cease; and the mountains of Israel shall be desolate, that none shall pass through.
29 Then shall they know that I *am* the LORD, when I have laid the land most desolate because of all their abominations which they have committed.

The People's Covetous Heart

30 Also, thou son of man, the children of thy people still are talking against thee by the walls and in the doors of the houses,

33:12 wickedness ▸ *see Zech. 5:8.*

and speak one to another, every one to his brother, saying, Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that cometh forth from the LORD.
31 And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee *as* my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth they shew much love, *but* their heart goeth after their covetousness.
32 And, lo, thou *art* unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument: for they hear thy words, but they do them not.
33 And when this cometh to pass, (lo, it will come,) then shall they know that a prophet hath been among them.

Israel's Lack of Shepherds

34 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
2 Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD unto the shepherds; Woe *be* to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the flocks?
3 Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill them that are fed: *but* ye feed not the flock.
4 The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up *that which was* broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them.
5 And they were scattered, because *there is* no shepherd: and they became meat to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered.
6 My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek *after them*.

Judgment on Israel's Shepherds

7 Therefore, ye shepherds, hear the word of the LORD;
8 *As* I live, saith the Lord GOD, surely because my flock became a prey, and my flock became meat to every beast of the field, because *there was* no shepherd, neither did my shepherds search for my flock, but the shepherds fed themselves, and fed not my flock;
9 Therefore, O ye shepherds, hear the word of the LORD;
10 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I *am* against the shepherds; and I will require my flock at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; for I will deliver my flock from their mouth, that they may not be meat for them.

God Will Feed His Flock

11 For thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I, *even* I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out.
12 As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep *that are* scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.
13 And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country.
14 I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie in a good fold, and *in* a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel.
15 I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord GOD.
16 I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up *that which was* broken, and will strengthen that which was sick: but I will

34:14 good

(Heb. *tob*) (Gen. 1:4; Ex. 18:17; Deut. 6:18; Ps. 34:14) H2896: The word means pleasing or good, to be pleasant, beneficial, or delightful. Because the Lord is, by nature, good (Ps. 25:8; 34:8), all that He makes and does is good (Gen. 1:31; Ps. 125:4). He gives good gifts (Deut. 8:7; 26:11; Ps. 103:5), and all His commands are for our well-being (Deut. 6:24; 10:13). Often His goodness is coupled with His loyal love (Ps. 69:16; 107:1). The people of God are to imitate Him in doing good (Ps. 37:3, 27) and "overcome evil with good" (Rom. 12:21).

34:14 fat ▸ *see Judg. 3:29.*

destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judgment.

God Will Judge His Flock

17 And *as for* you, O my flock, thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I judge between cattle and cattle, between the rams and the he goats.
18 *Seemeth it* a small thing unto you to have eaten up the good pasture, but ye must tread down with your feet the residue of your pastures? and to have drunk of the deep waters, but ye must foul the residue with your feet?
19 And *as for* my flock, they eat that which ye have trodden with your feet; and they drink that which ye have fouled with your feet.
20 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD unto them; Behold, I, *even* I, will judge between the fat cattle and between the lean cattle.
21 Because ye have thrust with side and with shoulder, and pushed all the diseased with your horns, till ye have scattered them abroad;
22 Therefore will I save my flock, and they shall no more be a prey; and I will judge between cattle and cattle.

A Covenant of Peace

23 And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, *even* my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd.
24 And I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David a prince among them; I the LORD have spoken *it*.
25 And I will make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land: and they shall dwell safely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods.
26 And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing.
27 And the tree of the field shall yield her fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase, and they shall be safe in their land, and shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have broken the bands of their yoke, and delivered them out of the hand of those that served themselves of them.
28 And they shall no more be a prey to the heathen, neither shall the beast of the land devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and none shall make *them* afraid.

A Plant of Renown

29 And I will raise up for them a plant of renown, and they shall be no more consumed with hunger in the land, neither bear the shame of the heathen any more.
30 Thus shall they know that I the LORD their God *am* with them, and *that* they, *even* the house of Israel, *are* my people, saith the Lord GOD.
31 And ye my flock, the flock of my pasture, *are* men, *and* I *am* your God, saith the Lord GOD.

Judgment on Mount Seir

35 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
2 Son of man, set thy face against mount Seir, and prophesy against it,
3 And say unto it, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O mount Seir, I *am* against thee, and I will stretch out mine hand against thee, and I will make thee most desolate.
4 I will lay thy cities waste, and thou shalt be desolate, and thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD.
5 Because thou hast had a perpetual hatred, and hast shed *the blood of* the children of Israel by the force of the sword in the time of their calamity, in the time *that their* iniquity *had* an end:
6 Therefore, *as* I live, saith the Lord GOD, I will prepare thee unto blood, and blood shall pursue thee: sith thou hast not hated blood, even blood shall pursue thee.
7 Thus will I make mount Seir most

34:25 woods ▸ *see Ps. 50:10.*
34:31 pasture ▸ *see Hos. 13:6.*

35:5 hatred

(Heb. *'ebah*) (Gen. 3:15; Num. 35:21; Ezek. 25:15) H0342: The word refers to deep-rooted hostility. The Bible predicts this kind of vicious enmity between the serpent of the Garden of Eden and Eve's offspring (Gen. 3:15). The word is used to describe a fight ending in death between two men (Num. 35:21), and—as used here—employs it to refer to the bad blood between enemy nations. In the New Testament, we are told that "the friendship of the world is enmity with God" (James 4:4), and that "the carnal mind" is as well (Rom. 8:7). Only Christ has the power to reconcile all things to Himself (Col. 1:20).

desolate, and cut off from it him that passeth out and him that returneth.
8 And I will fill his mountains with his slain *men:* in thy hills, and in thy valleys, and in all thy rivers, shall they fall that are slain with the sword.
9 I will make thee perpetual desolations, and thy cities shall not return: and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

Boastings Against God

10 Because thou hast said, These two nations and these two countries shall be mine, and we will possess it; whereas the LORD was there:
11 Therefore, *as* I live, saith the Lord GOD, I will even do according to thine anger, and according to thine envy which thou hast used out of thy hatred against them; and I will make myself known among them, when I have judged thee.
12 And thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD, *and that* I have heard all thy blasphemies which thou hast spoken against the mountains of Israel, saying, They are laid desolate, they are given us to consume.
13 Thus with your mouth ye have boasted against me, and have multiplied your words against me: I have heard *them.*
14 Thus saith the Lord GOD; When the whole earth rejoiceth, I will make thee desolate.
15 As thou didst rejoice at the inheritance of the house of Israel, because it was desolate, so will I do unto thee: thou shalt be desolate, O mount Seir, and all Idumea, *even* all of it: and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

Judgment on Surrounding Nations

36 Also, thou son of man, prophesy unto the mountains of Israel, and say, Ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the LORD:
2 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because the enemy hath said against you, Aha, even the ancient high places are ours in possession:
3 Therefore prophesy and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because they have made *you* desolate, and swallowed you up on every side, that ye might be a possession unto the residue of the heathen, and ye are taken up in the lips of talkers, and *are* an infamy of the people:
4 Therefore, ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord GOD; Thus saith the Lord GOD to the mountains, and to the hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys, to the desolate wastes, and to the cities that are forsaken, which became a prey and derision to the residue of the heathen that *are* round about;
5 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Surely in the fire of my jealousy have I spoken against the residue of the heathen, and against all Idumea, which have appointed my land into their possession with the joy of all *their* heart, with despiteful minds, to cast it out for a prey.
6 Prophesy therefore concerning the land of Israel, and say unto the mountains, and to the hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I have spoken in my jealousy and in my fury, because ye have borne the shame of the heathen:
7 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; I have lifted up mine hand, Surely the heathen that *are* about you, they shall bear their shame.

Israel Will Be Fruitful

8 But ye, O mountains of Israel, ye shall shoot forth your branches, and yield your fruit to my people of Israel; for they are at hand to come.
9 For, behold, I *am* for you, and I will turn unto you, and ye shall be tilled and sown:
10 And I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Israel, *even* all of it: and the cities shall be inhabited, and the wastes shall be builded:
11 And I will multiply upon you man and beast; and they shall increase and bring fruit: and I will settle you after your old estates,

35:11 hatred ▸ *see Ps. 109:5.*

36:5 prey

(Heb. *baz*) (Num. 31:32; Deut. 1:39; Jer. 2:14) H0957: This common word (esp. in the prophets) also means booty (Jer. 49:32) or spoil (Jer. 15:13; Ezek. 25:7). It is typically used in passages that describe military conquests and the seizing of people and/or plunder as the spoils of war (Jer. 49:32). In the New Testament, Jesus described Himself as the one who is able to bind Satan and plunder His kingdom (Matt. 12:29), rescuing the souls the devil has captured and blinded. The apostle Paul employs this same image in 2 Corinthians 2:14, showing Christ leading believers (i.e., the spoils of war) in a victor's parade.

and will do better *unto you* than at your beginnings: and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.
12 Yea, I will cause men to walk upon you, *even* my people Israel; and they shall possess thee, and thou shalt be their inheritance, and thou shalt no more henceforth bereave them *of men*.
13 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because they say unto you, Thou *land* devourest up men, and hast bereaved thy nations;
14 Therefore thou shalt devour men no more, neither bereave thy nations any more, saith the Lord GOD.
15 Neither will I cause *men* to hear in thee the shame of the heathen any more, neither shalt thou bear the reproach of the people any more, neither shalt thou cause thy nations to fall any more, saith the Lord GOD.

God's Holy Name Is Profaned

16 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
17 Son of man, when the house of Israel dwelt in their own land, they defiled it by their own way and by their doings: their way was before me as the uncleanness of a removed woman.
18 Wherefore I poured my fury upon them for the blood that they had shed upon the land, and for their idols *wherewith* they had polluted it:
19 And I scattered them among the heathen, and they were dispersed through the countries: according to their way and according to their doings I judged them.
20 And when they entered unto the heathen, whither they went, they profaned my holy name, when they said to them, These *are* the people of the LORD, and are gone forth out of his land.

God's Holy Name Is Sanctified

21 But I had pity for mine holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the heathen, whither they went.
22 Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; I do not *this* for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for mine holy name's sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen, whither ye went.
23 And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I *am* the LORD, saith the Lord GOD, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes.
24 For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land.

A New Heart and Spirit

25 Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.
26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.
27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do *them*.
28 And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.
29 I will also save you from all your uncleannesses: and I will call for the corn, and will increase it, and lay no famine upon you.
30 And I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field, that ye shall receive no more reproach of famine among the heathen.
31 Then shall ye remember your own evil ways, and your doings that *were* not good, and shall lothe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations.
32 Not for your sakes do I *this,* saith the Lord GOD, be it known unto you: be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O house of Israel.

A Land Like the Garden of Eden

33 Thus saith the Lord GOD; In the day that I shall have cleansed you from all your iniquities I will also cause *you* to dwell in the cities, and the wastes shall be builded.
34 And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by.

36:23 profane ▸ *see Lev. 22:15.*
36:25 sprinkle ▸ *see Ex. 9:8.*
36:25 clean ▸ *see Lev. 13:37.*
36:26 heart ▸ *see Ps. 51:10.*
36:29 uncleanness ▸ *see 2 Sam. 11:4.*

35 And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities *are become* fenced, *and* are inhabited.
36 Then the heathen that are left round about you shall know that I the LORD build the ruined *places, and* plant that that was desolate: I the LORD have spoken *it,* and I will do *it.*
37 Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will yet *for* this be enquired of by the house of Israel, to do *it* for them; I will increase them with men like a flock.
38 As the holy flock, as the flock of Jerusalem in her solemn feasts; so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men: and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

The Valley of Dry Bones

37 The hand of the LORD was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley which *was* full of bones,
2 And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, *there were* very many in the open valley; and, lo, *they were* very dry.
3 And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord GOD, thou knowest.
4 Again he said unto me, Prophesy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.
5 Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live:
6 And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.
7 So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone.
8 And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but *there was* no breath in them.

A Breath from the Four Winds

9 Then said he unto me, Prophesy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.
10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.
11 Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts.
12 Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.
13 And ye shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves,
14 And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken *it,* and performed *it,* saith the LORD.
15 The word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,
16 Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it, For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions: then take another stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and *for* all the house of Israel his companions:
17 And join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in thine hand.
18 And when the children of thy people shall speak unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not shew us what thou *meanest* by these?
19 Say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which *is* in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with

36:35 Eden ▸ *see Gen. 2:15.*
37:4 dry ▸ *see Num. 11:6.*

37:6 sinew

(Heb. *gid*) (Gen. 32:32; Job 10:11; Is. 48:4) H1517: Here is the rare word for tendon, i.e., the ligaments that connect the bones of the body (Job 40:17). Ezekiel's vision pictures Israel as a bunch of dry, scattered bones being gathered, rejoined, and reanimated. In the New Testament, the apostle Paul uses ligament imagery to paint a similar picture of God's eternal plan for the church: "the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth" (Eph. 4:16).

him, *even* with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand.
20 And the sticks whereon thou writest shall be in thine hand before their eyes.

Two Kingdoms Become One

21 And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land:
22 And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all:
23 Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwellingplaces, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God.
24 And David my servant *shall be* king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them.
25 And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, *even* they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and my servant David *shall be* their prince for ever.

An Everlasting Covenant of Peace

26 Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore.
27 My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
28 And the heathen shall know that I the LORD do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore.

Judgment on Gog

38 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
2 Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him,
3 And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I *am* against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:
4 And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts *of armour, even* a great company *with* bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords:
5 Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet:
6 Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands: *and* many people with thee.
7 Be thou prepared, and prepare for thyself, thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a guard unto them.
8 After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land *that is* brought back from the sword, *and is* gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them.
9 Thou shalt ascend and come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy bands, and many people with thee.

Gog's Evil Thought

10 Thus saith the Lord GOD; It shall also come to pass, *that* at the same time shall things come into thy mind, and thou shalt think an evil thought:
11 And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them

38:2 Gog

(Heb. *gog*) (Ezek. 39:1) H1463: Ezekiel prophesied God's judgment against "Gog, of the land of Magog" (Ezek. 38:2). The land of Magog is named with Meshech and Tubal, regions near Asia Minor (Gen. 10:2; Ezek. 38:2). But more than as a specific person and territory, Ezekiel uses Gog and Magog to represent vast armies invading Israel from the north in the end times (Ezek. 38:8). They oppose God and seek to destroy His people Israel, but God promises to deliver them (Ezek. 38:14–23). In the Book of Revelation, Gog and Magog lead evil nations deceived by Satan and opposed to God and the kingdom of Christ (Rev. 20:8).

38:6 band ▸ *see Ezek. 39:4.*

that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates,
12 To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places *that are now* inhabited, and upon the people *that are* gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land.
13 Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take a spoil? hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil?

Israel Faces the Powerful Nations

14 Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say unto Gog, Thus saith the Lord GOD; In that day when my people of Israel dwelleth safely, shalt thou not know *it?*
15 And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou, and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army:
16 And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my land, that the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes.

The Fire of God's Wrath

17 Thus saith the Lord GOD; *Art* thou he of whom I have spoken in old time by my servants the prophets of Israel, which prophesied in those days *many* years that I would bring thee against them?
18 And it shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord GOD, *that* my fury shall come up in my face.
19 For in my jealousy *and* in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel;
20 So that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that *are* upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.
21 And I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains, saith the Lord GOD: every man's sword shall be against his brother.
22 And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that *are* with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone.
23 Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

The Destruction of Gog's Army

39 Therefore, thou son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I *am* against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:
2 And I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee, and will cause thee to come up from the north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel:
3 And I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand.
4 Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands, and the people that *is* with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and *to* the beasts of the field to be devoured.
5 Thou shalt fall upon the open field: for I have spoken *it,* saith the Lord GOD.
6 And I will send a fire on Magog, and among them that dwell carelessly in the isles: and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.
7 So will I make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel; and I will not *let them* pollute my holy name any more: and

38:23 know ▸ *see Ex. 3:7.*
39:1 Gog ▸ *see Ezek. 38:2.*

39:4 band

(Heb. *'aggaph*) (Ezek. 12:14; 17:21; 38:6) H0102: Used only by the prophet Ezekiel, this word can also be translated as troop or army. It distinguishes military personnel from the general populace. Some scholars believe it may be related to the word *nagaph* (H5062), which means to strike or smite.

the heathen shall know that I *am* the LORD, the Holy One in Israel.

Israel to Take of the Spoils

8 Behold, it is come, and it is done, saith the Lord GOD; this *is* the day whereof I have spoken.
9 And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the handstaves, and the spears, and they shall burn them with fire seven years:
10 So that they shall take no wood out of the field, neither cut down *any* out of the forests; for they shall burn the weapons with fire: and they shall spoil those that spoiled them, and rob those that robbed them, saith the Lord GOD.

Seven Months of Burials

11 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* I will give unto Gog a place there of graves in Israel, the valley of the passengers on the east of the sea: and it shall stop the *noses* of the passengers: and there shall they bury Gog and all his multitude: and they shall call *it* The valley of Hamon-gog.
12 And seven months shall the house of Israel be burying of them, that they may cleanse the land.
13 Yea, all the people of the land shall bury *them;* and it shall be to them a renown the day that I shall be glorified, saith the Lord GOD.
14 And they shall sever out men of continual employment, passing through the land to bury with the passengers those that remain upon the face of the earth, to cleanse it: after the end of seven months shall they search.
15 And the passengers *that* pass through the land, when *any* seeth a man's bone, then shall he set up a sign by it, till the buriers have buried it in the valley of Hamon-gog.
16 And also the name of the city *shall be* Hamonah. Thus shall they cleanse the land.

A Great Sacrifice

17 And, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord GOD; Speak unto every feathered fowl, and to every beast of the field, Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice that I do sacrifice for you, *even* a great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel, that ye may eat flesh, and drink blood.
18 Ye shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bullocks, all of them fatlings of Bashan.
19 And ye shall eat fat till ye be full, and drink blood till ye be drunken, of my sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you.
20 Thus ye shall be filled at my table with horses and chariots, with mighty men, and with all men of war, saith the Lord GOD.
21 And I will set my glory among the heathen, and all the heathen shall see my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid upon them.
22 So the house of Israel shall know that I *am* the LORD their God from that day and forward.
23 And the heathen shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity: because they trespassed against me, therefore hid I my face from them, and gave them into the hand of their enemies: so fell they all by the sword.
24 According to their uncleanness and according to their transgressions have I done unto them, and hid my face from them.
25 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Now will I bring again the captivity of Jacob, and have mercy upon the whole house of Israel, and will be jealous for my holy name;
26 After that they have borne their shame, and all their trespasses whereby they have trespassed against me, when they dwelt safely in their land, and none made *them* afraid.
27 When I have brought them again from the people, and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and am sanctified in them in the sight of many nations;
28 Then shall they know that I *am* the LORD their God, which caused them to be led into captivity among the heathen: but I have gathered them unto their own land, and have left none of them any more there.
29 Neither will I hide my face any more from them: for I have poured out my spirit upon the house of Israel, saith the Lord GOD.

39:8 be done ▸ *see Gen. 27:1.*
39:18 bullock ▸ *see 1 Chr. 15:26.*
39:19 fat ▸ *see Gen. 45:18.*

Ezekiel's Temple Vision

40 In the five and twentieth year of our captivity, in the beginning of the year, in the tenth *day* of the month, in the fourteenth year after that the city was smitten, in the selfsame day the hand of the LORD was upon me, and brought me thither.
2 In the visions of God brought he me into the land of Israel, and set me upon a very high mountain, by which *was* as the frame of a city on the south.
3 And he brought me thither, and, behold, *there was* a man, whose appearance *was* like the appearance of brass, with a line of flax in his hand, and a measuring reed; and he stood in the gate.
4 And the man said unto me, Son of man, behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears, and set thine heart upon all that I shall shew thee; for to the intent that I might shew *them* unto thee *art* thou brought hither: declare all that thou seest to the house of Israel.
5 And behold a wall on the outside of the house round about, and in the man's hand a measuring reed of six cubits *long* by the cubit and an hand breadth: so he measured the breadth of the building, one reed; and the height, one reed.

The East Gate

6 Then came he unto the gate which looketh toward the east, and went up the stairs thereof, and measured the threshold of the gate, *which was* one reed broad; and the other threshold *of the gate, which was* one reed broad.
7 And *every* little chamber *was* one reed long, and one reed broad; and between the little chambers *were* five cubits; and the threshold of the gate by the porch of the gate within *was* one reed.
8 He measured also the porch of the gate within, one reed.
9 Then measured he the porch of the gate, eight cubits; and the posts thereof, two cubits; and the porch of the gate *was* inward.
10 And the little chambers of the gate eastward *were* three on this side, and three on that side; they three *were* of one measure: and the posts had one measure on this side and on that side.
11 And he measured the breadth of the entry of the gate, ten cubits; *and* the length of the gate, thirteen cubits.
12 The space also before the little chambers *was* one cubit *on this side,* and the space *was* one cubit on that side: and the little chambers *were* six cubits on this side, and six cubits on that side.
13 He measured then the gate from the roof of *one* little chamber to the roof of another: the breadth *was* five and twenty cubits, door against door.
14 He made also posts of threescore cubits, even unto the post of the court round about the gate.
15 And from the face of the gate of the entrance unto the face of the porch of the inner gate *were* fifty cubits.
16 And *there were* narrow windows to the little chambers, and to their posts within the gate round about, and likewise to the arches: and windows *were* round about inward: and upon *each* post *were* palm trees.
17 Then brought he me into the outward court, and, lo, *there were* chambers, and a pavement made for the court round about: thirty chambers *were* upon the pavement.
18 And the pavement by the side of the gates over against the length of the gates *was* the lower pavement.
19 Then he measured the breadth from the forefront of the lower gate unto the forefront of the inner court without, an hundred cubits eastward and northward.

The North Gate

20 And the gate of the outward court that looked toward the north, he measured the length thereof, and the breadth thereof.
21 And the little chambers thereof *were* three on this side and three on that side; and

40:3 appearance

(Heb. *mar'eh*) (Gen. 39:6; Ex. 24:17; Num. 9:15) H4758: This noun refers to a sight or vision, typically something phenomenal or spectacular (Judg. 13:6). It can, however, refer to seeing something as common as a person's noteworthy physique or looks (1 Sam. 16:7; 17:42; 2 Sam. 11:2) or a suspicious skin disorder (Lev. 13:3). In the prophet Ezekiel's case, he saw a man glowing like bronze.

40:3 brass ▸ *see 2 Chr. 2:7.*
40:6 stairs ▸ *see Amos 9:6.*

the posts thereof and the arches thereof were after the measure of the first gate: the length thereof *was* fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits.
22 And their windows, and their arches, and their palm trees, *were* after the measure of the gate that looketh toward the east; and they went up unto it by seven steps; and the arches thereof *were* before them.
23 And the gate of the inner court *was* over against the gate toward the north, and toward the east; and he measured from gate to gate an hundred cubits.

The South Gate

24 After that he brought me toward the south, and behold a gate toward the south: and he measured the posts thereof and the arches thereof according to these measures.
25 And *there were* windows in it and in the arches thereof round about, like those windows: the length *was* fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits.
26 And *there were* seven steps to go up to it, and the arches thereof *were* before them: and it had palm trees, one on this side, and another on that side, upon the posts thereof.

The Inner Court

27 And *there was* a gate in the inner court toward the south: and he measured from gate to gate toward the south an hundred cubits.
28 And he brought me to the inner court by the south gate: and he measured the south gate according to these measures;
29 And the little chambers thereof, and the posts thereof, and the arches thereof, according to these measures: and *there were* windows in it and in the arches thereof round about: *it was* fifty cubits long, and five and twenty cubits broad.
30 And the arches round about *were* five and twenty cubits long, and five cubits broad.
31 And the arches thereof *were* toward the utter court; and palm trees *were* upon the posts thereof: and the going up to it *had* eight steps.
32 And he brought me into the inner court toward the east: and he measured the gate according to these measures.
33 And the little chambers thereof, and the posts thereof, and the arches thereof, *were* according to these measures: and *there were* windows therein and in the arches thereof round about: *it was* fifty cubits long, and five and twenty cubits broad.
34 And the arches thereof *were* toward the outward court; and palm trees *were* upon the posts thereof, on this side, and on that side: and the going up to it *had* eight steps.
35 And he brought me to the north gate, and measured *it* according to these measures;
36 The little chambers thereof, the posts thereof, and the arches thereof, and the windows to it round about: the length *was* fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits.
37 And the posts thereof *were* toward the utter court; and palm trees *were* upon the posts thereof, on this side, and on that side: and the going up to it *had* eight steps.
38 And the chambers and the entries thereof *were* by the posts of the gates, where they washed the burnt offering.

The Tables for Sacrifices

39 And in the porch of the gate *were* two tables on this side, and two tables on that side, to slay thereon the burnt offering and the sin offering and the trespass offering.
40 And at the side without, as one goeth up to the entry of the north gate, *were* two tables; and on the other side, which *was* at the porch of the gate, *were* two tables.
41 Four tables *were* on this side, and four tables on that side, by the side of the gate; eight tables, whereupon they slew *their sacrifices.*
42 And the four tables *were* of hewn stone for the burnt offering, of a cubit and an half long, and a cubit and an half broad, and one cubit high: whereupon also they laid the instruments wherewith they slew the burnt offering and the sacrifice.
43 And within *were* hooks, an hand broad, fastened round about: and upon the tables *was* the flesh of the offering.

Chambers and Porches

44 And without the inner gate *were* the chambers of the singers in the inner court, which *was* at the side of the north gate; and their prospect *was* toward the south: one at the side of the east gate *having* the prospect toward the north.
45 And he said unto me, This chamber, whose prospect *is* toward the south, *is* for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the house.

46 And the chamber whose prospect *is* toward the north *is* for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the altar: these *are* the sons of Zadok among the sons of Levi, which come near to the LORD to minister unto him.
47 So he measured the court, an hundred cubits long, and an hundred cubits broad, foursquare; and the altar *that was* before the house.
48 And he brought me to the porch of the house, and measured *each* post of the porch, five cubits on this side, and five cubits on that side: and the breadth of the gate *was* three cubits on this side, and three cubits on that side.
49 The length of the porch *was* twenty cubits, and the breadth eleven cubits; and *he brought me* by the steps whereby they went up to it: and *there were* pillars by the posts, one on this side, and another on that side.

The Temple Measurements

41 Afterward he brought me to the temple, and measured the posts, six cubits broad on the one side, and six cubits broad on the other side, *which was* the breadth of the tabernacle.
2 And the breadth of the door *was* ten cubits; and the sides of the door *were* five cubits on the one side, and five cubits on the other side: and he measured the length thereof, forty cubits: and the breadth, twenty cubits.
3 Then went he inward, and measured the post of the door, two cubits; and the door, six cubits; and the breadth of the door, seven cubits.
4 So he measured the length thereof, twenty cubits; and the breadth, twenty cubits, before the temple: and he said unto me, This *is* the most holy *place*.
5 After he measured the wall of the house, six cubits; and the breadth of *every* side chamber, four cubits, round about the house on every side.

The Side Chambers

6 And the side chambers *were* three, one over another, and thirty in order; and they entered into the wall which *was* of the house for the side chambers round about, that they might have hold, but they had not hold in the wall of the house.
7 And *there was* an enlarging, and a winding about still upward to the side chambers: for the winding about of the house went still upward round about the house: therefore the breadth of the house *was still* upward, and so increased *from* the lowest *chamber* to the highest by the midst.
8 I saw also the height of the house round about: the foundations of the side chambers *were* a full reed of six great cubits.
9 The thickness of the wall, which *was* for the side chamber without, *was* five cubits: and *that* which *was* left *was* the place of the side chambers that *were* within.
10 And between the chambers *was* the wideness of twenty cubits round about the house on every side.
11 And the doors of the side chambers *were* toward *the place that was* left, one door toward the north, and another door toward the south: and the breadth of the place that was left *was* five cubits round about.
12 Now the building that *was* before the separate place at the end toward the west *was* seventy cubits broad; and the wall of the building *was* five cubits thick round about, and the length thereof ninety cubits.

Total Measurements of the Temple

13 So he measured the house, an hundred cubits long; and the separate place, and the building, with the walls thereof, an hundred cubits long;
14 Also the breadth of the face of the house, and of the separate place toward the east, an hundred cubits.
15 And he measured the length of the building over against the separate place which *was* behind it, and the galleries thereof on the one side and on the other side, an hundred cubits, with the inner temple, and the porches of the court;

41:8 cubit

(Heb. *'ammah*) (Gen. 6:15; Ex. 37:1; 1 Sam. 17:4) H0520: This Hebrew noun refers to a measurement of distance, specifically the length of an average man's forearm from his elbow to the tip of his hand. For estimation (and conversion) purposes, most English Bibles set this distance at about 18 inches. This would make Goliath's height (1 Sam. 17:4) more than nine feet. Noah's ark, by this standard of measure, would have been more than 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high.

16 The door posts, and the narrow windows, and the galleries round about on their three stories, over against the door, cieled with wood round about, and from the ground up to the windows, and the windows *were* covered;
17 To that above the door, even unto the inner house, and without, and by all the wall round about within and without, by measure.
18 And *it was* made with cherubims and palm trees, so that a palm tree *was* between a cherub and a cherub; and *every* cherub had two faces;
19 So that the face of a man *was* toward the palm tree on the one side, and the face of a young lion toward the palm tree on the other side: *it was* made through all the house round about.
20 From the ground unto above the door *were* cherubims and palm trees made, and *on* the wall of the temple.
21 The posts of the temple *were* squared, *and* the face of the sanctuary; the appearance *of the one* as the appearance *of the other.*

The Altar of Wood

22 The altar of wood *was* three cubits high, and the length thereof two cubits; and the corners thereof, and the length thereof, and the walls thereof, *were* of wood: and he said unto me, This *is* the table that *is* before the LORD.

The Two Doors

23 And the temple and the sanctuary had two doors.
24 And the doors had two leaves *apiece,* two turning leaves; two *leaves* for the one door, and two leaves for the other *door.*
25 And *there were* made on them, on the doors of the temple, cherubims and palm trees, like as *were* made upon the walls; and *there were* thick planks upon the face of the porch without.
26 And *there were* narrow windows and palm trees on the one side and on the other side, on the sides of the porch, and *upon* the side chambers of the house, and thick planks.

The North Chambers

42 Then he brought me forth into the utter court, the way toward the north: and he brought me into the chamber that *was* over against the separate place, and which *was* before the building toward the north.
2 Before the length of an hundred cubits *was* the north door, and the breadth *was* fifty cubits.
3 Over against the twenty *cubits* which *were* for the inner court, and over against the pavement which *was* for the utter court, *was* gallery against gallery in three *stories.*
4 And before the chambers *was* a walk of ten cubits breadth inward, a way of one cubit; and their doors toward the north.

The Upper Chambers

5 Now the upper chambers *were* shorter: for the galleries were higher than these, than the lower, and than the middlemost of the building.
6 For they *were* in three *stories,* but had not pillars as the pillars of the courts: therefore *the building* was straitened more than the lowest and the middlemost from the ground.
7 And the wall that *was* without over against the chambers, toward the utter court on the forepart of the chambers, the length thereof *was* fifty cubits.
8 For the length of the chambers that *were* in the utter court *was* fifty cubits: and, lo, before the temple *were* an hundred cubits.

The East and the South Chambers

9 And from under these chambers *was* the entry on the east side, as one goeth into them from the utter court.
10 The chambers *were* in the thickness of the wall of the court toward the east, over against the separate place, and over against the building.
11 And the way before them *was* like the appearance of the chambers which *were* toward the north, as long as they, *and* as broad as they: and all their goings out *were* both according to their fashions, and according to their doors.
12 And according to the doors of the chambers that *were* toward the south *was* a door in the head of the way, *even* the way directly before the wall toward the east, as one entereth into them.

The Use of the Chambers

13 Then said he unto me, The north chambers *and* the south chambers, which *are*

before the separate place, they *be* holy chambers, where the priests that approach unto the LORD shall eat the most holy things: there shall they lay the most holy things, and the meat offering, and the sin offering, and the trespass offering; for the place *is* holy.
14 When the priests enter therein, then shall they not go out of the holy *place* into the utter court, but there they shall lay their garments wherein they minister; for they *are* holy; and shall put on other garments, and shall approach *to those things* which *are* for the people.
15 Now when he had made an end of measuring the inner house, he brought me forth toward the gate whose prospect *is* toward the east, and measured it round about.
16 He measured the east side with the measuring reed, five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed round about.
17 He measured the north side, five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed round about.
18 He measured the south side, five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed.
19 He turned about to the west side, *and* measured five hundred reeds with the measuring reed.
20 He measured it by the four sides: it had a wall round about, five hundred *reeds* long, and five hundred broad, to make a separation between the sanctuary and the profane place.

Ezekiel at the East Gate

43 Afterward he brought me to the gate, *even* the gate that looketh toward the east:
2 And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east: and his voice *was* like a noise of many waters: and the earth shined with his glory.
3 And *it was* according to the appearance of the vision which I saw, *even* according to the vision that I saw when I came to destroy the city: and the visions *were* like the vision that I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell upon my face.

The Glory of the Lord Comes In

4 And the glory of the LORD came into the house by the way of the gate whose prospect *is* toward the east.
5 So the spirit took me up, and brought me into the inner court; and, behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house.
6 And I heard *him* speaking unto me out of the house; and the man stood by me.
7 And he said unto me, Son of man, the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel for ever, and my holy name, shall the house of Israel no more defile, *neither* they, nor their kings, by their whoredom, nor by the carcases of their kings in their high places.
8 In their setting of their threshold by my thresholds, and their post by my posts, and the wall between me and them, they have even defiled my holy name by their abominations that they have committed: wherefore I have consumed them in mine anger.
9 Now let them put away their whoredom, and the carcases of their kings, far from me, and I will dwell in the midst of them for ever.

The Law of the House

10 Thou son of man, shew the house to the

42:13 approach

(Heb. *qarob*) (Gen. 19:20; Ex. 13:17; Ps. 34:18) H7138: The basic idea behind this adjective is near, close, or being in proximity to (Ex. 13:17). It is used to speak of a close relative (2 Sam. 19:42) or the nearness of God (Lev. 10:3; Ps. 34:18), or closeness to an object (1 Kin. 21:2) or land (2 Chr. 6:36). It is also used to refer to an approaching time (Deut. 32:35; Is. 13:6). In the incarnation, God, in Christ, drew near (John 1:14) to humanity. One of the recurring challenges of the New Testament is for the people of God to be watchful for the approaching Day of the Lord (Heb. 10:25).

43:2 glory

(Heb. *kabod*) (Ex. 24:16; 40:35; 1 Kin. 8:11; Ps. 8:5) H3519: This word is derived from a Hebrew verb which is used to describe the weight or worthiness of something. It can refer to something negative: For example, in reference to Sodom, it depicts the severe degree of sin that had reached the point of making that city worthy of complete destruction (Gen. 18:20). But usually the word is used to depict greatness and splendor (Gen. 31:1). The noun form is translated "honour" in some instances (1 Kin. 3:13). God's glory is described in the Old Testament as taking the form of a cloud (Ex. 24:15–18) and filling the temple (1 Kin. 8:11). The appropriate response to God's glory is to reverence Him by bowing before Him, as Ezekiel did (Ezek. 3:23; 43:3).

house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities: and let them measure the pattern.
11 And if they be ashamed of all that they have done, shew them the form of the house, and the fashion thereof, and the goings out thereof, and the comings in thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the laws thereof: and write *it* in their sight, that they may keep the whole form thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and do them.
12 This *is* the law of the house; Upon the top of the mountain the whole limit thereof round about *shall be* most holy. Behold, this *is* the law of the house.
13 And these *are* the measures of the altar after the cubits: The cubit *is* a cubit and an hand breadth; even the bottom *shall be* a cubit, and the breadth a cubit, and the border thereof by the edge thereof round about *shall be* a span: and this *shall be* the higher place of the altar.
14 And from the bottom *upon* the ground *even* to the lower settle *shall be* two cubits, and the breadth one cubit; and from the lesser settle *even* to the greater settle *shall be* four cubits, and the breadth *one* cubit.
15 So the altar *shall be* four cubits; and from the altar and upward *shall be* four horns.
16 And the altar *shall be* twelve *cubits* long, twelve broad, square in the four squares thereof.
17 And the settle *shall be* fourteen *cubits* long and fourteen broad in the four squares thereof; and the border about it *shall be* half a cubit; and the bottom thereof *shall be* a cubit about; and his stairs shall look toward the east.

The First Day of Consecration

18 And he said unto me, Son of man, thus saith the Lord GOD; These *are* the ordinances of the altar in the day when they shall make it, to offer burnt offerings thereon, and to sprinkle blood thereon.
19 And thou shalt give to the priests the Levites that be of the seed of Zadok, which approach unto me, to minister unto me, saith the Lord GOD, a young bullock for a sin offering.
20 And thou shalt take of the blood thereof, and put *it* on the four horns of it, and on the four corners of the settle, and upon the border round about: thus shalt thou cleanse and purge it.
21 Thou shalt take the bullock also of the sin offering, and he shall burn it in the appointed place of the house, without the sanctuary.

The Second Day of Consecration

22 And on the second day thou shalt offer a kid of the goats without blemish for a sin offering; and they shall cleanse the altar, as they did cleanse *it* with the bullock.
23 When thou hast made an end of cleansing *it,* thou shalt offer a young bullock without blemish, and a ram out of the flock without blemish.
24 And thou shalt offer them before the LORD, and the priests shall cast salt upon them, and they shall offer them up *for* a burnt offering unto the LORD.

Seven Days of Consecration

25 Seven days shalt thou prepare every day a goat *for* a sin offering: they shall also prepare a young bullock, and a ram out of the flock, without blemish.
26 Seven days shall they purge the altar and purify it; and they shall consecrate themselves.

The Eighth Day

27 And when these days are expired, it shall be, *that* upon the eighth day, and *so* forward, the priests shall make your burnt offerings upon the altar, and your peace offerings; and I will accept you, saith the Lord GOD.

The Gate of the Outward Sanctuary

44 Then he brought me back the way of the gate of the outward sanctuary which looketh toward the east; and it *was* shut.
2 Then said the LORD unto me; This gate shall be shut, it shall not be opened, and no man shall enter in by it; because the LORD, the God of Israel, hath entered in by it, therefore it shall be shut.
3 *It is* for the prince; the prince, he shall sit in it to eat bread before the LORD; he shall enter by the way of the porch of *that* gate, and shall go out by the way of the same.
4 Then brought he me the way of the north

43:25 goat ▸ *see Lev. 17:7.*

gate before the house: and I looked, and, behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD: and I fell upon my face.
5 And the LORD said unto me, Son of man, mark well, and behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears all that I say unto thee concerning all the ordinances of the house of the LORD, and all the laws thereof; and mark well the entering in of the house, with every going forth of the sanctuary.
6 And thou shalt say to the rebellious, *even* to the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; O ye house of Israel, let it suffice you of all your abominations,
7 In that ye have brought *into my sanctuary* strangers, uncircumcised in heart, and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in my sanctuary, to pollute it, *even* my house, when ye offer my bread, the fat and the blood, and they have broken my covenant because of all your abominations.
8 And ye have not kept the charge of mine holy things: but ye have set keepers of my charge in my sanctuary for yourselves.

The Levites' Iniquity

9 Thus saith the Lord GOD; No stranger, uncircumcised in heart, nor uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter into my sanctuary, of any stranger that *is* among the children of Israel.
10 And the Levites that are gone away far from me, when Israel went astray, which went astray away from me after their idols; they shall even bear their iniquity.
11 Yet they shall be ministers in my sanctuary, *having* charge at the gates of the house, and ministering to the house: they shall slay the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall stand before them to minister unto them.
12 Because they ministered unto them before their idols, and caused the house of Israel to fall into iniquity; therefore have I lifted up mine hand against them, saith the Lord GOD, and they shall bear their iniquity.

The Keepers of the House

13 And they shall not come near unto me, to do the office of a priest unto me, nor to come near to any of my holy things, in the most holy *place:* but they shall bear their shame, and their abominations which they have committed.
14 But I will make them keepers of the charge of the house, for all the service thereof, and for all that shall be done therein.
15 But the priests the Levites, the sons of Zadok, that kept the charge of my sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from me, they shall come near to me to minister unto me, and they shall stand before me to offer unto me the fat and the blood, saith the Lord GOD:
16 They shall enter into my sanctuary, and they shall come near to my table, to minister unto me, and they shall keep my charge.

Rules Concerning the Priests

17 And it shall come to pass, *that* when they enter in at the gates of the inner court, they shall be clothed with linen garments; and no wool shall come upon them, whiles they minister in the gates of the inner court, and within.
18 They shall have linen bonnets upon their heads, and shall have linen breeches upon their loins; they shall not gird *themselves* with any thing that causeth sweat.
19 And when they go forth into the utter court, *even* into the utter court to the people, they shall put off their garments wherein they ministered, and lay them in the holy chambers, and they shall put on other garments; and they shall not sanctify the people with their garments.
20 Neither shall they shave their heads, nor suffer their locks to grow long; they shall only poll their heads.
21 Neither shall any priest drink wine, when they enter into the inner court.
22 Neither shall they take for their wives

44:5 ear

(Heb. *'ozen*) (Gen. 35:4; Ex. 21:6; 1 Sam. 3:11) H0241: This noun refers to the literal external body part on the sides of the head (Ex. 29:20; Deut. 15:17)—especially the earlobe. More often it is used to speak of the capacity for hearing (i.e., the ability to recognize, interpret, and appreciate the meanings of sounds and words; see 1 Sam. 15:14; 2 Kin. 19:16). The famous statement of Jesus, "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear!" (Matt. 11:15) sums up the biblical call for people to listen to divine revelation with a view to responding with trust and obedience (Prov. 4:20).

44:13 do the office of a priest ▸ *see Deut. 10:6.*

a widow, nor her that is put away: but they shall take maidens of the seed of the house of Israel, or a widow that had a priest before.
23 And they shall teach my people *the difference* between the holy and profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.
24 And in controversy they shall stand in judgment; *and* they shall judge it according to my judgments: and they shall keep my laws and my statutes in all mine assemblies; and they shall hallow my sabbaths.
25 And they shall come at no dead person to defile themselves: but for father, or for mother, or for son, or for daughter, for brother, or for sister that hath had no husband, they may defile themselves.
26 And after he is cleansed, they shall reckon unto him seven days.
27 And in the day that he goeth into the sanctuary, unto the inner court, to minister in the sanctuary, he shall offer his sin offering, saith the Lord GOD.
28 And it shall be unto them for an inheritance: I *am* their inheritance: and ye shall give them no possession in Israel: I *am* their possession.
29 They shall eat the meat offering, and the sin offering, and the trespass offering; and every dedicated thing in Israel shall be theirs.
30 And the first of all the firstfruits of all *things,* and every oblation of all, of every *sort* of your oblations, shall be the priest's: ye shall also give unto the priest the first of your dough, that he may cause the blessing to rest in thine house.
31 The priests shall not eat of any thing that is dead of itself, or torn, whether it be fowl or beast.

A Holy Portion of the Land

45 Moreover, when ye shall divide by lot the land for inheritance, ye shall offer an oblation unto the LORD, an holy portion of the land: the length *shall be* the length of five and twenty thousand *reeds,* and the breadth *shall be* ten thousand. This *shall be* holy in all the borders thereof round about.
2 Of this there shall be for the sanctuary five hundred *in length,* with five hundred *in breadth,* square round about; and fifty cubits round about for the suburbs thereof.
3 And of this measure shalt thou measure the length of five and twenty thousand, and the breadth of ten thousand: and in it shall be the sanctuary *and* the most holy *place.*
4 The holy *portion* of the land shall be for the priests the ministers of the sanctuary, which shall come near to minister unto the LORD: and it shall be a place for their houses, and an holy place for the sanctuary.
5 And the five and twenty thousand of length, and the ten thousand of breadth, shall also the Levites, the ministers of the house, have for themselves, for a possession for twenty chambers.
6 And ye shall appoint the possession of the city five thousand broad, and five and twenty thousand long, over against the oblation of the holy *portion:* it shall be for the whole house of Israel.
7 And *a portion shall be* for the prince on the one side and on the other side of the oblation of the holy *portion,* and of the possession of the city, before the oblation of the holy *portion,* and before the possession of the city, from the west side westward, and from the east side eastward: and the length *shall be* over against one of the portions, from the west border unto the east border.
8 In the land shall be his possession in Israel: and my princes shall no more oppress my people; and *the rest of* the land shall they give to the house of Israel according to their tribes.

The Duties of the Prince

9 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Let it suffice you, O princes of Israel: remove violence and spoil, and execute judgment and justice, take away your exactions from my people, saith the Lord GOD.
10 Ye shall have just balances, and a just ephah, and a just bath.

45:10 balance ▸ *see Ps. 62:9.*

45:10 ephah

(Heb. *'ephah*) (Ex. 16:36; Judg. 6:19; Ruth 2:17) H0374: This was a Hebrew unit of measurement for dry goods like barley (Ruth 2:17), flour (1 Sam. 1:24) or grain (Is. 5:10). Estimates of its size range from 3/8 to 2/3 of a bushel, or about 22 liters. The Israelites, who were to be holy like their God (Ex. 19:6), were instructed—and expected—to use accurate measurements in all their commercial transactions (Lev. 19:36; Deut. 25:14).

11 The ephah and the bath shall be of one measure, that the bath may contain the tenth part of an homer, and the ephah the tenth part of an homer: the measure thereof shall be after the homer.
12 And the shekel *shall be* twenty gerahs: twenty shekels, five and twenty shekels, fifteen shekels, shall be your maneh.

The People's Offerings to the Prince

13 This *is* the oblation that ye shall offer; the sixth part of an ephah of an homer of wheat, and ye shall give the sixth part of an ephah of an homer of barley:
14 Concerning the ordinance of oil, the bath of oil, *ye shall offer* the tenth part of a bath out of the cor, *which is* an homer of ten baths; for ten baths *are* an homer:
15 And one lamb out of the flock, out of two hundred, out of the fat pastures of Israel; for a meat offering, and for a burnt offering, and for peace offerings, to make reconciliation for them, saith the Lord GOD.
16 All the people of the land shall give this oblation for the prince in Israel.

The Prince's Offerings to the Temple

17 And it shall be the prince's part *to give* burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and drink offerings, in the feasts, and in the new moons, and in the sabbaths, in all solemnities of the house of Israel: he shall prepare the sin offering, and the meat offering, and the burnt offering, and the peace offerings, to make reconciliation for the house of Israel.
18 Thus saith the Lord GOD; In the first *month,* in the first *day* of the month, thou shalt take a young bullock without blemish, and cleanse the sanctuary:
19 And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering, and put *it* upon the posts of the house, and upon the four corners of the settle of the altar, and upon the posts of the gate of the inner court.
20 And so thou shalt do the seventh *day* of the month for every one that erreth, and for *him that is* simple: so shall ye reconcile the house.

The Passover Feast

21 In the first *month,* in the fourteenth day of the month, ye shall have the passover, a feast of seven days; unleavened bread shall be eaten.
22 And upon that day shall the prince prepare for himself and for all the people of the land a bullock *for* a sin offering.
23 And seven days of the feast he shall prepare a burnt offering to the LORD, seven bullocks and seven rams without blemish daily the seven days; and a kid of the goats daily *for* a sin offering.
24 And he shall prepare a meat offering of an ephah for a bullock, and an ephah for a ram, and an hin of oil for an ephah.

The Feast of the Seven Days

25 In the seventh *month,* in the fifteenth day of the month, shall he do the like in the feast of the seven days, according to the sin offering, according to the burnt offering, and according to the meat offering, and according to the oil.

The East Gate of the Inner Court

46 Thus saith the Lord GOD; The gate of the inner court that looketh toward the east shall be shut the six working days; but on the sabbath it shall be opened, and in the day of the new moon it shall be opened.
2 And the prince shall enter by the way of the porch of *that* gate without, and shall stand by the post of the gate, and the priests shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, and he shall worship at the threshold of the gate: then he shall go forth; but the gate shall not be shut until the evening.
3 Likewise the people of the land shall worship at the door of this gate before the LORD in the sabbaths and in the new moons.

The Prince's Burnt and Meat Offerings

4 And the burnt offering that the prince shall offer unto the LORD in the sabbath day *shall be* six lambs without blemish, and a ram without blemish.
5 And the meat offering *shall be* an ephah for a ram, and the meat offering for the lambs as he shall be able to give, and an hin of oil to an ephah.

45:20 simple ▸ *see Prov. 7:7.*
45:21 passover ▸ *see 2 Chr. 35:1.*
45:21 seven ▸ *see 2 Chr. 8:13.*

6 And in the day of the new moon *it shall be* a young bullock without blemish, and six lambs, and a ram: they shall be without blemish.
7 And he shall prepare a meat offering, an ephah for a bullock, and an ephah for a ram, and for the lambs according as his hand shall attain unto, and an hin of oil to an ephah.
8 And when the prince shall enter, he shall go in by the way of the porch of *that* gate, and he shall go forth by the way thereof.

Enter and Leave by Separate Gates

9 But when the people of the land shall come before the LORD in the solemn feasts, he that entereth in by the way of the north gate to worship shall go out by the way of the south gate; and he that entereth by the way of the south gate shall go forth by the way of the north gate: he shall not return by the way of the gate whereby he came in, but shall go forth over against it.
10 And the prince in the midst of them, when they go in, shall go in; and when they go forth, shall go forth.
11 And in the feasts and in the solemnities the meat offering shall be an ephah to a bullock, and an ephah to a ram, and to the lambs as he is able to give, and an hin of oil to an ephah.
12 Now when the prince shall prepare a voluntary burnt offering or peace offerings voluntarily unto the LORD, *one* shall then open him the gate that looketh toward the east, and he shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, as he did on the sabbath day: then he shall go forth; and after his going forth *one* shall shut the gate.

The Daily Offerings

13 Thou shalt daily prepare a burnt offering unto the LORD *of* a lamb of the first year without blemish: thou shalt prepare it every morning.
14 And thou shalt prepare a meat offering for it every morning, the sixth part of an ephah, and the third part of an hin of oil, to temper with the fine flour; a meat offering continually by a perpetual ordinance unto the LORD.
15 Thus shall they prepare the lamb, and the meat offering, and the oil, every morning *for* a continual burnt offering.
16 Thus saith the Lord GOD; If the prince give a gift unto any of his sons, the inheritance thereof shall be his sons'; it *shall be* their possession by inheritance.
17 But if he give a gift of his inheritance to one of his servants, then it shall be his to the year of liberty; after it shall return to the prince: but his inheritance shall be his sons' for them.
18 Moreover the prince shall not take of the people's inheritance by oppression, to thrust them out of their possession; *but* he shall give his sons inheritance out of his own possession: that my people be not scattered every man from his possession.

The Places for Cooking Offerings

19 After he brought me through the entry, which *was* at the side of the gate, into the holy chambers of the priests, which looked toward the north: and, behold, there *was* a place on the two sides westward.
20 Then said he unto me, This *is* the place where the priests shall boil the trespass offering and the sin offering, where they shall bake the meat offering; that they bear *them* not out into the utter court, to sanctify the people.
21 Then he brought me forth into the utter court, and caused me to pass by the four corners of the court; and, behold, in every corner of the court *there was* a court.
22 In the four corners of the court *there were* courts joined of forty *cubits* long and thirty broad: these four corners *were* of one measure.
23 And *there was* a row *of building* round

46:8 prince

(Heb. *nasi'*) (Gen. 17:20; Num. 3:32; Ezra 1:8) H5387: The root verb from which this noun is derived means to lift up or raise, which explains the exalted position enjoyed by a tribal chief, city ruler, or religious leader. Such a person governs and rules over his people, representing them in important matters (Num. 3:32; 1 Kin. 8:1). Princes were to be accorded great respect (Ex. 22:28). In the New Testament, the apostle Peter preached that God exalted the crucified and resurrected Jesus "with his right hand to be Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins" (Acts 5:31).

46:12 peace offering ▸ *see Lev. 7:11.*
46:23 row ▸ *see Ezek. 25:4.*

about in them, round about them four, and *it was* made with boiling places under the rows round about.
24 Then said he unto me, These *are* the places of them that boil, where the ministers of the house shall boil the sacrifice of the people.

The Eastward Flowing River

47 Afterward he brought me again unto the door of the house; and, behold, waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward: for the forefront of the house *stood toward* the east, and the waters came down from under from the right side of the house, at the south *side* of the altar.
2 Then brought he me out of the way of the gate northward, and led me about the way without unto the utter gate by the way that looketh eastward; and, behold, there ran out waters on the right side.
3 And when the man that had the line in his hand went forth eastward, he measured a thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the waters *were* to the ancles.
4 Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through the waters; the waters *were* to the knees. Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through; the waters *were* to the loins.
5 Afterward he measured a thousand; *and it was* a river that I could not pass over: for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over.

The River Brings Life to the Land

6 And he said unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen *this?* Then he brought me, and caused me to return to the brink of the river.
7 Now when I had returned, behold, at the bank of the river *were* very many trees on the one side and on the other.
8 Then said he unto me, These waters issue out toward the east country, and go down into the desert, and go into the sea: *which being* brought forth into the sea, the waters shall be healed.
9 And it shall come to pass, *that* every thing that liveth, which moveth, whithersoever the rivers shall come, shall live: and there shall be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters shall come thither: for they shall be healed; and every thing shall live whither the river cometh.
10 And it shall come to pass, *that* the fishers shall stand upon it from En-gedi even unto En-eglaim; they shall be a *place* to spread forth nets; their fish shall be according to their kinds, as the fish of the great sea, exceeding many.
11 But the miry places thereof and the marishes thereof shall not be healed; they shall be given to salt.
12 And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow all trees for meat, whose leaf shall not fade, neither shall the fruit thereof be consumed: it shall bring forth new fruit according to his months, because their waters they issued out of the sanctuary: and the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for medicine.

The Borders of the Land

13 Thus saith the Lord GOD; This *shall be* the border, whereby ye shall inherit the land according to the twelve tribes of Israel: Joseph *shall have two* portions.
14 And ye shall inherit it, one as well as another: *concerning* the which I lifted up mine hand to give it unto your fathers: and this land shall fall unto you for inheritance.
15 And this *shall be* the border of the land toward the north side, from the great sea, the way of Hethlon, as men go to Zedad;
16 Hamath, Berothah, Sibraim, which *is* between the border of Damascus and the border of Hamath; Hazar-hatticon, which *is* by the coast of Hauran.
17 And the border from the sea shall be Hazar-enan, the border of Damascus, and the north northward, and the border of Hamath. And *this is* the north side.
18 And the east side ye shall measure from Hauran, and from Damascus, and from

47:2 eastward

(Heb. *qadim*) (Gen. 41:6; Ezek. 11:1; Hab. 1:9) H6921: This word usually has a navigational significance and merely refers to the eastern direction of the compass. It is also used to refer to forceful, scorching winds—like the Arabian *sirocco*—that originate in the east (Ex. 10:13; Jon. 4:8). In a related way, metaphorically, it can refer to a person who is destructive and/or foolish (Job 15:2; Hos. 12:1).

47:10 fish ▸ *see Ps. 105:29.*

Gilead, and from the land of Israel *by* Jordan, from the border unto the east sea. And *this is* the east side.
19 And the south side southward, from Tamar *even* to the waters of strife *in* Kadesh, the river to the great sea. And *this is* the south side southward.
20 The west side also *shall be* the great sea from the border, till a man come over against Hamath. This *is* the west side.

The Land Divided Among the Tribes

21 So shall ye divide this land unto you according to the tribes of Israel.
22 And it shall come to pass, *that* ye shall divide it by lot for an inheritance unto you, and to the strangers that sojourn among you, which shall beget children among you: and they shall be unto you as born in the country among the children of Israel; they shall have inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel.
23 And it shall come to pass, *that* in what tribe the stranger sojourneth, there shall ye give *him* his inheritance, saith the Lord GOD.

The Land Portions for Seven Tribes

48 Now these *are* the names of the tribes. From the north end to the coast of the way of Hethlon, as one goeth to Hamath, Hazar-enan, the border of Damascus northward, to the coast of Hamath; for these are his sides east *and* west; a *portion for* Dan.
2 And by the border of Dan, from the east side unto the west side, a *portion for* Asher.
3 And by the border of Asher, from the east side even unto the west side, a *portion for* Naphtali.
4 And by the border of Naphtali, from the east side unto the west side, a *portion for* Manasseh.
5 And by the border of Manasseh, from the east side unto the west side, a *portion for* Ephraim.
6 And by the border of Ephraim, from the east side even unto the west side, a *portion for* Reuben.
7 And by the border of Reuben, from the east side unto the west side, a *portion for* Judah.

The Lord's Portion

8 And by the border of Judah, from the east side unto the west side, shall be the offering which ye shall offer of five and twenty thousand *reeds in* breadth, and *in* length as one of the *other* parts, from the east side unto the west side: and the sanctuary shall be in the midst of it.
9 The oblation that ye shall offer unto the LORD *shall be* of five and twenty thousand in length, and of ten thousand in breadth.
10 And for them, *even* for the priests, shall be *this* holy oblation; toward the north five and twenty thousand *in length,* and toward the west ten thousand in breadth, and toward the east ten thousand in breadth, and toward the south five and twenty thousand in length: and the sanctuary of the LORD shall be in the midst thereof.
11 *It shall be* for the priests that are sanctified of the sons of Zadok; which have kept my charge, which went not astray when the children of Israel went astray, as the Levites went astray.
12 And *this* oblation of the land that is offered shall be unto them a thing most holy by the border of the Levites.
13 And over against the border of the priests the Levites *shall have* five and twenty thousand in length, and ten thousand in breadth: all the length *shall be* five and twenty thousand, and the breadth ten thousand.
14 And they shall not sell of it, neither exchange, nor alienate the firstfruits of the land: for *it is* holy unto the LORD.
15 And the five thousand, that are left in the breadth over against the five and twenty thousand, shall be a profane *place* for the

47:21 divide ▸ *see Ps. 60:6.*
48:10 length ▸ *see Job 12:12.*

48:11 charge

(Heb. *mishmereth*) (Gen. 26:5; Lev. 18:30; Deut. 11:1) H4931: This solemn word means that which is to be guarded and held in trust. It refers to one's sacred obligation, duty, or assignment. One of the recurring themes of the Old Testament is that the people of God were to exercise great care over their calling as God's holy and chosen people. They had been given a sacred charge with many facets: the tribes were expected to follow God's literal leading (Num. 9:19), the Levites were assigned to guard and keep the tabernacle (Num. 1:53), and all the people were expected to carry out the commands of the Mosaic Law (Deut. 11:32).

city, for dwelling, and for suburbs: and the city shall be in the midst thereof.
16 And these *shall be* the measures thereof; the north side four thousand and five hundred, and the south side four thousand and five hundred, and on the east side four thousand and five hundred, and the west side four thousand and five hundred.
17 And the suburbs of the city shall be toward the north two hundred and fifty, and toward the south two hundred and fifty, and toward the east two hundred and fifty, and toward the west two hundred and fifty.
18 And the residue in length over against the oblation of the holy *portion shall be* ten thousand eastward, and ten thousand westward: and it shall be over against the oblation of the holy *portion;* and the increase thereof shall be for food unto them that serve the city.
19 And they that serve the city shall serve it out of all the tribes of Israel.
20 All the oblation *shall be* five and twenty thousand by five and twenty thousand: ye shall offer the holy oblation foursquare, with the possession of the city.
21 And the residue *shall be* for the prince, on the one side and on the other of the holy oblation, and of the possession of the city, over against the five and twenty thousand of the oblation toward the east border, and westward over against the five and twenty thousand toward the west border, over against the portions for the prince: and it shall be the holy oblation; and the sanctuary of the house *shall be* in the midst thereof.
22 Moreover from the possession of the Levites, and from the possession of the city, *being* in the midst *of that* which is the prince's, between the border of Judah and the border of Benjamin, shall be for the prince.
23 As for the rest of the tribes, from the east side unto the west side, Benjamin *shall have* a *portion.*
24 And by the border of Benjamin, from the east side unto the west side, Simeon *shall have* a *portion.*
25 And by the border of Simeon, from the east side unto the west side, Issachar a *portion.*
26 And by the border of Issachar, from the east side unto the west side, Zebulun a *portion.*
27 And by the border of Zebulun, from the east side unto the west side, Gad a *portion.*
28 And by the border of Gad, at the south side southward, the border shall be even from Tamar *unto* the waters of strife *in* Kadesh, *and* to the river toward the great sea.
29 This *is* the land which ye shall divide by lot unto the tribes of Israel for inheritance, and these *are* their portions, saith the Lord GOD.

The Twelve Gates of the City

30 And these *are* the goings out of the city on the north side, four thousand and five hundred measures.
31 And the gates of the city *shall be* after the names of the tribes of Israel: three gates northward; one gate of Reuben, one gate of Judah, one gate of Levi.
32 And at the east side four thousand and five hundred: and three gates; and one gate of Joseph, one gate of Benjamin, one gate of Dan.
33 And at the south side four thousand and five hundred measures: and three gates; one gate of Simeon, one gate of Issachar, one gate of Zebulun.
34 At the west side four thousand and five hundred, *with* their three gates; one gate of Gad, one gate of Asher, one gate of Naphtali.
35 *It was* round about eighteen thousand *measures:* and the name of the city from *that* day *shall be,* The LORD *is* there.

THE BOOK OF

DANIEL

DANIEL'S LIFE AND MINISTRY BRIDGE the entire seventy-year period of Babylonian captivity. Deported to Babylon at the age of sixteen, and handpicked for government service, Daniel becomes God's prophetic mouthpiece to the gentile and Jewish world, declaring God's present and eternal purpose. Nine of the twelve chapters in his book revolve around dreams, including God-given visions involving trees, animals, beasts, and images. In both his personal adventures and prophetic visions, Daniel shows God's guidance, intervention, and power in the affairs of men.

The name *Daniye'l* or *Dani'el* likely means "God Is My Judge," and the book is, of course, named after the author and principal character. The Greek form *Daniel* in the Septuagint is the basis for the Latin and English titles.

WATCH WORDS

- **image** (statue, idol, representation, likeness)—3:1 (also 2:31, 32, 34, 35; 3:18)
- **dominion** (power, rule, sovereignty)—4:3 (also 7:12, 26, 27)
- **Messiah** (anointed one, Saviour)—9:25
- **vision** (God-given sight, a glimpse into the future)—10:7 (also 10:8, 16)
- **wait** (have anxious, yet confident, expectation)—12:12

Babylon's Siege of Jerusalem

1 In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it.
2 And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God: which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god.

Well-Favoured Men Are Chosen

3 And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring *certain* of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the princes;
4 Children in whom *was* no blemish, but well favoured, and skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as *had* ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans.
5 And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's meat, and of the wine which he drank: so nourishing them three years, that at the end thereof they might stand before the king.
6 Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah:
7 Unto whom the prince of the eunuchs gave names: for he gave unto Daniel *the name* of Belteshazzar; and to Hananiah, of Shadrach; and to Mishael, of Meshach; and to Azariah, of Abed-nego.

Daniel's Request

8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.
9 Now God had brought Daniel into favour and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs.

1:4 blemish ▸ *see Lev. 21:17.*
1:5 drink ▸ *see Prov. 15:15.*
1:8 defile ▸ *see Mal. 1:7.*
1:8 meat ▸ *see Dan. 1:16.*
1:9 eunuch ▸ *see Esth. 2:3.*

10 And the prince of the eunuchs said unto Daniel, I fear my lord the king, who hath appointed your meat and your drink: for why should he see your faces worse liking than the children which *are* of your sort? then shall ye make *me* endanger my head to the king.

Daniel's Proposal

11 Then said Daniel to Melzar, whom the prince of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah,
12 Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days; and let them give us pulse to eat, and water to drink.
13 Then let our countenances be looked upon before thee, and the countenance of the children that eat of the portion of the king's meat: and as thou seest, deal with thy servants.
14 So he consented to them in this matter, and proved them ten days.
15 And at the end of ten days their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children which did eat the portion of the king's meat.
16 Thus Melzar took away the portion of their meat, and the wine that they should drink; and gave them pulse.

The Wisdom of Daniel and His Friends

17 As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.
18 Now at the end of the days that the king had said he should bring them in, then the prince of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar.
19 And the king communed with them; and among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: therefore stood they before the king.
20 And in all matters of wisdom *and* understanding, that the king enquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians *and* astrologers that *were* in all his realm.
21 And Daniel continued *even* unto the first year of king Cyrus.

Nebuchadnezzar's Dreams

2 And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, wherewith his spirit was troubled, and his sleep brake from him.
2 Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the astrologers, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, for to shew the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king.
3 And the king said unto them, I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit was troubled to know the dream.
4 Then spake the Chaldeans to the king in Syriack, O king, live for ever: tell thy servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation.
5 The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, The thing is gone from me: if ye will not make known unto me the dream, with the interpretation thereof, ye shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made a dunghill.
6 But if ye shew the dream, and the interpretation thereof, ye shall receive of me gifts and rewards and great honour: therefore shew me the dream, and the interpretation thereof.
7 They answered again and said, Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation of it.
8 The king answered and said, I know of certainty that ye would gain the time, because ye see the thing is gone from me.
9 But if ye will not make known unto me the dream, *there is but* one decree for you: for ye have prepared lying and corrupt words to speak before me, till the time be changed:

1:16 meat

(Heb. *pathbag*) (Dan. 1:8; 11:26) H6598: This word is one of several Persian technical terms employed by Daniel. It refers to the luxurious food rations from the king's own table with which Persian kings would honor a few favored friends who were not present during the royal meal. Such gourmet gifts marked the receivers as privileged insiders. Daniel refused this offer, believing that the food and wine would defile him. Later, he prophesied that people who would eat the king of the South's royal food quota would be the very ones who would devise plans against him and destroy him (Dan. 11:25, 26).

2:3 dream ▸ *see Deut. 13:5.*
2:4 dream ▸ *see Dan. 7:1.*
2:4 interpretation ▸ *see Dan. 5:12.*

therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that ye can shew me the interpretation thereof.
10 The Chaldeans answered before the king, and said, There is not a man upon the earth that can shew the king's matter: therefore *there is* no king, lord, nor ruler, *that* asked such things at any magician, or astrologer, or Chaldean.
11 And *it is* a rare thing that the king requireth, and there is none other that can shew it before the king, except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh.
12 For this cause the king was angry and very furious, and commanded to destroy all the wise *men* of Babylon.
13 And the decree went forth that the wise *men* should be slain; and they sought Daniel and his fellows to be slain.

Daniel's Request

14 Then Daniel answered with counsel and wisdom to Arioch the captain of the king's guard, which was gone forth to slay the wise *men* of Babylon:
15 He answered and said to Arioch the king's captain, Why *is* the decree *so* hasty from the king? Then Arioch made the thing known to Daniel.
16 Then Daniel went in, and desired of the king that he would give him time, and that he would shew the king the interpretation.
17 Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions:
18 That they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise *men* of Babylon.

Thanksgiving for the Answered Prayer

19 Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.
20 Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his:
21 And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding:
22 He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what *is* in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him.
23 I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou hast *now* made known unto us the king's matter.

Daniel Interprets for the King

24 Therefore Daniel went in unto Arioch, whom the king had ordained to destroy the wise *men* of Babylon: he went and said thus unto him; Destroy not the wise *men* of Babylon: bring me in before the king, and I will shew unto the king the interpretation.
25 Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste, and said thus unto him, I have found a man of the captives of Judah, that will make known unto the king the interpretation.
26 The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name *was* Belteshazzar, Art thou able to make known unto me the dream which I have seen, and the interpretation thereof?
27 Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, The secret which the king hath demanded cannot the wise *men,* the astrologers, the magicians, the soothsayers, shew unto the king;
28 But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these;
29 As for thee, O king, thy thoughts came *into thy mind* upon thy bed, what should

2:13 Daniel

(Aram. *danie'l*) (Dan. 4:19; 5:12; 6:2; 7:28) H1841: This is another one of the Bible's many theophoric names—names that bear the name of (and honor) a deity. It means either "God is my judge," "God has judged," or "God will judge." The *el* component is one of several designations in the Hebrew Bible for the God of Israel. It is a general epithet (like "God") that is used for foreign gods as well—both in the Bible and in the religious texts of the surrounding peoples. While Daniel's parents sought to honor their God with this name, King Nebuchadnezzar changed Daniel's name to Belteshazzar to honor his god—Bel (a.k.a. Marduk), the patron god of Babylon (Dan. 4:8).

2:26 dream ▸ *see Dan. 7:1.*

come to pass hereafter: and he that revealeth secrets maketh known to thee what shall come to pass.
30 But as for me, this secret is not revealed to me for *any* wisdom that I have more than any living, but for *their* sakes that shall make known the interpretation to the king, and that thou mightest know the thoughts of thy heart.

The Great Image

31 Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness *was* excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof *was* terrible.
32 This image's head *was* of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass,
33 His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay.
34 Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet *that were* of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.
35 Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.

The Interpretation

36 This *is* the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king.
37 Thou, O king, *art* a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory.
38 And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou *art* this head of gold.
39 And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth.
40 And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all *things:* and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise.
41 And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay.
42 And *as* the toes of the feet *were* part of iron, and part of clay, *so* the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken.
43 And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.
44 And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, *but* it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.
45 Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream *is* certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.

A God of Gods

46 Then the king Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face, and worshipped Daniel, and commanded that they should offer an oblation and sweet odours unto him.
47 The king answered unto Daniel, and said, Of a truth *it is,* that your God *is* a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing thou couldest reveal this secret.
48 Then the king made Daniel a great man, and gave him many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief of the governors over all the wise *men* of Babylon.
49 Then Daniel requested of the king, and he set Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, over the affairs of the province of Babylon: but Daniel *sat* in the gate of the king.

The King's Image of Gold

3 Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height *was* three-

2:31 image ▸ *see Dan. 3:1.*

3:1 image

(Aram. *tselem*) (Dan. 2:31; 3:18) H6755: This noun derives from a Semitic root meaning "to cut, cut

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score cubits, *and* the breadth thereof six cubits: he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon.
2 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent to gather together the princes, the governors, and the captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.
3 Then the princes, the governors, and captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, were gathered together unto the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up.
4 Then an herald cried aloud, To you it is commanded, O people, nations, and languages,
5 *That* at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath set up:
6 And whoso falleth not down and worshippeth shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.
7 Therefore at that time, when all the people heard the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and all kinds of musick, all the people, the nations, and the languages, fell down *and* worshipped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

The Jews Are Accused

8 Wherefore at that time certain Chaldeans came near, and accused the Jews.
9 They spake and said to the king Nebuchadnezzar, O king, live for ever.
10 Thou, O king, hast made a decree, that every man that shall hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, shall fall down and worship the golden image:
11 And whoso falleth not down and worshippeth, *that* he should be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.
12 There are certain Jews whom thou hast set over the affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego; these men, O king, have not regarded thee: they serve not thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.
13 Then Nebuchadnezzar in *his* rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego. Then they brought these men before the king.

The Fiery Furnace

14 Nebuchadnezzar spake and said unto them, *Is it* true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, do not ye serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up?
15 Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made; *well:* but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who *is* that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?
16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we *are* not careful to answer thee in this matter.
17 If it be *so,* our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver *us* out of thine hand, O king.
18 But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

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off, carve, hew." Related Semitic nouns convey the ideas of "image, statue, idol, representation, likeness." The Septuagint translates this term with the Greek word from which we get "icon." In biblical Aramaic, this word refers to two images—a human statue, composed of various metals, that God showed Nebuchadnezzar in a dream; and an unidentified statue of gold that King Nebuchadnezzar erected to be worshiped. The only other occurrence of this word designates the expression on Nebuchadnezzar's face when he became "full of fury" (Dan. 3:19). This term appears 17 times in Daniel 2:31–3:19, equaling the number of appearances of the related Hebrew word in the entire Old Testament.

3:2 prince ▸ *see Dan. 6:6.*
3:8 Jews ▸ *see Ezra 5:1.*
3:10 decree ▸ *see Ezra 6:8.*
3:18 image ▸ *see Dan. 3:1.*

19 Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego: *therefore* he spake, and commanded that they should heat the furnace one seven times more than it was wont to be heated.
20 And he commanded the most mighty men that *were* in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, *and* to cast *them* into the burning fiery furnace.
21 Then these men were bound in their coats, their hosen, and their hats, and their *other* garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.
22 Therefore because the king's commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the flame of the fire slew those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego.
23 And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.
24 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonied, and rose up in haste, *and* spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king.
25 He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.

God's Servants

26 Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace, *and* spake, and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, ye servants of the most high God, come forth, and come *hither.* Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, came forth of the midst of the fire.
27 And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them.
28 *Then* Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed *be* the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God.
29 Therefore I make a decree, That every people, nation, and language, which speak any thing amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dunghill: because there is no other God that can deliver after this sort.
30 Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, in the province of Babylon.

The King's Praise of God's Wonders

4 Nebuchadnezzar the king, unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you.
2 I thought it good to shew the signs and wonders that the high God hath wrought toward me.
3 How great *are* his signs! and how mighty *are* his wonders! his kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion *is* from generation to generation.

The Troubled Visions

4 I Nebuchadnezzar was at rest in mine house, and flourishing in my palace:
5 I saw a dream which made me afraid, and the thoughts upon my bed and the visions of my head troubled me.
6 Therefore made I a decree to bring in all

3:27 prince ▸ *see Dan. 6:6.*
3:29 decree ▸ *see Ezra 6:8.*

4:3 dominion

(Aram. *sholtan*) (Dan. 7:12, 26) H7985: This noun, unique to Daniel, denotes "dominion, power, rule, sovereignty." It derives from a verb meaning "to have power, rule" and is related to a noun meaning "government official, ruler," and an adjective meaning "having mastery or authority." The importance of these concepts in Daniel 2–7 is evident by the fact that combined, these words occur over 30 times—more than twice as many times as the various related Hebrew words occur in the entire Old Testament. Primarily, this noun is used for the dominion of God (Dan. 4:34; 7:14), but it can also denote the dominion of human rulers (Dan. 4:22; 7:6). While this term usually refers to the abstract idea, once it refers to a territorial realm of authority (Dan. 6:26).

the wise *men* of Babylon before me, that they might make known unto me the interpretation of the dream.
7 Then came in the magicians, the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers: and I told the dream before them; but they did not make known unto me the interpretation thereof.
8 But at the last Daniel came in before me, whose name *was* Belteshazzar, according to the name of my god, and in whom *is* the spirit of the holy gods: and before him I told the dream, *saying,*
9 O Belteshazzar, master of the magicians, because I know that the spirit of the holy gods *is* in thee, and no secret troubleth thee, tell me the visions of my dream that I have seen, and the interpretation thereof.
10 Thus *were* the visions of mine head in my bed; I saw, and behold a tree in the midst of the earth, and the height thereof *was* great.
11 The tree grew, and was strong, and the height thereof reached unto heaven, and the sight thereof to the end of all the earth:
12 The leaves thereof *were* fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it *was* meat for all: the beasts of the field had shadow under it, and the fowls of the heaven dwelt in the boughs thereof, and all flesh was fed of it.
13 I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and, behold, a watcher and an holy one came down from heaven;
14 He cried aloud, and said thus, Hew down the tree, and cut off his branches, shake off his leaves, and scatter his fruit: let the beasts get away from under it, and the fowls from his branches:
15 Nevertheless leave the stump of his roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and *let* his portion *be* with the beasts in the grass of the earth:
16 Let his heart be changed from man's, and let a beast's heart be given unto him; and let seven times pass over him.
17 This matter *is* by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men.
18 This dream I king Nebuchadnezzar have seen. Now thou, O Belteshazzar, declare the interpretation thereof, forasmuch as all the wise *men* of my kingdom are not able to make known unto me the interpretation: but thou *art* able; for the spirit of the holy gods *is* in thee.

Daniel's Troubled Thoughts

19 Then Daniel, whose name *was* Belteshazzar, was astonied for one hour, and his thoughts troubled him. The king spake, and said, Belteshazzar, let not the dream, or the interpretation thereof, trouble thee. Belteshazzar answered and said, My lord, the dream *be* to them that hate thee, and the interpretation thereof to thine enemies.
20 The tree that thou sawest, which grew, and was strong, whose height reached unto the heaven, and the sight thereof to all the earth;
21 Whose leaves *were* fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it *was* meat for all; under which the beasts of the field dwelt, and upon whose branches the fowls of the heaven had their habitation:
22 It *is* thou, O king, that art grown and become strong: for thy greatness is grown, and reacheth unto heaven, and thy dominion to the end of the earth.

The Seven Years of Illness

23 And whereas the king saw a watcher and an holy one coming down from heaven, and saying, Hew the tree down, and destroy it; yet leave the stump of the roots thereof in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and *let* his portion *be* with the beasts of the field, till seven times pass over him;
24 This *is* the interpretation, O king, and this *is* the decree of the most High, which is come upon my lord the king:
25 That they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and they shall wet thee with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over thee, till thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.

4:6 interpretation ▸ *see Dan. 5:12.*
4:19 Daniel ▸ *see Dan. 2:13.*

26 And whereas they commanded to leave the stump of the tree roots; thy kingdom shall be sure unto thee, after that thou shalt have known that the heavens do rule.
27 Wherefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable unto thee, and break off thy sins by righteousness, and thine iniquities by shewing mercy to the poor; if it may be a lengthening of thy tranquillity.

The King's Prideful Boast

28 All this came upon the king Nebuchadnezzar.
29 At the end of twelve months he walked in the palace of the kingdom of Babylon.
30 The king spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty?
31 While the word *was* in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, *saying,* O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee.
32 And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling *shall be* with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.
33 The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar: and he was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hairs were grown like eagles' *feathers,* and his nails like birds' *claws.*

Nebuchadnezzar's Praise for God

34 And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom *is* from generation to generation:
35 And all the inhabitants of the earth *are* reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and *among* the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?
36 At the same time my reason returned unto me; and for the glory of my kingdom, mine honour and brightness returned unto me; and my counsellors and my lords sought unto me; and I was established in my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added unto me.
37 Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works *are* truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.

The Defilement of the Temple Vessels

5 Belshazzar the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand.
2 Belshazzar, whiles he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple which *was* in Jerusalem; that the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, might drink therein.
3 Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple of the house of God which *was* at Jerusalem; and the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, drank in them.
4 They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone.

The Writing on the Wall

5 In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaister of the wall of the king's palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote.
6 Then the king's countenance was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another.

The Rewards for the Interpretation

7 The king cried aloud to bring in the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers. *And* the king spake, and said to the wise *men* of Babylon, Whosoever shall read this writing, and shew me the interpretation thereof, shall be clothed with scarlet, and *have* a chain of gold about his neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom.
8 Then came in all the king's wise *men:* but they could not read the writing, nor make known to the king the interpretation thereof.
9 Then was king Belshazzar greatly trou-

bled, and his countenance was changed in him, and his lords were astonied.

The Queen Remembers Daniel

10 *Now* the queen by reason of the words of the king and his lords came into the banquet house: *and* the queen spake and said, O king, live for ever: let not thy thoughts trouble thee, nor let thy countenance be changed:
11 There is a man in thy kingdom, in whom *is* the spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of thy father light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, was found in him; whom the king Nebuchadnezzar thy father, the king, *I say,* thy father, made master of the magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, *and* soothsayers;
12 Forasmuch as an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, interpreting of dreams, and shewing of hard sentences, and dissolving of doubts, were found in the same Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar: now let Daniel be called, and he will shew the interpretation.

The King's Appeal to Daniel

13 Then was Daniel brought in before the king. *And* the king spake and said unto Daniel, *Art* thou that Daniel, which *art* of the children of the captivity of Judah, whom the king my father brought out of Jewry?
14 I have even heard of thee, that the spirit of the gods *is* in thee, and *that* light and understanding and excellent wisdom is found in thee.
15 And now the wise *men,* the astrologers, have been brought in before me, that they should read this writing, and make known unto me the interpretation thereof: but they could not shew the interpretation of the thing:
16 And I have heard of thee, that thou canst make interpretations, and dissolve doubts: now if thou canst read the writing, and make known to me the interpretation thereof, thou shalt be clothed with scarlet, and *have* a chain of gold about thy neck, and shalt be the third ruler in the kingdom.

Nebuchadnezzar's Reign

17 Then Daniel answered and said before the king, Let thy gifts be to thyself, and give thy rewards to another; yet I will read the writing unto the king, and make known to him the interpretation.
18 O thou king, the most high God gave Nebuchadnezzar thy father a kingdom, and majesty, and glory, and honour:
19 And for the majesty that he gave him, all people, nations, and languages, trembled and feared before him: whom he would he slew; and whom he would he kept alive; and whom he would he set up; and whom he would he put down.
20 But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him:
21 And he was driven from the sons of men; and his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling *was* with the wild asses: they fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven; till he knew that the most high God ruled in the kingdom of men, and *that* he appointeth over it whomsoever he will.
22 And thou his son, O Belshazzar, hast not humbled thine heart, though thou knewest all this;
23 But hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before thee, and thou, and thy lords, thy wives, and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them; and thou hast praised the gods of silver, and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know: and the God in whose hand thy breath *is,* and whose *are* all thy ways, hast thou not glorified:
24 Then was the part of the hand sent from him; and this writing was written.

5:12 Daniel ▸ *see Dan. 2:13.*

5:12 interpretation

(Aram. *peshar*) (Dan. 2:4; 4:6, 5:16) H6591: This word literally means "to untie" or "to loose." In other words, Daniel could unravel the mysteries of dreams and visions: he could explain or solve them. Yet he was always quick to give God the credit for his ability (Dan. 2:28). By the time of Jesus, rabbinic Judaism had interpreted much of the Old Testament allegorically. These "pesher" explanations of the Scriptures might have been what Jesus was addressing when He said, "Ye have heard that it was said" (Matt. 5:21, 27, 31, 38).

5:16 interpretation ▸ *see Dan. 5:12.*

The Days of the Kingdom Are Numbered

25 And this *is* the writing that was written, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.
26 This *is* the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it.
27 TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting.
28 PERES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.
29 Then commanded Belshazzar, and they clothed Daniel with scarlet, and *put* a chain of gold about his neck, and made a proclamation concerning him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom.
30 In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain.
31 And Darius the Median took the kingdom, *being* about threescore and two years old.

Daniel's Excellent Spirit

6 It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom an hundred and twenty princes, which should be over the whole kingdom;
2 And over these three presidents; of whom Daniel *was* first: that the princes might give accounts unto them, and the king should have no damage.
3 Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit *was* in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.

A Plot Against Daniel

4 Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he *was* faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him.
5 Then said these men, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find *it* against him concerning the law of his God.

The Royal Decree

6 Then these presidents and princes assembled together to the king, and said thus unto him, King Darius, live for ever.
7 All the presidents of the kingdom, the governors, and the princes, the counsellors, and the captains, have consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to make a firm decree, that whosoever shall ask a petition of any God or man for thirty days, save of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions.
8 Now, O king, establish the decree, and sign the writing, that it be not changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not.
9 Wherefore king Darius signed the writing and the decree.

Daniel Continues to Worship

10 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.
11 Then these men assembled, and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God.
12 Then they came near, and spake before the king concerning the king's decree; Hast thou not signed a decree, that every man that shall ask *a petition* of any God or man within thirty days, save of thee, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions? The king answered and said, The thing *is* true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not.
13 Then answered they and said before the king, That Daniel, which *is* of the children

6:2 Daniel ▸ *see Dan. 2:13.*

6:6 prince

(Aram. *'achashdarpan*) (Dan. 3:2, 27) H0324: This Persian term means protector of the kingdom, dominion, or empire. In the Septuagint, this title was translated by the Greek word "satrap." These Persian officials governed substantial provincial sections of the Persian Empire. They were generally chosen from the nobility, often the royal family, and held office indefinitely. Although they had great power within their jurisdictions, they were kept in check by various satrapy officials who served with them and by periodic inspections from royal officials. This term occurs nine times in the Bible (all in Daniel) where it usually appears at the head of a list of government officials, except when mentioned with the three governors (including Daniel) who were appointed over them.

of the captivity of Judah, regardeth not thee, O king, nor the decree that thou hast signed, but maketh his petition three times a day.
14 Then the king, when he heard *these* words, was sore displeased with himself, and set *his* heart on Daniel to deliver him: and he laboured till the going down of the sun to deliver him.
15 Then these men assembled unto the king, and said unto the king, Know, O king, that the law of the Medes and Persians *is,* That no decree nor statute which the king establisheth may be changed.

Daniel Cast into the Lions' Den

16 Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast *him* into the den of lions. *Now* the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee.
17 And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords; that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel.
18 Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting: neither were instruments of musick brought before him: and his sleep went from him.
19 Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions.
20 And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel: *and* the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?

Daniel's Protection

21 Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever.
22 My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.
23 Then was the king exceedingly glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God.
24 And the king commanded, and they brought those men which had accused Daniel, and they cast *them* into the den of lions, them, their children, and their wives; and the lions had the mastery of them, and brake all their bones in pieces or ever they came at the bottom of the den.

Darius's New Decree

25 Then king Darius wrote unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you.
26 I make a decree, That in every dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: for he *is* the living God, and stedfast for ever, and his kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed, and his dominion *shall be even* unto the end.
27 He delivereth and rescueth, and he worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth, who hath delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.
28 So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius, and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

Daniel's Vision of the Four Great Beasts

7 In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, *and* told the sum of the matters.
2 Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea.
3 And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another.
4 The first *was* like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth,

7:1 dream

(Aram. *chelem*) (Dan. 2:4, 26) H2493: This Aramaic word occurs only in Daniel. While the related Hebrew term is used for normal dreams, "dreams" of false prophets, and God-given dreams, the Aramaic term is used only in the latter sense. All three of the recorded dreams revealed major political affairs that would unfold in the future. Each one is described as a vision in the head while the dreamer is upon his bed. Although God gave dreams to both King Nebuchadnezzar and Daniel, only Daniel was granted the ability to interpret them and the corresponding reputation—compare with Joseph and Pharaoh in Genesis.

and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it.
5 And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and *it had* three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh.
6 After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it.
7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it *was* diverse from all the beasts that *were* before it; and it had ten horns.
8 I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn *were* eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.

The Judgment by the Ancient of Days

9 I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment *was* white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne *was like* the fiery flame, *and* his wheels *as* burning fire.
10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.
11 I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld *even* till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.
12 As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time.

The Son of Man's Eternal Kingdom

13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, *one* like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.
14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed.

The Interpretation of Daniel's Dream

15 I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the midst of *my* body, and the visions of my head troubled me.
16 I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things.
17 These great beasts, which are four, *are* four kings, *which* shall arise out of the earth.
18 But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.
19 Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth *were of* iron, and his nails *of* brass; *which* devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet;
20 And of the ten horns that *were* in his head, and *of* the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even *of* that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look *was* more stout than his fellows.
21 I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;
22 Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.
23 Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.
24 And the ten horns out of this kingdom *are* ten kings *that* shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.
25 And he shall speak *great* words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

7:12 dominion ▸ *see Dan. 4:3.*

26 But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy *it* unto the end.
27 And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.
28 Hitherto *is* the end of the matter. As for me Daniel, my cogitations much troubled me, and my countenance changed in me: but I kept the matter in my heart.

Daniel's Second Vision

8 In the third year of the reign of king Belshazzar a vision appeared unto me, *even unto* me Daniel, after that which appeared unto me at the first.
2 And I saw in a vision; and it came to pass, when I saw, that I *was* at Shushan *in* the palace, which *is* in the province of Elam; and I saw in a vision, and I was by the river of Ulai.

The Ram with Two Horns

3 Then I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, there stood before the river a ram which had *two* horns: and the *two* horns *were* high; but one *was* higher than the other, and the higher came up last.
4 I saw the ram pushing westward, and northward, and southward; so that no beasts might stand before him, neither *was there any* that could deliver out of his hand; but he did according to his will, and became great.

The He Goat

5 And as I was considering, behold, an he goat came from the west on the face of the whole earth, and touched not the ground: and the goat *had* a notable horn between his eyes.
6 And he came to the ram that had *two* horns, which I had seen standing before the river, and ran unto him in the fury of his power.
7 And I saw him come close unto the ram, and he was moved with choler against him, and smote the ram, and brake his two horns: and there was no power in the ram to stand before him, but he cast him down to the ground, and stamped upon him: and there was none that could deliver the ram out of his hand.
8 Therefore the he goat waxed very great: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and for it came up four notable ones toward the four winds of heaven.
9 And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant *land.*
10 And it waxed great, *even* to the host of heaven; and it cast down *some* of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them.
11 Yea, he magnified *himself* even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily *sacrifice* was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down.
12 And an host was given *him* against the daily *sacrifice* by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised, and prospered.

The Days of the Desolation of the Temple

13 Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain *saint* which spake, How long *shall be* the vision *concerning* the daily *sacrifice,* and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot?
14 And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.

7:26 dominion ▸ *see Dan. 4:3.*
7:28 Daniel ▸ *see Dan. 2:13.*

8:1 vision

(Heb. *chazon*) (Prov. 29:18; Is. 1:1) H2377: This Hebrew word for a dream or a vision is derived from a common Hebrew verb meaning "to see." Dreams and visions were often recognized by the ancients as revelations from the gods, or from God Himself in the case of the Hebrews (Is. 1:1). Daniel received a visionary message from God that spoke about the future of the kingdoms of Persia and Greece. His dream was encoded in symbols which required the interpretive assistance of the angel Gabriel (Dan. 8:15–27). The author of Proverbs insists that revelation from God is essential to the well-being of a society. Without God's law revealed in Scripture, the foundation of a society crumbles (Prov. 29:18).

Gabriel's Appearance to Daniel

15 And it came to pass, when I, *even* I Daniel, had seen the vision, and sought for the meaning, then, behold, there stood before me as the appearance of a man.
16 And I heard a man's voice between *the banks of* Ulai, which called, and said, Gabriel, make this *man* to understand the vision.
17 So he came near where I stood: and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man: for at the time of the end *shall be* the vision.
18 Now as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep on my face toward the ground: but he touched me, and set me upright.
19 And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: for at the time appointed the end *shall be*.
20 The ram which thou sawest having *two* horns *are* the kings of Media and Persia.
21 And the rough goat *is* the king of Grecia: and the great horn that *is* between his eyes *is* the first king.
22 Now that being broken, whereas four stood up for it, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in his power.

The King of Fierce Countenance

23 And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up.
24 And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people.
25 And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify *himself* in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.
26 And the vision of the evening and the morning which was told *is* true: wherefore shut thou up the vision; for it *shall be* for many days.
27 And I Daniel fainted, and was sick *certain* days; afterward I rose up, and did the king's business; and I was astonished at the vision, but none understood *it*.

The Seventy Years of Desolation

9 In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, which was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans;
2 In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.
3 And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes:
4 And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments;
5 We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments:
6 Neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, which spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.

God's Righteous Judgment

7 O Lord, righteousness *belongeth* unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto all Israel, *that are* near, and *that are* far off, through all the countries whither thou hast driven them, because of their trespass that they have trespassed against thee.
8 O Lord, to us *belongeth* confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against thee.
9 To the Lord our God *belong* mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him;
10 Neither have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets.

Israel's Transgression of God's Law

11 Yea, all Israel have transgressed thy law, even by departing, that they might not obey

9:1 first ▸ *see Deut. 6:4.*
9:5 rebel ▸ *see Num. 14:9.*

thy voice; therefore the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that *is* written in the law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against him.
12 And he hath confirmed his words, which he spake against us, and against our judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil: for under the whole heaven hath not been done as hath been done upon Jerusalem.
13 As *it is* written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us: yet made we not our prayer before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth.
14 Therefore hath the LORD watched upon the evil, and brought it upon us: for the LORD our God *is* righteous in all his works which he doeth: for we obeyed not his voice.
15 And now, O Lord our God, that hast brought thy people forth out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and hast gotten thee renown, as at this day; we have sinned, we have done wickedly.
16 O Lord, according to all thy righteousness, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain: because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy people *are become* a reproach to all *that are* about us.
17 Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake.
18 O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name: for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies.
19 O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God: for thy city and thy people are called by thy name.

Gabriel's Interpretation

20 And whiles I *was* speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God;
21 Yea, whiles I *was* speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.
22 And he informed *me,* and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding.
23 At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew *thee;* for thou *art* greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.

Seventy Weeks Are Determined

24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.
25 Know therefore and understand, *that* from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince *shall be* seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.
26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof *shall be* with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

9:18 incline ▸ *see Jer. 7:26.*
9:18 present ▸ *see Esth. 7:8.*
9:20 supplication ▸ *see 1 Kin. 8:28.*
9:24 week ▸ *see 2 Chr. 8:13.*

9:25 Messiah

(Heb. *mashiach*) (Lev. 4:3; Ps. 2:2; Is. 45:1) H4899: This noun means "anointed one" and finds its root meaning in the verb *masach* (H4886), which means to rub or apply oil (to a shield in Is. 21:5; to the body in Amos 6:6). The word also described the religious act of consecrating a prophet (1 Kin. 19:16), priest (Ex. 29:7) or king (2 Sam. 12:7) by symbolically anointing him with oil. Only Jesus fulfills the prophecies of a Savior who would carry out all three offices (John 1:41). In Greek, Anointed One or Messiah is rendered Christ.

9:25 troublous ▸ *see Is. 30:6.*

27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make *it* desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

Daniel's Three Weeks of Mourning

10 In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a thing was revealed unto Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar; and the thing *was* true, but the time appointed *was* long: and he understood the thing, and had understanding of the vision.
2 In those days I Daniel was mourning three full weeks.
3 I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.

Another Vision

4 And in the four and twentieth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which *is* Hiddekel;
5 Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins *were* girded with fine gold of Uphaz:
6 His body also *was* like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude.
7 And I Daniel alone saw the vision: for the men that were with me saw not the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves.
8 Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me: for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength.
9 Yet heard I the voice of his words: and when I heard the voice of his words, then was I in a deep sleep on my face, and my face toward the ground.

The Interpretation of the Vision

10 And, behold, an hand touched me, which set me upon my knees and *upon* the palms of my hands.
11 And he said unto me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright: for unto thee am I now sent. And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling.
12 Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words.
13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.
14 Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision *is* for *many* days.

Daniel's Strength Fails

15 And when he had spoken such words unto me, I set my face toward the ground, and I became dumb.
16 And, behold, *one* like the similitude of the sons of men touched my lips: then I opened my mouth, and spake, and said unto him that stood before me, O my lord, by the vision my sorrows are turned upon me, and I have retained no strength.
17 For how can the servant of this my lord talk with this my lord? for as for me, straightway there remained no strength in me, neither is there breath left in me.

A Messenger Strengthens Daniel

18 Then there came again and touched me

10:7 vision

(Heb. *mar'ah*) (Gen. 46:2; 1 Sam. 3:15; Ezek. 1:1) H4759: This very rare noun is derived from the very common verb meaning "to see." It is used almost exclusively for visionary experiences given as a means of divine revelation—primarily to prophets (Num. 12:6; 1 Sam. 3:15). This word occurs in two expressions: "visions of God" (Ezek. 1:1; 8:3; 40:2) and "visions of the night" (Gen. 46:2). Although the earlier visions of Jacob and Samuel occur while they are sleeping during the night, the later visions of Ezekiel and Daniel generally occur during the daytime while they are awake and while others are present but unable to witness the sight. On one occasion, this term is used to denote "looking-glasses," that is, bronze mirrors (Ex. 38:8).

one like the appearance of a man, and he strengthened me,
19 And said, O man greatly beloved, fear not: peace *be* unto thee, be strong, yea, be strong. And when he had spoken unto me, I was strengthened, and said, Let my lord speak; for thou hast strengthened me.
20 Then said he, Knowest thou wherefore I come unto thee? and now will I return to fight with the prince of Persia: and when I am gone forth, lo, the prince of Grecia shall come.
21 But I will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and *there is* none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince.

The Persian and Grecian Empires Fall

11 Also I in the first year of Darius the Mede, *even* I, stood to confirm and to strengthen him.
2 And now will I shew thee the truth. Behold, there shall stand up yet three kings in Persia; and the fourth shall be far richer than *they* all: and by his strength through his riches he shall stir up all against the realm of Grecia.
3 And a mighty king shall stand up, that shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will.
4 And when he shall stand up, his kingdom shall be broken, and shall be divided toward the four winds of heaven; and not to his posterity, nor according to his dominion which he ruled: for his kingdom shall be plucked up, even for others beside those.

The Kings of the South and North

5 And the king of the south shall be strong, and *one* of his princes; and he shall be strong above him, and have dominion; his dominion *shall be* a great dominion.
6 And in the end of years they shall join themselves together; for the king's daughter of the south shall come to the king of the north to make an agreement: but she shall not retain the power of the arm; neither shall he stand, nor his arm: but she shall be given up, and they that brought her, and he that begat her, and he that strengthened her in *these* times.
7 But out of a branch of her roots shall *one* stand up in his estate, which shall come with an army, and shall enter into the fortress of the king of the north, and shall deal against them, and shall prevail:
8 And shall also carry captives into Egypt their gods, with their princes, *and* with their precious vessels of silver and of gold; and he shall continue *more* years than the king of the north.
9 So the king of the south shall come into *his* kingdom, and shall return into his own land.
10 But his sons shall be stirred up, and shall assemble a multitude of great forces: and *one* shall certainly come, and overflow, and pass through: then shall he return, and be stirred up, *even* to his fortress.
11 And the king of the south shall be moved with choler, and shall come forth and fight with him, *even* with the king of the north: and he shall set forth a great multitude; but the multitude shall be given into his hand.
12 *And* when he hath taken away the multitude, his heart shall be lifted up; and he shall cast down *many* ten thousands: but he shall not be strengthened *by it*.
13 For the king of the north shall return, and shall set forth a multitude greater than the former, and shall certainly come after certain years with a great army and with much riches.
14 And in those times there shall many stand up against the king of the south: also

11:2 stir up ▸ *see Hag. 1:14.*

11:4 posterity

(Heb. *'acharith*) (Prov. 5:4; Is. 47:7; Jer. 5:31; Amos 4:2) H0319: The core of this word is the idea of subsequence—that which comes after. It can refer to that which comes after an interval of space (i.e. something remote, Ps. 139:9) or that which follows as an end result (Prov. 23:32; Is. 47:7). Primarily, the term is used as a temporal indicator; thus, it covers the remnant of a people as well as one's posterity (Ps. 109:13; Ezek. 23:25; Amos 4:2; 9:1). It points to various end times: the end of life (Num. 23:10), the end of a year (Deut. 11:12), and the end of a nonspecific time period (Gen. 49:1; Is. 46:10). It could possibly even refer to an afterlife (Prov. 23:18; 24:14, 20).

11:4 dominion ▸ *see Zech. 9:10.*
11:5 dominion ▸ *see Ps. 114:2.*
11:7 branch ▸ *see Is. 11:1.*

the robbers of thy people shall exalt themselves to establish the vision; but they shall fall.
15 So the king of the north shall come, and cast up a mount, and take the most fenced cities: and the arms of the south shall not withstand, neither his chosen people, neither *shall there be any* strength to withstand.
16 But he that cometh against him shall do according to his own will, and none shall stand before him: and he shall stand in the glorious land, which by his hand shall be consumed.
17 He shall also set his face to enter with the strength of his whole kingdom, and upright ones with him; thus shall he do: and he shall give him the daughter of women, corrupting her: but she shall not stand *on his side,* neither be for him.
18 After this shall he turn his face unto the isles, and shall take many: but a prince for his own behalf shall cause the reproach offered by him to cease; without his own reproach he shall cause *it* to turn upon him.
19 Then he shall turn his face toward the fort of his own land: but he shall stumble and fall, and not be found.
20 Then shall stand up in his estate a raiser of taxes *in* the glory of the kingdom: but within few days he shall be destroyed, neither in anger, nor in battle.

A Vile Person

21 And in his estate shall stand up a vile person, to whom they shall not give the honour of the kingdom: but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries.
22 And with the arms of a flood shall they be overflown from before him, and shall be broken; yea, also the prince of the covenant.
23 And after the league *made* with him he shall work deceitfully: for he shall come up, and shall become strong with a small people.
24 He shall enter peaceably even upon the fattest places of the province; and he shall do *that* which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers; he shall scatter among them the prey, and spoil, and riches: *yea,* and he shall forecast his devices against the strong holds, even for a time.
25 And he shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the south with a great army; and the king of the south shall be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty army; but he shall not stand: for they shall forecast devices against him.
26 Yea, they that feed of the portion of his meat shall destroy him, and his army shall overflow: and many shall fall down slain.
27 And both these kings' hearts *shall be* to do mischief, and they shall speak lies at one table; but it shall not prosper: for yet the end *shall be* at the time appointed.
28 Then shall he return into his land with great riches; and his heart *shall be* against the holy covenant; and he shall do *exploits,* and return to his own land.
29 At the time appointed he shall return, and come toward the south; but it shall not be as the former, or as the latter.
30 For the ships of Chittim shall come against him: therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant.
31 And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily *sacrifice,* and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate.
32 And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do *exploits.*
33 And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, *many* days.
34 Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries.
35 And *some* of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make *them* white, *even* to the time of the end: because *it is* yet for a time appointed.

The King Shall Magnify Himself

36 And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify

11:18 isles ▸ *see Ezek. 26:18.*
11:23 deceitfully ▸ *see Ps. 55:23.*
11:24 device ▸ *see Esth. 8:5.*
11:26 meat ▸ *see Dan. 1:16.*
11:31 pollute ▸ *see Lev. 22:15.*
11:33 captivity ▸ *see Jer. 43:11.*

himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done.
37 Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all.
38 But in his estate shall he honour the God of forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things.
39 Thus shall he do in the most strong holds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge *and* increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain.
40 And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.
41 He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many *countries* shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, *even* Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.
42 He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape.
43 But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians *shall be* at his steps.
44 But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many.
45 And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.

A Time of Trouble

12 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation *even* to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.
2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame *and* everlasting contempt.
3 And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.
4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, *even* to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.
5 Then I Daniel looked, and, behold, there stood other two, the one on this side of the bank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the river.
6 And *one* said to the man clothed in linen, which *was* upon the waters of the river, How long *shall it be to* the end of these wonders?
7 And I heard the man clothed in linen, which *was* upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and sware by him that liveth for ever that *it shall be* for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these *things* shall be finished.
8 And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what *shall be* the end of these *things?*
9 And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words *are* closed up and sealed till the time of the end.

11:44 tidings ▸ *see Jer. 51:46.*
11:45 plant ▸ *see Jer. 31:28.*
12:3 righteousness ▸ *see Gen. 38:26.*

12:9 seal

(Heb. *chatham*) (1 Kin. 21:8; Is. 29:11; Jer. 32:10) H2856: This word means "to affix a seal." To authenticate a document and assure its integrity, a king or official would close it with an application of clay or wax, stamped with an impression of his seal. The document then carried his authority and could not be altered without breaking the seal. Letters (1 Kin. 21:8), land deeds (Jer. 32:10), covenants (Neh. 10:1), and royal decrees (Esth. 3:12) were all authenticated with seals. Daniel's prophetic announcements were symbolically sealed (Dan. 12:9), indicating that they were authoritative and could not be altered, until the day of their fulfillment. In Revelation, a seal of the scroll of judgment is broken, indicating that the time of its fulfillment has come (Rev. 5:1–10).

10 Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.
11 And from the time *that* the daily *sacrifice* shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, *there shall be* a thousand two hundred and ninety days.
12 Blessed *is* he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.
13 But go thou thy way till the end *be:* for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.

12:11 abomination ▸ *see Ezek. 20:7.*

12:12 wait

(Heb. *chakah*) (2 Kin. 7:9; Job 32:4; Ps. 33:20; 106:13; Is. 8:17; 30:18) H2442: In Scripture, the word "wait" normally suggests the anxious, yet confident, expectation by God's people that the Lord will intervene on their behalf. Such waiting may be for answers to prayer (Ps. 25:5), for salvation (Gen. 49:18), or especially for the coming of the Messiah to bring salvation to His people and to establish His kingdom on earth (Ps. 37:34; see also Luke 12:36; Rom. 8:23; 1 Thess. 1:10). Waiting, therefore, is the working out of hope.

THE BOOK OF

HOSEA

HOSEA, WHOSE NAME MEANS "SALVATION," ministers to the northern kingdom of Israel (also called Ephraim, after its largest tribe). Outwardly, the nation is enjoying a time of prosperity and growth; but inwardly, moral corruption and spiritual adultery permeate the people. Hosea, instructed by God to marry a woman named Gomer, finds his domestic life to be an accurate and tragic dramatization of the unfaithfulness of God's people. During his half century of prophetic ministry, Hosea repeatedly echoes his threefold message: God abhors the sins of His people; judgment is certain; but God's loyal love stands firm.

The names Hosea, Joshua, and Jesus are all derived from the same Hebrew root word. The word *hoshea* means "salvation," but "Joshua" and "Jesus" include an additional idea: "Yahweh Is Salvation." As God's messenger, Hosea offers the possibility of salvation if only the nation will turn from idolatry back to God.

Israel's last king, Hoshea, has the same name as the prophet even though the English Bible spells them differently. Hosea in the Greek and Latin is *Osee*.

WATCH WORDS

- **hope** (confident expectation)—2:15
- **commit whoredom** (have sex with a prostitute)—5:3 (also 1:2)
- **seek** (earnestly search or look for)—5:15
- **stranger** (alien, foreigner)—7:9

A Wife of Whoredoms

1 The word of the LORD that came unto Hosea, the son of Beeri, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, *and* Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel.

2 The beginning of the word of the LORD by Hosea. And the LORD said to Hosea, Go, take unto thee a wife of whoredoms and children of whoredoms: for the land hath committed great whoredom, *departing* from the LORD.

3 So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim; which conceived, and bare him a son.

The Judgment Against Jehu and Israel

4 And the LORD said unto him, Call his name Jezreel; for yet a little *while,* and I will avenge the blood of Jezreel upon the house of Jehu, and will cause to cease the kingdom of the house of Israel.

5 And it shall come to pass at that day, that I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.

The Judgment on Israel

6 And she conceived again, and bare a daughter. And *God* said unto him, Call her name Lo-ruhamah: for I will no more have

1:2 whoredom ▸ *see 1 Kin. 3:16.*
1:2 commit whoredom ▸ *see Hos. 5:3.*

1:5 valley

(Heb. *`emeq*) (Gen. 14:3; Josh. 10:12; 1 Chr. 10:7) H6010: Related to the verb *`amoq*, which means to sink down or be deep, this noun is used in the Old Testament to refer to topographical formations (i.e., the land areas between mountains or hills, see Mic. 1:4). These vales or dales were often named (Gen. 14:17; 37:14; Is. 28:21). Some were broad and flat; in other places, they might be narrow and gorge-like. Often these valleys feature flowing streams and rivers, or dry wadis.

mercy upon the house of Israel; but I will utterly take them away.
7 But I will have mercy upon the house of Judah, and will save them by the LORD their God, and will not save them by bow, nor by sword, nor by battle, by horses, nor by horsemen.
8 Now when she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived, and bare a son.

Not My People

9 Then said *God,* Call his name Lo-ammi: for ye *are* not my people, and I will not be your *God*.
10 Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, *that* in the place where it was said unto them, Ye *are* not my people, *there* it shall be said unto them, *Ye are* the sons of the living God.
11 Then shall the children of Judah and the children of Israel be gathered together, and appoint themselves one head, and they shall come up out of the land: for great *shall be* the day of Jezreel.

Israel's Adultery

2 Say ye unto your brethren, Ammi; and to your sisters, Ruhamah.
2 Plead with your mother, plead: for she *is* not my wife, neither *am* I her husband: let her therefore put away her whoredoms out of her sight, and her adulteries from between her breasts;
3 Lest I strip her naked, and set her as in the day that she was born, and make her as a wilderness, and set her like a dry land, and slay her with thirst.
4 And I will not have mercy upon her children; for they *be* the children of whoredoms.
5 For their mother hath played the harlot: she that conceived them hath done shamefully: for she said, I will go after my lovers, that give *me* my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, mine oil and my drink.
6 Therefore, behold, I will hedge up thy way with thorns, and make a wall, that she shall not find her paths.
7 And she shall follow after her lovers, but she shall not overtake them; and she shall seek them, but shall not find *them:* then shall she say, I will go and return to my first husband; for then *was it* better with me than now.
8 For she did not know that I gave her corn, and wine, and oil, and multiplied her silver and gold, *which* they prepared for Baal.
9 Therefore will I return, and take away my corn in the time thereof, and my wine in the season thereof, and will recover my wool and my flax *given* to cover her nakedness.
10 And now will I discover her lewdness in the sight of her lovers, and none shall deliver her out of mine hand.
11 I will also cause all her mirth to cease, her feast days, her new moons, and her sabbaths, and all her solemn feasts.
12 And I will destroy her vines and her fig trees, whereof she hath said, These *are* my rewards that my lovers have given me: and I will make them a forest, and the beasts of the field shall eat them.
13 And I will visit upon her the days of Baalim, wherein she burned incense to them, and she decked herself with her earrings and her jewels, and she went after her lovers, and forgat me, saith the LORD.

Israel's Restoration

14 Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfortably unto her.
15 And I will give her her vineyards from thence, and the valley of Achor for a door of hope: and she shall sing there, as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt.
16 And it shall be at that day, saith the LORD, *that* thou shalt call me Ishi; and shalt call me no more Baali.
17 For I will take away the names of Baalim

1:10 number ▸ *see Ps. 118:17.*
2:6 make a wall ▸ *see 2 Kin. 22:6.*
2:14 allure ▸ *see Gen. 9:27.*

2:15 hope

(Heb. *tiqvah*) (Ruth 1:12; Job 7:6; Ps. 62:5; Prov. 26:12) H8615: We often use the English word "hope" when what we really mean is "wish." For the Hebrews this word meant confident expectation (Job 11:18), optimistically waiting and looking forward to something (Zech. 9:12), not crossing one's fingers. Such a hopeful mindset—or heart attitude—results in gladness (Prov. 10:28). It is worth noting that this same word is translated "cord" in Joshua 2:18, meaning hope really is like a rope to which we can cling!

out of her mouth, and they shall no more be remembered by their name.
18 And in that day will I make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven, and *with* the creeping things of the ground: and I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth, and will make them to lie down safely.
19 And I will betroth thee unto me for ever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in loving-kindness, and in mercies.
20 I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and thou shalt know the LORD.
21 And it shall come to pass in that day, I will hear, saith the LORD, I will hear the heavens, and they shall hear the earth;
22 And the earth shall hear the corn, and the wine, and the oil; and they shall hear Jezreel.
23 And I will sow her unto me in the earth; and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to *them which were* not my people, Thou *art* my people; and they shall say, *Thou art* my God.

Israel's Redemption

3 Then said the LORD unto me, Go yet, love a woman beloved of *her* friend, yet an adulteress, according to the love of the LORD toward the children of Israel, who look to other gods, and love flagons of wine.
2 So I bought her to me for fifteen *pieces* of silver, and *for* an homer of barley, and an half homer of barley:
3 And I said unto her, Thou shalt abide for me many days; thou shalt not play the harlot, and thou shalt not be for *another* man: so *will* I also *be* for thee.
4 For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and *without* teraphim:
5 Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the latter days.

No Knowledge of God in the Land

4 Hear the word of the LORD, ye children of Israel: for the LORD hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because *there is* no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land.
2 By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood.
3 Therefore shall the land mourn, and every one that dwelleth therein shall languish, with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven; yea, the fishes of the sea also shall be taken away.
4 Yet let no man strive, nor reprove another: for thy people *are* as they that strive with the priest.
5 Therefore shalt thou fall in the day, and the prophet also shall fall with thee in the night, and I will destroy thy mother.
6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.
7 As they were increased, so they sinned against me: *therefore* will I change their glory into shame.

2:20 faithfulness ▸ *see Prov. 28:20.*

3:5 fear

(Heb. *pachad*) (Deut. 28:66; Job 3:25; Prov. 28:14) H6342: This Hebrew verb means to tremble in distress, usually because of looming trouble. Such dismay can cause literal trembling and shaking (as in this verse and others, e.g., Job 4:14). *Pachad* may even suggest being overwhelmed with heart-stopping terror and dread (Ps. 14:5; Is. 19:16). The word further can convey an attitude of stunned reverence (Prov. 28:14) before the majesty of Almighty God (Is. 60:5). It is this kind of holy awe that leads to wisdom (Prov. 9:10) and to a life that honors God (Rev. 15:4; 19:5).

4:5 fall

(Heb. *kashal*) (1 Sam. 2:4; Is. 3:8; Hos. 5:5) H3782: Literally this verb means "to totter," "to trip and fall," or "to stumble." The prophets frequently used this word to describe the spiritual life of the Hebrews. For example, Hosea likens both false prophets and their followers to those who stumble in the dark: they are stumbling over the sin of idolatry and falling to their ruin (Hos. 4:5; 5:5; Is. 3:8). Isaiah warns that those who rely on their own strength will stumble and fall (Is. 40:30), but those who are led by the Lord will not stumble (Is. 63:13). In fact, the Lord will provide strength to those who have stumbled in the past and now call upon Him (1 Sam. 2:4).

8 They eat up the sin of my people, and they set their heart on their iniquity.
9 And there shall be, like people, like priest: and I will punish them for their ways, and reward them their doings.
10 For they shall eat, and not have enough: they shall commit whoredom, and shall not increase: because they have left off to take heed to the LORD.
11 Whoredom and wine and new wine take away the heart.

Israel's Spirit of Whoredoms

12 My people ask counsel at their stocks, and their staff declareth unto them: for the spirit of whoredoms hath caused *them* to err, and they have gone a whoring from under their God.
13 They sacrifice upon the tops of the mountains, and burn incense upon the hills, under oaks and poplars and elms, because the shadow thereof *is* good: therefore your daughters shall commit whoredom, and your spouses shall commit adultery.
14 I will not punish your daughters when they commit whoredom, nor your spouses when they commit adultery: for themselves are separated with whores, and they sacrifice with harlots: therefore the people *that* doth not understand shall fall.
15 Though thou, Israel, play the harlot, *yet* let not Judah offend; and come not ye unto Gilgal, neither go ye up to Beth-aven, nor swear, The LORD liveth.
16 For Israel slideth back as a backsliding heifer: now the LORD will feed them as a lamb in a large place.
17 Ephraim *is* joined to idols: let him alone.
18 Their drink is sour: they have committed whoredom continually: her rulers *with* shame do love, Give ye.
19 The wind hath bound her up in her wings, and they shall be ashamed because of their sacrifices.

The Rebuke of Israel and Judah

5 Hear ye this, O priests; and hearken, ye house of Israel; and give ye ear, O house of the king; for judgment *is* toward you, because ye have been a snare on Mizpah, and a net spread upon Tabor.
2 And the revolters are profound to make slaughter, though I *have been* a rebuker of them all.
3 I know Ephraim, and Israel is not hid from me: for now, O Ephraim, thou committest whoredom, *and* Israel is defiled.
4 They will not frame their doings to turn unto their God: for the spirit of whoredoms *is* in the midst of them, and they have not known the LORD.
5 And the pride of Israel doth testify to his face: therefore shall Israel and Ephraim fall in their iniquity; Judah also shall fall with them.
6 They shall go with their flocks and with their herds to seek the LORD; but they shall not find *him;* he hath withdrawn himself from them.
7 They have dealt treacherously against the LORD: for they have begotten strange children: now shall a month devour them with their portions.
8 Blow ye the cornet in Gibeah, *and* the trumpet in Ramah: cry aloud *at* Beth-aven, after thee, O Benjamin.
9 Ephraim shall be desolate in the day of rebuke: among the tribes of Israel have I made known that which shall surely be.
10 The princes of Judah were like them that remove the bound: *therefore* I will pour out my wrath upon them like water.
11 Ephraim *is* oppressed *and* broken in judgment, because he willingly walked after the commandment.
12 Therefore *will* I *be* unto Ephraim as a moth, and to the house of Judah as rottenness.

5:3 commit whoredom

(Heb. *zanah*) (Jer. 3:3; Ezek. 16:35; Hos. 1:2) H2181: The verb *zanah* refers to having illicit sexual relations, especially involving prostitution. Two forms of prostitution were practiced in the ancient world: common prostitution and ritual, or "sacred," prostitution, which involved pagan fertility rites. Both forms were strictly forbidden in God's law (Lev. 19:29; Deut. 23:17). The Old Testament frequently uses prostitution as an image of the sin of idolatry. Israel was pledged to serve one God (Ex. 20:3), so idolatry was like marital unfaithfulness against the Lord. Jeremiah and Ezekiel develop this image in graphic detail (Jer. 3; Ezek. 16; 23), and Hosea actually married a prostitute as a living symbol of God's patience with Israel's infidelities (Hos. 1).

5:5 fall ▸ *see Hos. 4:5.*
5:9 rebuke ▸ *see Prov. 5:12.*

Israel Seeks Help from Assyria

13 When Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah *saw* his wound, then went Ephraim to the Assyrian, and sent to king Jareb: yet could he not heal you, nor cure you of your wound.
14 For I *will be* unto Ephraim as a lion, and as a young lion to the house of Judah: I, *even* I, will tear and go away; I will take away, and none shall rescue *him*.
15 I will go *and* return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early.

Return to the Lord

6 Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.
2 After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.
3 Then shall we know, *if* we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter *and* former rain unto the earth.
4 O Ephraim, what shall I do unto thee? O Judah, what shall I do unto thee? for your goodness *is* as a morning cloud, and as the early dew it goeth away.
5 Therefore have I hewed *them* by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth: and thy judgments *are as* the light *that* goeth forth.
6 For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.
7 But they like men have transgressed the covenant: there have they dealt treacherously against me.
8 Gilead *is* a city of them that work iniquity, *and is* polluted with blood.
9 And as troops of robbers wait for a man, *so* the company of priests murder in the way by consent: for they commit lewdness.
10 I have seen an horrible thing in the house of Israel: there *is* the whoredom of Ephraim, Israel is defiled.
11 Also, O Judah, he hath set an harvest for thee, when I returned the captivity of my people.

Israel's Wickedness Remembered

7 When I would have healed Israel, then the iniquity of Ephraim was discovered, and the wickedness of Samaria: for they commit falsehood; and the thief cometh in, *and* the troop of robbers spoileth without.
2 And they consider not in their hearts *that* I remember all their wickedness: now their own doings have beset them about; they are before my face.
3 They make the king glad with their wickedness, and the princes with their lies.
4 They *are* all adulterers, as an oven heated by the baker, *who* ceaseth from raising after he hath kneaded the dough, until it be leavened.
5 In the day of our king the princes have made *him* sick with bottles of wine; he stretched out his hand with scorners.
6 For they have made ready their heart like an oven, whiles they lie in wait: their baker sleepeth all the night; in the morning it burneth as a flaming fire.
7 They are all hot as an oven, and have devoured their judges; all their kings are

5:15 acknowledge offence ▸ *see Lev. 4:13.*

5:15 seek

(Heb. *baqash*) (Ex. 4:19; Deut. 4:29; 1 Chr. 16:10) H1245: This word means to search or look for, or to strive after. It suggests earnest desire, sometimes even desperation in the quest to discover or find the thing or one sought. The object of seeking can be the face of God (Ps. 24:6; 27:8; Dan. 9:3), peace (Ps. 34:14), the welfare of others (Neh. 2:10), or the insights of the wise (1 Kin. 10:24). In the New Testament, Jesus said He came to seek and save lost people (Luke 19:10), with the goal that they then might "seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness" (Matt. 6:33).

6:1 bind up ▸ *see Job 34:17.*

6:3 going forth

(Heb. *motsa'*) (Num. 30:12; Ps. 19:6) H4161: Stemming from the verb *yasa'*, which means to go out, this noun has assorted nuances. It can refer to words or a decree proceeding from one's mouth (Num. 30:12; Dan. 9:25). It can refer to going out on a journey, or a part of one (Num. 33:2), or—as here— to a pattern of activity (cf. 2 Sam. 3:25). Because God's faithfulness, love, and care are continual, like the daily rising of the sun (Ps. 19:6), we are wise to pursue Him and seek to know Him.

6:9 lewdness ▸ *see Ezek. 24:13.*

fallen: *there is* none among them that calleth unto me.
8 Ephraim, he hath mixed himself among the people; Ephraim is a cake not turned.
9 Strangers have devoured his strength, and he knoweth *it* not: yea, gray hairs are here and there upon him, yet he knoweth not.
10 And the pride of Israel testifieth to his face: and they do not return to the LORD their God, nor seek him for all this.
11 Ephraim also is like a silly dove without heart: they call to Egypt, they go to Assyria.
12 When they shall go, I will spread my net upon them; I will bring them down as the fowls of the heaven; I will chastise them, as their congregation hath heard.
13 Woe unto them! for they have fled from me: destruction unto them! because they have transgressed against me: though I have redeemed them, yet they have spoken lies against me.
14 And they have not cried unto me with their heart, when they howled upon their beds: they assemble themselves for corn and wine, *and* they rebel against me.
15 Though I have bound *and* strengthened their arms, yet do they imagine mischief against me.
16 They return, *but* not to the most High: they are like a deceitful bow: their princes shall fall by the sword for the rage of their tongue: this *shall be* their derision in the land of Egypt.

Judgment Comes as an Eagle

8 *Set* the trumpet to thy mouth. *He shall come* as an eagle against the house of the LORD, because they have transgressed my covenant, and trespassed against my law.
2 Israel shall cry unto me, My God, we know thee.
3 Israel hath cast off *the thing that is* good: the enemy shall pursue him.
4 They have set up kings, but not by me: they have made princes, and I knew *it* not: of their silver and their gold have they made them idols, that they may be cut off.
5 Thy calf, O Samaria, hath cast *thee* off; mine anger is kindled against them: how long *will it be* ere they attain to innocency?
6 For from Israel *was* it also: the workman made it; therefore it *is* not God: but the calf of Samaria shall be broken in pieces.
7 For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind: it hath no stalk: the bud shall yield no meal: if so be it yield, the strangers shall swallow it up.

Israel's Altars to Sin

8 Israel is swallowed up: now shall they be among the Gentiles as a vessel wherein *is* no pleasure.
9 For they are gone up to Assyria, a wild ass alone by himself: Ephraim hath hired lovers.
10 Yea, though they have hired among the nations, now will I gather them, and they shall sorrow a little for the burden of the king of princes.
11 Because Ephraim hath made many altars to sin, altars shall be unto him to sin.
12 I have written to him the great things of my law, *but* they were counted as a strange thing.
13 They sacrifice flesh *for* the sacrifices of mine offerings, and eat *it; but* the LORD accepteth them not; now will he remember their iniquity, and visit their sins: they shall return to Egypt.

7:9 stranger

(Heb. *zur*) (Job 15:19; Is. 25:5; Jer. 51:51) H2114: The basic meaning of this noun is to be a foreigner. Biblically the word refers to alien or strange (i.e., unauthorized) worship practices (Lev. 10:1), to one who is not a member of a family (Deut. 25:5), or to the state of being estranged from one's land or people (Job 19:13; Ps. 69:8). Sometimes this estrangement is chosen, as when God's people deliberately turn away from Him and make themselves strangers to Him (Ps. 58:3; Is. 1:4; Ezek. 14:5).

7:13 destruction ▸ *see Is. 13:6.*

8:1 trumpet

(Heb. *shophar*) (Ex. 19:16; Josh. 6:4; Ps. 150:3) H7782: The word *shophar* (or *shofar*) designates a curved horn made from a ram's horn. It is the most frequently mentioned musical instrument in the Bible. It was used not to produce the kind of trumpet music we think of, but more like a bugle to rally the people (Neh. 4:20), to signal feast days (Ps. 81:3), to sound an alarm (Jer. 4:19), or in conjunction with a battle cry (Zeph. 1:16). In the New Testament we read that a trumpet sound will herald the return of Christ (1 Thess. 4:16).

8:4 idol ▸ *see Ps. 115:4.*
8:5 innocency ▸ *see Gen. 20:5.*

14 For Israel hath forgotten his Maker, and buildeth temples; and Judah hath multiplied fenced cities: but I will send a fire upon his cities, and it shall devour the palaces thereof.

Captivity by Egypt

9 Rejoice not, O Israel, for joy, as *other* people: for thou hast gone a whoring from thy God, thou hast loved a reward upon every cornfloor.
2 The floor and the winepress shall not feed them, and the new wine shall fail in her.
3 They shall not dwell in the LORD's land; but Ephraim shall return to Egypt, and they shall eat unclean *things* in Assyria.
4 They shall not offer wine *offerings* to the LORD, neither shall they be pleasing unto him: their sacrifices *shall be* unto them as the bread of mourners; all that eat thereof shall be polluted: for their bread for their soul shall not come into the house of the LORD.
5 What will ye do in the solemn day, and in the day of the feast of the LORD?
6 For, lo, they are gone because of destruction: Egypt shall gather them up, Memphis shall bury them: the pleasant *places* for their silver, nettles shall possess them: thorns *shall be* in their tabernacles.
7 The days of visitation are come, the days of recompence are come; Israel shall know *it:* the prophet *is* a fool, the spiritual man *is* mad, for the multitude of thine iniquity, and the great hatred.
8 The watchman of Ephraim *was* with my God: *but* the prophet *is* a snare of a fowler in all his ways, *and* hatred in the house of his God.
9 They have deeply corrupted *themselves,* as in the days of Gibeah: *therefore* he will remember their iniquity, he will visit their sins.
10 I found Israel like grapes in the wilderness; I saw your fathers as the firstripe in the fig tree at her first time: *but* they went to Baal-peor, and separated themselves unto *that* shame; and *their* abominations were according as they loved.
11 *As for* Ephraim, their glory shall fly away like a bird, from the birth, and from the womb, and from the conception.
12 Though they bring up their children, yet will I bereave them, *that there shall* not *be* a man *left:* yea, woe also to them when I depart from them!
13 Ephraim, as I saw Tyrus, *is* planted in a pleasant place: but Ephraim shall bring forth his children to the murderer.
14 Give them, O LORD: what wilt thou give? give them a miscarrying womb and dry breasts.
15 All their wickedness *is* in Gilgal: for there I hated them: for the wickedness of their doings I will drive them out of mine house, I will love them no more: all their princes *are* revolters.
16 Ephraim is smitten, their root is dried up, they shall bear no fruit: yea, though they bring forth, yet will I slay *even* the beloved *fruit* of their womb.
17 My God will cast them away, because they did not hearken unto him: and they shall be wanderers among the nations.

An Empty Vine

10 Israel *is* an empty vine, he bringeth forth fruit unto himself: according to the multitude of his fruit he hath increased the altars; according to the goodness of his land they have made goodly images.
2 Their heart is divided; now shall they be found faulty: he shall break down their altars, he shall spoil their images.
3 For now they shall say, We have no king, because we feared not the LORD; what then should a king do to us?
4 They have spoken words, swearing falsely in making a covenant: thus judgment springeth up as hemlock in the furrows of the field.
5 The inhabitants of Samaria shall fear because of the calves of Beth-aven: for the people thereof shall mourn over it, and

9:6 thorn ▸ *see Prov. 26:9.*

9:7 recompence

(Heb. *shillum*) (Is. 34:8; Mic. 7:3) H7966: This word, found in only two other Old Testament passages, means retribution or reckoning. It signifies being paid back: the action of one party triggering a suitable response by another. One can be recompensed positively or negatively, either rewarded for good or punished for evil. In Micah 7:3, the word is translated "reward," meaning a bribe.

9:8 watchman ▸ *see Ezek. 33:2.*
9:10 abomination ▸ *see Ezek. 20:7.*
9:17 wanderer ▸ *see Ps. 64:8.*

the priests thereof *that* rejoiced on it, for the glory thereof, because it is departed from it.
6 It shall be also carried unto Assyria *for* a present to king Jareb: Ephraim shall receive shame, and Israel shall be ashamed of his own counsel.
7 *As for* Samaria, her king is cut off as the foam upon the water.
8 The high places also of Aven, the sin of Israel, shall be destroyed: the thorn and the thistle shall come up on their altars; and they shall say to the mountains, Cover us; and to the hills, Fall on us.
9 O Israel, thou hast sinned from the days of Gibeah: there they stood: the battle in Gibeah against the children of iniquity did not overtake them.
10 *It is* in my desire that I should chastise them; and the people shall be gathered against them, when they shall bind themselves in their two furrows.
11 And Ephraim *is as* an heifer *that is* taught, *and* loveth to tread out *the corn;* but I passed over upon her fair neck: I will make Ephraim to ride; Judah shall plow, *and* Jacob shall break his clods.
12 Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for *it is* time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you.
13 Ye have plowed wickedness, ye have reaped iniquity; ye have eaten the fruit of lies: because thou didst trust in thy way, in the multitude of thy mighty men.
14 Therefore shall a tumult arise among thy people, and all thy fortresses shall be spoiled, as Shalman spoiled Beth-arbel in the day of battle: the mother was dashed in pieces upon *her* children.
15 So shall Beth-el do unto you because of your great wickedness: in a morning shall the king of Israel utterly be cut off.

God's Bands of Love

11 When Israel *was* a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt.
2 *As* they called them, so they went from them: they sacrificed unto Baalim, and burned incense to graven images.
3 I taught Ephraim also to go, taking them by their arms; but they knew not that I healed them.
4 I drew them with cords of a man, with bands of love: and I was to them as they that take off the yoke on their jaws, and I laid meat unto them.
5 He shall not return into the land of Egypt, but the Assyrian shall be his king, because they refused to return.
6 And the sword shall abide on his cities, and shall consume his branches, and devour *them,* because of their own counsels.
7 And my people are bent to backsliding from me: though they called them to the most High, none at all would exalt *him.*
8 How shall I give thee up, Ephraim? *how* shall I deliver thee, Israel? how shall I make thee as Admah? *how* shall I set thee as Zeboim? mine heart is turned within me, my repentings are kindled together.
9 I will not execute the fierceness of mine anger, I will not return to destroy Ephraim: for I *am* God, and not man; the Holy One in the midst of thee: and I will not enter into the city.
10 They shall walk after the LORD: he shall

10:12 sow

(Heb. *zara`*) (Ex. 23:10; 2 Kin. 19:29; Prov. 22:8) H2232: This verb means to scatter or plant seed. It is used literally to speak of the attempt to grow crops (Gen. 26:12; 47:23; Judg. 6:3). More often the Old Testament writers use the image of sowing figuratively to describe spiritual activities and realities: the people of God being planted in the Promised Land (Hos. 2:23) or scattered to foreign lands (Zech. 10:9); the sowing of sinful deeds (Prov. 22:8); or having light and gladness sown into one's life (Ps. 97:11).

11:4 draw ▸ *see Judg. 4:7.*

11:4 band

(Heb. *`aboth*) (Ex. 28:14; Is. 5:18) H5688: This is the word for cord or bond. Such a rope was usually braided or interwoven, like a wreath or intertwined foliage. It is used to convey the idea of being bound to something—a sacrifice to an altar (Ps. 118:27)—or in this verse, the image of a beast of burden under a yoke. Here, however, the cords don't suggest being driven or mistreated, but being loved and cared for by God. Bible students will immediately think of Christ's invitation in Matthew 11:29, 30 to gladly take His yoke in order to find true rest.

11:4 yoke ▸ *see 1 Kin. 12:4.*
11:6 abide ▸ *see 1 Sam. 31:3.*

roar like a lion: when he shall roar, then the children shall tremble from the west.
11 They shall tremble as a bird out of Egypt, and as a dove out of the land of Assyria: and I will place them in their houses, saith the LORD.
12 Ephraim compasseth me about with lies, and the house of Israel with deceit: but Judah yet ruleth with God, and is faithful with the saints.

Israel's Alliances

12 Ephraim feedeth on wind, and followeth after the east wind: he daily increaseth lies and desolation; and they do make a covenant with the Assyrians, and oil is carried into Egypt.
2 The LORD hath also a controversy with Judah, and will punish Jacob according to his ways; according to his doings will he recompense him.
3 He took his brother by the heel in the womb, and by his strength he had power with God:
4 Yea, he had power over the angel, and prevailed: he wept, and made supplication unto him: he found him *in* Beth-el, and there he spake with us;
5 Even the LORD God of hosts; the LORD *is* his memorial.
6 Therefore turn thou to thy God: keep mercy and judgment, and wait on thy God continually.
7 *He is* a merchant, the balances of deceit *are* in his hand: he loveth to oppress.
8 And Ephraim said, Yet I am become rich, I have found me out substance: *in* all my labours they shall find none iniquity in me that *were* sin.
9 And I *that am* the LORD thy God from the land of Egypt will yet make thee to dwell in tabernacles, as in the days of the solemn feast.
10 I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and used similitudes, by the ministry of the prophets.
11 *Is there* iniquity *in* Gilead? surely they are vanity: they sacrifice bullocks in Gilgal; yea, their altars *are* as heaps in the furrows of the fields.
12 And Jacob fled into the country of Syria, and Israel served for a wife, and for a wife he kept *sheep*.
13 And by a prophet the LORD brought Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet was he preserved.
14 Ephraim provoked *him* to anger most bitterly: therefore shall he leave his blood upon him, and his reproach shall his Lord return unto him.

Israel's Sin of Idolatry

13 When Ephraim spake trembling, he exalted himself in Israel; but when he offended in Baal, he died.
2 And now they sin more and more, and have made them molten images of their silver, *and* idols according to their own understanding, all of it the work of the craftsmen: they say of them, Let the men that sacrifice kiss the calves.
3 Therefore they shall be as the morning cloud, and as the early dew that passeth away, as the chaff *that* is driven with the whirlwind out of the floor, and as the smoke out of the chimney.
4 Yet I *am* the LORD thy God from the land of Egypt, and thou shalt know no god but me: for *there is* no saviour beside me.
5 I did know thee in the wilderness, in the land of great drought.
6 According to their pasture, so were they

11:10 roar ▸ *see Joel 3:16.*
12:5 memorial ▸ *see Ps. 102:12.*
12:6 wait ▸ *see Lam. 3:25.*

12:8 Ephraim

(Heb. *'ephraim*) (Gen. 41:52; Josh. 14:4; Zech. 10:7) H0669: The proper name of Joseph's youngest son, *Ephraim* means fruitful. Along with his older brother Manasseh, Ephraim was adopted and blessed by the great patriarch Jacob and thus became the father of one of the twelve tribes of Israel. Later the name Ephraim was used to refer to the entire northern kingdom of Israel (Jer. 31:18; Hos. 4:17).

12:14 leave ▸ *see Prov. 1:8.*

13:6 pasture

(Heb. *mir`ith*) (Ps. 79:13; 100:3; Is. 49:9; Ezek. 34:31) H4830: This noun means pasture or grazing place and refers to any area where sheep, cattle, or goats forage for food. Figuratively, it can represent a place of tranquility where the Lord leads and feeds His people (Ps. 79:13; 100:3).

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filled; they were filled, and their heart was exalted; therefore have they forgotten me.
7 Therefore I will be unto them as a lion: as a leopard by the way will I observe *them:*
8 I will meet them as a bear *that is* bereaved *of her whelps,* and will rend the caul of their heart, and there will I devour them like a lion: the wild beast shall tear them.
9 O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself; but in me *is* thine help.
10 I will be thy king: where *is any other* that may save thee in all thy cities? and thy judges of whom thou saidst, Give me a king and princes?
11 I gave thee a king in mine anger, and took *him* away in my wrath.
12 The iniquity of Ephraim is bound up; his sin *is* hid.
13 The sorrows of a travailing woman shall come upon him: he *is* an unwise son; for he should not stay long in *the place of* the breaking forth of children.
14 I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction: repentance shall be hid from mine eyes.
15 Though he be fruitful among *his* brethren, an east wind shall come, the wind of the LORD shall come up from the wilderness, and his spring shall become dry, and his fountain shall be dried up: he shall spoil the treasure of all pleasant vessels.
16 Samaria shall become desolate; for she hath rebelled against her God: they shall fall by the sword: their infants shall be dashed in pieces, and their women with child shall be ripped up.

A Return to the Lord

14 O Israel, return unto the LORD thy God; for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity.
2 Take with you words, and turn to the LORD: say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and receive *us* graciously: so will we render the calves of our lips.
3 Asshur shall not save us; we will not ride upon horses: neither will we say any more to the work of our hands, *Ye are* our gods: for in thee the fatherless findeth mercy.
4 I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away from him.
5 I will be as the dew unto Israel: he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon.
6 His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive tree, and his smell as Lebanon.
7 They that dwell under his shadow shall return; they shall revive *as* the corn, and grow as the vine: the scent thereof *shall be* as the wine of Lebanon.
8 Ephraim *shall say,* What have I to do any more with idols? I have heard *him,* and observed him: I *am* like a green fir tree. From me is thy fruit found.
9 Who *is* wise, and he shall understand these *things?* prudent, and he shall know them? for the ways of the LORD *are* right, and the just shall walk in them: but the transgressors shall fall therein.

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In the New Testament, Mark records that Jesus, the Good Shepherd, commanded the five thousand to "all sit down by companies upon the green grass" before feeding them.

13:8 bear ▸ *see Prov. 17:12.*
13:15 spoil ▸ *see 2 Kin. 17:20.*
14:4 backsliding ▸ *see Jer. 5:6.*
14:5 cast forth ▸ *see Gen. 19:11.*

14:8 fir

(Heb. *berosh*) (1 Kin. 5:8; Is. 14:8; Ezek. 31:8) H1265: This word, sometimes rendered juniper or cypress, describes an evergreen conifer tree. Cypress wood is native to the Middle East. Moreover, it was durable and desirable, and considered a sign of prosperity. It was used in shipbuilding and constructing coffins and furniture. When Solomon set out to build the temple, King Hiram of Tyre supplied him with large amounts of cedar and cypress timber (1 Kin. 9:11).

THE BOOK OF

JOEL

DISASTER STRIKES THE SOUTHERN KINGDOM of Judah without warning. An ominous black cloud descends upon the land—the dreaded locusts. In a matter of hours, every living green thing has been stripped bare. Joel, God's spokesman during the reign of Joash (835–796 B.C.), seizes this occasion to proclaim God's message. Although the locust plague has been a terrible judgment for sin, God's future judgments during the day of the Lord will make that plague pale by comparison. In that day, God will destroy His enemies, but bring unparalleled blessing to those who faithfully obey Him.

The Hebrew name *Yo'el* means "Yahweh Is God." This name is appropriate to the theme of the book, which emphasizes God's sovereign work in history. The courses of nature and nations are in His hand. The Greek equivalent is *Ioel*, and the Latin is *Joel*.

WATCH WORDS

- **give ear** (hear, pay attention to what follows)—1:2
- **spirit** (breath, wind, or breath of life)—2:28

The Word of the Lord

1 The word of the LORD that came to Joel the son of Pethuel.

2 Hear this, ye old men, and give ear, all ye inhabitants of the land. Hath this been in your days, or even in the days of your fathers?

3 Tell ye your children of it, and *let* your children *tell* their children, and their children another generation.

The Locust Devastation

4 That which the palmerworm hath left hath the locust eaten; and that which the locust hath left hath the cankerworm eaten; and that which the cankerworm hath left hath the caterpiller eaten.

5 Awake, ye drunkards, and weep; and howl, all ye drinkers of wine, because of the new wine; for it is cut off from your mouth.

6 For a nation is come up upon my land, strong, and without number, whose teeth *are* the teeth of a lion, and he hath the cheek teeth of a great lion.

7 He hath laid my vine waste, and barked my fig tree: he hath made it clean bare, and cast *it* away; the branches thereof are made white.

8 Lament like a virgin girded with sackcloth for the husband of her youth.

1:2 give ear

(Heb. *'azan*) (Ex. 15:26; Deut. 1:45; Is. 64:4) H0238: This verb, often translated "give ear," derives from a noun meaning "ear." This term occurs primarily in poetry, in imperative form, and in parallel with verbs meaning "hear" and "pay attention." It typically functions as a summons to give heed to what follows. It introduces prayers (Ps. 5:1; 17:1; 84:8), songs (Gen. 4:23; Deut. 32:1; Judg. 5:3), wisdom sayings (Job 34:2; Ps. 49:1; 78:1; Is. 28:23), and prophetic words (Num. 23:18; Is. 51:4; Jer. 13:15; Hos. 5:1; Joel 1:2). The heavens and earth are each commanded to give ear to God's message (Deut. 32:1; Is. 1:2). All too frequently, the very people of God failed to give ear to Him (2 Chr. 24:19; Neh. 9:30).

1:4 locust

(Heb. *'arbeh*) (2 Chr. 6:28; Ps. 105:34; Prov. 30:27; Joel 2:25) H0697: This voracious and destructive insect was well known in Old Testament times. According to Leviticus 11:22, locusts were clean, or edible, creatures. These are the same judgment instruments God used in the eighth plague against Egypt (Ex. 10:4, 12–14, 19). Nahum 3:15–17 uses locusts as a symbol of useless numbers. God promises (Joel 2:25) to restore, for the repentant, even what the locusts have destroyed.

1:7 waste ▸ *see Ps. 46:8.*

9 The meat offering and the drink offering
is cut off from the house of the LORD; the
priests, the LORD's ministers, mourn.
10 The field is wasted, the land mourneth;
for the corn is wasted: the new wine is dried
up, the oil languisheth.
11 Be ye ashamed, O ye husbandmen; howl,
O ye vinedressers, for the wheat and for the
barley; because the harvest of the field is
perished.
12 The vine is dried up, and the fig tree
languisheth; the pomegranate tree, the palm
tree also, and the apple tree, *even* all the trees
of the field, are withered: because joy is with-
ered away from the sons of men.

A Cry to the Lord

13 Gird yourselves, and lament, ye priests:
howl, ye ministers of the altar: come, lie all
night in sackcloth, ye ministers of my God:
for the meat offering and the drink offering
is withholden from the house of your God.
14 Sanctify ye a fast, call a solemn assem-
bly, gather the elders *and* all the inhabitants
of the land *into* the house of the LORD your
God, and cry unto the LORD,

Destruction from the Lord

15 Alas for the day! for the day of the LORD
is at hand, and as a destruction from the
Almighty shall it come.
16 Is not the meat cut off before our eyes,
yea, joy and gladness from the house of our
God?
17 The seed is rotten under their clods,
the garners are laid desolate, the barns are
broken down; for the corn is withered.
18 How do the beasts groan! the herds of
cattle are perplexed, because they have no
pasture; yea, the flocks of sheep are made
desolate.
19 O LORD, to thee will I cry: for the fire
hath devoured the pastures of the wilder-
ness, and the flame hath burned all the trees
of the field.
20 The beasts of the field cry also unto thee:
for the rivers of waters are dried up, and the
fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilder-
ness.

The Dark Day of the Lord

2 Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound
an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the
inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of
the LORD cometh, for *it is* nigh at hand;
2 A day of darkness and of gloominess, a
day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the
morning spread upon the mountains: a great
people and a strong; there hath not been ever
the like, neither shall be any more after it,
even to the years of many generations.
3 A fire devoureth before them; and behind
them a flame burneth: the land *is* as the
garden of Eden before them, and behind
them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing
shall escape them.
4 The appearance of them *is* as the appear-
ance of horses; and as horsemen, so shall they
run.
5 Like the noise of chariots on the tops of
mountains shall they leap, like the noise of a
flame of fire that devoureth the stubble, as a
strong people set in battle array.
6 Before their face the people shall be much
pained: all faces shall gather blackness.
7 They shall run like mighty men; they
shall climb the wall like men of war; and
they shall march every one on his ways, and
they shall not break their ranks:
8 Neither shall one thrust another; they
shall walk every one in his path: and *when*
they fall upon the sword, they shall not be
wounded.
9 They shall run to and fro in the city; they
shall run upon the wall, they shall climb up
upon the houses; they shall enter in at the
windows like a thief.
10 The earth shall quake before them; the
heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon
shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw
their shining:
11 And the LORD shall utter his voice before
his army: for his camp *is* very great: for *he is*
strong that executeth his word: for the day of
the LORD *is* great and very terrible; and who
can abide it?

The Lord's Call to Repentance

12 Therefore also now, saith the LORD, turn

1:12 palm tree ▸ *see Deut. 34:3.*
1:15 destruction ▸ *see Is. 13:6.*
1:18 beast ▸ *see Ezra 1:6.*
1:19, 20 pasture ▸ *see Amos 1:2.*
2:2 darkness ▸ *see 1 Sam. 2:9.*
2:3 Eden ▸ *see Gen. 2:15.*
2:11 strong ▸ *see Ps. 135:10.*

ye *even* to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning:
13 And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he *is* gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.
14 Who knoweth *if* he will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him; *even* a meat offering and a drink offering unto the LORD your God?
15 Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly:
16 Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet.
17 Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where *is* their God?

Great Things from the Lord

18 Then will the LORD be jealous for his land, and pity his people.
19 Yea, the LORD will answer and say unto his people, Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith: and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen:
20 But I will remove far off from you the northern *army,* and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face toward the east sea, and his hinder part toward the utmost sea, and his stink shall come up, and his ill savour shall come up, because he hath done great things.
21 Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the LORD will do great things.
22 Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength.
23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first *month.*
24 And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.
25 And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpiller, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.
26 And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed.
27 And ye shall know that I *am* in the midst of Israel, and *that* I *am* the LORD your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.

A Pouring Out of God's Spirit

28 And it shall come to pass afterward, *that* I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:
29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.
30 And I will shew wonders in the heavens

2:12 fasting ▸ *see Jon. 3:5.*
2:13 garment ▸ *see Prov. 27:13.*
2:22 pasture ▸ *see Amos 1:2.*
2:22 strength ▸ *see Zech. 4:6.*
2:24 floor ▸ *see Ruth 3:3.*
2:25 locust ▸ *see Joel 1:4.*

2:28 spirit

(Heb. *ruach*) (Gen. 6:3; 1 Kin. 22:23; Ps. 32:2; 146:4) H7307: The noun *spirit* is related to a verb meaning "to breathe" or "to blow." It can signify breath (Job 9:18; 19:17), wind (Gen. 8:1; Ex. 10:13), air (Eccl. 1:14; Is. 26:18), the breath of life (whether animal or human, Gen. 6:17; 7:15), disposition or mood (Gen. 41:8; Ezek. 21:7), an evil or distressing spirit (1 Sam. 16:14–16), or the Spirit of God (Gen. 1:2; Ps. 51:11). The spirit of life is the gift of God to all creatures (Job 12:10; 33:4; Eccl. 12:7). The endowment of God's Holy Spirit is a special gift to believers, which brings spiritual life (Ps. 51:10, 11; 143:10), power (Judg. 6:34), wisdom and understanding (Is. 11:2), and divine revelation which leads to a better understanding of God's Word and His perfect ways (Joel 2:28; Is. 61:1, 2).

2:28 daughter ▸ *see Neh. 10:30.*
2:28 dream ▸ *see Deut. 13:5.*
2:28 dream ▸ *see Gen. 40:5.*
2:28 young man ▸ *see 2 Chr. 36:17.*

and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.
31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.
32 And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.

Judgment on Israel's Enemies

3 For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem,
2 I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and *for* my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land.
3 And they have cast lots for my people; and have given a boy for an harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that they might drink.
4 Yea, and what have ye to do with me, O Tyre, and Zidon, and all the coasts of Palestine? will ye render me a recompence? and if ye recompense me, swiftly *and* speedily will I return your recompence upon your own head;
5 Because ye have taken my silver and my gold, and have carried into your temples my goodly pleasant things:
6 The children also of Judah and the children of Jerusalem have ye sold unto the Grecians, that ye might remove them far from their border.
7 Behold, I will raise them out of the place whither ye have sold them, and will return your recompence upon your own head:
8 And I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the children of Judah, and they shall sell them to the Sabeans, to a people far off: for the LORD hath spoken *it*.
9 Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up:
10 Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I *am* strong.
11 Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O LORD.
12 Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about.
13 Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness *is* great.
14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD *is* near in the valley of decision.
15 The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining.
16 The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD *will be* the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel.
17 So shall ye know that I *am* the LORD your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more.

Judah to Dwell Forever

18 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the rivers of Judah shall flow with waters, and a fountain shall come forth of the house of the LORD, and shall water the valley of Shittim.
19 Egypt shall be a desolation, and Edom shall be a desolate wilderness, for the violence *against* the children of Judah, because they have shed innocent blood in their land.
20 But Judah shall dwell for ever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation.
21 For I will cleanse their blood *that* I have not cleansed: for the LORD dwelleth in Zion.

3:9 mighty men ▸ *see 2 Sam. 23:8.*
3:13 sickle ▸ *see Jer. 50:16.*
3:13 harvest ▸ *see Prov. 20:4.*

3:16 roar

(Heb. *sha'ag*) (Job 37:4; Jer. 25:30; Hos. 11:10) H7580: The term refers to the fearful sound made by a lion (Ps. 104:21; Jer. 2:15; Amos 3:4). Here Joel uses the word to describe the sound of sovereignty as God takes action on behalf of His people. This same usage is found in Amos 1:2 and 3:8. But the actions of false prophets (Ezek. 22:25) and evil princes (Zeph. 3:3) also make this sound before the Lord.

3:16 hope ▸ *see Prov. 14:26.*

THE BOOK OF

AMOS

AMOS PROPHESIES DURING A PERIOD of national optimism in Israel. Business is booming and boundaries are bulging. But below the surface, greed and injustice are festering. Hypocritical religious motions have replaced true worship, creating a false sense of security and a growing callousness to God's disciplining hand. Famine, drought, plagues, death, destruction—nothing can force the people to their knees.

Amos, the farmer-turned-prophet, lashes out at sin unflinchingly, trying to visualize the nearness of God's judgment and mobilize the nation to repentance. The nation, like a basket of rotting fruit, stands ripe for judgment because of its hypocrisy and spiritual indifference.

The name *Amos* is derived from the Hebrew root *amas*, "to lift a burden, to carry." Thus, his name means "Burden" or "Burden-Bearer." Amos lives up to the meaning of his name by bearing up under his divinely given burden of declaring judgment to rebellious Israel. The Greek and Latin titles are both transliterated in English as *Amos*.

WATCH WORDS

- **satisfy** (fill; cause to have plenty)—4:8
- **seek** (inquire of; ask)—5:4
- **hemlock** (a plant with a bitter taste and deadly result)—6:12 (also 5:7)

Judgment on the Nations

1 The words of Amos, who was among the herdmen of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel, two years before the earthquake.

2 And he said, The LORD will roar from Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the habitations of the shepherds shall mourn, and the top of Carmel shall wither.

3 Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Damascus, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because they have threshed Gilead with threshing instruments of iron:

4 But I will send a fire into the house of Hazael, which shall devour the palaces of Ben-hadad.

5 I will break also the bar of Damascus, and cut off the inhabitant from the plain of Aven, and him that holdeth the sceptre from the house of Eden: and the people of Syria shall go into captivity unto Kir, saith the LORD.

6 Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Gaza, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because they carried away captive the whole captivity, to deliver *them* up to Edom:

7 But I will send a fire on the wall of Gaza, which shall devour the palaces thereof:

8 And I will cut off the inhabitant from Ashdod, and him that holdeth the sceptre from Ashkelon, and I will turn mine hand

1:2 habitation

(Heb. *na'ah*) (Ps. 65:12; Joel 1:19, 20; 2:22) H4999: Used most often to indicate the places where sheep and shepherds live, it can also be translated "pastures" (Ps. 65:12; Joel 1:19, 20; 2:22). The most recognizable use of this term is Psalm 23:2, "He maketh me to lie down in green pastures." A shepherd like Amos doesn't hesitate to mention the sorrow of parched pastures to picture the grief of the nation under God's judgment.

1:5 bar ▸ *see Is. 15:5.*

against Ekron: and the remnant of the Philistines shall perish, saith the Lord GOD.

9 Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Tyrus, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because they delivered up the whole captivity to Edom, and remembered not the brotherly covenant:

10 But I will send a fire on the wall of Tyrus, which shall devour the palaces thereof.

11 Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Edom, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because he did pursue his brother with the sword, and did cast off all pity, and his anger did tear perpetually, and he kept his wrath for ever:

12 But I will send a fire upon Teman, which shall devour the palaces of Bozrah.

13 Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of the children of Ammon, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because they have ripped up the women with child of Gilead, that they might enlarge their border:

14 But I will kindle a fire in the wall of Rabbah, and it shall devour the palaces thereof, with shouting in the day of battle, with a tempest in the day of the whirlwind:

15 And their king shall go into captivity, he and his princes together, saith the LORD.

2 Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Moab, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because he burned the bones of the king of Edom into lime:

2 But I will send a fire upon Moab, and it shall devour the palaces of Kirioth: and Moab shall die with tumult, with shouting, *and* with the sound of the trumpet:

3 And I will cut off the judge from the midst thereof, and will slay all the princes thereof with him, saith the LORD.

Judgment on Judah

4 Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Judah, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because they have despised the law of the LORD, and have not kept his commandments, and their lies caused them to err, after the which their fathers have walked:

5 But I will send a fire upon Judah, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem.

Judgment on Israel

6 Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Israel, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because they sold the righteous for silver, and the poor for a pair of shoes;

7 That pant after the dust of the earth on the head of the poor, and turn aside the way of the meek: and a man and his father will go in unto the *same* maid, to profane my holy name:

8 And they lay *themselves* down upon clothes laid to pledge by every altar, and they drink the wine of the condemned *in* the house of their god.

God's Continued Faithfulness

9 Yet destroyed I the Amorite before them, whose height *was* like the height of the cedars, and he *was* strong as the oaks; yet I destroyed his fruit from above, and his roots from beneath.

10 Also I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and led you forty years through the wilderness, to possess the land of the Amorite.

11 And I raised up of your sons for prophets, and of your young men for Nazarites. *Is it* not even thus, O ye children of Israel? saith the LORD.

12 But ye gave the Nazarites wine to drink; and commanded the prophets, saying, Prophesy not.

Judgment on Israel's Sins

13 Behold, I am pressed under you, as a cart is pressed *that is* full of sheaves.

1:14 whirlwind ▸ *see Is. 21:1.*

2:4 err

(Heb. *ta`ah*) (Ps. 95:10; Prov. 10:17; 14:22; Is. 35:8) H8582: Sometimes translated "wander" (Gen. 21:14; Job 38:41; Ps. 107:40) or "astray" (Ex. 23:4; Ps. 58:3; Prov. 7:125), the term can also imply "seduce" (2 Kin. 21:9), implying enticement to do evil. The people in Amos's day were simply believing the same lies that their parents had believed about the results of ignoring God's law. So they were wandering down the same dangerous path to judgment.

2:6 shoe ▸ *see Amos 8:6.*
2:10 wilderness ▸ *see Jer. 22:6.*

14 Therefore the flight shall perish from the swift, and the strong shall not strengthen his force, neither shall the mighty deliver himself:
15 Neither shall he stand that handleth the bow; and *he that is* swift of foot shall not deliver *himself:* neither shall he that rideth the horse deliver himself.
16 And *he that is* courageous among the mighty shall flee away naked in that day, saith the LORD.

God Has Spoken

3 Hear this word that the LORD hath spoken against you, O children of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying,
2 You only have I known of all the families of the earth: therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities.
3 Can two walk together, except they be agreed?
4 Will a lion roar in the forest, when he hath no prey? will a young lion cry out of his den, if he have taken nothing?
5 Can a bird fall in a snare upon the earth, where no gin *is* for him? shall *one* take up a snare from the earth, and have taken nothing at all?
6 Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? shall there be evil in a city, and the LORD hath not done *it?*
7 Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.
8 The lion hath roared, who will not fear? the Lord GOD hath spoken, who can but prophesy?
9 Publish in the palaces at Ashdod, and in the palaces in the land of Egypt, and say, Assemble yourselves upon the mountains of Samaria, and behold the great tumults in the midst thereof, and the oppressed in the midst thereof.
10 For they know not to do right, saith the LORD, who store up violence and robbery in their palaces.

Israel's Adversary

11 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; An adversary *there shall be* even round about the land; and he shall bring down thy strength from thee, and thy palaces shall be spoiled.
12 Thus saith the LORD; As the shepherd taketh out of the mouth of the lion two legs, or a piece of an ear; so shall the children of Israel be taken out that dwell in Samaria in the corner of a bed, and in Damascus *in* a couch.
13 Hear ye, and testify in the house of Jacob, saith the Lord GOD, the God of hosts,
14 That in the day that I shall visit the transgressions of Israel upon him I will also visit the altars of Beth-el: and the horns of the altar shall be cut off, and fall to the ground.
15 And I will smite the winter house with the summer house; and the houses of ivory shall perish, and the great houses shall have an end, saith the LORD.

Judgment on the Women of Samaria

4 Hear this word, ye kine of Bashan, that *are* in the mountain of Samaria, which oppress the poor, which crush the needy, which say to their masters, Bring, and let us drink.
2 The Lord GOD hath sworn by his holiness, that, lo, the days shall come upon you, that he will take you away with hooks, and your posterity with fishhooks.
3 And ye shall go out at the breaches, every *cow at that which is* before her; and ye shall cast *them* into the palace, saith the LORD.
4 Come to Beth-el, and transgress; at Gilgal multiply transgression; and bring your sacrifices every morning, *and* your tithes after three years:
5 And offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving with

3:7 reveal

(Heb. *galah*) (Job 20:27; Prov. 11:13; 20:19; Jer. 33:6) H1540: A verb which basically means uncover, but with wide usage having to do with discovery, disclosure, showing, etc. Often it's used to indicate God's bringing into the open what has been hidden or unknown. It takes on this theological tone in 1 Samuel 2:27 and 3:7, dealing with the nature of God's relationship with Eli and Samuel. But earlier, in Deuteronomy 29:29, Moses declares that God allows us certain knowledge for our benefit, yet keeps other things unrevealed for His purposes.

3:8 lion ▸ *see Mic. 5:8.*
3:10 store ▸ *see Is. 39:6.*
3:13 Jacob ▸ *see Amos 7:2.*
4:2 posterity ▸ *see Dan. 11:4.*

leaven, and proclaim *and* publish the free offerings: for this liketh you, O ye children of Israel, saith the Lord GOD.

The Chastening of the Lord

6 And I also have given you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and want of bread in all your places: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.
7 And also I have withholden the rain from you, when *there were* yet three months to the harvest: and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city: one piece was rained upon, and the piece whereupon it rained not withered.
8 So two *or* three cities wandered unto one city, to drink water; but they were not satisfied: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.
9 I have smitten you with blasting and mildew: when your gardens and your vineyards and your fig trees and your olive trees increased, the palmerworm devoured *them:* yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.
10 I have sent among you the pestilence after the manner of Egypt: your young men have I slain with the sword, and have taken away your horses; and I have made the stink of your camps to come up unto your nostrils: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.
11 I have overthrown *some* of you, as God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and ye were as a firebrand plucked out of the burning: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.

Prepare to Meet Your God

12 Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: *and* because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel.
13 For, lo, he that formeth the mountains, and createth the wind, and declareth unto man what *is* his thought, that maketh the morning darkness, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth, The LORD, The God of hosts, *is* his name.

A Lamentation for Israel

5 Hear ye this word which I take up against you, *even* a lamentation, O house of Israel.
2 The virgin of Israel is fallen; she shall no more rise: she is forsaken upon her land; *there is* none to raise her up.
3 For thus saith the Lord GOD; The city that went out *by* a thousand shall leave an hundred, and that which went forth *by* an hundred shall leave ten, to the house of Israel.

Seek the Lord and Live

4 For thus saith the LORD unto the house of Israel, Seek ye me, and ye shall live:
5 But seek not Beth-el, nor enter into Gilgal, and pass not to Beer-sheba: for Gilgal shall surely go into captivity, and Beth-el shall come to nought.
6 Seek the LORD, and ye shall live; lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and devour *it,* and *there be* none to quench *it* in Beth-el.

4:6 cleanness ▸ *see Gen. 20:5.*

4:8 satisfy

(Heb. *sabea'*) (Ps. 63:5; 65:4; Prov. 20:13; Mic. 6:14) H7646: Used only here by Amos, this word for full, filled (Ex. 16:12; Neh. 9:25), and have plenty (Prov. 28:19; Jer. 44:17) points to that which satiates or satisfies, generally related to hunger rather than thirst. In places like Deuteronomy 31:20, the satisfaction comes from favor or God's blessing. Amos is pointing to the lack of satisfaction on the part of his people that should have caused their return to God but did not.

4:9 fig ▸ *see 2 Kin. 20:7.*
4:9 olive tree ▸ *see Deut. 28:40.*
4:10 slay ▸ *see 2 Chr. 22:8.*
5:1 lamentation ▸ *see Ezek. 19:1.*

5:4 seek

(Heb. *darash*) (Ezra 6:21; 7:10; Ps. 119:10; Is. 34:16; 55:6) H1875: This Hebrew verb can be correctly translated "to inquire of," "to ask," and "to seek." The term conveys the idea of "going to see" in the sense of personally verifying something said, or "searching for," in the sense of pressing for an answer to a question. Amos encourages his audience to seek life in the living God, not in the dead idols of Bethel and Gilgal (Amos 5:4). The psalmist found help in times of trouble by seeking the Lord (Ps. 34:4; 77:2). On several occasions, the Israelites were encouraged to seek God by preparing their hearts for God through humble repentance (1 Chr. 16:11; 2 Chr. 30:19).

7 Ye who turn judgment to wormwood, and leave off righteousness in the earth,
8 *Seek him* that maketh the seven stars and Orion, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark with night: that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD *is* his name:
9 That strengtheneth the spoiled against the strong, so that the spoiled shall come against the fortress.
10 They hate him that rebuketh in the gate, and they abhor him that speaketh uprightly.
11 Forasmuch therefore as your treading *is* upon the poor, and ye take from him burdens of wheat: ye have built houses of hewn stone, but ye shall not dwell in them; ye have planted pleasant vineyards, but ye shall not drink wine of them.
12 For I know your manifold transgressions and your mighty sins: they afflict the just, they take a bribe, and they turn aside the poor in the gate *from their right*.
13 Therefore the prudent shall keep silence in that time; for it *is* an evil time.
14 Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live: and so the LORD, the God of hosts, shall be with you, as ye have spoken.
15 Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate: it may be that the LORD God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.

God Will Pass in Judgment

16 Therefore the LORD, the God of hosts, the Lord, saith thus; Wailing *shall be* in all streets; and they shall say in all the highways, Alas! alas! and they shall call the husbandman to mourning, and such as are skilful of lamentation to wailing.
17 And in all vineyards *shall be* wailing: for I will pass through thee, saith the LORD.
18 Woe unto you that desire the day of the LORD! to what end *is* it for you? the day of the LORD *is* darkness, and not light.
19 As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him.
20 *Shall* not the day of the LORD *be* darkness, and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it?
21 I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not smell in your solemn assemblies.
22 Though ye offer me burnt offerings and your meat offerings, I will not accept *them:* neither will I regard the peace offerings of your fat beasts.
23 Take thou away from me the noise of thy songs; for I will not hear the melody of thy viols.
24 But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.
25 Have ye offered unto me sacrifices and offerings in the wilderness forty years, O house of Israel?
26 But ye have borne the tabernacle of your Moloch and Chiun your images, the star of your god, which ye made to yourselves.
27 Therefore will I cause you to go into captivity beyond Damascus, saith the LORD, whose name *is* The God of hosts.

At Ease in Zion

6 Woe to them *that are* at ease in Zion, and trust in the mountain of Samaria, *which are* named chief of the nations, to whom the house of Israel came!
2 Pass ye unto Calneh, and see; and from thence go ye to Hamath the great: then go down to Gath of the Philistines: *be they* better than these kingdoms? or their border greater than your border?
3 Ye that put far away the evil day, and cause the seat of violence to come near;
4 That lie upon beds of ivory, and stretch themselves upon their couches, and eat the lambs out of the flock, and the calves out of the midst of the stall;
5 That chant to the sound of the viol, *and* invent to themselves instruments of musick, like David;
6 That drink wine in bowls, and anoint themselves with the chief ointments: but they are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph.

5:7 judgment ▸ *see Ps. 9:16.*
5:7 wormwood ▸ *see Amos 6:12.*
5:8 day ▸ *see Mal. 4:5.*
5:8 waters ▸ *see Is. 43:2.*
5:11 poor ▸ *see Ps. 82:4.*
5:15 hate ▸ *see Lev. 19:17.*
5:16 wailing ▸ *see Jer. 9:19.*
5:16 wailing ▸ *see Gen. 50:10.*
5:24 run down ▸ *see Prov. 16:3.*
5:24 stream ▸ *see Is. 35:6.*
5:27 Damascus ▸ *see 1 Kin. 20:34.*
6:6 affliction ▸ *see Is. 59:7.*

7 Therefore now shall they go captive with the first that go captive, and the banquet of them that stretched themselves shall be removed.
8 The Lord GOD hath sworn by himself, saith the LORD the God of hosts, I abhor the excellency of Jacob, and hate his palaces: therefore will I deliver up the city with all that is therein.
9 And it shall come to pass, if there remain ten men in one house, that they shall die.
10 And a man's uncle shall take him up, and he that burneth him, to bring out the bones out of the house, and shall say unto him that *is* by the sides of the house, *Is there* yet *any* with thee? and he shall say, No. Then shall he say, Hold thy tongue: for we may not make mention of the name of the LORD.
11 For, behold, the LORD commandeth, and he will smite the great house with breaches, and the little house with clefts.
12 Shall horses run upon the rock? will *one* plow *there* with oxen? for ye have turned judgment into gall, and the fruit of righteousness into hemlock:
13 Ye which rejoice in a thing of nought, which say, Have we not taken to us horns by our own strength?
14 But, behold, I will raise up against you a nation, O house of Israel, saith the LORD the God of hosts; and they shall afflict you from the entering in of Hemath unto the river of the wilderness.

A Plague of Grasshoppers

7 Thus hath the Lord GOD shewed unto me; and, behold, he formed grasshoppers in the beginning of the shooting up of the latter growth; and, lo, *it was* the latter growth after the king's mowings.
2 And it came to pass, *that* when they had made an end of eating the grass of the land, then I said, O Lord GOD, forgive, I beseech thee: by whom shall Jacob arise? for he *is* small.
3 The LORD repented for this: It shall not be, saith the LORD.

A Plague of Fire

4 Thus hath the Lord GOD shewed unto me: and, behold, the Lord GOD called to contend by fire, and it devoured the great deep, and did eat up a part.
5 Then said I, O Lord GOD, cease, I beseech thee: by whom shall Jacob arise? for he *is* small.
6 The LORD repented for this: This also shall not be, saith the Lord GOD.

A Plumbline

7 Thus he shewed me: and, behold, the Lord stood upon a wall *made* by a plumbline, with a plumbline in his hand.
8 And the LORD said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A plumbline. Then said the Lord, Behold, I will set a plumbline in the midst of my people Israel: I will not again pass by them any more:
9 And the high places of Isaac shall be desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste; and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.

Amaziah's Warning to Amos

10 Then Amaziah the priest of Beth-el sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, Amos hath conspired against thee in the midst of the house of Israel: the land is not able to bear all his words.

6:12 hemlock

(Heb. *la`anah*) (Prov. 5:4; Jer. 23:15; Lam. 3:15; Amos 5:7) H3939: A term having to do with a poisonous plant, elsewhere translated "wormwood." The word includes the idea of a bitter taste and deadly result. Something may appear to be good or acceptable, such as adultery, injustice, or other sins, but the experience and after-effects may turn sour and result in destruction. Amos twice uses the term to confront the people's persistence in perverting justice and righteousness into bitter experiences for others.

6:13 strength ▸ *see Ex. 13:14.*

7:2 Jacob

(Heb. *ya`aqob*) (Gen. 25:26; Deut. 1:8; Amos 3:13; 8:7) H3290: One of twin sons born to Isaac, the son of Abraham. Called a patriarch (father) of the Jewish people, for his 12 sons became the 12 tribes of the nation. During his birth, he grasped the heel of his older brother, so his name includes the root word heel (*`qb*). His birth name and later his given name Israel (Gen. 32:27, 28) became ways of identifying the nation, often house of Jacob (Amos 9:8). Here Amos, as he does five times in his book, expresses his deep concern for his people, using the patriarch's name.

11 For thus Amos saith, Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel shall surely be led away captive out of their own land.
12 Also Amaziah said unto Amos, O thou seer, go, flee thee away into the land of Judah, and there eat bread, and prophesy there:
13 But prophesy not again any more at Beth-el: for it *is* the king's chapel, and it *is* the king's court.

Amos's Reply to Amaziah

14 Then answered Amos, and said to Amaziah, I *was* no prophet, neither *was* I a prophet's son; but I *was* an herdman, and a gatherer of sycomore fruit:
15 And the LORD took me as I followed the flock, and the LORD said unto me, Go, prophesy unto my people Israel.
16 Now therefore hear thou the word of the LORD: Thou sayest, Prophesy not against Israel, and drop not *thy word* against the house of Isaac.
17 Therefore thus saith the LORD; Thy wife shall be an harlot in the city, and thy sons and thy daughters shall fall by the sword, and thy land shall be divided by line; and thou shalt die in a polluted land: and Israel shall surely go into captivity forth of his land.

A Basket of Summer Fruit

8 Thus hath the Lord GOD shewed unto me: and behold a basket of summer fruit.
2 And he said, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A basket of summer fruit. Then said the LORD unto me, The end is come upon my people of Israel; I will not again pass by them any more.
3 And the songs of the temple shall be howlings in that day, saith the Lord GOD: *there shall be* many dead bodies in every place; they shall cast *them* forth with silence.

Judgment on the Oppressors of the Poor

4 Hear this, O ye that swallow up the needy, even to make the poor of the land to fail,
5 Saying, When will the new moon be gone, that we may sell corn? and the sabbath, that we may set forth wheat, making the ephah small, and the shekel great, and falsifying the balances by deceit?
6 That we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes; *yea,* and sell the refuse of the wheat?
7 The LORD hath sworn by the excellency of Jacob, Surely I will never forget any of their works.
8 Shall not the land tremble for this, and every one mourn that dwelleth therein? and it shall rise up wholly as a flood; and it shall be cast out and drowned, as *by* the flood of Egypt.
9 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord GOD, that I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in the clear day:
10 And I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; and I will bring up sackcloth upon all loins, and baldness upon every head; and I will make it as the mourning of an only *son,* and the end thereof as a bitter day.
11 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD:
12 And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find *it.*
13 In that day shall the fair virgins and young men faint for thirst.
14 They that swear by the sin of Samaria, and say, Thy god, O Dan, liveth; and, The manner of Beer-sheba liveth; even they shall fall, and never rise up again.

No Escape from God's Judgment

9 I saw the Lord standing upon the altar: and he said, Smite the lintel of the door,

7:15 prophesy ▸ *see 1 Sam. 19:20.*

8:6 shoe

(Heb. *na'al*) (Is. 20:2; Ezek. 24:23; Amos 2:6) H5275: This Hebrew word is the term used most often to refer to footwear. It is often translated "shoe," but the term is closest to the idea of shod, as in anything worn to protect foot or hoof from jagged surfaces. The removal of one's sandals often indicated humility, as in the case of Moses (Ex. 3:5) and Joshua (Josh. 5:15). A sandal was also a simple sign of agreement, as in Ruth 4:7, 8 when Boaz is securing the right to marry Ruth. For Amos, lack of sandals was a sign of poverty.

8:7 Jacob ▸ *see Amos 7:2.*
8:11 famine ▸ *see Ezek. 5:16.*

that the posts may shake: and cut them in the head, all of them; and I will slay the last of them with the sword: he that fleeth of them shall not flee away, and he that escapeth of them shall not be delivered.
2 Though they dig into hell, thence shall mine hand take them; though they climb up to heaven, thence will I bring them down:
3 And though they hide themselves in the top of Carmel, I will search and take them out thence; and though they be hid from my sight in the bottom of the sea, thence will I command the serpent, and he shall bite them:
4 And though they go into captivity before their enemies, thence will I command the sword, and it shall slay them: and I will set mine eyes upon them for evil, and not for good.
5 And the Lord GOD of hosts *is* he that toucheth the land, and it shall melt, and all that dwell therein shall mourn: and it shall rise up wholly like a flood; and shall be drowned, as *by* the flood of Egypt.
6 *It is* he that buildeth his stories in the heaven, and hath founded his troop in the earth; he that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD *is* his name.
7 *Are* ye not as children of the Ethiopians unto me, O children of Israel? saith the LORD. Have not I brought up Israel out of the land of Egypt? and the Philistines from Caphtor, and the Syrians from Kir?
8 Behold, the eyes of the Lord GOD *are* upon the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from off the face of the earth; saving that I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob, saith the LORD.
9 For, lo, I will command, and I will sift the house of Israel among all nations, like as *corn* is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth.
10 All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword, which say, The evil shall not overtake nor prevent us.

The Tabernacle of David

11 In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old:
12 That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and of all the heathen, which are called by my name, saith the LORD that doeth this.

The Restoration of Israel

13 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt.
14 And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit *them;* and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them.
15 And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the LORD thy God.

9:4 captivity ▸ *see Jer. 43:11.*
9:4 eye ▸ *see Num. 22:11.*

9:6 story

(Heb. *ma`alah*) (Ex. 20:26; Neh. 3:15; Ezek. 40:6) H4609: This word refers to different elevations or layers in construction. It can identify steps (Ex. 20:26; 1 Kin. 10:19, 20; Ezek. 40:22, 26, 31, 49) or stairs (Neh. 3:15; Ezek. 40:6). Amos's use of the term here is unique, picturing God's sovereignty in what He constructs in the heavens just as surely as His authority over things on earth.

9:9 sift ▸ *see Is. 37:22.*
9:10 prevent ▸ *see 2 Sam. 22:6.*
9:11 breaches ▸ *see Ezek. 22:30.*
9:11 old ▸ *see Is. 60:19.*
9:14 Israel ▸ *see Gen. 32:28.*

THE BOOK OF

OBADIAH

A STRUGGLE THAT BEGAN IN the womb between twin brothers, Esau and Jacob, eventuates in a struggle between their respective descendants, the Edomites and the Israelites. For the Edomites' stubborn refusal to aid Israel, first during the time of wilderness wandering (Num. 20:14–21) and later during a time of invasion, they are roundly condemned by Obadiah. This little-known prophet describes their crimes, tries their case, and pronounces their judgment: total destruction.

The Hebrew name *Obadyah* means "Worshiper of Yahweh" or "Servant of Yahweh." The Greek title in the Septuagint is *Obdiou*, and the Latin title in the Vulgate is *Abdias*.

WATCH WORD

- **pride** (thinking highly of oneself)—3

A Judgment on Edom

1 The vision of Obadiah. Thus saith the Lord GOD concerning Edom; We have heard a rumour from the LORD, and an ambassador is sent among the heathen, Arise ye, and let us rise up against her in battle.

2 Behold, I have made thee small among the heathen: thou art greatly despised.

3 The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation *is* high; that saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground?

4 Though thou exalt *thyself* as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith the LORD.

5 If thieves came to thee, if robbers by night, (how art thou cut off!) would they not have stolen till they had enough? if the grapegatherers came to thee, would they not leave *some* grapes?

6 How are *the things* of Esau searched out! *how* are his hidden things sought up!

7 All the men of thy confederacy have brought thee *even* to the border: the men that were at peace with thee have deceived thee, *and* prevailed against thee; *they that eat* thy bread have laid a wound under thee: *there is* none understanding in him.

8 Shall I not in that day, saith the LORD, even destroy the wise *men* out of Edom, and understanding out of the mount of Esau?

The Dismay of Edom's Mighty Men

9 And thy mighty *men,* O Teman, shall be dismayed, to the end that every one of the mount of Esau may be cut off by slaughter.

10 For *thy* violence against thy brother Jacob shame shall cover thee, and thou shalt be cut off for ever.

11 In the day that thou stoodest on the

3 pride

(Heb. *zadon*) (Prov. 11:2; 13:10; Jer. 49:16) H2087: The Hebrew noun is related to a verb that means "to boil up." In the Old Testament, the noun has the meaning of acting proudly or presumptuously (Deut. 18:22; 1 Sam. 17:28). The defining characteristic of the nation of Edom was pride (Obad. 3; Jer. 49:16). Interestingly, Jeremiah uses the word *pride* symbolically as a synonym for Babylon (Jer. 50:31, 32). Pride incites insolence and rebellion toward God, and it brings shame (Prov. 11:2) and destruction (Ezek. 7:10–12). The "pride of your heart" of which Jeremiah speaks is "presumptuous godlessness," the arrogance of those who think that they can thrive without their Creator (Prov. 11:2; 13:10; Jer. 49:16).

3 deceive ▸ *see Is. 36:14.*
4 star ▸ *see Job 25:5.*
10 shame ▸ *see Ps. 89:45.*

other side, in the day that the strangers carried away captive his forces, and foreigners entered into his gates, and cast lots upon Jerusalem, even thou *wast* as one of them.
12 But thou shouldest not have looked on the day of thy brother in the day that he became a stranger; neither shouldest thou have rejoiced over the children of Judah in the day of their destruction; neither shouldest thou have spoken proudly in the day of distress.
13 Thou shouldest not have entered into the gate of my people in the day of their calamity; yea, thou shouldest not have looked on their affliction in the day of their calamity, nor have laid *hands* on their substance in the day of their calamity;
14 Neither shouldest thou have stood in the crossway, to cut off those of his that did escape; neither shouldest thou have delivered up those of his that did remain in the day of distress.

Edom's Punishment

15 For the day of the LORD *is* near upon all the heathen: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee: thy reward shall return upon thine own head.
16 For as ye have drunk upon my holy mountain, *so* shall all the heathen drink continually, yea, they shall drink, and they shall swallow down, and they shall be as though they had not been.
17 But upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions.
18 And the house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for stubble, and they shall kindle in them, and devour them; and there shall not be *any* remaining of the house of Esau; for the LORD hath spoken *it*.

Edom's Land Is Inhabited by Others

19 And *they of* the south shall possess the mount of Esau; and *they of* the plain the Philistines: and they shall possess the fields of Ephraim, and the fields of Samaria: and Benjamin *shall possess* Gilead.
20 And the captivity of this host of the children of Israel *shall possess* that of the Canaanites, *even* unto Zarephath; and the captivity of Jerusalem, which *is* in Sepharad, shall possess the cities of the south.
21 And saviours shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the LORD's.

17 deliverance ▸ *see Is. 37:32.*

THE BOOK OF

JONAH

NINEVEH IS NORTHEAST; TARSHISH IS west. When God calls Jonah to preach repentance to the wicked Ninevites, the prophet knows that God's mercy may follow. He turns down the assignment and heads for Tarshish instead. But once God has dampened his spirits (by tossing him out of the boat and into the water) and has demonstrated His protection (by moving him out of the water and into the fish), Jonah realizes God is serious about His command. Nineveh must hear the word of the Lord; therefore Jonah goes. Although the preaching is a success, the preacher comes away angry and discouraged and he must learn firsthand of God's compassion for sinful men.

Yonah is the Hebrew word for "dove." The Septuagint hellenized this word into *Ionas*, and the Latin Vulgate used the title *Jonas*.

WATCH WORDS

- **prepare** (account, assign, get ready)—1:17 (also 4:6–8)
- **fast** (abstain from food for a period of time to seek the Lord)—3:5

God's Command to Jonah

1 Now the word of the LORD came unto
Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,
2 Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and
cry against it; for their wickedness is come up
before me.
3 But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish
from the presence of the LORD, and went
down to Joppa; and he found a ship going
to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and
went down into it, to go with them unto Tar-
shish from the presence of the LORD.

A Mighty Tempest

4 But the LORD sent out a great wind into
the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in
the sea, so that the ship was like to be broken.
5 Then the mariners were afraid, and cried
every man unto his god, and cast forth the
wares that *were* in the ship into the sea, to
lighten *it* of them. But Jonah was gone down
into the sides of the ship; and he lay, and was
fast asleep.
6 So the shipmaster came to him, and said
unto him, What meanest thou, O sleeper?
arise, call upon thy God, if so be that God
will think upon us, that we perish not.
7 And they said every one to his fellow,
Come, and let us cast lots, that we may know
for whose cause this evil *is* upon us. So they
cast lots, and the lot fell upon Jonah.

The Cause of the Evil

8 Then said they unto him, Tell us, we
pray thee, for whose cause this evil *is* upon
us; What *is* thine occupation? and whence
comest thou? what *is* thy country? and of
what people *art* thou?
9 And he said unto them, I *am* an Hebrew;
and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven,
which hath made the sea and the dry *land*.
10 Then were the men exceedingly afraid,
and said unto him, Why hast thou done this?
For the men knew that he fled from the pres-
ence of the LORD, because he had told them.
11 Then said they unto him, What shall
we do unto thee, that the sea may be calm
unto us? for the sea wrought, and was
tempestuous.

Jonah Cast Into the Sea

12 And he said unto them, Take me up, and
cast me forth into the sea; so shall the sea be

1:2 city ▸ *see Deut. 20:10.*
1:3 Tarshish ▸ *see Ps. 48:7.*
1:4 tempest ▸ *see Ps. 83:15.*
1:9 Hebrew ▸ *see Jer. 34:9.*

calm unto you: for I know that for my sake this great tempest *is* upon you.
13 Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring *it* to the land; but they could not: for the sea wrought, and was tempestuous against them.
14 Wherefore they cried unto the LORD, and said, We beseech thee, O LORD, we beseech thee, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not upon us innocent blood: for thou, O LORD, hast done as it pleased thee.
15 So they took up Jonah, and cast him forth into the sea: and the sea ceased from her raging.
16 Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice unto the LORD, and made vows.

A Great Fish

17 Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

Jonah's Prayer

2 Then Jonah prayed unto the LORD his God out of the fish's belly,
2 And said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the LORD, and he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I, *and* thou heardest my voice.
3 For thou hadst cast me into the deep, in the midst of the seas; and the floods compassed me about: all thy billows and thy waves passed over me.
4 Then I said, I am cast out of thy sight; yet I will look again toward thy holy temple.
5 The waters compassed me about, *even* to the soul: the depth closed me round about, the weeds were wrapped about my head.
6 I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars *was* about me for ever: yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption, O LORD my God.
7 When my soul fainted within me I remembered the LORD: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple.
8 They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy.
9 But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay *that* that I have vowed. Salvation *is* of the LORD.
10 And the LORD spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry *land.*

Go Preach to Nineveh

3 And the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the second time, saying,
2 Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee.
3 So Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceeding great city of three days' journey.
4 And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown.
5 So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth,

1:15 raging ▸ *see 2 Chr. 28:9.*

1:17 prepare

(Heb. *manah*) (Ps. 147:4; Jon. 4:6) H4487: This Hebrew verb basically means "to count" or "to assign." The psalmist uses this verb to praise God for knowing the number of stars and naming each one (Ps. 147:4). In the Book of Jonah, it signifies "to appoint" or "to ordain," and describes God's intervention in natural events to bring about His will. By *preparing* the fish, the plant, and the worm, God made sure that Jonah's mission was not left to chance. God exercised sovereignty not only over the plant and animal world, but also over Jonah's life, using animals as small as a worm to teach Jonah about His great mercy (Jon. 4:6–8).

1:17 swallow ▸ *see Ps. 21:9.*
2:1 fish ▸ *see Ps. 105:29.*
2:2 hell ▸ *see Job 26:6.*

2:7 faint

(Heb. *`ataph*) (Ps. 142:3; Is. 57:16) H5848: This rarely used verb means "to swoon, be faint, feeble, weak, overwhelmed." It occurs almost exclusively in poetic material. It is used with reference to the feeble lambs of Jacob (Gen. 30:42) as well as to the very young children of Jerusalem who swooned from hunger following the Babylonian destruction of their city (Lam. 2:11, 12, 19). Hunger and thirst led to a faintness of soul that caused God's people to cry out to Him (Ps. 107:5), and Jonah's faintness of soul caused him to do the same (Jon. 2:7). Likewise, more than one psalmist cried out to God due to his faintness of heart or spirit over his troubles (Ps. 61:2; 77:3; 143:4).

3:5 fast

(Heb. *tsom*) (1 Kin. 21:9; Ps. 109:24; Joel 2:12) H6685: This term denotes a fast or the act of fasting. A fast covers a period of time in which one

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from the greatest of them even to the least of them.
6 For word came unto the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and he laid his robe from him, and covered *him* with sackcloth, and sat in ashes.
7 And he caused *it* to be proclaimed and published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste any thing: let them not feed, nor drink water:
8 But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that *is* in their hands.
9 Who can tell *if* God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not?
10 And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did *it* not.

Jonah's Anger

4 But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was very angry.
2 And he prayed unto the LORD, and said, I pray thee, O LORD, *was* not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou *art* a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil.
3 Therefore now, O LORD, take, I beseech thee, my life from me; for *it is* better for me to die than to live.
4 Then said the LORD, Doest thou well to be angry?
5 So Jonah went out of the city, and sat on the east side of the city, and there made him a booth, and sat under it in the shadow, till he might see what would become of the city.
6 And the LORD God prepared a gourd, and made *it* to come up over Jonah, that it might be a shadow over his head, to deliver him from his grief. So Jonah was exceeding glad of the gourd.
7 But God prepared a worm when the morning rose the next day, and it smote the gourd that it withered.
8 And it came to pass, when the sun did arise, that God prepared a vehement east wind; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, that he fainted, and wished in himself to die, and said, *It is* better for me to die than to live.

God's Compassion

9 And God said to Jonah, Doest thou well to be angry for the gourd? And he said, I do well to be angry, *even* unto death.
10 Then said the LORD, Thou hast had pity on the gourd, for the which thou hast not laboured, neither madest it grow; which came up in a night, and perished in a night:
11 And should not I spare Nineveh, that great city, wherein are more than sixscore thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; and *also* much cattle?

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abstains from food to seek the Lord (Is. 58:3, 5, 6; Jer. 36:6). While fasting could be a private matter (2 Sam. 12:16), there were also regular fast times for the community (Esth. 9:31; Zech. 8:19), and authorities could proclaim a public fast whenever the situation warranted one (2 Chr. 20:3; Ezra 8:21; Jer. 36:9). Both public and private fasting could be accompanied by weeping, lamentations, sackcloth, and ashes (Neh. 9:1; Esth. 4:3; Ps. 69:10, 11; Dan. 9:3). Fasts were consecrated (Joel 1:14; 2:15) and, when properly performed, involved humbling one's soul (Ps. 35:13).

3:5 sackcloth ▸ *see Is. 50:3.*
4:2 flee ▸ *see 1 Sam. 20:1.*
4:6 prepare ▸ *see Jon. 1:17.*
4:6 glad ▸ *see Ps. 16:11.*

4:7 worm

(Heb. *tola'*) (Ex. 16:20; Is. 1:18) H8438: While this term is often translated "worm," it is probably never used for an earthworm. It sometimes refers to larvae (grub worms, meal worms, maggots, or the like, Ex. 16:20; Deut. 28:39). Referring to a human as a larva was a designation of lowliness and insignificance (Job 25:6; Ps. 22:6; Is. 41:14). Larvae feast on the flesh of the dead in Sheol (Is. 14:11; 66:24). In the overwhelming majority of instances (especially in Exodus), this word was used for the luxurious scarlet color produced from crushing the insect *Kermes ilicis* (Ex. 25:4; Lev. 14:4; Num. 4:8). This color symbolized the opulence of some (Lam. 4:5) and the stain of sin upon all (Is. 1:18).

4:11 spare ▸ *see Ezek. 8:18.*

THE BOOK OF

MICAH

MICAH, CALLED FROM HIS RUSTIC home to be a prophet, leaves his familiar surroundings to deliver a stern message of judgment to the princes and people of Jerusalem. Burdened by the abusive treatment of the poor by the rich and influential, the prophet turns his verbal rebukes upon any who would use their social or political power for personal gain. One-third of Micah's book exposes the sins of his countrymen; another third pictures the punishment God is about to send; and the final third holds out the hope of restoration once that discipline has ended. Through it all, God's righteous demands upon His people are clear: "to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God" (6:8).

The name *Michayahu* ("Who Is Like Yahweh?") is shortened to *Michaia*. In 7:18, Micah hints at his own name with the phrase "Who is a God like unto thee?" The Greek and Latin titles of this book are *Michaias* and *Micha.*

WATCH WORDS

- **witness** (one who testifies or gives evidence)—1:2
- **dark** (without light or surrounded by evil)—3:6
- **compassion** (tender love, mercy)—7:19

Judgment on Samaria and Jerusalem

1 The word of the LORD that came to Micah the Morasthite in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, *and* Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.

2 Hear, all ye people; hearken, O earth, and all that therein is: and let the Lord GOD be witness against you, the Lord from his holy temple.

3 For, behold, the LORD cometh forth out of his place, and will come down, and tread upon the high places of the earth.

4 And the mountains shall be molten under him, and the valleys shall be cleft, as wax before the fire, *and* as the waters *that are* poured down a steep place.

5 For the transgression of Jacob *is* all this, and for the sins of the house of Israel. What *is* the transgression of Jacob? *is it* not Samaria? and what *are* the high places of Judah? *are they* not Jerusalem?

6 Therefore I will make Samaria as an heap of the field, *and* as plantings of a vineyard: and I will pour down the stones thereof into the valley, and I will discover the foundations thereof.

7 And all the graven images thereof shall be beaten to pieces, and all the hires thereof shall be burned with the fire, and all the idols thereof will I lay desolate: for she gathered *it* of the hire of an harlot, and they shall return to the hire of an harlot.

8 Therefore I will wail and howl, I will go stripped and naked: I will make a wailing like the dragons, and mourning as the owls.

9 For her wound *is* incurable; for it is come

1:2 witness

(Heb. *`ed*) (Gen. 31:44; Deut. 5:20; Ruth 4:9) H5707: This word refers to one who testifies or gives evidence or testimony, and yet it is derived from a verb that means to repeat or return. Likely, this is because a witness repeats his/her statement and is expected to keep returning to the truth of what has been seen or heard (Lev. 5:1). In legal proceedings, two witnesses were required to convict (Num. 35:30; Deut. 19:15). To bear witness falsely was forbidden by the ninth of the Ten Commandments (Ex. 20:16). God, who sees and hears all, is the ultimate witness (1 Sam. 12:5; Job 16:19).

1:7 idol ▸ *see Ps. 115:4.*
1:8 naked ▸ *see Is. 20:3.*

unto Judah; he is come unto the gate of my people, *even* to Jerusalem.

No Place to Hide

10 Declare ye *it* not at Gath, weep ye not at all: in the house of Aphrah roll thyself in the dust.
11 Pass ye away, thou inhabitant of Saphir, having thy shame naked: the inhabitant of Zaanan came not forth in the mourning of Beth-ezel; he shall receive of you his standing.
12 For the inhabitant of Maroth waited carefully for good: but evil came down from the LORD unto the gate of Jerusalem.
13 O thou inhabitant of Lachish, bind the chariot to the swift beast: she *is* the beginning of the sin to the daughter of Zion: for the transgressions of Israel were found in thee.
14 Therefore shalt thou give presents to Moresheth-gath: the houses of Achzib *shall be* a lie to the kings of Israel.
15 Yet will I bring an heir unto thee, O inhabitant of Mareshah: he shall come unto Adullam the glory of Israel.
16 Make thee bald, and poll thee for thy delicate children; enlarge thy baldness as the eagle; for they are gone into captivity from thee.

Woe to Oppressive Leaders

2 Woe to them that devise iniquity, and work evil upon their beds! when the morning is light, they practise it, because it is in the power of their hand.
2 And they covet fields, and take *them* by violence; and houses, and take *them* away: so they oppress a man and his house, even a man and his heritage.
3 Therefore thus saith the LORD; Behold, against this family do I devise an evil, from which ye shall not remove your necks; neither shall ye go haughtily: for this time *is* evil.
4 In that day shall *one* take up a parable against you, and lament with a doleful lamentation, *and* say, We be utterly spoiled: he hath changed the portion of my people: how hath he removed *it* from me! turning away he hath divided our fields.
5 Therefore thou shalt have none that shall cast a cord by lot in the congregation of the LORD.

Israel's Sins and God's Judgment

6 Prophesy ye not, *say they to them that* prophesy: they shall not prophesy to them, *that* they shall not take shame.
7 O *thou that art* named the house of Jacob, is the spirit of the LORD straitened? *are* these his doings? do not my words do good to him that walketh uprightly?
8 Even of late my people is risen up as an enemy: ye pull off the robe with the garment from them that pass by securely as men averse from war.
9 The women of my people have ye cast out from their pleasant houses; from their children have ye taken away my glory for ever.
10 Arise ye, and depart; for this *is* not *your* rest: because it is polluted, it shall destroy *you,* even with a sore destruction.
11 If a man walking in the spirit and falsehood do lie, *saying,* I will prophesy unto thee of wine and of strong drink; he shall even be the prophet of this people.
12 I will surely assemble, O Jacob, all of thee; I will surely gather the remnant of Israel; I will put them together as the sheep of Bozrah, as the flock in the midst of their fold: they shall make great noise by reason of *the multitude* of men.
13 The breaker is come up before them: they have broken up, and have passed through the gate, and are gone out by it: and their king shall pass before them, and the LORD on the head of them.

Judgment on Unjust Leaders

3 And I said, Hear, I pray you, O heads of Jacob, and ye princes of the house of Israel; *Is it* not for you to know judgment?

1:10 roll ▸ *see Jer. 6:26.*
2:4 lamentation ▸ *see Jer. 9:19.*
2:4 portion ▸ *see Zech 2:12.*
2:6 prophesy ▸ *see Ezek. 21:2.*

2:12 sheep

(Heb. *tso'n*) (Gen. 12:16; Deut. 14:26; Ps. 44:11; Jer. 23:1) H6629: The word is flock (Gen. 4:2), referring to ungulates (either sheep or goats), but typically sheep (Gen. 21:28; 1 Sam. 17:20). Many Old Testament references to sheep are literal, but some are figurative, as with this verse, where the people of God are likened to sheep with God as their shepherd (see also Ps. 100:3; Ezek. 34:31). Jesus would use this same imagery in the New Testament to call Himself the Good Shepherd (John 10:11).

2 Who hate the good, and love the evil; who pluck off their skin from off them, and their flesh from off their bones;
3 Who also eat the flesh of my people, and flay their skin from off them; and they break their bones, and chop them in pieces, as for the pot, and as flesh within the caldron.
4 Then shall they cry unto the LORD, but he will not hear them: he will even hide his face from them at that time, as they have behaved themselves ill in their doings.

God Rebukes False Prophets

5 Thus saith the LORD concerning the prophets that make my people err, that bite with their teeth, and cry, Peace; and he that putteth not into their mouths, they even prepare war against him.
6 Therefore night *shall be* unto you, that ye shall not have a vision; and it shall be dark unto you, that ye shall not divine; and the sun shall go down over the prophets, and the day shall be dark over them.
7 Then shall the seers be ashamed, and the diviners confounded: yea, they shall all cover their lips; for *there is* no answer of God.

Zion Shall Be Plowed

8 But truly I am full of power by the spirit of the LORD, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin.
9 Hear this, I pray you, ye heads of the house of Jacob, and princes of the house of Israel, that abhor judgment, and pervert all equity.
10 They build up Zion with blood, and Jerusalem with iniquity.
11 The heads thereof judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money: yet will they lean upon the LORD, and say, *Is* not the LORD among us? none evil can come upon us.
12 Therefore shall Zion for your sake be plowed *as* a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of the forest.

The Mountain of the Lord

4 But in the last days it shall come to pass, *that* the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it.
2 And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
3 And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.
4 But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make *them* afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken *it*.
5 For all people will walk every one in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the LORD our God for ever and ever.

A Strong Nation

6 In that day, saith the LORD, will I assemble her that halteth, and I will gather her that is driven out, and her that I have afflicted;
7 And I will make her that halted a

3:2 bone ▸ *see Ps. 53:5.*

3:6 dark

(Heb. *chashak*) (Ps. 105:28; Is. 13:10; Jer. 13:16) H2821: The verb form means to be dark or darkened; the noun form (H2822) refers to a state of darkness. This darkness can be physical (Gen. 1:4; Ex. 10:21) or a reference to night (Amos 5:8). It can also have more abstract and figurative meanings—to be in ignorance (Job 38:2), to be lost and confused (Is. 50:10), to be surrounded by evil. The good news is that God is impervious to darkness (Ps. 139:12), and sent Christ, the light of the world (John 8:12), that we might be children of light (Eph. 5:8).

4:5 ever

(Heb. *`ad*) (Ex. 15:18; Ps. 21:4; 145:21) H5703: The idea expressed by this word is eternal, continuing future, always, or for perpetuity. Some of the things that are unending are: the Lord's righteousness (Ps. 111:3); the Lord's reign (Ps. 10:16; 45:17); the worship of God (Ps. 61:8; 111:10); and judgment on the wicked (Ps. 9:5; 83:17; 92:7). In the last chapter of the Bible, the saints of God are seen to be reigning with Him "for ever and ever" (Rev. 22:5).

remnant, and her that was cast far off a strong nation: and the LORD shall reign over them in mount Zion from henceforth, even for ever.
8 And thou, O tower of the flock, the strong hold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even the first dominion; the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem.
9 Now why dost thou cry out aloud? *is there* no king in thee? is thy counsellor perished? for pangs have taken thee as a woman in travail.
10 Be in pain, and labour to bring forth, O daughter of Zion, like a woman in travail: for now shalt thou go forth out of the city, and thou shalt dwell in the field, and thou shalt go *even* to Babylon; there shalt thou be delivered; there the LORD shall redeem thee from the hand of thine enemies.
11 Now also many nations are gathered against thee, that say, Let her be defiled, and let our eye look upon Zion.
12 But they know not the thoughts of the LORD, neither understand they his counsel: for he shall gather them as the sheaves into the floor.
13 Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion: for I will make thine horn iron, and I will make thy hoofs brass: and thou shalt beat in pieces many people: and I will consecrate their gain unto the LORD, and their substance unto the Lord of the whole earth.

The Ruler of Israel

5 Now gather thyself in troops, O daughter of troops: he hath laid siege against us: they shall smite the judge of Israel with a rod upon the cheek.
2 But thou, Beth-lehem Ephratah, *though* thou be little among the thousands of Judah, *yet* out of thee shall he come forth unto me *that is* to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth *have been* from of old, from everlasting.
3 Therefore will he give them up, until the time *that* she which travaileth hath brought forth: then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel.
4 And he shall stand and feed in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God; and they shall abide: for now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth.
5 And this *man* shall be the peace, when the Assyrian shall come into our land: and when he shall tread in our palaces, then shall we raise against him seven shepherds, and eight principal men.
6 And they shall waste the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod in the entrances thereof: thus shall he deliver *us* from the Assyrian, when he cometh into our land, and when he treadeth within our borders.
7 And the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many people as a dew from the LORD, as the showers upon the grass, that tarrieth not for man, nor waiteth for the sons of men.
8 And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles in the midst of many people as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep: who, if he go through, both treadeth down, and teareth in pieces, and none can deliver.

4:9 aloud ▸ *see Ex. 32:17.*

4:13 lord

(Heb. *'adon*) (Gen. 18:12; Num. 11:28; Deut. 10:17) H0113: This word means lord or master, and is used to refer to earthly authority figures—a husband (Amos 4:1), a father (Gen. 31:35), a slave owner (Ex. 21:5); a king (1 Chr. 21:3; Is. 36:8), an angel (Zech. 4:4), a prophet (2 Kin. 2:3), or a person to whom one must report and give account (1 Sam. 20:38). It is also used to speak of God (Ps. 114:7). Calling someone by this title is a sign of respect and should predispose one to obey his commands (Luke 6:46).

5:1 siege ▸ *see Ezek. 4:8.*
5:2 Judah ▸ *see 1 Chr. 9:3.*

5:8 lion

(Heb. *'ari*) (Gen. 49:9; Judg. 14:8; Amos 3:8) H0738: The word refers to the large carnivorous mammal (*Panthera leo persica*) that was found in ancient times in Palestine and Persia. Bold (Prov. 28:15), destructive (Jer. 2:30), and given to roaring when attacking and consuming its prey (Ezek. 22:25), lions came to symbolize power and royalty (Prov. 30:29–31). Metaphorically, the Bible likens the devil to a roaring lion (1 Pet. 5:8). But more importantly, Messiah is referred to as "the Lion of the tribe of Juda" (Rev. 5:5).

5:8 tread ▸ *see Nah. 3:14.*

Victory by God's Power

9 Thine hand shall be lifted up upon thine adversaries, and all thine enemies shall be cut off.
10 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD, that I will cut off thy horses out of the midst of thee, and I will destroy thy chariots:
11 And I will cut off the cities of thy land, and throw down all thy strong holds:
12 And I will cut off witchcrafts out of thine hand; and thou shalt have no *more* soothsayers:
13 Thy graven images also will I cut off, and thy standing images out of the midst of thee; and thou shalt no more worship the work of thine hands.
14 And I will pluck up thy groves out of the midst of thee: so will I destroy thy cities.
15 And I will execute vengeance in anger and fury upon the heathen, such as they have not heard.

A Controversy with Israel

6 Hear ye now what the LORD saith; Arise, contend thou before the mountains, and let the hills hear thy voice.
2 Hear ye, O mountains, the LORD's controversy, and ye strong foundations of the earth: for the LORD hath a controversy with his people, and he will plead with Israel.
3 O my people, what have I done unto thee? and wherein have I wearied thee? testify against me.
4 For I brought thee up out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed thee out of the house of servants; and I sent before thee Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.
5 O my people, remember now what Balak king of Moab consulted, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him from Shittim unto Gilgal; that ye may know the righteousness of the LORD.
6 Wherewith shall I come before the LORD, *and* bow myself before the high God? shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves of a year old?
7 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, *or* with ten thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give my firstborn *for* my transgression, the fruit of my body *for* the sin of my soul?
8 He hath shewed thee, O man, what *is* good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

Israel's Unjust Dealings

9 The LORD's voice crieth unto the city, and *the man of* wisdom shall see thy name: hear ye the rod, and who hath appointed it.
10 Are there yet the treasures of wickedness in the house of the wicked, and the scant measure *that is* abominable?
11 Shall I count *them* pure with the wicked balances, and with the bag of deceitful weights?
12 For the rich men thereof are full of violence, and the inhabitants thereof have spoken lies, and their tongue *is* deceitful in their mouth.

The Punishment for Unjust Dealings

13 Therefore also will I make *thee* sick in smiting thee, in making *thee* desolate because of thy sins.
14 Thou shalt eat, but not be satisfied; and thy casting down *shall be* in the midst of thee; and thou shalt take hold, but shalt not deliver; and *that* which thou deliverest will I give up to the sword.
15 Thou shalt sow, but thou shalt not reap; thou shalt tread the olives, but thou shalt not anoint thee with oil; and sweet wine, but shalt not drink wine.

5:12 witchcraft ▸ *see 2 Kin. 9:22.*
5:14 pluck ▸ *see Jer. 24:6.*

6:2 controversy

(Heb. *rib*) (Judg. 12:2; Prov. 17:14; 18:6; Jer. 11:20) H7379: This word can mean dispute or quarrel in the sense of a feud (Judg. 12:2), controversy, or strife (Prov. 17:14; 18:6) prompted by a rebellious spirit (Num. 20:13; Prov. 17:14; 18:6). It can also refer to a legal case or lawsuit (Job 31:13, 35; Jer. 11:20). The prophets frequently used this word as a technical legal term in contexts pertaining to the Lord's covenant relationship with Israel (Jer. 25:31; Hos. 4:1; 12:2). In this chapter, Micah was informing Judah that God had registered a formal legal complaint against His people. He was ordering them to stand trial for violating covenant stipulations forbidding idolatry and requiring social justice (Mic. 6:2–16).

6:7 thousand ▸ *see 1 Sam. 29:5.*
6:8 walk ▸ *see Gen. 5:24.*
6:14 satisfy ▸ *see Amos 4:8.*

16 For the statutes of Omri are kept, and all the works of the house of Ahab, and ye walk in their counsels; that I should make thee a desolation, and the inhabitants thereof an hissing: therefore ye shall bear the reproach of my people.

No Goodness or Trust in the Land

7 Woe is me! for I am as when they have gathered the summer fruits, as the grapegleanings of the vintage: *there is* no cluster to eat: my soul desired the firstripe fruit.
2 The good *man* is perished out of the earth: and *there is* none upright among men: they all lie in wait for blood; they hunt every man his brother with a net.
3 That they may do evil with both hands earnestly, the prince asketh, and the judge *asketh* for a reward; and the great *man,* he uttereth his mischievous desire: so they wrap it up.
4 The best of them *is* as a brier: the most upright *is sharper* than a thorn hedge: the day of thy watchmen *and* thy visitation cometh; now shall be their perplexity.
5 Trust ye not in a friend, put ye not confidence in a guide: keep the doors of thy mouth from her that lieth in thy bosom.
6 For the son dishonoureth the father, the daughter riseth up against her mother, the daughter in law against her mother in law; a man's enemies *are* the men of his own house.

A Light in the Midst of Darkness

7 Therefore I will look unto the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me.
8 Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the LORD *shall be* a light unto me.
9 I will bear the indignation of the LORD, because I have sinned against him, until he plead my cause, and execute judgment for me: he will bring me forth to the light, *and* I shall behold his righteousness.
10 Then *she that is* mine enemy shall see *it,* and shame shall cover her which said unto me, Where is the LORD thy God? mine eyes shall behold her: now shall she be trodden down as the mire of the streets.
11 *In* the day that thy walls are to be built, *in* that day shall the decree be far removed.
12 *In* that day *also* he shall come even to thee from Assyria, and *from* the fortified cities, and from the fortress even to the river, and from sea to sea, and *from* mountain to mountain.
13 Notwithstanding the land shall be desolate because of them that dwell therein, for the fruit of their doings.

A Plea for God's Care and Protection

14 Feed thy people with thy rod, the flock of thine heritage, which dwell solitarily *in* the wood, in the midst of Carmel: let them feed *in* Bashan and Gilead, as in the days of old.
15 According to the days of thy coming out of the land of Egypt will I shew unto him marvellous *things.*
16 The nations shall see and be confounded at all their might: they shall lay *their* hand upon *their* mouth, their ears shall be deaf.
17 They shall lick the dust like a serpent, they shall move out of their holes like worms of the earth: they shall be afraid of the LORD our God, and shall fear because of thee.

Micah Praises God's Mercy

18 Who *is* a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth *in* mercy.
19 He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities;

6:16 hissing ▸ *see Jer. 29:18.*
7:3 reward ▸ *see Hos. 9:7.*
7:5 guide ▸ *see Jer. 3:4.*
7:10 shame ▸ *see Ps. 89:45.*
7:18 delight ▸ *see Ps. 112:1.*

7:19 compassion

(Heb. *racham*) (Ex. 33:19; Prov. 28:13) H7355: The Hebrew word translated here as *compassion* means "to love from the womb" and is frequently translated "mercy" (Is. 14:1). The noun form of this verb means "womb," and consequently this verb depicts the tender love of a mother for her own helpless child (1 Kin. 3:26). "From the womb" speaks of the depth of emotion associated with this expression of love. God loves His people with a deep compassion and love that is almost beyond description. God used a form of this Hebrew word to reveal His character and name to Moses: "And

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and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.
20 Thou wilt perform the truth to Jacob, *and* the mercy to Abraham, which thou hast sworn unto our fathers from the days of old.

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the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth'" (Ex. 34:6).

THE BOOK OF

NAHUM

"FOR UNTO WHOMSOEVER MUCH IS given, of him shall be much required" (Luke 12:48). Nineveh had been given the privilege of knowing the one true God. Under Jonah's preaching this great Gentile city had repented, and God had graciously stayed His judgment. However, a hundred years later, Nahum proclaims the downfall of this same city. The Assyrians have forgotten their revival and have returned to their habits of violence, idolatry, and arrogance. As a result, Babylon will so destroy the city that no trace of it will remain—a prophecy fulfilled in painful detail.

The Hebrew word *nahum* ("comfort," "consolation") is a shortened form of Nehemiah ("Comfort of Yahweh"). The destruction of the capital city of Assyria is a message of comfort and consolation to Judah and all who live in fear of the cruelty of the Assyrians. The title of this book in the Greek and Latin Bibles is *Naoum* and *Nahum*.

WATCH WORD

- **jealous** (eager, zealous for)—1:2

A Jealous and Powerful God

1 The burden of Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite.
2 God *is* jealous, and the LORD revengeth; the LORD revengeth, and *is* furious; the LORD will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth *wrath* for his enemies.
3 The LORD *is* slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit *the wicked:* the LORD *hath* his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds *are* the dust of his feet.
4 He rebuketh the sea, and maketh it dry, and drieth up all the rivers: Bashan languisheth, and Carmel, and the flower of Lebanon languisheth.
5 The mountains quake at him, and the hills melt, and the earth is burned at his presence, yea, the world, and all that dwell therein.
6 Who can stand before his indignation? and who can abide in the fierceness of his anger? his fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by him.
7 The LORD *is* good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him.
8 But with an overrunning flood he will make an utter end of the place thereof, and darkness shall pursue his enemies.
9 What do ye imagine against the LORD? he will make an utter end: affliction shall not rise up the second time.
10 For while *they be* folden together *as* thorns, and while they are drunken *as*

1:2 jealous

(Heb. *qanno'*) (Josh. 24:19) H7072: This Hebrew term is related to a root word that can mean "to be eager, zealous for" (1 Kin. 19:10, 14), or even "to be furious" (Zech. 8:2). One of God's names is Jealous (Ex. 34:14). When the expression "the LORD your God is a jealous God" is used in the Old Testament, it is usually associated with an injunction against idol worship (Ex. 20:5; Deut. 4:24; 5:9; 6:15). God's jealousy for His people is a claim for exclusive allegiance rooted in His holiness (Josh. 24:19) and His role as their Creator and Redeemer (Ps. 95:6, 7; 96:2–5). We tend to associate jealousy with a self-serving emotion that usually results from feelings of inadequacy. God's jealousy, in contrast, proceeds from His holiness. Because He alone is the Holy One (Is. 6:3; 40:25), He will tolerate no rival (Ex. 20:5).

1:3 slow ▸ *see Eccl. 7:8.*
1:9 second time ▸ *see Ps. 85:13.*

drunkards, they shall be devoured as stubble fully dry.

A Wicked Counsellor

11 There is *one* come out of thee, that imagineth evil against the LORD, a wicked counsellor.
12 Thus saith the LORD; Though *they be* quiet, and likewise many, yet thus shall they be cut down, when he shall pass through. Though I have afflicted thee, I will afflict thee no more.
13 For now will I break his yoke from off thee, and will burst thy bonds in sunder.
14 And the LORD hath given a commandment concerning thee, *that* no more of thy name be sown: out of the house of thy gods will I cut off the graven image and the molten image: I will make thy grave; for thou art vile.
15 Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace! O Judah, keep thy solemn feasts, perform thy vows: for the wicked shall no more pass through thee; he is utterly cut off.

The Invasion of Nineveh

2 He that dasheth in pieces is come up before thy face: keep the munition, watch the way, make *thy* loins strong, fortify *thy* power mightily.
2 For the LORD hath turned away the excellency of Jacob, as the excellency of Israel: for the emptiers have emptied them out, and marred their vine branches.
3 The shield of his mighty men is made red, the valiant men *are* in scarlet: the chariots *shall be* with flaming torches in the day of his preparation, and the fir trees shall be terribly shaken.
4 The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall justle one against another in the broad ways: they shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightnings.
5 He shall recount his worthies: they shall stumble in their walk; they shall make haste to the wall thereof, and the defence shall be prepared.
6 The gates of the rivers shall be opened, and the palace shall be dissolved.
7 And Huzzab shall be led away captive, she shall be brought up, and her maids shall lead *her* as with the voice of doves, tabering upon their breasts.
8 But Nineveh *is* of old like a pool of water: yet they shall flee away. Stand, stand, *shall they cry;* but none shall look back.
9 Take ye the spoil of silver, take the spoil of gold: for *there is* none end of the store *and* glory out of all the pleasant furniture.
10 She is empty, and void, and waste: and the heart melteth, and the knees smite together, and much pain *is* in all loins, and the faces of them all gather blackness.

God's Wrath

11 Where *is* the dwelling of the lions, and the feedingplace of the young lions, where the lion, *even* the old lion, walked, *and* the lion's whelp, and none made *them* afraid?
12 The lion did tear in pieces enough for his whelps, and strangled for his lionesses, and filled his holes with prey, and his dens with ravin.
13 Behold, I *am* against thee, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will burn her chariots in the smoke, and the sword shall devour thy young lions: and I will cut off thy prey from the earth, and the voice of thy messengers shall no more be heard.

Nineveh Is Laid Waste

3 Woe to the bloody city! it *is* all full of lies *and* robbery; the prey departeth not;
2 The noise of a whip, and the noise of the rattling of the wheels, and of the pransing horses, and of the jumping chariots.
3 The horseman lifteth up both the bright sword and the glittering spear: and *there is* a multitude of slain, and a great number of carcases; and *there is* none end of *their* corpses; they stumble upon their corpses:

2:4 run ▸ *see Song 1:4.*

2:5 make haste

(Heb. *mahar*) (Gen. 24:46; 43:30; Prov. 1:16; Is. 49:17) H4116: The emphasis in this term is speed or hurry (1 Sam. 23:27), doing what it takes to accomplish something sooner. The "make" is supplied to the archaic verb haste, or hasten. It is sometimes translated "quickly" (2 Chr. 18:8). Nahum uses the word to build a sense of anxiety and concern as people hurry to defend a city which God has condemned.

2:10 melt ▸ *see Is. 34:3.*
2:10 loins ▸ *see Job 40:16.*

4 Because of the multitude of the whoredoms of the wellfavoured harlot, the mistress of witchcrafts, that selleth nations through her whoredoms, and families through her witchcrafts.
5 Behold, I *am* against thee, saith the LORD of hosts; and I will discover thy skirts upon thy face, and I will shew the nations thy nakedness, and the kingdoms thy shame.
6 And I will cast abominable filth upon thee, and make thee vile, and will set thee as a gazingstock.
7 And it shall come to pass, *that* all they that look upon thee shall flee from thee, and say, Nineveh is laid waste: who will bemoan her? whence shall I seek comforters for thee?

The Righteous Judgment

8 Art thou better than populous No, that was situate among the rivers, *that had* the waters round about it, whose rampart *was* the sea, *and* her wall *was* from the sea?
9 Ethiopia and Egypt *were* her strength, and *it was* infinite; Put and Lubim were thy helpers.
10 Yet *was* she carried away, she went into captivity: her young children also were dashed in pieces at the top of all the streets: and they cast lots for her honourable men, and all her great men were bound in chains.
11 Thou also shalt be drunken: thou shalt be hid, thou also shalt seek strength because of the enemy.
12 All thy strong holds *shall be like* fig trees with the firstripe figs: if they be shaken, they shall even fall into the mouth of the eater.
13 Behold, thy people in the midst of thee *are* women: the gates of thy land shall be set wide open unto thine enemies: the fire shall devour thy bars.
14 Draw thee waters for the siege, fortify thy strong holds: go into clay, and tread the morter, make strong the brickkiln.
15 There shall the fire devour thee; the sword shall cut thee off, it shall eat thee up like the cankerworm: make thyself many as the cankerworm, make thyself many as the locusts.

No Healing for Nineveh

16 Thou hast multiplied thy merchants above the stars of heaven: the cankerworm spoileth, and fleeth away.
17 Thy crowned *are* as the locusts, and thy captains as the great grasshoppers, which camp in the hedges in the cold day, *but* when the sun ariseth they flee away, and their place is not known where they *are*.
18 Thy shepherds slumber, O king of Assyria: thy nobles shall dwell *in the dust:* thy people is scattered upon the mountains, and no man gathereth *them*.
19 *There is* no healing of thy bruise; thy wound is grievous: all that hear the bruit of thee shall clap the hands over thee: for upon whom hath not thy wickedness passed continually?

3:4 witchcraft ▸ *see 2 Kin. 9:22.*
3:10 captivity ▸ *see Jer. 43:11.*

3:14 tread

(Heb. *ramas*) (Is. 26:6; 41:25; Mic. 5:8) H7429: Also translated "trample" (Ps. 91:13; Is. 63:3), the context determines whether this is the kind of kneading done by feet in clay or mortar to give it the proper working consistency, or the kind of stomping done by feet crushing enemies or destroying crops underfoot. No matter how well the people prepared their fortifications for the siege of Nineveh, their efforts would be in vain.

THE BOOK OF

HABAKKUK

HABAKKUK MINISTERS DURING THE "DEATH throes" of the nation of Judah. Although repeatedly called to repentance, the nation stubbornly refuses to change her sinful ways. Habakkuk, knowing the hardheartedness of his countrymen, asks God how long this intolerable condition can continue. God replies that the Babylonians will be His chastening rod upon the nation—an announcement that sends the prophet to his knees. He acknowledges that the just in any generation shall live by faith (2:4), not by sight. Habakkuk concludes by praising God's wisdom even though he does not fully understand God's ways.

Habaqquq is an unusual Hebrew name derived from the verb *habaq*, "embrace." Thus his name probably means "One Who Embraces" or "Clings." At the end of his book, this name becomes appropriate because Habakkuk chooses to cling firmly to God regardless of what happens to his nation (3:16–19). The Greek title in the Septuagint is *Ambakouk*, and the Latin title in Jerome's Vulgate is *Habacuc*.

WATCH WORDS

- **violence** (intentional harm to others, cruelty)—1:9 (also 1:2, 3; 2:8, 17)
- **joy** (rejoicing, exultation)—3:18

Habakkuk's Cry to the Lord

1 The burden which Habakkuk the prophet did see.

2 O LORD, how long shall I cry, and thou wilt not hear! *even* cry out unto thee *of* violence, and thou wilt not save!

3 Why dost thou shew me iniquity, and cause *me* to behold grievance? for spoiling and violence *are* before me: and there are *that* raise up strife and contention.

4 Therefore the law is slacked, and judgment doth never go forth: for the wicked doth compass about the righteous; therefore wrong judgment proceedeth.

God's Reply: Captivity by the Chaldeans

5 Behold ye among the heathen, and regard, and wonder marvellously: for *I* will work a work in your days, *which* ye will not believe, though it be told *you*.

6 For, lo, I raise up the Chaldeans, *that* bitter and hasty nation, which shall march through the breadth of the land, to possess the dwellingplaces *that are* not theirs.

7 They *are* terrible and dreadful: their judgment and their dignity shall proceed of themselves.

8 Their horses also are swifter than the leopards, and are more fierce than the evening wolves: and their horsemen shall spread themselves, and their horsemen shall come from far; they shall fly as the eagle *that* hasteth to eat.

9 They shall come all for violence: their

1:6 bitter ▸ *see Jer. 2:19.*
1:6 breadth ▸ *see Ps. 31:8.*
1:7 proceed ▸ *see Num. 32:24.*

1:9 violence

(Heb. *chamas*) (Gen. 6:11; Ps. 11:5; Hab. 2:8) H2555: A word used to describe intentional harm done to others. It can be translated "cruel" (Ps. 25:19) or "cruelty" (Gen. 49:5; Ps. 74:20). Habakkuk's cry for God's intervention on behalf of His people is driven by the merciless cruelty that seems to have the upper hand. The picture of sustained violence highlights the importance of the prophet's message: "The just shall live by his faith" (Hab. 2:4).

faces shall sup up *as* the east wind, and they shall gather the captivity as the sand.
10 And they shall scoff at the kings, and the princes shall be a scorn unto them: they shall deride every strong hold; for they shall heap dust, and take it.
11 Then shall *his* mind change, and he shall pass over, and offend, *imputing* this his power unto his god.

God's Holiness and Purity

12 *Art* thou not from everlasting, O LORD my God, mine Holy One? we shall not die. O LORD, thou hast ordained them for judgment; and, O mighty God, thou hast established them for correction.
13 *Thou art* of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity: wherefore lookest thou upon them that deal treacherously, *and* holdest thy tongue when the wicked devoureth *the man that is* more righteous than he?
14 And makest men as the fishes of the sea, as the creeping things, *that have* no ruler over them?
15 They take up all of them with the angle, they catch them in their net, and gather them in their drag: therefore they rejoice and are glad.
16 Therefore they sacrifice unto their net, and burn incense unto their drag; because by them their portion *is* fat, and their meat plenteous.
17 Shall they therefore empty their net, and not spare continually to slay the nations?

Write the Vision

2 I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved.
2 And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make *it* plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.
3 For the vision *is* yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

The Pride of the Chaldeans

4 Behold, his soul *which* is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.
5 Yea also, because he transgresseth by wine, *he is* a proud man, neither keepeth at home, who enlargeth his desire as hell, and *is* as death, and cannot be satisfied, but gathereth unto him all nations, and heapeth unto him all people:
6 Shall not all these take up a parable against him, and a taunting proverb against him, and say, Woe to him that increaseth *that which is* not his! how long? and to him that ladeth himself with thick clay!
7 Shall they not rise up suddenly that shall bite thee, and awake that shall vex thee, and thou shalt be for booties unto them?
8 Because thou hast spoiled many nations, all the remnant of the people shall spoil thee; because of men's blood, and *for* the violence of the land, of the city, and of all that dwell therein.
9 Woe to him that coveteth an evil covetousness to his house, that he may set his nest on high, that he may be delivered from the power of evil!
10 Thou hast consulted shame to thy house by cutting off many people, and hast sinned *against* thy soul.
11 For the stone shall cry out of the wall, and the beam out of the timber shall answer it.

Woe for Violence and Deceitfulness

12 Woe to him that buildeth a town with blood, and stablisheth a city by iniquity!

1:9 east ▸ *see Ezek. 47:2.*
1:13 pure ▸ *see Lev. 13:37.*
1:16 fat ▸ *see Judg. 3:29.*

2:4 live

(Heb. *chayah*) (Gen. 47:19; Deut. 8:3; Josh. 6:17; Prov. 4:4) H2421: Along with several closely related words, this is the main Old Testament term for life as opposed to death. It is preserved by food, by wisdom, and by water. The physical reality is primarily in mind, but in passages like this one and Deuteronomy 8:3, which Jesus used to respond to Satan's temptation in the wilderness (Matt. 4:4), there is more to living than simply keeping the body alive.

2:5 death ▸ *see Ps. 13:3.*
2:6 proverb ▸ *see Judg. 14:12.*
2:7 vex ▸ *see Esth. 5:9.*
2:8 violence ▸ *see Hab. 1:9.*
2:12 city ▸ *see Prov. 29:8.*

13 Behold, *is it* not of the LORD of hosts that the people shall labour in the very fire, and the people shall weary themselves for very vanity?
14 For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.
15 Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that puttest thy bottle to *him,* and makest *him* drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness!
16 Thou art filled with shame for glory: drink thou also, and let thy foreskin be uncovered: the cup of the LORD's right hand shall be turned unto thee, and shameful spewing *shall be* on thy glory.
17 For the violence of Lebanon shall cover thee, and the spoil of beasts, *which* made them afraid, because of men's blood, and for the violence of the land, of the city, and of all that dwell therein.
18 What profiteth the graven image that the maker thereof hath graven it; the molten image, and a teacher of lies, that the maker of his work trusteth therein, to make dumb idols?
19 Woe unto him that saith to the wood, Awake; to the dumb stone, Arise, it shall teach! Behold, it *is* laid over with gold and silver, and *there is* no breath at all in the midst of it.
20 But the LORD *is* in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.

Habakkuk's Prayer for Mercy

3 A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet upon Shigionoth.
2 O LORD, I have heard thy speech, *and* was afraid: O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.
3 God came from Teman, and the Holy One from mount Paran. *Selah*. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise.
4 And *his* brightness was as the light; he had horns *coming* out of his hand: and there *was* the hiding of his power.
5 Before him went the pestilence, and burning coals went forth at his feet.
6 He stood, and measured the earth: he beheld, and drove asunder the nations; and the everlasting mountains were scattered, the perpetual hills did bow: his ways *are* everlasting.
7 I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction: *and* the curtains of the land of Midian did tremble.

Praise for God's Power

8 Was the LORD displeased against the rivers? *was* thine anger against the rivers? *was* thy wrath against the sea, that thou didst ride upon thine horses *and* thy chariots of salvation?
9 Thy bow was made quite naked, *according* to the oaths of the tribes, *even thy* word. *Selah*. Thou didst cleave the earth with rivers.
10 The mountains saw thee, *and* they trembled: the overflowing of the water passed by: the deep uttered his voice, *and* lifted up his hands on high.
11 The sun *and* moon stood still in their habitation: at the light of thine arrows they went, *and* at the shining of thy glittering spear.

Praise for God's Power

12 Thou didst march through the land in indignation, thou didst thresh the heathen in anger.
13 Thou wentest forth for the salvation of thy people, *even* for salvation with thine

2:18 image

(Heb. *pesel*) (Lev. 26:1; Deut. 5:8; 2 Kin. 21:7; Is. 42:17) H6459: This term is related to a verbal root meaning "to hew out stone" or "to cut or carve wood" (see Ex. 34:4). A *pesel* is an image or idol in the likeness of a human being or animal made from stone, wood, or metal. God prohibited the Hebrews from making such idols at Mount Sinai (Ex. 20:4). God intended the lack of images among the Hebrews to be one distinguishing feature of their true religion. Tragically, Israel followed the example of their pagan neighbors and worshiped carved images (Judg. 18:30; 2 Chr. 33:7). The psalmist describes such images as worthless and those who worship them as shameful (Ps. 97:7). Both Isaiah (Is. 40:19, 20; 44:9–20) and Habakkuk (Hab. 2:18) mock those who would put their trust in images made with mere human hands. They have no capacity to see, hear, speak, or do anything for their devotees.

2:19 dumb ▸ *see Is. 47:5.*
3:10 overflowing ▸ *see Job 24:8.*

anointed; thou woundedst the head out of the house of the wicked, by discovering the foundation unto the neck. *Selah*.
14 Thou didst strike through with his staves the head of his villages: they came out as a whirlwind to scatter me: their rejoicing *was* as to devour the poor secretly.
15 Thou didst walk through the sea with thine horses, *through* the heap of great waters.
16 When I heard, my belly trembled; my lips quivered at the voice: rottenness entered into my bones, and I trembled in myself, that I might rest in the day of trouble: when he cometh up unto the people, he will invade them with his troops.
17 Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither *shall* fruit *be* in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and *there shall be* no herd in the stalls:
18 Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.
19 The LORD God *is* my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' *feet*, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places. To the chief singer on my stringed instruments.

3:16 belly ▸ *see Job 3:10.*
3:17 fig ▸ *see 2 Kin. 20:7.*
3:17 cut off ▸ *see Ps. 136:13.*
3:17 herd ▸ *see Ps. 66:15.*

3:18 joy

(Heb. *gil*) (Is. 65:19) H1523: A somewhat rare verb form that is more familiar to us as *rejoice* (1 Chr. 16:31; Ps. 2:11; 21:1; 51:8; Prov. 23:24, 25). Here and in Isaiah, when the prophet has already declared he will rejoice, but wants to emphasize his response to God, this term offers that direct form of exultation.

3:19 foot ▸ *see 2 Sam. 14:25.*

THE BOOK OF

ZEPHANIAH

DURING JUDAH'S HECTIC POLITICAL AND religious history, reform comes from time to time. Zephaniah's forceful prophecy may be a factor in the reform that occurs during Josiah's reign—a "revival" that produces outward change but does not fully remove the inward heart of corruption which characterizes the nation. Zephaniah hammers home his message repeatedly that the day of the Lord, Judgment Day, is coming when the malignancy of sin will be dealt with. Israel and her gentile neighbors will soon experience the crushing hand of God's wrath. But after the chastening process is complete, blessing will come in the person of the Messiah, who will be the cause for praise and singing.

Tsephan-yah means "Yahweh Hides" or "Yahweh Has Hidden." Zephaniah was evidently born during the latter part of the reign of King Manasseh. His name may mean that he was "hidden" from Manasseh's atrocities. The Greek and Latin title is *Sophonias*.

WATCH WORD

- **trust** (confident dependence on God's faithfulness)—3:12

God's Message to Judah

1 The word of the LORD which came unto Zephaniah the son of Cushi, the son of Gedaliah, the son of Amariah, the son of Hizkiah, in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah.

2 I will utterly consume all *things* from off the land, saith the LORD.

3 I will consume man and beast; I will consume the fowls of the heaven, and the fishes of the sea, and the stumblingblocks with the wicked; and I will cut off man from off the land, saith the LORD.

4 I will also stretch out mine hand upon Judah, and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and I will cut off the remnant of Baal from this place, *and* the name of the Chemarims with the priests;

5 And them that worship the host of heaven upon the housetops; and them that worship *and* that swear by the LORD, and that swear by Malcham;

6 And them that are turned back from the LORD; and *those* that have not sought the LORD, nor enquired for him.

7 Hold thy peace at the presence of the Lord GOD: for the day of the LORD *is* at hand: for the LORD hath prepared a sacrifice, he hath bid his guests.

8 And it shall come to pass in the day of the LORD's sacrifice, that I will punish the princes, and the king's children, and all such as are clothed with strange apparel.

9 In the same day also will I punish all those that leap on the threshold, which fill their masters' houses with violence and deceit.

10 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD, *that there shall be* the noise of a cry from the fish gate, and an howling from the second, and a great crashing from the hills.

11 Howl, ye inhabitants of Maktesh, for all the merchant people are cut down; all they that bear silver are cut off.

12 And it shall come to pass at that time, *that* I will search Jerusalem with candles, and punish the men that are settled on their lees: that say in their heart, The LORD will not do good, neither will he do evil.

13 Therefore their goods shall become a booty, and their houses a desolation: they

1:7 sacrifice ▸ *see Num. 7:17.*
1:9 leap ▸ *see Song 2:8.*

shall also build houses, but not inhabit *them;* and they shall plant vineyards, but not drink the wine thereof.
14 The great day of the LORD *is* near, *it is* near, and hasteth greatly, *even* the voice of the day of the LORD: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly.
15 That day *is* a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness,
16 A day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and against the high towers.
17 And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the LORD: and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as the dung.
18 Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the LORD's wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy: for he shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land.

Seek the Lord

2 Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, O nation not desired;
2 Before the decree bring forth, *before* the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the LORD come upon you, before the day of the LORD's anger come upon you.
3 Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD's anger.

Judgment on the Nations

4 For Gaza shall be forsaken, and Ashkelon a desolation: they shall drive out Ashdod at the noon day, and Ekron shall be rooted up.
5 Woe unto the inhabitants of the sea coast, the nation of the Cherethites! the word of the LORD *is* against you; O Canaan, the land of the Philistines, I will even destroy thee, that there shall be no inhabitant.
6 And the sea coast shall be dwellings *and* cottages for shepherds, and folds for flocks.
7 And the coast shall be for the remnant of the house of Judah; they shall feed thereupon: in the houses of Ashkelon shall they lie down in the evening: for the LORD their GOD shall visit them, and turn away their captivity.
8 I have heard the reproach of Moab, and the revilings of the children of Ammon, whereby they have reproached my people, and magnified *themselves* against their border.
9 Therefore *as* I live, saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, Surely Moab shall be as Sodom, and the children of Ammon as Gomorrah, *even* the breeding of nettles, and saltpits, and a perpetual desolation: the residue of my people shall spoil them, and the remnant of my people shall possess them.
10 This shall they have for their pride, because they have reproached and magnified *themselves* against the people of the Lord of hosts.
11 The LORD *will be* terrible unto them: for he will famish all the gods of the earth; and *men* shall worship him, every one from his place, *even* all the isles of the heathen.

1:14 haste ▸ *see Ps. 143:7.*
1:15 wrath ▸ *see Is. 14:6.*

1:15 distress

(Heb. *metsuqah*) (Ps. 25:17; 107:6) H4691: Most often translated this way, it can also mean anguish (Job 15:24), expressions of personal unsettledness, and vulnerability. Frequently the word is paired with "trouble" (*ra*—H7451), highlighting the reality that external difficulties and calamities are accompanied by internal responses and hardship.

1:15 wasteness ▸ *see Ps. 35:8.*
1:17 dust ▸ *see Num. 23:10.*

2:3 meek

(Heb. *`anav*) (Ps. 22:26; Is. 11:4) H6035: This Hebrew word may be translated "humble" (Ps. 34:2) or "meek" (Ps. 37:11; see also Matt. 5:5) and is derived from a verb meaning "to be afflicted" or "to be bowed down" (H6031—Ps. 116:10). Forms of this word occur twice in Zephaniah 2:3: first translated as "meek" and then as "meekness." The word frequently refers to the poor or oppressed (Prov. 14:21; Amos 2:7). It also signifies strength of character in enduring suffering without resentment. Such character is rooted in a strong faith in God and His goodness and a steadfast submission to His will.

2:9 Ammon ▸ *see Num. 21:24.*
2:9 desolation ▸ *see Is. 1:7.*
2:10 reproach ▸ *see 1 Sam. 17:10.*

12 Ye Ethiopians also, ye *shall be* slain by my sword.
13 And he will stretch out his hand against the north, and destroy Assyria; and will make Nineveh a desolation, *and* dry like a wilderness.
14 And flocks shall lie down in the midst of her, all the beasts of the nations: both the cormorant and the bittern shall lodge in the upper lintels of it; *their* voice shall sing in the windows; desolation *shall be* in the thresholds: for he shall uncover the cedar work.
15 This *is* the rejoicing city that dwelt carelessly, that said in her heart, I *am,* and *there is* none beside me: how is she become a desolation, a place for beasts to lie down in! every one that passeth by her shall hiss, *and* wag his hand.

Judgment on Judah

3 Woe to her that is filthy and polluted, to the oppressing city!
2 She obeyed not the voice; she received not correction; she trusted not in the LORD; she drew not near to her God.
3 Her princes within her *are* roaring lions; her judges *are* evening wolves; they gnaw not the bones till the morrow.
4 Her prophets *are* light *and* treacherous persons: her priests have polluted the sanctuary, they have done violence to the law.
5 The just LORD *is* in the midst thereof; he will not do iniquity: every morning doth he bring his judgment to light, he faileth not; but the unjust knoweth no shame.
6 I have cut off the nations: their towers are desolate; I made their streets waste, that none passeth by: their cities are destroyed, so that there is no man, that there is none inhabitant.
7 I said, Surely thou wilt fear me, thou wilt receive instruction; so their dwelling should not be cut off, howsoever I punished them: but they rose early, *and* corrupted all their doings.

To Serve God with One Consent

8 Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the LORD, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination *is* to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, *even* all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy.
9 For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the LORD, to serve him with one consent.
10 From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia my suppliants, *even* the daughter of my dispersed, shall bring mine offering.
11 In that day shalt thou not be ashamed for all thy doings, wherein thou hast transgressed against me: for then I will take away out of the midst of thee them that rejoice in thy pride, and thou shalt no more be haughty because of my holy mountain.
12 I will also leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and poor people, and they shall trust in the name of the LORD.
13 The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make *them* afraid.

God's Judgments Are Taken Away

14 Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem.
15 The LORD hath taken away thy judgments, he hath cast out thine enemy: the king of Israel, *even* the LORD, *is* in the midst of thee: thou shalt not see evil any more.
16 In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not: *and to* Zion, Let not thine hands be slack.

2:14 sing ▸ *see Ps. 149:1.*
3:1 pollute ▸ *see Mal. 1:7.*
3:8 indignation ▸ *see Ps. 78:49.*
3:9 one ▸ *see Deut. 6:4.*

3:12 trust

(Heb. *chasah*) (Ps. 25:20; 118:8; Prov. 30:5; Is. 14:32) H2620: Trust is confident dependence on God's faithfulness (the reputation attached to His name), the quality the prophet sees in those through whom God will fulfill His plans for Israel. This is not the most common term for trust in the Old Testament but describes an attitude of willingness to seek refuge (Ps. 57:1; Prov. 14:32) and find hope, particularly in God.

3:13 remnant ▸ *see 2 Chr. 34:9.*
3:14 rejoice ▸ *see Ps. 108:7.*

17 The LORD thy God in the midst of thee *is* mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.
18 I will gather *them that are* sorrowful for the solemn assembly, *who* are of thee, *to whom* the reproach of it *was* a burden.
19 Behold, at that time I will undo all that afflict thee: and I will save her that halteth, and gather her that was driven out; and I will get them praise and fame in every land where they have been put to shame.
20 At that time will I bring you *again,* even in the time that I gather you: for I will make you a name and a praise among all people of the earth, when I turn back your captivity before your eyes, saith the LORD.

3:19 shame ▸ *see Ps. 35:26.*

THE BOOK OF

HAGGAI

WITH THE BABYLONIAN EXILE IN the past, and a newly returned group of Jews back in the land, the work of rebuilding the temple can begin. However, sixteen years after the process is begun, the people have yet to finish the project, for their personal affairs have interfered with God's business. Haggai preaches a fiery series of sermonettes designed to stir up the nation to finish the temple. He calls the builders to renewed courage in the Lord, renewed holiness of life, and renewed faith in God who controls the future.

The etymology and meaning of *Haggay* is uncertain, but it is probably derived from the Hebrew word *hag*, "festival." It may also be an abbreviated form of *haggiah*, "festival of Yahweh." Thus, Haggai's name means "Festal" or "Festive," possibly because he was born on the day of a major feast, such as Tabernacles (Haggai's second message takes place during that feast, 2:1). The title in the Septuagint is *Aggaios* and in the Vulgate it is *Aggaeus*.

WATCH WORD

- **stir up** (provoke, urge, or set into motion)—1:14

The Lord's House Is Neglected

1 In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, in the first day of the month, came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet unto Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, saying,
2 Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, This people say, The time is not come, the time that the LORD's house should be built.
3 Then came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying,
4 *Is it* time for you, O ye, to dwell in your cieled houses, and this house *lie* waste?
5 Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.
6 Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages *to put it* into a bag with holes.

Build My House

7 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.
8 Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the LORD.
9 Ye looked for much, and, lo, *it came* to little; and when ye brought *it* home, I did blow upon it. Why? saith the LORD of hosts. Because of mine house that *is* waste, and ye run every man unto his own house.
10 Therefore the heaven over you is stayed from dew, and the earth is stayed *from* her fruit.
11 And I called for a drought upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon the corn, and upon the new wine, and upon the oil, and upon *that* which the ground bringeth forth, and upon men, and upon cattle, and upon all the labour of the hands.

Work Is Started on the House of the Lord

12 Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the LORD their God had sent him, and the people did fear before the LORD.
13 Then spake Haggai the LORD's messen-

1:8 mountain ▸ *see Deut. 9:9.*
1:9 look ▸ *see Is. 40:3.*

ger in the LORD's message unto the people, saying, I *am* with you, saith the LORD.
14 And the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and did work in the house of the LORD of hosts, their God,
15 In the four and twentieth day of the sixth month, in the second year of Darius the king.

The Comparison of the Temple

2 In the seventh *month,* in the one and twentieth *day* of the month, came the word of the LORD by the prophet Haggai, saying,
2 Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and to the residue of the people, saying,
3 Who *is* left among you that saw this house in her first glory? and how do ye see it now? *is it* not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing?
4 Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the LORD; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest; and be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the LORD, and work: for I *am* with you, saith the LORD of hosts:
5 *According to* the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, so my spirit remaineth among you: fear ye not.
6 For thus saith the LORD of hosts; Yet once, it *is* a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry *land;*
7 And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts.
8 The silver *is* mine, and the gold *is* mine, saith the LORD of hosts.
9 The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts.

Judah's Uncleanness

10 In the four and twentieth *day* of the ninth *month,* in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying,
11 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Ask now the priests *concerning* the law, saying,
12 If one bear holy flesh in the skirt of his garment, and with his skirt do touch bread, or pottage, or wine, or oil, or any meat, shall it be holy? And the priests answered and said, No.
13 Then said Haggai, If *one that is* unclean by a dead body touch any of these, shall it be unclean? And the priests answered and said, It shall be unclean.

The Judgment for Uncleanness

14 Then answered Haggai, and said, So *is* this people, and so *is* this nation before me, saith the LORD; and so *is* every work of their hands; and that which they offer there *is* unclean.
15 And now, I pray you, consider from this day and upward, from before a stone was laid upon a stone in the temple of the LORD:
16 Since those *days* were, when *one* came to an heap of twenty *measures,* there were *but* ten: when *one* came to the pressfat for to draw out fifty *vessels* out of the press, there were *but* twenty.
17 I smote you with blasting and with mildew and with hail in all the labours of

1:14 stir up

(Heb. *`ur*) (1 Chr. 5:26; Ezra 1:1; Is. 10:26; Dan. 11:2) H5782: Used in the sense of provoking, urging, and setting into motion. Stirring causes someone to wake up from sleep or lethargy (Judg. 5:12; Ps. 44:23; 57:8; Is. 51:9). As in this case, when God does the stirring, He is setting a person or people into motion to accomplish His will. The exact means He uses may not be apparent, but the results bring glory to God, even in cases like Ezra 1:1, where the person moved is Cyrus, a foreign king.

2:15 temple

(Heb. *heychal*) (Ezra 3:6; Ps. 5:7; 11:4) H1964: A term that can refer to a holy place or a palace (Ezra 4:1; Ps. 45:15). Though first used to refer to the permanently sited tabernacle in Bethel (1 Sam. 1:9; 3:3), it is most often used of the structure erected by Solomon in Jerusalem (2 Chr. 3:17; 4:7, 8; Ps. 65:4; 138:2), though there is also a pagan temple in Babylon (2 Chr. 36:7). Here the prophet is referring to the reconstructed temple under Zerubbabel after the exile.

your hands; yet ye *turned* not to me, saith the LORD.
18 Consider now from this day and upward, from the four and twentieth day of the ninth *month, even* from the day that the foundation of the LORD's temple was laid, consider *it*.
19 Is the seed yet in the barn? yea, as yet the vine, and the fig tree, and the pomegranate, and the olive tree, hath not brought forth: from this day will I bless *you*.

God's Chosen Signet

20 And again the word of the LORD came unto Haggai in the four and twentieth *day* of the month, saying,
21 Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying, I will shake the heavens and the earth;
22 And I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms, and I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the heathen; and I will overthrow the chariots, and those that ride in them; and the horses and their riders shall come down, every one by the sword of his brother.
23 In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, will I take thee, O Zerubbabel, my servant, the son of Shealtiel, saith the LORD, and will make thee as a signet: for I have chosen thee, saith the LORD of hosts.

2:22 strength ▸ *see Ex. 13:14.*

2:23 signet

(Heb. *chotam*) (Gen. 38:18; 1 Kin. 21:8; Jer. 22:24) H2368: The Hebrew term for *signet* is derived from a verbal root meaning "to affix a seal," "to seal up," or "to fasten by sealing." The signet in Old Testament times was an engraved stone set in a gold or silver finger ring, bracelet, or armband (see Song 8:6). When pressed upon wax or soft clay, the ring left the impression of the personal insignia of the bearer (Ex. 28:11, 21, 36; 39:6, 14, 30). The signet ring was like an identification card or badge in the ancient world (Gen. 38:18). It symbolized status or position and the binding nature of the authority attached to items sealed by the ring (1 Kin. 21:8; Job 38:14). Haggai's comparison of Zerubbabel to a signet ring (Hag. 2:23) has messianic implications, since Zerubbabel would overturn the curse of Jeremiah on King Jehoiachin's dynasty and restore royal authority to the line of King David (Jer. 22:24–30).

2:23 choose ▸ *see Deut. 14:2.*

THE BOOK OF

ZECHARIAH

FOR A DOZEN YEARS OR more, the task of rebuilding the temple has been half completed. Zechariah is commissioned by God to encourage the people in their unfinished responsibility. Rather than exhorting them to action with strong words of rebuke, Zechariah seeks to encourage them to action by reminding them of the future importance of the temple. The temple must be built, for one day the Messiah's glory will inhabit it. But future blessing is contingent upon present obedience. The people are not merely building a building; they are building the future. With that as their motivation, they can enter into the building project with wholehearted zeal, for their Messiah is coming.

Zekar-yah means "Yahweh Remembers" or "Yahweh Has Remembered." This theme dominates the whole book: Israel will be blessed because Yahweh remembers the covenant He made with the fathers. The Greek and Latin version of his name is *Zacharias*.

WATCH WORDS

- **portion** (allotment or inheritance; rightful possession)—2:12
- **might** (force, human strength)—4:6
- **wickedness** (the bent and intent to practice evil)—5:8
- **branch** (shoot, limb, or twig from the main stem of a plant)—6:12
- **grace** (undeserved favor)—12:10 (also 4:7)

God's Wrath and God's Plea

1 In the eighth month, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD unto Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying,
2 The LORD hath been sore displeased with your fathers.
3 Therefore say thou unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Turn ye unto me, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will turn unto you, saith the LORD of hosts.
4 Be ye not as your fathers, unto whom the former prophets have cried, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Turn ye now from your evil ways, and *from* your evil doings: but they did not hear, nor hearken unto me, saith the LORD.
5 Your fathers, where *are* they? and the prophets, do they live for ever?
6 But my words and my statutes, which I commanded my servants the prophets, did they not take hold of your fathers? and they returned and said, Like as the LORD of hosts thought to do unto us, according to our ways, and according to our doings, so hath he dealt with us.

A Vision of Horses

7 Upon the four and twentieth day of the eleventh month, which *is* the month Sebat, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD unto Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying,
8 I saw by night, and behold a man riding upon a red horse, and he stood among the myrtle trees that *were* in the bottom; and

1:8 red

(Heb. *'adom*) (Gen. 25:30; Num. 19:2; Is. 63:2; Zech. 6:2) H0122: A general term for the color and, depending on the context, can vary from bright (2 Kin. 3:22) to dull red, as used here twice by Zechariah. In this case, attention is not drawn to the three colors of the horses as symbolic, but rather to the fact that as a group they represent those God has sent to "walk to and fro through the earth" (Zech. 1:10).

behind him *were there* red horses, speckled, and white.
9 Then said I, O my lord, what *are* these? And the angel that talked with me said unto me, I will shew thee what these *be.*
10 And the man that stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, These *are they* whom the LORD hath sent to walk to and fro through the earth.
11 And they answered the angel of the LORD that stood among the myrtle trees, and said, We have walked to and fro through the earth, and, behold, all the earth sitteth still, and is at rest.

God's Jealousy for Jerusalem

12 Then the angel of the LORD answered and said, O LORD of hosts, how long wilt thou not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which thou hast had indignation these threescore and ten years?
13 And the LORD answered the angel that talked with me *with* good words *and* comfortable words.
14 So the angel that communed with me said unto me, Cry thou, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy.
15 And I am very sore displeased with the heathen *that are* at ease: for I was but a little displeased, and they helped forward the affliction.
16 Therefore thus saith the LORD; I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies: my house shall be built in it, saith the LORD of hosts, and a line shall be stretched forth upon Jerusalem.
17 Cry yet, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; My cities through prosperity shall yet be spread abroad; and the LORD shall yet comfort Zion, and shall yet choose Jerusalem.

Four Horns and Four Carpenters

18 Then lifted I up mine eyes, and saw, and behold four horns.
19 And I said unto the angel that talked with me, What *be* these? And he answered me, These *are* the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem.
20 And the LORD shewed me four carpenters.
21 Then said I, What come these to do? And he spake, saying, These *are* the horns which have scattered Judah, so that no man did lift up his head: but these are come to fray them, to cast out the horns of the Gentiles, which lifted up *their* horn over the land of Judah to scatter it.

A Man with a Measuring Line

2 I lifted up mine eyes again, and looked, and behold a man with a measuring line in his hand.
2 Then said I, Whither goest thou? And he said unto me, To measure Jerusalem, to see what *is* the breadth thereof, and what *is* the length thereof.
3 And, behold, the angel that talked with me went forth, and another angel went out to meet him,
4 And said unto him, Run, speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem shall be inhabited *as* towns without walls for the multitude of men and cattle therein:
5 For I, saith the LORD, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her.

Flee from Babylon

6 Ho, ho, *come forth,* and flee from the land of the north, saith the LORD: for I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the heaven, saith the LORD.
7 Deliver thyself, O Zion, that dwellest *with* the daughter of Babylon.
8 For thus saith the LORD of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye.
9 For, behold, I will shake mine hand upon them, and they shall be a spoil to their servants: and ye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me.

God Will Dwell in the Midst of Zion

10 Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the LORD.
11 And many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and shall be my people: and I will dwell in the midst of thee, and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto thee.

1:14 jealous ▸ *see Zech. 8:2.*
2:9 spoil ▸ *see 2 Chr. 14:13.*
2:10 dwell ▸ *see Num. 10:12.*

12 And the LORD shall inherit Judah his portion in the holy land, and shall choose Jerusalem again.
13 Be silent, O all flesh, before the LORD: for he is raised up out of his holy habitation.

A Vision of the High Priest

3 And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him.
2 And the LORD said unto Satan, The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan; even the LORD that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: *is* not this a brand plucked out of the fire?
3 Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel.
4 And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment.
5 And I said, Let them set a fair mitre upon his head. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the LORD stood by.
6 And the angel of the LORD protested unto Joshua, saying,
7 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge, then thou shalt also judge my house, and shalt also keep my courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by.

God's Branch

8 Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they *are* men wondered at: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the BRANCH.
9 For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon one stone *shall be* seven eyes: behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.
10 In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall ye call every man his neighbour under the vine and under the fig tree.

A Vision of a Golden Candlestick

4 And the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep,
2 And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all *of* gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven

2:12 portion

(Heb. *cheleq*) (Deut. 32:9; Ps. 16:5; Eccl. 5:18; Mic. 2:4) H2506: This term can mean allotment or portion, related to an inheritance or rightful possession. Because inheritance was a significant feature in family life and the culture in general, prophets employed the imagery in discussing God's claim on His people. Jesus' parable of the prodigal son begins with an inheritance matter. What was a formal bequeathing of property to a child also represented the way in which Israel received from God the Promised Land. Here, God declares His rightful claim on Judah, using the term "holy land" for the only time in the Old Testament.

2:12 Jerusalem ▸ *see 2 Sam. 5:5.*
3:1 Satan ▸ *see 1 Chr. 21:1.*

3:8 men wondered at

(Heb. *mophet*) (1 Kin. 13:3; Ezek. 12:6; 24:24) H4159: Indicating something worth seeing and observing, this word serves as a visual highlighter to draw attention. This is not so much the idea of sign as miracle, but as symbolic action or special circumstances (Ezek. 12:11). Natural events can be wonders (Ex. 4:21; Jer. 32:20, 21). In cases like this one, the prophet is pointing to unusual qualities or capacities in others. Joshua is to recognize the value of those with him because they are living testimony or evidence of God at work.

3:8 Branch ▸ *see Zech. 6:12.*

4:1 angel

(Heb. *mal'ak*) (2 Sam. 2:5; 24:16; Ps. 34:7; Is. 37:9) H4397: This noun may refer to angelic beings (Gen. 19:1; Ps. 91:11; Zech. 4:1, 5), human messengers (Gen. 32:3; Deut. 2:26), or ambassadors (Is. 30:4; Ezek. 17:15). A special use is the manifestation of the Godhead known as the Angel of God in the Old Testament (Gen. 21:17; Ex. 14:19). In the Old Testament, prophets (Hag. 1:13) and priests (Mal. 2:7) function as messengers from God. In Zechariah, angels bring revelations from God about the future and interpret the meaning of dreams and visions (Zech. 1:14; 6:4, 5). Jesus identified the messenger who prepared the way for the day of the Lord, forecast in Malachi 3:1, as John the Baptist (Matt. 11:10, 11).

pipes to the seven lamps, which *are* upon the top thereof:
3 And two olive trees by it, one upon the right *side* of the bowl, and the other upon the left *side* thereof.
4 So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What *are* these, my lord?
5 Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord.
6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This *is* the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.
7 Who *art* thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel *thou shalt become* a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone *thereof with* shoutings, *crying,* Grace, grace unto it.
8 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
9 The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you.
10 For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel *with* those seven; they *are* the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.

The Two Olive Trees and Branches

11 Then answered I, and said unto him, What *are* these two olive trees upon the right *side* of the candlestick and upon the left *side* thereof?
12 And I answered again, and said unto him, What *be these* two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden *oil* out of themselves?
13 And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these *be?* And I said, No, my lord.
14 Then said he, These *are* the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.

A Vision of a Flying Roll

5 Then I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a flying roll.
2 And he said unto me, What seest thou? And I answered, I see a flying roll; the length thereof *is* twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof ten cubits.
3 Then said he unto me, This *is* the curse that goeth forth over the face of the whole earth: for every one that stealeth shall be cut off *as* on this side according to it; and every one that sweareth shall be cut off *as* on that side according to it.
4 I will bring it forth, saith the LORD of hosts, and it shall enter into the house of the thief, and into the house of him that sweareth falsely by my name: and it shall remain in the midst of his house, and shall consume it with the timber thereof and the stones thereof.

An Ephah and a Talent of Lead

5 Then the angel that talked with me went forth, and said unto me, Lift up now thine eyes, and see what *is* this that goeth forth.
6 And I said, What *is* it? And he said, This *is* an ephah that goeth forth. He said moreover, This *is* their resemblance through all the earth.
7 And, behold, there was lifted up a talent of lead: and this *is* a woman that sitteth in the midst of the ephah.

Wickedness Is Removed from the Land

8 And he said, This *is* wickedness. And he

4:3 bowl ▸ *see Judg. 1:15.*

4:6 might

(Heb. *chayil*) (1 Chr. 12:8; Ps. 76:5; Joel 2:22) H2428: In the KJV this term is used in the somewhat archaic phrase "men of might" (1 Chr. 12:8; Ps. 76:5). It is a word indicating the power of courage and renown. In passages like Joel 2:22 and Habakkuk 3:19, the sense is "strength." Sometimes it is translated "mighty" as an expansive adjective, enhancing men (2 Chr. 26:12) and their abilities (2 Chr. 26:13). It's here used in contrast to power (*kowach*, H3581) as God rules out the best of human efforts as incapable of doing what His Spirit can do.

4:7 grace ▸ *see Zech. 12:10.*

5:8 wickedness

(Heb. *rish`ah*) (Deut. 9:4; Prov. 13:6; Ezek. 33:12; Mal. 1:4; 3:15) H7564: The bent or intent to practice evil. In Proverbs 11:5 we find a clear picture

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cast it into the midst of the ephah; and he cast the weight of lead upon the mouth thereof.
9 Then lifted I up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came out two women, and the wind *was* in their wings; for they had wings like the wings of a stork: and they lifted up the ephah between the earth and the heaven.
10 Then said I to the angel that talked with me, Whither do these bear the ephah?
11 And he said unto me, To build it an house in the land of Shinar: and it shall be established, and set there upon her own base.

A Vision of Four Chariots

6 And I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came four chariots out from between two mountains; and the mountains *were* mountains of brass.
2 In the first chariot *were* red horses; and in the second chariot black horses;
3 And in the third chariot white horses; and in the fourth chariot grisled and bay horses.
4 Then I answered and said unto the angel that talked with me, What *are* these, my lord?
5 And the angel answered and said unto me, These *are* the four spirits of the heavens, which go forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth.
6 The black horses which *are* therein go forth into the north country; and the white go forth after them; and the grisled go forth toward the south country.
7 And the bay went forth, and sought to go that they might walk to and fro through the earth: and he said, Get you hence, walk to and fro through the earth. So they walked to and fro through the earth.
8 Then cried he upon me, and spake unto me, saying, Behold, these that go toward the north country have quieted my spirit in the north country.

Crowns for the High Priest

9 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
10 Take of *them of* the captivity, *even* of Heldai, of Tobijah, and of Jedaiah, which are come from Babylon, and come thou the same day, and go into the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah;
11 Then take silver and gold, and make crowns, and set *them* upon the head of Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest;
12 And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name *is* The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD:
13 Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.
14 And the crowns shall be to Helem, and to Tobijah, and to Jedaiah, and to Hen the son of Zephaniah, for a memorial in the temple of the LORD.
15 And they *that are* far off shall come and build in the temple of the LORD, and ye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you. And *this* shall come to pass, if ye will diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God.

Fasting for God

7 And it came to pass in the fourth year of king Darius, *that* the word of the LORD

Continued

of the self-destructive nature of wickedness. Here and in Malachi, willful rebellion against everything holy and righteous is personified in person (Zech. 5:8) and place (Mal. 1:4). While all of us are capable of sin, the more we give in to our inclinations, the more wickedness infects all that we do. As God repeatedly reminded the Israelites (Deut. 9:4, 5), He graciously chooses even wicked people as His own, but He also puts limits on wickedness.

6:2 red ▸ *see Zech. 1:8.*

6:12 branch

(Heb. *tsemach*) (Is. 4:2; Jer. 23:5; Zech. 3:8) H6780: The Hebrew term translated as *branch* here means shoot or twig. This is one title for the coming Messiah, the Branch who would shoot up from the royal stock of David, a dynasty that had been interrupted with the Babylonian exile (Is. 11:1). Many of the prophets promised that a King from David's line would reign in righteousness (Jer. 23:5, 6) and as a priest would reestablish true worship of the Lord (Zech. 6:12, 13). In His ministry, Jesus Christ fulfilled these predictions by taking on both a royal (see John 12:13–15; 1 Tim. 6:13–16) and a priestly role (see Heb. 4:14).

came unto Zechariah in the fourth *day* of the ninth month, *even* in Chisleu;
2 When they had sent unto the house of God Sherezer and Regem-melech, and their men, to pray before the LORD,
3 *And* to speak unto the priests which *were* in the house of the LORD of hosts, and to the prophets, saying, Should I weep in the fifth month, separating myself, as I have done these so many years?
4 Then came the word of the LORD of hosts unto me, saying,
5 Speak unto all the people of the land, and to the priests, saying, When ye fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh *month,* even those seventy years, did ye at all fast unto me, *even* to me?
6 And when ye did eat, and when ye did drink, did not ye eat *for yourselves,* and drink *for yourselves?*
7 *Should ye* not *hear* the words which the LORD hath cried by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and in prosperity, and the cities thereof round about her, when *men* inhabited the south and the plain?

God's Standard of Righteousness

8 And the word of the LORD came unto Zechariah, saying,
9 Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Execute true judgment, and shew mercy and compassions every man to his brother:
10 And oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart.
11 But they refused to hearken, and pulled away the shoulder, and stopped their ears, that they should not hear.
12 Yea, they made their hearts *as* an adamant stone, lest they should hear the law, and the words which the LORD of hosts hath sent in his spirit by the former prophets: therefore came a great wrath from the LORD of hosts.
13 Therefore it is come to pass, *that* as he cried, and they would not hear; so they cried, and I would not hear, saith the LORD of hosts:
14 But I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations whom they knew not. Thus the land was desolate after them, that no man passed through nor returned: for they laid the pleasant land desolate.

God's Great Jealousy

8 Again the word of the LORD of hosts came *to me,* saying,
2 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I was jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I was jealous for her with great fury.
3 Thus saith the LORD; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of the LORD of hosts the holy mountain.
4 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; There shall yet old men and old women dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, and every man with his staff in his hand for very age.
5 And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof.

God's People Shall Return

6 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; If it be marvellous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, should it also be marvellous in mine eyes? saith the LORD of hosts.
7 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Behold, I

7:7 prosperity

(Heb. *shalev*) (Ps. 73:12) H7961: The word can also mean "prosperous," depending on context. In Job 20:20, we find the word "quietness." Here the sense is a life at ease or peaceful (1 Chr. 4:40), with favorable conditions (Ps. 73:12). The prophet is inviting people to think again of the past benefits God had provided His people. These blessings can come again as God's people seek to live for Him.

7:10 widow ▸ *see 1 Kin. 17:9.*
7:10 fatherless ▸ *see Job 22:9.*
7:11 hearken ▸ *see Ps. 142:6.*

8:2 jealous

(Heb. *qana'*) (Num. 25:11; 2 Sam. 21:2; 1 Kin. 19:10; Zech. 1:14) H7065: The term for intense commitment and single-minded intention. Modern translations prefer "zealous" to avoid negative connotations attaching to jealousy. In the older English of the KJV, Zechariah records that God is jealous over Jerusalem, desiring what is in fact His. God has His prophet declare His fervent commitment to His people. Interestingly, Elijah uses this term in 1 Kings 19:10, 14 to state his right to be disappointed with God's performance, given his own zeal.

8:3 Zion ▸ *see Ps. 128:5.*
8:6 eyes ▸ *see Num. 22:11.*

will save my people from the east country, and from the west country;
8 And I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness.
9 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Let your hands be strong, ye that hear in these days these words by the mouth of the prophets, which *were* in the day *that* the foundation of the house of the LORD of hosts was laid, that the temple might be built.

A Prosperous Land

10 For before these days there was no hire for man, nor any hire for beast; neither *was there any* peace to him that went out or came in because of the affliction: for I set all men every one against his neighbour.
11 But now I *will* not *be* unto the residue of this people as in the former days, saith the LORD of hosts.
12 For the seed *shall be* prosperous; the vine shall give her fruit, and the ground shall give her increase, and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these *things*.

A Blessing and Not a Curse

13 And it shall come to pass, *that* as ye were a curse among the heathen, O house of Judah, and house of Israel; so will I save you, and ye shall be a blessing: fear not, *but* let your hands be strong.
14 For thus saith the LORD of hosts; As I thought to punish you, when your fathers provoked me to wrath, saith the LORD of hosts, and I repented not:
15 So again have I thought in these days to do well unto Jerusalem and to the house of Judah: fear ye not.

A Truthful Nation

16 These *are* the things that ye shall do; Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbour; execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates:
17 And let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbour; and love no false oath: for all these *are things* that I hate, saith the LORD.

Cheerful Feasts

18 And the word of the LORD of hosts came unto me, saying,
19 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; The fast of the fourth *month,* and the fast of the fifth, and the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth, shall be to the house of Judah joy and gladness, and cheerful feasts; therefore love the truth and peace.
20 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; *It shall* yet *come to pass,* that there shall come people, and the inhabitants of many cities:
21 And the inhabitants of one *city* shall go to another, saying, Let us go speedily to pray before the LORD, and to seek the LORD of hosts: I will go also.
22 Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the LORD.
23 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; In those days *it shall come to pass,* that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard *that* God *is* with you.

The Destruction of Israel's Enemies

9 The burden of the word of the LORD in the land of Hadrach, and Damascus *shall be* the rest thereof: when the eyes of man, as of all the tribes of Israel, *shall be* toward the LORD.
2 And Hamath also shall border thereby; Tyrus, and Zidon, though it be very wise.
3 And Tyrus did build herself a strong hold, and heaped up silver as the dust, and fine gold as the mire of the streets.
4 Behold, the Lord will cast her out, and he will smite her power in the sea; and she shall be devoured with fire.
5 Ashkelon shall see *it,* and fear; Gaza also *shall see it,* and be very sorrowful, and Ekron; for her expectation shall be ashamed; and the king shall perish from Gaza, and Ashkelon shall not be inhabited.
6 And a bastard shall dwell in Ashdod, and I will cut off the pride of the Philistines.
7 And I will take away his blood out of his mouth, and his abominations from between his teeth: but he that remaineth, even he, *shall be* for our God, and he shall be as a governor in Judah, and Ekron as a Jebusite.

8:10 was ▸ *see Gen. 27:1.*
8:15 think ▸ *see Ps. 37:12.*

8 And I will encamp about mine house because of the army, because of him that passeth by, and because of him that returneth: and no oppressor shall pass through them any more: for now have I seen with mine eyes.

Israel's Just and Lowly King

9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he *is* just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.
10 And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem, and the battle bow shall be cut off: and he shall speak peace unto the heathen: and his dominion *shall be* from sea *even* to sea, and from the river *even* to the ends of the earth.

Zion's Deliverance

11 As for thee also, by the blood of thy covenant I have sent forth thy prisoners out of the pit wherein *is* no water.
12 Turn you to the strong hold, ye prisoners of hope: even to day do I declare *that* I will render double unto thee;
13 When I have bent Judah for me, filled the bow with Ephraim, and raised up thy sons, O Zion, against thy sons, O Greece, and made thee as the sword of a mighty man.
14 And the LORD shall be seen over them, and his arrow shall go forth as the lightning: and the Lord GOD shall blow the trumpet, and shall go with whirlwinds of the south.
15 The LORD of hosts shall defend them; and they shall devour, and subdue with sling stones; and they shall drink, *and* make a noise as through wine; and they shall be filled like bowls, *and* as the corners of the altar.
16 And the LORD their God shall save them in that day as the flock of his people: for *they shall be as* the stones of a crown, lifted up as an ensign upon his land.
17 For how great *is* his goodness, and how great *is* his beauty! corn shall make the young men cheerful, and new wine the maids.

A Flock with No Shepherd

10 Ask ye of the LORD rain in the time of the latter rain; *so* the LORD shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field.
2 For the idols have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie, and have told false dreams; they comfort in vain: therefore they went their way as a flock, they were troubled, because *there was* no shepherd.
3 Mine anger was kindled against the shepherds, and I punished the goats: for the LORD of hosts hath visited his flock the house of Judah, and hath made them as his goodly horse in the battle.

Delivered by God's Strength

4 Out of him came forth the corner, out of him the nail, out of him the battle bow, out of him every oppressor together.
5 And they shall be as mighty *men,* which tread down *their enemies* in the mire of the streets in the battle: and they shall fight, because the LORD *is* with them, and the riders on horses shall be confounded.
6 And I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph, and I will bring them again to place them; for I have mercy upon them: and they shall be as

9:8 encamp ▸ *see Num. 33:5.*
9:9 shout ▸ *see Job 38:7.*
9:9 ass ▸ *see 1 Kin. 2:40.*

9:10 dominion

(Heb. *moshel*) (Dan. 11:4) H4915: Used only twice, this is a term for the right and ability to rule, most accurately referring to God's sovereignty. It also refers to the extent of a kingdom or authority. Here, the prophecy offers the contrast between the severe limits of any earthly kingdom and the King who is coming to exercise dominion without any boundaries.

9:15 subdue ▸ *see Neh. 5:5.*
10:1 shower ▸ *see Lev. 26:4.*
10:3 kindle ▸ *see Ps. 124:3.*

10:4 corner

(Heb. *pinnah*) (Job 38:6; Ps. 118:22; Is. 28:16) H6438: This is a term from masonry indicating the first, squared stone in a foundation which provides the angles for the walls in a structure. A true cornerstone leads to a building that will stand. This word is identified in the New Testament (1 Pet. 2:7) as referring to Jesus, quoting Psalm 118:22. Here, God lists the cornerstone as one of the foundational necessities that He supplies.

10:6 strengthen ▸ *see Ex. 17:11.*

though I had not cast them off: for I *am* the LORD their God, and will hear them.
7 And *they of* Ephraim shall be like a mighty *man,* and their heart shall rejoice as through wine: yea, their children shall see *it,* and be glad; their heart shall rejoice in the LORD.

The Restoration of God's People

8 I will hiss for them, and gather them; for I have redeemed them: and they shall increase as they have increased.
9 And I will sow them among the people: and they shall remember me in far countries; and they shall live with their children, and turn again.
10 I will bring them again also out of the land of Egypt, and gather them out of Assyria; and I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon; and *place* shall not be found for them.
11 And he shall pass through the sea with affliction, and shall smite the waves in the sea, and all the deeps of the river shall dry up: and the pride of Assyria shall be brought down, and the sceptre of Egypt shall depart away.
12 And I will strengthen them in the LORD; and they shall walk up and down in his name, saith the LORD.

A Spoil of the Pride of Jordan

11 Open thy doors, O Lebanon, that the fire may devour thy cedars.
2 Howl, fir tree; for the cedar is fallen; because the mighty are spoiled: howl, O ye oaks of Bashan; for the forest of the vintage is come down.
3 *There is* a voice of the howling of the shepherds; for their glory is spoiled: a voice of the roaring of young lions; for the pride of Jordan is spoiled.

The Flock of the Slaughter

4 Thus saith the LORD my God; Feed the flock of the slaughter;
5 Whose possessors slay them, and hold themselves not guilty: and they that sell them say, Blessed *be* the LORD; for I am rich: and their own shepherds pity them not.
6 For I will no more pity the inhabitants of the land, saith the LORD: but, lo, I will deliver the men every one into his neighbour's hand, and into the hand of his king: and they shall smite the land, and out of their hand I will not deliver *them.*
7 And I will feed the flock of slaughter, *even* you, O poor of the flock. And I took unto me two staves; the one I called Beauty, and the other I called Bands; and I fed the flock.
8 Three shepherds also I cut off in one month; and my soul lothed them, and their soul also abhorred me.
9 Then said I, I will not feed you: that that dieth, let it die; and that that is to be cut off, let it be cut off; and let the rest eat every one the flesh of another.
10 And I took my staff, *even* Beauty, and cut it asunder, that I might break my covenant which I had made with all the people.
11 And it was broken in that day: and so the poor of the flock that waited upon me knew that it *was* the word of the LORD.
12 And I said unto them, If ye think good, give *me* my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty *pieces* of silver.
13 And the LORD said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prised at of them. And I took the thirty *pieces* of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD.
14 Then I cut asunder mine other staff, *even* Bands, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.

A Foolish Shepherd

15 And the LORD said unto me, Take unto thee yet the instruments of a foolish shepherd.
16 For, lo, I will raise up a shepherd in the land, *which* shall not visit those that be cut off, neither shall seek the young one, nor heal that that is broken, nor feed that that standeth still: but he shall eat the flesh of the fat, and tear their claws in pieces.

10:7 Ephraim ▸ *see Hos. 12:8.*

11:7 slaughter

(Heb. *haregah*) (Jer. 7:32; 19:6) H2028: This term is used for killing or slaying, particularly animals, though in this case and elsewhere the flock refers to Israel. This is not a term for butchering livestock for meat, but wanton killing. Jeremiah elevates the word to identify the need to rename the Valley of Tophet into the Valley of Slaughter (Jer. 7:32; 19:6), because of the slaughter of people, a tragedy that Zechariah also foresees.

17 Woe to the idol shepherd that leaveth the flock! the sword *shall be* upon his arm, and upon his right eye: his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened.

Jerusalem Is a Cup of Trembling

12 The burden of the word of the LORD for Israel, saith the LORD, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him.
2 Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah *and* against Jerusalem.
3 And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.
4 In that day, saith the LORD, I will smite every horse with astonishment, and his rider with madness: and I will open mine eyes upon the house of Judah, and will smite every horse of the people with blindness.
5 And the governors of Judah shall say in their heart, The inhabitants of Jerusalem *shall be* my strength in the LORD of hosts their God.

The Restoration of God's People

6 In that day will I make the governors of Judah like an hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left: and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, *even* in Jerusalem.
7 The LORD also shall save the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem do not magnify *themselves* against Judah.
8 In that day shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David *shall be* as God, as the angel of the LORD before them.
9 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

Mourning in Jerusalem

10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for *his* only *son,* and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for *his* firstborn.
11 In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon.
12 And the land shall mourn, every family apart; the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart;
13 The family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; the family of Shimei apart, and their wives apart;
14 All the families that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart.

A Fountain for Cleansing Sin

13 In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness.
2 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, *that* I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered: and also I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land.

12:1 form ▸ *see Gen. 2:7.*
12:2 siege ▸ *see Ezek. 4:8.*

12:10 grace

(Heb. *chen*) (Gen. 6:8; 1 Sam. 1:18; Ps. 84:11; Zech. 4:7) H2580: This is a Hebrew word also translated "favor," often still employed in defining grace as God's unmerited favor. The term can refer to favor given from one person to another (Gen. 39:4; Ruth 2:10), but even then, God is the ultimate source of favor. Zechariah records the significance of completing the temple along with cries for God's ongoing grace (Zech. 4:7) and then offers the messianic promise of God's gracious favor from the One whom Jerusalem has pierced (Zech. 12:10).

12:10 mourn ▸ *see Gen. 50:10.*
13:1 sin ▸ *see Lev. 9:2.*
13:1 uncleanness ▸ *see Num. 19:9.*
13:2 idol ▸ *see Ps. 115:4.*

3 And it shall come to pass, *that* when any shall yet prophesy, then his father and his mother that begat him shall say unto him, Thou shalt not live; for thou speakest lies in the name of the LORD: and his father and his mother that begat him shall thrust him through when he prophesieth.
4 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the prophets shall be ashamed every one of his vision, when he hath prophesied; neither shall they wear a rough garment to deceive:
5 But he shall say, I *am* no prophet, I *am* an husbandman; for man taught me to keep cattle from my youth.
6 And *one* shall say unto him, What *are* these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, *Those* with which I was wounded *in* the house of my friends.

The Refining of God's Remnant

7 Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man *that is* my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones.
8 And it shall come to pass, *that* in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off *and* die; but the third shall be left therein.
9 And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It *is* my people: and they shall say, The LORD *is* my God.

The Day of the Lord

14 Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.
2 For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.
3 Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.
4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which *is* before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, *and there shall be* a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.
5 And ye shall flee *to* the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD my God shall come, *and* all the saints with thee.

Living Waters

6 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the light shall not be clear, *nor* dark:
7 But it shall be one day which shall be known to the LORD, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, *that* at evening time it shall be light.
8 And it shall be in that day, *that* living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be.
9 And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.
10 All the land shall be turned as a plain from

13:9 refine

(Heb. *tsaraph*) (Is. 48:10; Mal. 3:2, 3) H6884: The process of purifying metals like gold and silver is often called "trying," in which the molten form causes impurities to separate so they can be skimmed or filtered out. This word refers to that process, using it to describe how God tests people (Judg. 7:4; Ps. 26:2). Here Zechariah is told that even God's faithful ones will have to pass through the fires of adversity under God's watchful control.

14:3 battle

(Heb. *qerab*) (2 Sam. 17:11; Job 38:23; Ps. 55:18; 78:9) H7128: The term describes the moment when combatants face and approach each other. Hostilities are about to begin the war. Sometimes the word is used in the broader sense of war (Ps. 55:21; Eccl. 9:18) or conflict. In his sobering prophecy Zechariah pictures a time of desperate defeat after which God will show Himself powerful in battle, confronting the enemy and providing a way of escape for His people.

14:5 flee ▸ *see Num. 35:6.*
14:7 night ▸ *see Ps. 134:1.*

Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem: and it shall be lifted up, and inhabited in her place, from Benjamin's gate unto the place of the first gate, unto the corner gate, and *from* the tower of Hananeel unto the king's winepresses.
11 And *men* shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction; but Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited.
12 And this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.
13 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* a great tumult from the LORD shall be among them; and they shall lay hold every one on the hand of his neighbour, and his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbour.
14 And Judah also shall fight at Jerusalem; and the wealth of all the heathen round about shall be gathered together, gold, and silver, and apparel, in great abundance.
15 And so shall be the plague of the horse, of the mule, of the camel, and of the ass, and of all the beasts that shall be in these tents, as this plague.

All Believers Will Worship the Lord

16 And it shall come to pass, *that* every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.
17 And it shall be, *that* whoso will not come up of *all* the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain.
18 And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that *have* no *rain;* there shall be the plague, wherewith the LORD will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.
19 This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.
20 In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD; and the pots in the LORD's house shall be like the bowls before the altar.

Holiness to the Lord

21 Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the LORD of hosts: and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and seethe therein: and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts.

14:12 plague ▸ *see Num. 25:9.*
14:14 abundance ▸ *see 2 Chr. 24:11.*
14:21 Canaanite ▸ *see Neh. 9:8.*

THE BOOK OF

MALACHI

MALACHI, A PROPHET IN THE days of Nehemiah, directs his message of judgment to a people plagued with corrupt priests, wicked practices, and a false sense of security in their privileged relationship with God. Using the question-and-answer method, Malachi probes deeply into their problems of hypocrisy, infidelity, mixed marriages, divorce, false worship, and arrogance. So sinful has the nation become that God's words to the people no longer have any impact. For four hundred years after Malachi's ringing condemnations, God remains silent. Only with the coming of John the Baptist (prophesied in 3:1) does God again communicate to His people through a prophet's voice.

The meaning of the name *Mal'aki* ("My Messenger") is probably a shortened form of *Mal'akya*, "Messenger of Yahweh," and it is appropriate to the book which speaks of the coming of the "messenger of the covenant" ("messenger" is mentioned three times in 2:7; 3:1). The Septuagint used the title *Malachias* even though it also translated it "by the hand of his messenger." The Latin title is *Maleachi*.

WATCH WORDS

- **pollute** (defile or desecrate)—1:7
- **prove** (try or test)—3:10
- **enough** (sufficiency; what is required or deserved)—3:10

God's Great Love for Israel

1 The burden of the word of the LORD to Israel by Malachi.

2 I have loved you, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, Wherein hast thou loved us? *Was* not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the LORD: yet I loved Jacob,

3 And I hated Esau, and laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness.

4 Whereas Edom saith, We are impoverished, but we will return and build the desolate places; thus saith the LORD of hosts, They shall build, but I will throw down; and they shall call them, The border of wickedness, and, The people against whom the LORD hath indignation for ever.

5 And your eyes shall see, and ye shall say, The LORD will be magnified from the border of Israel.

The Priests Dishonour the Lord

6 A son honoureth *his* father, and a servant his master: if then I *be* a father, where *is* mine honour? and if I *be* a master, where *is* my fear? saith the LORD of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name. And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name?

7 Ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar; and ye say, Wherein have we polluted thee?

1:3 hate ▸ *see Lev. 19:17.*
1:3 wilderness ▸ *see Jer. 22:6.*
1:4 wickedness ▸ *see Zech. 5:8.*

1:7 pollute

(Heb. *ga'al*) (Is. 59:3; Dan. 1:8; Zeph. 3:1) H1351: As a verb this means to defile or desecrate. As an adjective it refers to something that is ritually unclean. The Mosaic Law set forth exacting requirements for approaching God or making sacrifices to Him. Not only were the offerings themselves to be choice (Mal. 1:12), but the one serving God or making an offering could not be morally unclean or have eaten forbidden foods (Lev. 11), or have come in contact with blood (Lam. 4:14) or with anything dead (Lev. 11:31). A holy God demanded purity in worship (Gen. 35:1–3).

In that ye say, The table of the LORD *is* contemptible.
8 And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, *is it* not evil? and if ye offer the lame and sick, *is it* not evil? offer it now unto thy governor; will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? saith the LORD of hosts.
9 And now, I pray you, beseech God that he will be gracious unto us: this hath been by your means: will he regard your persons? saith the LORD of hosts.
10 Who *is there* even among you that would shut the doors *for nought?* neither do ye kindle *fire* on mine altar for nought. I have no pleasure in you, saith the LORD of hosts, neither will I accept an offering at your hand.
11 For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name *shall be* great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense *shall be* offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name *shall be* great among the heathen, saith the LORD of hosts.
12 But ye have profaned it, in that ye say, The table of the LORD *is* polluted; and the fruit thereof, *even* his meat, *is* contemptible.
13 Ye said also, Behold, what a weariness *is it!* and ye have snuffed at it, saith the LORD of hosts; and ye brought *that which was* torn, and the lame, and the sick; thus ye brought an offering: should I accept this of your hand? saith the LORD.
14 But cursed *be* the deceiver, which hath in his flock a male, and voweth, and sacrificeth unto the Lord a corrupt thing: for I *am* a great King, saith the LORD of hosts, and my name *is* dreadful among the heathen.

The Punishment of the Priests

2 And now, O ye priests, this commandment *is* for you.
2 If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay *it* to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the LORD of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay *it* to heart.
3 Behold, I will corrupt your seed, and spread dung up on your faces, *even* the dung of your solemn feasts; and *one* shall take you away with it.
4 And ye shall know that I have sent this commandment unto you, that my covenant might be with Levi, saith the LORD of hosts.
5 My covenant was with him of life and peace; and I gave them to him *for* the fear wherewith he feared me, and was afraid before my name.
6 The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity.
7 For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he *is* the messenger of the LORD of hosts.

The Corruption of the Priests

8 But ye are departed out of the way; ye have caused many to stumble at the law; ye have corrupted the covenant of Levi, saith the LORD of hosts.
9 Therefore have I also made you contemptible and base before all the people, according as ye have not kept my ways, but have been partial in the law.

Judah's Treacherous Dealings

10 Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us? why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers?
11 Judah hath dealt treacherously, and an abomination is committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah hath profaned the holiness of the LORD which he loved, and hath married the daughter of a strange god.
12 The LORD will cut off the man that doeth this, the master and the scholar, out of the tabernacles of Jacob, and him that offereth an offering unto the LORD of hosts.
13 And this have ye done again, covering the altar of the LORD with tears, with weep-

2:7 knowledge

(Heb. *da`at*) (Gen. 2:9; Ex. 31:3; Prov. 1:7; Is. 11:2) H1847: From the verb *yada*, which means to know, discern, or recognize, this noun can be translated "knowledge" or "cunning." It refers to knowledge gained through personal experience or through the senses. God is said to possess all knowledge (Ps. 139:6; Prov. 3:20) as well as the desire to impart that knowledge to people (Prov. 2:6). Solomon warned of the danger of living without knowledge (Prov. 19:2). The knowledge to be sought above all else is the knowledge of God (Hos. 6:6).

ing, and with crying out, insomuch that he regardeth not the offering any more, or receiveth *it* with good will at your hand.
14 Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the LORD hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet *is* she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant.
15 And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth.
16 For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away: for *one* covereth violence with his garment, saith the LORD of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously.
17 Ye have wearied the LORD with your words. Yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied *him?* When ye say, Every one that doeth evil *is* good in the sight of the LORD, and he delighteth in them; or, Where *is* the God of judgment?

The Messenger of the Covenant

3 Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.
2 But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he *is* like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap:
3 And he shall sit *as* a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.
4 Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the LORD, as in the days of old, and as in former years.
5 And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in *his* wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger *from his right,* and fear not me, saith the LORD of hosts.
6 For I *am* the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

Robbing God of His Offerings

7 Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept *them.* Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the LORD of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return?
8 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.
9 Ye *are* cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, *even* this whole nation.
10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that *there shall* not *be room* enough *to receive* it.

2:13 crying ▸ *see Ps. 79:11.*
2:17 weary ▸ *see Ps. 6:6.*
3:2, 3 refiner ▸ *see Zech. 13:9.*
3:3 silver ▸ *see 2 Kin. 15:20.*
3:8 tithe ▸ *see 2 Chr. 31:5.*

3:10 prove

(Heb. *bachan*) (Gen. 42:15; Ps. 26:2; Jer. 9:7) H0974: This Hebrew verb means "to try" or "to put to the test" (Job 23:10; Ps. 139:23; Zech. 13:9). The word can mean "to test" in the sense of separating or discriminating one thing from another (Job 34:3). When this word is used to depict God's testing of people, it means the proving of individuals in such a way that their faith becomes more established (Ps. 66:10; Jer. 17:10; 20:12). Malachi's challenge to the Israelites to "prove" God is a rare instance in which people are encouraged to test the faithfulness of the Lord (Mal. 3:10). This word can be contrasted with another Hebrew verb for testing, *nasah.* That latter word is frequently used in a negative sense, to describe the way Israel was testing God with their unbelief (Ps. 95:9). The Law of Moses warned the Israelites not to tempt God (Deut. 6:16; Ps. 95:9); it was a mark of spiritual adultery (Matt. 12:38, 39). According to James, God tests people in order to grant them the crown of life—but He tempts no one (James 1:12–14).

3:10 enough

(Heb. *day*) (Ex. 36:5; Prov. 27:27; Is. 40:16) H1767: The idea expressed by this word is sufficiency or what is proper (2 Chr. 30:3), required, or in some cases deserved (Deut. 25:2). Literally, then, the idea here is that God promises to bless generous givers beyond what is enough; He will give

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11 And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.
12 And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.
13 Your words have been stout against me, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, What have we spoken so *much* against thee?
14 Ye have said, It *is* vain to serve God: and what profit *is it* that we have kept his ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully before the LORD of hosts?
15 And now we call the proud happy; yea, they that work wickedness are set up; yea, *they that* tempt God are even delivered.
16 Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard *it,* and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.
17 And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.
18 Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.

The Destruction of the Wicked

4 For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.
2 But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.
3 And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do *this,* saith the LORD of hosts.

Remember the Law of Moses

4 Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, *with* the statutes and judgments.
5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:
6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

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them an abundance far beyond what they need (Ex. 36:7). The Bible warns against excess (Prov. 25:16) and commands contentment (Heb. 13:5), but makes clear that our God doesn't stop with giving His children just enough; rather, in and through Christ, He gives abundantly (John 10:10; Eph. 3:20) and lavishly (Rom. 8:32).

3:12 blessed ▸ *see Prov. 31:28.*
3:15 wickedness ▸ *see Zech. 5:8.*
3:17 jewel ▸ *see Deut. 26:18.*
3:17 spare ▸ *see 2 Sam. 21:7.*
4:2 Sun ▸ *see Ps. 84:11.*

4:2 healing

(Heb. *marpe'*) (Prov. 6:15; Jer. 14:19) H4832: This noun refers to healing or health or applying a remedy. It can refer to physical restoration in those who are physically ill; but often it has a figurative meaning, signifying the act of, or need for, being made well spiritually, emotionally, relationally. The prophet Jeremiah lamented the morally sick state of his nation (Jer. 14:19). The Old Testament teaches there is a kind of healing that comes through encouragement, kindness, or exposure to truth (Prov. 12:18; 16:24). In His earthly ministry, Jesus performed healing miracles to announce the arrival of the kingdom of God (Matt. 4:23).

4:2 wing ▸ *see Job 39:13.*
4:3 ashes ▸ *see Job 2:8.*

4:5 day

(Heb. *yom*) (Gen. 7:11; Prov. 25:13; Amos 5:8) H3117: The Hebrew noun *yom* has a variety of uses in the Old Testament. It can refer to the daylight hours in contrast to the night (Amos 5:8), or to a 24-hour day, such as a certain day of the month (Gen. 7:11). It may also refer to a time period, such as the "time" of harvest (Prov. 25:13), or even to a year (2 Sam. 13:23). The word is used in the significant phrase "the day of the LORD" (see Is. 2:12; Ezek. 13:5; Joel 1:15; Zeph. 1:14). For the prophets, the day of the Lord was the future day when God would decisively triumph over all His foes. That day will be a day of great rejoicing and blessing for God's faithful servants (Is. 2:2), whereas for God's enemies it will be a day of darkness (Amos 5:18).

THE

NEW TESTAMENT

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

MATTHEW

MATTHEW IS THE GOSPEL WRITTEN by a Jew to Jews about a Jew. Matthew is the writer, his countrymen are the readers, and Jesus Christ is the subject. Matthew's design is to present Jesus as the King of the Jews, the long-awaited Messiah. Through a carefully selected series of Old Testament quotations, Matthew documents Jesus Christ's claim to be the Messiah. His genealogy, baptism, messages, and miracles all point to the same inescapable conclusion: Christ is King. Even in His death, seeming defeat is turned to victory by the Resurrection, and the message again echoes forth: the King of the Jews lives.

At an early date this gospel was given the title *Kata Matthaion,* "According to Matthew." As this title suggests, other gospel accounts were known at that time (the word "gospel" was added later). Matthew ("Gift of the Lord") was also surnamed Levi (Mark 2:14; Luke 5:27).

WATCH WORDS

- **pure** (without blemish, clean, and undefiled)—5:8 (also 23:26; 27:59)
- **disciple** (a learner and follower of both a teacher and his teachings)—10:1 (also 10:24)
- **good** (fit, useful, moral goodness, beautiful, free from defect)—19:17 (also 7:17)
- **Christ** (anointed one, Messiah)—22:42 (also 1:16)
- **kingdom** (the place where God the King rules)—25:1 (also 3:2; 4:17; 5:3, 10; 10:7)

The Genealogy of Christ

1 The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.
2 Abraham begat Isaac; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat Judas and his brethren;
3 And Judas begat Phares and Zara of Thamar; and Phares begat Esrom; and Esrom begat Aram;
4 And Aram begat Aminadab; and Aminadab begat Naasson; and Naasson begat Salmon;
5 And Salmon begat Booz of Rachab; and Booz begat Obed of Ruth; and Obed begat Jesse;
6 And Jesse begat David the king; and David the king begat Solomon of her *that had been the wife* of Urias;
7 And Solomon begat Roboam; and Roboam begat Abia; and Abia begat Asa;
8 And Asa begat Josaphat; and Josaphat begat Joram; and Joram begat Ozias;
9 And Ozias begat Joatham; and Joatham begat Achaz; and Achaz begat Ezekias;
10 And Ezekias begat Manasses; and Manasses begat Amon; and Amon begat Josias;
11 And Josias begat Jechonias and his brethren, about the time they were carried away to Babylon:
12 And after they were brought to Babylon, Jechonias begat Salathiel; and Salathiel begat Zorobabel;

1:1 book

(Gr. *biblos*) (Luke 3:4; Acts 19:19; Rev. 3:5; 22:19) G0976: Technically speaking this word refers to the inner bark of the papyrus plant, but because that was the material on which things were written it came to mean "scroll" or "written book." In the New Testament it is used to refer to the Jewish Scriptures, or what we know as the Old Testament, and later was the word from which we get Bible. It is also used in the phrase "Book of Life," the scroll on which is written the names of the elect.

13 And Zorobabel begat Abiud; and Abiud begat Eliakim; and Eliakim begat Azor;
14 And Azor begat Sadoc; and Sadoc begat Achim; and Achim begat Eliud;
15 And Eliud begat Eleazar; and Eleazar begat Matthan; and Matthan begat Jacob;
16 And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.
17 So all the generations from Abraham to David *are* fourteen generations; and from David until the carrying away into Babylon *are* fourteen generations; and from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ *are* fourteen generations.

The Birth of Christ

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.
19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just *man,* and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily.
20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.
21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.
22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,
23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.
24 Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife:
25 And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

The Magi's Visit

2 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,
2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.
3 When Herod the king had heard *these things,* he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.
4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.
5 And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet,

1:16 Mary ▸ *see Matt. 2:11.*
1:16 Christ ▸ *see Matt. 22:42.*
1:18 holy ▸ *see Rev. 11:2.*

1:19 just

(Gr. *dikaios*) (Matt. 13:49; 23:28; Rom. 5:19; 2 Thess. 1:5) G1342: Equitable, upright, and innocent—those who conform to God's laws. It is often translated as "righteous." The root word means "judgment" or "rule," signifying in particular a legal judgment and its accompanying punishment. In the New Testament it is clear that people can only be described this way as a result of the justification and sanctification that comes through the blood of Christ. As Peter wrote, "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just [*dikaios*] for the unjust, that He might bring us to God" (1 Pet. 3:18).

1:20 Lord ▸ *see Jude 9.*
1:21 call ▸ *see Gal. 1:6.*
1:21 Jesus ▸ *see Matt. 27:17.*
1:23 behold ▸ *see Matt. 26:47.*

1:23 virgin

(Gr. *parthenos*) (Luke 1:27; 1 Cor. 7:34; Rev. 14:4) G3933: Literally a chaste, pure woman, it referred to a young woman of marriageable age, which in Jewish culture was a woman who was a virgin. In addition to describing Mary the mother of Jesus, it was also used to describe the bridesmaids in Jesus' parable (Matt. 25:1–13) and chaste single women (1 Cor. 7:25). In 2 Corinthians 11:2 it is used as an image for the church: "For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ."

1:25 know ▸ *see John 10:27.*
2:1 wise man ▸ *see Acts 13:8.*
2:2 star ▸ *see Mark 13:25.*
2:4 scribe ▸ *see Luke 15:2.*

2:5 prophet

(Gr. *prophētēs*) (Matt. 5:17; 13:57; Rom. 3:21; 1 Cor. 12:28) G4396: In secular Greek writings this word

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6 And thou Bethlehem, *in* the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.
7 Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.
8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found *him,* bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.
9 When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.
10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.
11 And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.
12 And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

The Flight to Egypt

13 And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.
14 When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt:
15 And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.
16 Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men.
17 Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying,
18 In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping *for* her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.

The Return to Nazareth

19 But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt,
20 Saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life.
21 And he arose, and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel.
22 But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judaea in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither: notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee:
23 And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene.

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refers to one who interprets oracles or other hidden things, and it is used the same way in Scripture. The root words are "forth" and "to speak," so literally this is a *forth-teller*, or one who tells of future events. Prophets have special insight into the will of God and serve as His spokesmen. Paul tells us this is a gift given by the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 12:10). This word is used to refer to Old Testament prophets, John the Baptist (Matt. 21:26), the Messiah (Acts 3:22), and people in the New Testament church (Acts 11:27; 13:1).

2:6 rule ▸ *see John 21:16.*
2:7 time ▸ *see Acts 1:7.*

2:11 Mary

(Gr. *maria*) (Matt. 1:16; Mark 6:3; Luke 1:27; 2:16, 19) G3137: The name borne by six different females in the New Testament, here applied to Jesus' mother. The name is related to a Hebrew word that means "bitter." Miriam is also a form of the name, though only used in the Old Testament. Mary Magdalene (John 20:1, 11, 16) and Mary, the sister of Lazarus (John 11:1; 12:3), are two other notable bearers of the name.

2:11 fall down ▸ *see Rev. 7:11.*
2:12 country ▸ *see Mark 5:1.*
2:17 fulfil ▸ *see Luke 4:21.*
2:18 weep ▸ *see Luke 19:41.*
2:20 life ▸ *see Luke 21:19.*

John the Baptist's Ministry

3 In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea,
2 And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
3 For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.
4 And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey.
5 Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan,
6 And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.
7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?
8 Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:
9 And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to *our* father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.
10 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.
11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and *with* fire:
12 Whose fan *is* in his hand, and he will throughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

The Baptism of the Beloved Son

13 Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.
14 But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?
15 And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer *it to be so* now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.
16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:
17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

The Three Temptations of Jesus

4 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.
2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.
3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.
4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.
5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,
6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in *their* hands they shall bear thee up,

3:1 preach ▸ *see Luke 3:3.*
3:2 repent ▸ *see Acts 26:20.*
3:2 kingdom ▸ *see Matt. 25:1.*
3:3 prepare ▸ *see Rev. 21:2.*
3:3 way ▸ *see Heb. 10:20.*
3:4 honey ▸ *see Rev. 10:10.*
3:7 Sadducee ▸ *see Luke 20:27.*
3:8 repentance ▸ *see Mark 1:4.*
3:9 able ▸ *see Jude 24.*
3:11 baptize ▸ *see Matt. 28:19.*

3:11 water

(Gr. *hydōr*) (Matt. 14:28, 29; John 2:7; 4:10) G5204: The most common Greek word for water, also used symbolically for birth (John 3:5). Here Matthew joins the other three Gospel writers in quoting John the Baptist's declaration of the different purposes between his water baptism and the baptism in the Spirit which will be performed by "he that cometh after me." Jesus describes the change He can bring to someone using the phrase "living water" (John 4:10), giving this term a spiritual application.

3:16 heavens ▸ *see Rev. 21:1.*
3:17 well pleased ▸ *see Luke 12:32.*
4:1 devil ▸ *see Rev. 20:10.*
4:5 temple ▸ *see Luke 24:53.*

lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.
7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.
8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;
9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.
10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.
11 Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

The Preaching Ministry of Jesus

12 Now when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, he departed into Galilee;
13 And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim:
14 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying,
15 The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim, *by* the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles;
16 The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.
17 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

The Calling of the First Four Disciples

18 And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.
19 And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.
20 And they straightway left *their* nets, and followed him.
21 And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James *the son* of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them.
22 And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.

The Healing Ministry of Jesus

23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.
24 And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.
25 And there followed him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and *from* Decapolis, and *from* Jerusalem, and *from* Judaea, and *from* beyond Jordan.

The Beatitudes

5 And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:
2 And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,
3 Blessed *are* the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4:7 tempt ▸ *see Luke 4:12.*

4:11 angel

(Gr. *angelos*) (Mark 13:27, 32; Luke 1:35; Rev. 16:5) G0032: From the word meaning "to deliver a message," this word refers to a messenger or envoy who is sent to pass on a message. In the New Testament this is a heavenly personage who is sent by God to make His will known to people on earth. Angels appear at key points in the narrative of the birth of Christ (Matt. 1:20; 2:13, 19; Luke 1:19; 2:9), after Jesus' temptation in the wilderness (Matt. 4:11), at the resurrection (Matt. 28:2), and also to minister to all believers (Heb. 1:13). They also figure prominently in end-times prophecies (Matt. 13:39; 16:27; 25:31).

4:13 dwell ▸ *see James 4:5.*
4:16 darkness ▸ *see Luke 11:35.*
4:17 kingdom ▸ *see Matt. 25:1.*
4:18 sea ▸ *see Rev. 13:1.*
4:20 straightway ▸ *see John 6:21.*
4:21 James ▸ *see Acts 15:13.*
4:21 John ▸ *see Matt. 17:1.*
4:23 gospel ▸ *see Mark 16:15.*
4:24 take ▸ *see 2 Cor. 5:14.*
4:24 lunatick ▸ *see Matt. 17:15.*
5:3 blessed ▸ *see Rev. 22:7.*
5:3 poor ▸ *see Matt. 26:11.*
5:3 kingdom ▸ *see Matt. 25:1.*

4 Blessed *are* they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.
5 Blessed *are* the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.
6 Blessed *are* they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.
7 Blessed *are* the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
8 Blessed *are* the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
9 Blessed *are* the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.
10 Blessed *are* they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11 Blessed are ye, when *men* shall revile you, and persecute *you,* and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.
12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great *is* your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

The Salt of the Earth

13 Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.
14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.
15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.
16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.
17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.
18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

5:4 mourn ▸ *see 1 Cor. 5:2.*
5:5 meek ▸ *see Matt. 21:5.*
5:6 righteousness ▸ *see Rom. 1:17.*
5:6 fill ▸ *see Matt. 15:33.*

5:7 merciful

(Gr. *eleēmōn*) (Heb. 2:17) G1655: This particular form of the word only appears twice in Scripture, but its three related words that mean "to have mercy," "active compassion," and "compassion for the poor" appear many more times. This word is an active compassion—sympathy that leads a person to help in useful ways. More than just caring about a problem, it encompasses sensitive and kind action motivated by love. Christ is our supreme example of this quality, because He is our "merciful and faithful High Priest" (Heb. 2:17).

5:7 obtain mercy ▸ *see Rom. 9:15.*

5:8 pure

(Gr. *katharos*) (Matt. 23:26; 2 Tim. 2:22; Titus 1:15; Heb. 10:22) G2513: Used both literally and figuratively, this word means "without blemish, clean, and undefiled." It refers to physical cleanliness (Matt. 23:26; 27:59), ceremonial purity (Luke 11:41; Rom. 14:20), and moral uprightness (John 13:10; Acts 18:6). One of Jesus' memorable uses of this word was in relation to the hypocrisy of the Pharisees: "Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean [*katharos*] also" (Matt. 23:26). Throughout the New Testament it is clear that true purity only comes through the work of Christ, who imparts to us His perfection through His death on our behalf.

5:10 persecute ▸ *see Luke 21:12.*
5:10 kingdom ▸ *see Matt. 25:1.*
5:11 revile ▸ *see James 1:5.*
5:13 salt ▸ *see Luke 14:34.*
5:14 light ▸ *see John 8:12.*
5:16 good ▸ *see Matt. 13:48.*
5:16 work ▸ *see 1 Thess. 1:3.*
5:17 prophet ▸ *see Matt. 2:5.*
5:17 fulfil ▸ *see Luke 4:21.*

5:18 jot

(Gr. *iōta*) G2503: Used only here, this is the smallest letter of the Greek alphabet, corresponding to the English "i." We use this word in English, iota, to mean "jot." It refers to the most minute part, the smallest mark of the law.

5:18 tittle

(Gr. *keraia*) (Luke 16:17) G2762: In Hebrew, sometimes the smallest stroke or mark distinguished a letter from a similar one. Matthew uses the Greek word that literally means "horn," or one hook of a letter, to refer to this stroke. The rabbis had defended the importance of retaining even the slightest stroke and the smallest letter—*yodh* in Hebrew and *iota* in Greek—in the Law of Moses.

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19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach *them,* the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.
20 For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed *the righteousness* of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Teachings on Murder and Anger

21 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:
22 But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.
23 Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee;
24 Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.
25 Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison.
26 Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing.

Teachings on Temptation

27 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:
28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.
29 And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast *it* from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not *that* thy whole body should be cast into hell.
30 And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast *it* from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not *that* thy whole body should be cast into hell.

Teachings on Divorce

31 It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement:
32 But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.

Teachings on Oaths

33 Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths:
34 But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne:
35 Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King.
36 Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black.

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Jesus made it clear that He heartily concurred with the rabbis' respect for the Law. Not even the smallest dot over an "i" would disappear until the Law was fulfilled.

5:18 law ▸ *see Rom. 6:14.*
5:20 exceed ▸ *see Matt. 25:29.*
5:22 angry ▸ *see Rev. 12:17.*

5:22 raca

(Gr. *rhaka*) G4469: Within the New Testament, this term of abuse occurs only here. It does not appear in the Septuagint and is extremely rare in nonbiblical Greek. It is highly likely an Aramaic loanword based on a word meaning "empty." This Aramaic term was an insult hurled at people, reproaching them for a complete lack of intelligence. It was a thoroughly contemptuous, scornful expression. In this verse, the Aramaic word *raca* should be understood in relation to its Greek parallel "fool" in the next segment.

5:22 council ▸ *see Acts 5:21.*
5:24 brother ▸ *see Mark 10:29.*
5:26 paid ▸ *see Matt. 22:21.*
5:28 lust after ▸ *see Matt. 13:17.*
5:29 eye ▸ *see Rev. 4:8.*
5:29 offend ▸ *see Luke 17:2.*
5:29 body ▸ *see Phil. 3:21.*
5:34 throne ▸ *see Rev. 8:3.*

37 But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.

Teachings on Forgiveness

38 Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:
39 But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.
40 And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have *thy* cloke also.
41 And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.
42 Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

Teachings on Loving One's Enemies

43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.
44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;
45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.
46 For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?
47 And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more *than others?* do not even the publicans so?
48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

Teachings on Giving

6 Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.
2 Therefore when thou doest *thine* alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.
3 But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth:
4 That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.

Teachings on Prayer

5 And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites *are:* for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

5:39 resist ▸ *see Eph. 6:13.*
5:39 other ▸ *see Gal. 1:7.*

5:40 coat

(Gr. *chitōn*) (Matt. 10:10; Luke 3:11; John 19:23) G5509: The coat or tunic was the undergarment, like a shirt, worn next to the skin. It is also translated "garment." It is a synonym for *himation* (G2440), used later in this verse. When someone takes one garment, Jesus urges us to give the other also, going the extra mile to love others.

5:40 cloke

(Gr. *himation*) (Matt. 9:20; 21:7, 8; Mark 2:21) G2440: This word for "garment, cloak, mantle" is used 62 times in the New Testament. The singular form, used here, usually refers to the outer cloak that was worn over the tunic and would have been taken off to perform some activities (John 13:4, 12; Acts 7:58). The plural form is more general, referring to any item of clothing. Rather than subscribing to the law of retaliation, Jesus encourages us to return good for evil.

5:41 compel

(Gr. *angareuō*) (Matt. 27:32; Mark 15:21) G0029: This word comes from a Persian word that describes a courier or royal messenger who was given the authority to force people into service on behalf of the king. It was used to refer to Roman officials and soldiers who could require someone to serve, or to offer his horses or property for service, often without advance notice. This was the case when Simon of Cyrene was forced to carry the cross of Christ (Matt. 27:32). In this verse Jesus is using the example of someone being forced to go on a journey to teach that revenge, even as payback forced labor, is not the way of Christ.

5:42 give ▸ *see Acts. 20:35.*
5:44 love ▸ *see John 3:16.*
5:44 pray ▸ *see Matt. 6:6.*
5:48 perfect ▸ *see 1 Cor. 14:20.*
6:1 seen ▸ *see John 1:38.*
6:3 right hand ▸ *see 2 Cor. 6:7.*

6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.
7 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen *do:* for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.
8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.
9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven.
11 Give us this day our daily bread.
12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.
14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:
15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Teachings on Fasting

16 Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.
17 But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face;
18 That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.

Teachings on Treasures in Heaven

19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:
20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:
21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.
22 The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.
23 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great *is* that darkness!

6:6 pray

(Gr. *proseuchomai*) (Matt. 5:44; 14:23; Rom. 8:26; Phil. 1:9) G4336: This word is a compound word: *euchē* meaning "prayer or vow to God," *euchomai* meaning "invocation or request," and *pros* meaning "in the direction of." So we have a prayer of invocation directed toward God. This is the most commonly used word for prayer in the New Testament, used 90 times. It describes Jesus' times alone in prayer (Mark 1:35), His prayer in Gethsemane (Matt. 26:42; Luke 22:44), and His template for prayer or what we call the Lord's Prayer (Matt. 6:9). Jesus urges us to pray often, to pray humbly, and to pray sincerely.

6:6 closet ▸ *see Luke 12:3.*
6:6 reward ▸ *see Matt. 22:21.*
6:7 think ▸ *see Acts 15:25.*
6:8 ask ▸ *see Matt. 7:7.*
6:9 hallowed ▸ *see John 10:36.*
6:12 debt ▸ *see Rom. 4:4.*
6:13 deliver ▸ *see 1 Thess. 1:10.*

6:13 evil

(Gr. *ponēros*) (Matt. 6:23; Eph. 5:16; James 4:16) G4190: This word typically refers to a physical or moral condition of corruption. Used thus, it indicates wrongness and disorder. This can be in relation to one's spiritual condition (Matt. 9:4; 12:34), one's deeds (John 3:19; 2 John 11), or even one's ill-health. "The light of the body is the eye: therefore when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light; but when thine eye is evil [*ponēros*], thy body also is full of darkness," Jesus said, comparing physical blindness to spiritual blindness (Luke 11:34). It is also applied to things other than humans, such as the present age (Matt. 12:45; Eph. 5:16) or evil spirits (Acts 19:15, 16). Finally, it may refer to the evil one, Satan himself (Matt. 6:13).

6:13 amen ▸ *see Rev. 22:20.*
6:14 trespass ▸ *see Eph. 2:5.*
6:17 anoint ▸ *see James 5:14.*
6:17 wash ▸ *see John 13:5.*
6:21 heart ▸ *see Rev. 2:23.*
6:22 single ▸ *see Luke 11:34.*
6:23 evil ▸ *see Matt. 6:13.*

24 No man can serve two masters: for either
he will hate the one, and love the other; or
else he will hold to the one, and despise the
other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Teachings on Worry

25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought
for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye
shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye
shall put on. Is not the life more than meat,
and the body than raiment?
26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow
not, neither do they reap, nor gather into
barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth
them. Are ye not much better than they?
27 Which of you by taking thought can add
one cubit unto his stature?
28 And why take ye thought for raiment?
Consider the lilies of the field, how they
grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:
29 And yet I say unto you, That even Sol-
omon in all his glory was not arrayed like one
of these.
30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of
the field, which to day is, and to morrow is
cast into the oven, *shall he* not much more
clothe you, O ye of little faith?
31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What
shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or,
Wherewithal shall we be clothed?
32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles
seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that
ye have need of all these things.
33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and
his righteousness; and all these things shall
be added unto you.
34 Take therefore no thought for the
morrow: for the morrow shall take thought
for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day
is the evil thereof.

Judging and Being Judged

7 Judge not, that ye be not judged.
2 For with what judgment ye judge, ye
shall be judged: and with what measure ye
mete, it shall be measured to you again.
3 And why beholdest thou the mote that is
in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the
beam that is in thine own eye?
4 Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let
me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and,
behold, a beam *is* in thine own eye?
5 Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam
out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see
clearly to cast out the mote out of thy broth-
er's eye.
6 Give not that which is holy unto the dogs,
neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest
they trample them under their feet, and turn
again and rend you.

Asking and Receiving

7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and
ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened
unto you:

6:24 serve ▸ *see Rom. 14:18.*
6:24 mammon ▸ *see Luke 16:9.*

6:25 take thought

(Gr. *merimnaō*) (Luke 10:41; 1 Cor. 12:25; Phil. 4:6) G3309: The root word, which means "to divide into parts," describes the thought process of worry. When we worry or are anxious and troubled about something—literally "take careful thought about"—our mind feels pulled in different directions. We are distracted and preoccupied by whatever is causing us distress. Christians are not to allow their minds to get tangled up in this way because our loving heavenly Father will take care of all of our needs. Philippians 4:6 offers this helpful method for extinguishing worry: "Be careful [*merimnaō*] for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."

6:30 little faith ▸ *see Matt. 8:26.*

7:1 judge

(Gr. *krinō*) (John 3:17; 1 Cor. 6:3; Heb. 13:4) G2919: Usually translated "judge," this word is also occasionally rendered "condemn" (Rom. 14:22) or "damn" (2 Thess. 2:12). God is the ultimate arbiter, who will through Jesus "judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom" (2 Tim. 4:1; cf. 1 Pet. 4:5). People are, however, warned not to pass judgment on one another that they "shall not be judged" (Luke 6:37), because to do so would be hypocritical (Matt. 7:5). However, Paul says that one day the saints will judge the world and even the angels (1 Cor. 6:2, 3).

7:2 judgment ▸ *see Rev. 20:4.*
7:3 eye ▸ *see Rev. 4:8.*

7:7 ask

(Gr. *aiteō*) (Matt. 6:8; 21:22; Eph. 3:20; 1 John 5:15) G0154: This is a strong word for asking or

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8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and
he that seeketh findeth; and to him that
knocketh it shall be opened.
9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his
son ask bread, will he give him a stone?
10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a
serpent?
11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give
good gifts unto your children, how much
more shall your Father which is in heaven
give good things to them that ask him?
12 Therefore all things whatsoever ye would
that men should do to you, do ye even so to
them: for this is the law and the prophets.

The Strait and Wide Gates

13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide *is*
the gate, and broad *is* the way, that leadeth to
destruction, and many there be which go in
thereat:
14 Because strait *is* the gate, and narrow *is*
the way, which leadeth unto life, and few
there be that find it.

False Prophets

15 Beware of false prophets, which come to
you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are
ravening wolves.
16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do
men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of
thistles?
17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth
good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth
evil fruit.
18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit,
neither *can* a corrupt tree bring forth good
fruit.
19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good
fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.
20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know
them.
21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord,
Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven;
but he that doeth the will of my Father which
is in heaven.
22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord,
Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name?
and in thy name have cast out devils? and in
thy name done many wonderful works?
23 And then will I profess unto them, I never
knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniq-
uity.

Rock or Sand Foundations

24 Therefore whosoever heareth these
sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken
him unto a wise man, which built his house
upon a rock:
25 And the rain descended, and the floods
came, and the winds blew, and beat upon
that house; and it fell not: for it was founded
upon a rock.
26 And every one that heareth these sayings
of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened
unto a foolish man, which built his house
upon the sand:
27 And the rain descended, and the floods
came, and the winds blew, and beat upon
that house; and it fell: and great was the fall
of it.
28 And it came to pass, when Jesus had
ended these sayings, the people were aston-
ished at his doctrine:

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requesting, meaning "petition, beg, crave." It is usually used in cases when the petitioner is making a request of someone in authority, such as God (Matt. 21:22), a king (Mark 6:25), a parent (Luke 11:11), or someone who has money (Acts 3:2). The connotation is of asking boldly, not in a commanding way but with the assumption that God longs to give what is asked. A good illustration of the intent is James 1:5, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."

7:11 give ▸ *see Acts 20:35.*
7:12 would ▸ *see Matt. 8:2.*

7:13 destruction

(Gr. *apōleia*) (Phil. 3:19; 1 Tim. 6:9; Rev. 17:8, 11) G0684: This relatively uncommon noun is translated "perdition," "destruction," and "waste." While sometimes used in a mild literal sense, as referring to the waste of fragrant oil (Mark 14:4), it is typically a strongly negative word. It is a state or place of damnation, torture, and despair. The rich and foolish pursue their desires and lusts toward their ultimate destruction (Phil. 3:19; 1 Tim. 6:9). In the end times, "the beast" will "go to perdition" (Rev. 17:8, 11). In an interesting usage, Judas Iscariot is referred to as "the son of perdition" (John 17:12).

7:15 beware ▸ *see Luke 20:46.*
7:17 good ▸ *see Matt. 19:17.*
7:17 good ▸ *see Matt. 13:48.*
7:18 cannot ▸ *see Jude 24.*
7:24 rock ▸ *see Matt. 16:18.*

29 For he taught them as *one* having authority, and not as the scribes.

Jesus Heals a Leper

8 When he was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him.
2 And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.
3 And Jesus put forth *his* hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.
4 And Jesus saith unto him, See thou tell no man; but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.

A Centurion's Faith

5 And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him,
6 And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented.
7 And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him.
8 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.
9 For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this *man,* Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth *it*.
10 When Jesus heard *it,* he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.
11 And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven.
12 But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
13 And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, *so* be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.

Jesus Heals Peter's Mother-in-Law

14 And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother laid, and sick of a fever.
15 And he touched her hand, and the fever left her: and she arose, and ministered unto them.
16 When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with *his* word, and healed all that were sick:
17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare *our* sicknesses.

The Cost of Discipleship

18 Now when Jesus saw great multitudes about him, he gave commandment to depart unto the other side.
19 And a certain scribe came, and said unto

7:29 authority ▸ *see 1 Cor. 9:18.*
8:2 worship ▸ *see Matt. 9:18.*

8:2 will

(Gr. *thelō*) (Matt. 7:12; John 15:7; Rom. 7:15) G2309: Connoting active determination or choice, this word means "to wish, desire, take delight in, prefer." A literal definition is "to seize with the mind." It comes from a root meaning "to take for oneself." It is not as strong a word as *boulomai*, which denotes a deliberate act of the will, but it does carry the idea of choosing one thing over another. This word is used 213 times and is translated "want," "wish," or "desire," as well as "will."

8:3 immediately ▸ *see John 6:21.*
8:3 leprosy ▸ *see Mark 1:42.*

8:4 testimony

(Gr. *martyrion*) (Mark 1:44; 1 Cor. 2:1; James 5:3) G3142: This word derives from *martys* (G3144), meaning witness, from which we get the word "martyr," meaning one who through dying bears witness to his faith in God. Sometimes *martyrion* is used in a legal way, as testifying against someone ("And whosoever will not receive you, when ye go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet for a testimony against them"—Luke 9:5). More notably, believers can testify about Jesus' saving work among unbelievers (1 Cor. 1:6), and if that testimony is believed by the hearers they will be saved (2 Thess. 1:10).

8:13 hour ▸ *see Luke 22:53.*
8:16 bring ▸ *see Heb. 9:28.*

him, Master, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest.
20 And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air *have* nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay *his* head.
21 And another of his disciples said unto him, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.
22 But Jesus said unto him, Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead.

Jesus Calms the Winds and the Sea

23 And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him.
24 And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep.
25 And his disciples came to *him,* and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish.
26 And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.
27 But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!

Healing of Devil-Possessed Men

28 And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way.
29 And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time?
30 And there was a good way off from them an herd of many swine feeding.
31 So the devils besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine.
32 And he said unto them, Go. And when they were come out, they went into the herd of swine: and, behold, the whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep place into the sea, and perished in the waters.
33 And they that kept them fled, and went their ways into the city, and told every thing, and what was befallen to the possessed of the devils.
34 And, behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus: and when they saw him, they besought *him* that he would depart out of their coasts.

Healing a Man with Palsy

9 And he entered into a ship, and passed over, and came into his own city.
2 And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.
3 And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This *man* blasphemeth.
4 And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts?
5 For whether is easier, to say, *Thy* sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk?
6 But that ye may know that the Son of man

8:26 little faith

(Gr. *oligopistos*) (Matt. 6:30; 14:31; 16:8; Luke 12:28) G3640: A combined form of the root words "little" and "faith," this word describes someone who does not have complete confidence in God or trust that He will help them. It is not unbelief, but rather undeveloped faith that needs to grow. Jesus uses this word in five places in Scripture, each time as a tender rebuke of those who should know better. He is like a father telling His children, "After all you've seen, don't you trust Me yet?"

8:27 obey ▸ *see Rom. 6:17.*
8:28 possessed with devils ▸ *see Matt. 15:22.*
8:28 fierce ▸ *see 2 Tim. 3:1.*
8:30 feed ▸ *see John 21:17.*

9:3 blaspheme

(Gr. *blasphēmeō*) (Luke 23:39; Acts 13:45; 1 Pet. 4:4) G0987: To blaspheme is to speak against or speak evil of someone. Blaspheming against God is a serious sin: "All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme; but he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost . . . is in danger of eternal damnation" (Mark 3:28, 29). Blasphemy also brings corruption to the blasphemer (Jude 10). Men may blaspheme against men, as did the Jews who contradicted Paul's preaching (Acts 13:45). Revelation speaks of people blaspheming against God because of the calamities that befall them, rather than repenting as they ought (Rev. 16:9, 11, 21).

hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.
7 And he arose, and departed to his house.
8 But when the multitudes saw *it,* they marvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men.

Matthew Follows Jesus

9 And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him.
10 And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples.
11 And when the Pharisees saw *it,* they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners?
12 But when Jesus heard *that,* he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.
13 But go ye and learn what *that* meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

Questions About Fasting

14 Then came to him the disciples of John, saying, Why do we and the Pharisees fast oft, but thy disciples fast not?
15 And Jesus said unto them, Can the children of the bridechamber mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? but the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken from them, and then shall they fast.
16 No man putteth a piece of new cloth unto an old garment, for that which is put in to fill it up taketh from the garment, and the rent is made worse.
17 Neither do men put new wine into old bottles: else the bottles break, and the wine runneth out, and the bottles perish: but they put new wine into new bottles, and both are preserved.

The Healing of a Ruler's Daughter

18 While he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live.
19 And Jesus arose, and followed him, and *so did* his disciples.
20 And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind *him,* and touched the hem of his garment:
21 For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole.
22 But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.
23 And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the minstrels and the people making a noise,
24 He said unto them, Give place: for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn.
25 But when the people were put forth, he went in, and took her by the hand, and the maid arose.
26 And the fame hereof went abroad into all that land.

Sight and Speech Restored

27 And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, *Thou* son of David, have mercy on us.
28 And when he was come into the house,

9:11 sinner ▸ *see James 5:20.*
9:12 physician ▸ *see Col. 4:14.*
9:13 mercy ▸ *see Rom. 9:23.*
9:13 sinner ▸ *see James 5:20.*
9:16 fill ▸ *see Col. 2:9.*

9:18 worship

(Gr. *proskyneō*) (Matt. 8:2; Mark 15:19; Rev. 13:4) G4352: Worship is the sort of esteem or homage owed to God because of His very nature. As Jesus said when rebuking Satan, "For it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve" (Luke 4:8). During Jesus' ministry, many who met Him felt compelled to worship Him (Matt. 8:2; 14:33; John 9:38). Worship can, however, be insincere or misdirected. Before Jesus' crucifixion, soldiers "smote him on the head with a reed, and did spit upon him, and bowing their knees, worshipped him" (Mark 15:19). In Revelation, people worship the dragon and the beast (Rev. 13:4).

9:20 hem ▸ *see Luke 8:44.*
9:20 garment ▸ *see Matt. 5:40.*
9:22 be of good comfort ▸ *see Acts 23:11.*
9:27 blind ▸ *see John 9:1.*

the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord.
29 Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you.
30 And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straitly charged them, saying, See *that* no man know *it.*
31 But they, when they were departed, spread abroad his fame in all that country.
32 As they went out, behold, they brought to him a dumb man possessed with a devil.
33 And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel.
34 But the Pharisees said, He casteth out devils through the prince of the devils.

Labourers for the Harvest

35 And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.
36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.
37 Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly *is* plenteous, but the labourers *are* few;
38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

Instructions to the Disciples

10 And when he had called unto *him* his twelve disciples, he gave them power *against* unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.
2 Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James *the son* of Zebedee, and John his brother;
3 Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James *the son* of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus;
4 Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.
5 These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into *any* city of the Samaritans enter ye not:
6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.
7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.
8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.
9 Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses,
10 Nor scrip for *your* journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat.
11 And into whatsoever city or town ye shall enter, enquire who in it is worthy; and there abide till ye go thence.
12 And when ye come into an house, salute it.
13 And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it: but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you.

9:30 charge ▸ *see John 11:38.*
9:33 speak ▸ *see 1 Cor. 14:2.*
9:35 heal ▸ *see Matt. 12:22.*
9:36 move with compassion ▸ *see Matt. 14:14.*
9:36 shepherd ▸ *see John 10:2.*

10:1 disciple

(Gr. *mathētēs*) (Matt. 10:24; John 20:19; Acts 6:2; 20:7) G3101: The disciples were literally "learners"—a designation used first for Jesus' twelve closest followers. After Jesus' ascension, the word was used more generally for all Christians. Disciples are learners and followers of both the Teacher and His teaching. The word is taken from the verb meaning "to learn, understand." The root word, *math*, denotes that effort and thought are put into learning. Disciples are those who seek out knowledge about God's will and then put it into practice. The relationship between disciple and teacher is described well by Jesus: "The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord" (Matt. 10:24).

10:1 unclean ▸ *see Acts 5:16.*
10:2 apostle ▸ *see 2 Cor. 12:12.*
10:4 Canaanite ▸ *see Mark 3:18.*
10:7 kingdom ▸ *see Matt. 25:1.*
10:8 free ▸ *see 2 Cor. 11:7.*
10:10 coat ▸ *see Matt. 5:40.*
10:10 staff ▸ *see Heb. 9:4.*
10:11 abide ▸ *see John 2:12.*

14 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet.
15 Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment, than for that city.

Sheep Among Wolves

16 Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.
17 But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues;
18 And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles.
19 But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak.
20 For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.
21 And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against *their* parents, and cause them to be put to death.
22 And ye shall be hated of all *men* for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.
23 But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come.
24 The disciple is not above *his* master, nor the servant above his lord.
25 It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more *shall they call* them of his household?
26 Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known.
27 What I tell you in darkness, *that* speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, *that* preach ye upon the housetops.
28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

10:17 scourge ▸ *see Matt. 20:19.*
10:22 endure ▸ *see Matt. 24:13.*

10:22 save

(Gr. *sōzō*) (Mark 5:28; Eph. 2:8; 1 Tim. 1:15) G4982: *Sōzō* is used of rescuing people from peril, either of the spiritual or the earthly kind. It can refer to and be translated as healing, as from an illness: "If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole [*sōzō*]" (Mark 5:28; cf. 6:56). Christ came to earth as a Savior, intending to deliver people from the consequence of their sins (1 Tim. 1:15). Indeed, He did not come to judge the world but to save the world (John 12:47). People may get in "good conscience toward God" and be saved "by the resurrection of Jesus Christ" (1 Pet. 3:21). The most famous usage is in Ephesians 2:8, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God."

10:23 persecute ▸ *see Acts 8:1.*
10:24 disciple ▸ *see Matt. 10:1.*

10:25 Beelzebub

(Gr. *beelzeboul*) (Matt. 12:24–27; Mark 3:22; Luke 11:15–19) G0954: Most of the Greek manuscripts read *Beelzeboul*, an alternate form of this word. The other reading probably came from the Old Testament word Baal-Zebub—an idol, the god of Ekron (see 2 Kin. 1:2). All idolatry was regarded as devil worship (Lev. 17:7; Deut. 32:17; Ps. 106:37; 1 Cor. 10:20), so there seems to have been something peculiarly satanic about the worship of this hateful god, which caused his name to be a synonym of Satan. Though we nowhere read that Jesus was actually called Beelzebub, He was charged with being in league with Satan under that hateful name (Matt. 12:24, 26), and more than once was charged with being possessed by "a devil" or demon (Mark 3:30; John 7:20; 8:48).

10:26 fear

(Gr. *phobeō*) (Luke 8:25; 12:5; 1 John 4:18; Rev. 15:4) G5399: The word from which we get the clinical designation "phobia," this word describes panic. It means "to terrify, frighten, cause to flee, be filled with dread." Jesus repeatedly told His disciples that there is no need to fear people, and in fact, such fear is destructive. Reverential awe of God, however, is healthy (Luke 12:4, 5). First John 4:18 describes the right way to approach a loving God: "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth not is made perfect in love."

10:27 darkness ▸ *see John 12:46.*
10:28 destroy ▸ *see Luke 9:56.*
10:28 hell ▸ *see James 3:6.*

29 Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father.
30 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.
31 Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.
32 Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.
33 But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.
34 Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.
35 For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law.
36 And a man's foes *shall be* they of his own household.
37 He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.
38 And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.
39 He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.
40 He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.
41 He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.
42 And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold *water* only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.

John's Questions for Jesus

11 And it came to pass, when Jesus had made an end of commanding his twelve disciples, he departed thence to teach and to preach in their cities.
2 Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples,
3 And said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?
4 Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see:
5 The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.
6 And blessed is *he,* whosoever shall not be offended in me.
7 And as they departed, Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind?
8 But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? behold, they that wear soft *clothing* are in kings' houses.
9 But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet.
10 For this is *he,* of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.
11 Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.
12 And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.
13 For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John.

10:37 love ▸ *see John 21:15.*
10:38 cross ▸ *see Mark 8:34.*

10:41 reward

(Gr. *misthos*) (Luke 6:35; 1 Cor. 3:8; Rev. 11:18) G3408: A reward is a type of reimbursement earned by one's actions or labor. Sometimes it's a transaction: a worker completes a task and is paid for it (1 Tim. 5:18). Other times it's a natural consequence of one's behavior (1 Cor. 3:8; 2 Pet. 2:13). It can be either positive or negative. The self-inflating hypocrites praying loudly in the temple are said to "have their reward" (Matt. 6:2, 5). Believers can look forward to their reward in heaven (Rev. 11:18). However, good works are not a way to earn salvation (Rom. 4:4), and one's motivation for doing good should be a desire to help others and serve God rather than to earn a reward (Luke 6:35).

11:4 see ▸ *see 1 Cor. 13:12.*
11:5 poor ▸ *see Matt. 26:11.*
11:8 soft ▸ *see 1 Cor. 6:9.*

14 And if ye will receive *it,* this is Elias, which was for to come.
15 He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.
16 But whereunto shall I liken this generation? It is like unto children sitting in the markets, and calling unto their fellows,
17 And saying, We have piped unto you, and ye have not danced; we have mourned unto you, and ye have not lamented.
18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, He hath a devil.
19 The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners. But wisdom is justified of her children.

Unrepentant Cities

20 Then began he to upbraid the cities wherein most of his mighty works were done, because they repented not:
21 Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.
22 But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you.
23 And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.
24 But I say unto you, That it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee.

Rest for the Heavy Laden

25 At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.
26 Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight.
27 All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and *he* to whomsoever the Son will reveal *him.*
28 Come unto me, all *ye* that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.
30 For my yoke *is* easy, and my burden is light.

The Son of Man Is Lord of the Sabbath

12 At that time Jesus went on the sabbath day through the corn; and his disciples were an hungred, and began to pluck the ears of corn, and to eat.
2 But when the Pharisees saw *it,* they said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the sabbath day.
3 But he said unto them, Have ye not read what David did, when he was an hungred, and they that were with him;
4 How he entered into the house of God, and did eat the shewbread, which was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them which were with him, but only for the priests?
5 Or have ye not read in the law, how that on the sabbath days the priests in the temple profane the sabbath, and are blameless?
6 But I say unto you, That in this place is *one* greater than the temple.
7 But if ye had known what *this* meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless.
8 For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day.

11:19 justify ▸ *see Acts 13:39.*
11:23 hell ▸ *see Luke 16:23.*
11:25 thank ▸ *see Luke 10:21.*
11:25 wise ▸ *see 1 Cor. 1:20.*

11:28 give rest

(Gr. *anapauō*) (Luke 12:19; 2 Cor. 7:13; Rev. 14:13) G0373: This word can refer to several types of rest. The first is somewhat negative, with connotations of slothfulness—a rest taken at the wrong time, when there is still work to be done. The disciples napped when they should have been staying up praying with Jesus (Mark 14:41). The rich man trusted only in his riches, unaware that death would soon come for him (Luke 12:19). More positive, however, is the soul-deep, much-needed refreshment granted by support from others (1 Cor. 16:18; 2 Cor. 7:13; Philem. 7). Finally, there is the final, eternal rest promised by God (Rev. 14:13).

11:29 lowly ▸ *see 2 Cor. 7:6.*
11:30 easy ▸ *see Luke 6:35.*

9 And when he was departed thence, he went into their synagogue:
10 And, behold, there was a man which had *his* hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days? that they might accuse him.
11 And he said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift *it* out?
12 How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days.
13 Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched *it* forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other.
14 Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him.

God's Beloved Servant

15 But when Jesus knew *it,* he withdrew himself from thence: and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all;
16 And charged them that they should not make him known:
17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying,
18 Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall shew judgment to the Gentiles.
19 He shall not strive, nor cry; neither shall any man hear his voice in the streets.
20 A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory.
21 And in his name shall the Gentiles trust.

Of Beelzebub or God?

22 Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw.
23 And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the son of David?
24 But when the Pharisees heard *it,* they said, This *fellow* doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils.
25 And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand:
26 And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand?
27 And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast *them* out? therefore they shall be your judges.
28 But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.
29 Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house.
30 He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.
31 Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy *against* the *Holy* Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.
32 And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the *world* to come.
33 Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his

12:9 synagogue ▸ *see Acts 19:8.*
12:20 bruise ▸ *see Rom. 16:20.*
12:22 possessed with a devil ▸ *see Matt. 15:22.*

12:22 heal

(Gr. *therapeuō*) (Matt. 9:35; Mark 3:10; Luke 9:1; Acts 17:25) G2323: This is the word from which we get "therapy" and "therapeutic." It originally meant to serve someone by performing menial household chores but came to mean offering medicinal care to the sick and eventually to heal and restore to health. The root word means "servant" and was used to refer to a servant of God as well as a household servant who performed menial tasks. Jesus healed people's physical infirmities, but His greater work was to heal their souls.

12:24 devil ▸ *see 1 Cor. 10:20.*
12:24 Beelzebub ▸ *see Matt. 10:25.*
12:31 blasphemy ▸ *see Rev. 13:6.*

12:33 corrupt

(Gr. *sapros*) (Matt 13:48; Luke 6:43; Eph. 4:29) G4550: This uncommon word is used only ten

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fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by *his* fruit.
34 O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.
35 A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.
36 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.
37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

The Sign of the Prophet

38 Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee.
39 But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas:
40 For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.
41 The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas *is* here.
42 The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon *is* here.
43 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none.
44 Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth *it* empty, swept, and garnished.
45 Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last *state* of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.

The Family of Jesus

46 While he yet talked to the people, behold, *his* mother and his brethren stood without, desiring to speak with him.
47 Then one said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee.
48 But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren?
49 And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren!
50 For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

The Sower and the Seed

13 The same day went Jesus out of the house, and sat by the sea side.
2 And great multitudes were gathered together unto him, so that he went into a ship, and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore.
3 And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow;

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times in six verses in the New Testament. Nine of its appearances occur in parables and refer to the natural world. Trees, fruit, and sea creatures that are unfit for human use are considered *sapros*, meaning bad, corrupted, or rotten. Bad trees bring forth bad fruit, just as evil people do evil deeds (Matt. 7:17, 18; Luke 6:43). Just as fishermen toss out inedible fish, so the wicked will be cast out at the end of the age (Matt. 13:48). The word can also refer to corrupt, worthless speech that has no value for edifying others (Eph. 4:29).

12:44 garnish ▸ *see Matt. 25:7.*
12:46 brother ▸ *see Mark 10:29.*
12:50 sister ▸ *see Mark 10:29.*

13:3 parable

(Gr. *parabolē*) (Matt. 21:33; Heb. 9:9) G3850: This word is derived from two other Greek words: *para* meaning "beside," and *bolē* meaning "a placing." It refers to a comparison, and thus a parable or illustration. Other kinds of comparisons indicated by the word include a type or figure (Heb. 9:9; 11:19), or even a riddle or enigmatic saying (in some places in the Greek translation of the Old Testament). Jesus' parables were usually stories presenting teachings by comparison rather

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4 And when he sowed, some *seeds* fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up:
5 Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth:
6 And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.
7 And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them:
8 But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.
9 Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.
10 And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables?
11 He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.
12 For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath.
13 Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.
14 And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive:
15 For this people's heart is waxed gross, and *their* ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with *their* eyes, and hear with *their* ears, and should understand with *their* heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.
16 But blessed *are* your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.
17 For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous *men* have desired to see *those things* which ye see, and have not seen *them;* and to hear *those things* which ye hear, and have not heard *them.*
18 Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower.
19 When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth *it* not, then cometh the wicked *one,* and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.
20 But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it;
21 Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.
22 He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.
23 But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth *it;* which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

The Wheat and the Tares

24 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:
25 But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.
26 But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.

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than directly, similar to an analogy. Consequently, while they could clarify truth for some, they might obscure the truth for others (Matt. 13:10–16).

13:4 devour ▸ *see Luke 8:5.*
13:12 abundance ▸ *see Matt. 25:29.*
13:13 understand ▸ *see Acts 7:25.*

13:17 desire

(Gr. *epithymeō*) (Matt. 5:28; Rom. 7:7; Gal. 5:17; 1 Pet. 1:12) G1937: This word describes strong desire, literally "to set or turn one's heart upon." It could be translated as "eagerly long for; lust after; covet." The root word is "passion, panting." Both good and evil things can be desired in this way, as the focus is on the intense, overpowering desire rather than the thing desired. In this case Jesus was showing how He fulfilled the longing of the Old Testament prophets—a spiritual depth of desire that we should emulate.

13:21 offend ▸ *see Luke 17:2.*
13:22 care ▸ *see 1 Pet. 5:7.*

27 So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?
28 He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?
29 But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.
30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

The Mustard Seed and the Leaven

31 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field:
32 Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof.
33 Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.
34 All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them:
35 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.

The Tares Explained

36 Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field.
37 He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man;
38 The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked *one;*
39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.
40 As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.
41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;
42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.
43 Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

The Treasure and the Goodly Pearl

44 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.
45 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls:
46 Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

The Full Net

47 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind:
48 Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away.

13:33 leaven ▸ *Mark 8:15.*
13:37 seed ▸ *see Rom. 1:3.*
13:44 buy ▸ *see Rev. 5:9.*

13:47 net

(Gr. *sagēnē*) G4522: This particular word, which describes a dragnet or sein, is used only once in the New Testament. Such a net was used by lowering it down into the water, drawing it together in a narrowing circle, and then pulling it into the boat. Another fishing method was to use two boats to drag a semicircular net toward shore.

13:48 good

(Gr. *kalos*) (Matt. 5:16; 7:17; Luke 8:15; John 10:11) G2570: This word actually means "beautiful" but is used to describe something that is good, either in a literal or a moral sense. It can mean "valuable," "virtuous," "pleasing," or "acceptable." It refers to something that is of surpassing excellence. Jesus distinguishes between things that are good (*kalos*) and things that are bad, such as the fruit of the righteous versus the unrighteous

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49 So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just,
50 And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.
51 Jesus saith unto them, Have ye understood all these things? They say unto him, Yea, Lord.
52 Then said he unto them, Therefore every scribe *which is* instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man *that is* an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure *things* new and old.

Without Honour in His Own Country

53 And it came to pass, *that* when Jesus had finished these parables, he departed thence.
54 And when he was come into his own country, he taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, Whence hath this *man* this wisdom, and *these* mighty works?
55 Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas?
56 And his sisters, are they not all with us? Whence then hath this *man* all these things?
57 And they were offended in him. But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country, and in his own house.
58 And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

The Death of John the Baptist

14 At that time Herod the tetrarch heard of the fame of Jesus,
2 And said unto his servants, This is John the Baptist; he is risen from the dead; and therefore mighty works do shew forth themselves in him.
3 For Herod had laid hold on John, and bound him, and put *him* in prison for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife.
4 For John said unto him, It is not lawful for thee to have her.
5 And when he would have put him to death, he feared the multitude, because they counted him as a prophet.
6 But when Herod's birthday was kept, the daughter of Herodias danced before them, and pleased Herod.
7 Whereupon he promised with an oath to give her whatsoever she would ask.
8 And she, being before instructed of her mother, said, Give me here John Baptist's head in a charger.
9 And the king was sorry: nevertheless for the oath's sake, and them which sat with him at meat, he commanded *it* to be given *her.*
10 And he sent, and beheaded John in the prison.
11 And his head was brought in a charger, and given to the damsel: and she brought *it* to her mother.
12 And his disciples came, and took up the body, and buried it, and went and told Jesus.

Five Thousand Fed

13 When Jesus heard *of it,* he departed thence by ship into a desert place apart: and when the people had heard *thereof,* they followed him on foot out of the cities.
14 And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.

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(Matt.7:17), or those who are destined for heaven versus those who are headed to hell (Matt. 13:38). Perhaps the most famous use of this word is to describe Jesus in John 10:11, "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep."

13:48 bad ▸ *see Matt. 12:33.*
13:49 just ▸ *see Matt. 1:19.*
13:57 prophet ▸ *see Matt. 2:5.*
13:57 own country ▸ *see Mark 6:1.*

14:14 move with compassion

(Gr. *splanchnizomai*) (Matt. 9:36; Mark 1:41; 9:22; Luke 10:33) G4697: This is a case of one word in Greek expressing a whole phrase in English. It literally means "to be moved as to one's bowels." In Greek thought the bowels were the seat of strong and powerful emotions, especially pity or love. This type of compassion motivated at least five of Jesus' miracles, including the feeding of the four thousand (Matt. 15:32), restoring sight to two blind men (Matt. 20:34), and healing a leper (Mark 1:41). Jesus' compassion for the crowds is expressed in Mark 6:34, "They were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things."

15 And when it was evening, his disciples came to him, saying, This is a desert place, and the time is now past; send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves victuals.
16 But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; give ye them to eat.
17 And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes.
18 He said, Bring them hither to me.
19 And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to *his* disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.
20 And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full.
21 And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children.

Jesus Walks on the Sea

22 And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away.
23 And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.
24 But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary.
25 And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.
26 And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.
27 But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.
28 And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.
29 And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.
30 But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.
31 And immediately Jesus stretched forth *his* hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?
32 And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased.
33 Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.
34 And when they were gone over, they came into the land of Gennesaret.
35 And when the men of that place had knowledge of him, they sent out into all that country round about, and brought unto him all that were diseased;
36 And besought him that they might only touch the hem of his garment: and as many as touched were made perfectly whole.

Defilement Comes from Within

15 Then came to Jesus scribes and Pharisees, which were of Jerusalem, saying,
2 Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread.
3 But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?
4 For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death.
5 But ye say, Whosoever shall say to *his* father or *his* mother, *It is* a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me;

14:19 sit down ▸ *see Luke 13:29.*
14:20 fill ▸ *see Matt. 15:33.*

14:21 man

(Gr. *anēr*) (John 1:30; 1 Cor. 7:2) G0435: The basic definition of this word is "man," or "husband." Whereas the Greek word *anthrōpos* (G0444) refers to man in the sense of a human being, this word means man as having masculine traits, in distinction from woman (and from a boy), as here. John the Baptist used *anēr* when he identified Jesus as the Christ (John 1:30). It is frequently used, specifically, referring to a husband (1 Cor. 7:2; several times in 1 Cor. 11).

14:23 pray ▸ *see Matt. 6:6.*
14:26 trouble ▸ *see Luke 24:38.*
14:27 straightway ▸ *see John 6:21.*
14:28 water ▸ *see Matt. 3:11.*
14:29 Peter ▸ *see Matt. 16:18.*
14:29 water ▸ *see Matt. 3:11.*
14:31 little faith ▸ *see Matt. 8:26.*
14:36 hem ▸ *see Luke 8:44.*
15:2 transgress ▸ *see Acts 1:25.*

6 And honour not his father or his mother, *he shall be free.* Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition.
7 *Ye* hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying,
8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with *their* lips; but their heart is far from me.
9 But in vain they do worship me, teaching *for* doctrines the commandments of men.
10 And he called the multitude, and said unto them, Hear, and understand:
11 Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man.
12 Then came his disciples, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended, after they heard this saying?
13 But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.
14 Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.
15 Then answered Peter and said unto him, Declare unto us this parable.
16 And Jesus said, Are ye also yet without understanding?
17 Do not ye yet understand, that whatsoever entereth in at the mouth goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the draught?
18 But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man.
19 For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:
20 These are *the things* which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man.

A Canaanite Woman's Faith

21 Then Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon.
22 And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, *thou* son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.
23 But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us.
24 But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.
25 Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me.
26 But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast *it* to dogs.
27 And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.
28 Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great *is* thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

Four Thousand Fed

29 And Jesus departed from thence, and came nigh unto the sea of Galilee; and went up into a mountain, and sat down there.

15:19 thought ▸ *see Luke 6:8.*
15:19 adultery ▸ *see Mark 7:21.*

15:19 fornication

(Gr. *porneia*) (Mark 7:21; 1 Cor. 6:18; Col. 3:5; 1 Thess. 4:3) G4202: Taken from the word for harlotry, this word refers to any type of illicit sexual intercourse, including prostitution, whoredom, incest, licentiousness, adultery, deviant sexual behaviors, and habitual immorality. It is the word from which we get "pornography." Jesus is pointing out that sexual sins are not merely external behaviors but arise from a sinful heart and do spiritual damage as well as physical. In addition to describing physical immorality, this word is also used of spiritual unfaithfulness—unfaithfulness to the covenant relationship between God and His people in the form of idolatry (Rev. 2:21).

15:22 vexed with a devil

(Gr. *daimonizomai*) (Matt. 8:28; 12:22) G1139: This verb is formed on the root *daimonion*, meaning "deity" (G1140—Acts. 17:18), or "demon," thus literally meaning to demonize. It is now generally translated "demon-possessed." The word describes the state of being under demonic influence or control, or being demonically tormented. It is synonymous with the expression "to have (or be with) an unclean spirit" (*pneuma akatharto*, G4151 and G0169—Mark 5:2, 15). Compare also with the adjective *daimoniodes*, demonic, used only in James 3:15 (G1141) and the noun *daimon*, demon, evil spirit (G1142—Matt. 8:31).

15:26 dog ▸ *see Mark 7:27.*

30 And great multitudes came unto him, having with them *those that were* lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them:
31 Insomuch that the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of Israel.
32 Then Jesus called his disciples *unto him,* and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way.
33 And his disciples say unto him, Whence should we have so much bread in the wilderness, as to fill so great a multitude?
34 And Jesus saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? And they said, Seven, and a few little fishes.
35 And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground.
36 And he took the seven loaves and the fishes, and gave thanks, and brake *them,* and gave to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.
37 And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the broken *meat* that was left seven baskets full.
38 And they that did eat were four thousand men, beside women and children.
39 And he sent away the multitude, and took ship, and came into the coasts of Magdala.

The Request for a Sign from Heaven

16 The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him that he would shew them a sign from heaven.
2 He answered and said unto them, When it is evening, ye say, *It will be* fair weather: for the sky is red.
3 And in the morning, *It will be* foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowring. O *ye* hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not *discern* the signs of the times?
4 A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas. And he left them, and departed.

The Pharisees' and Sadducees' Leaven

5 And when his disciples were come to the other side, they had forgotten to take bread.
6 Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.
7 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, *It is* because we have taken no bread.
8 *Which* when Jesus perceived, he said unto them, O ye of little faith, why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have brought no bread?
9 Do ye not yet understand, neither remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets ye took up?
10 Neither the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets ye took up?
11 How is it that ye do not understand that I spake *it* not to you concerning bread, that ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees?
12 Then understood they how that he bade *them* not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

The Confession of Simon Peter

13 When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?
14 And they said, Some *say that thou art* John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.
15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?

15:33 fill

(Gr. *chortazō*) (Matt. 5:6; 14:20; Mark 7:27; Phil. 4:12) G5526: The origin of this word is in farming, where it meant to feed or fatten animals with grass. It later came to be a derisive term for feeding common people, and thus became associated with being satisfied by an abundance of food. When Jesus said, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled" (Matt. 5:6), He was referring to being filled to overflowing, completely satisfied, and in want of nothing pertaining to godliness. By contrast, here the filling is physical: being filled with food until there is no trace of hunger.

16:6 leaven ▸ *see Mark 8:15.*
16:8 little faith ▸ *see Matt. 8:26.*

16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.
17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed *it* unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.
18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.
20 Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ.

Jesus Prepares His Disciples

21 From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.
22 Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.
23 But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.
24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any *man* will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.
25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.
26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?
27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.
28 Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.

The Transfiguration of Jesus

17 And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart,

16:18 Peter

(Gr. *petros*) (Matt. 14:29; Mark 3:16; Luke 5:8) G4074: Originally named Simon, Peter was the leader of the disciples. His father's name was Jonah (Matt. 16:17), and his brother was Andrew (Mark 1:16). The family trade was fishing, and they all lived in Capernaum (Mark 1:29). Peter was married, and Jesus famously healed Simon's mother-in-law (Mark 1:30). Peter was present at the Transfiguration (Matt. 17:1), and briefly walked on water (Matt. 14:29). Later, Peter would be described as one of the "pillars" of the church in Jerusalem (Gal. 2:9).

16:18 rock

(Gr. *petra*) (Matt. 7:24; 27:60) G4073: Generally, but not always, this word indicates a rock mass or bedrock in distinction from *petros*, a specific rock or stone. Thus Jesus' tomb was hewn in a rock mass (Matt. 27:60), a house may be built on bedrock (Matt. 7:24), and plants from seed sown on "a rock" (Luke 8:6, probably thin soil on a rock base) did not survive. Here in Matthew 16:18 Jesus makes a wordplay on the name He had given Peter (G4074, *Petros*), but the "rock" (*petra*) that serves as foundation for the church may be the truth indicated in Peter's confession.

16:18 build ▸ *see Acts 9:31.*
16:18 hell ▸ *see Luke 16:23.*

16:23 offence

(Gr. *skandalon*) (Rom. 14:13; 1 Cor. 1:23; 1 Pet. 2:8) G4625: The image presented by this word is of a stick or sapling bent over with bait that would trap an animal. It means "snare, stumbling block, something that causes offense." In Scripture it is most often used metaphorically, as in Romans 9:33 and 1 Peter 2:8 where it describes Jesus as a stumbling block because He did not fit the mold of what people thought the Messiah should be. Paul urged believers not to put stumbling blocks in the path of other believers—things that might cause division or sin (Rom. 14:13; 16:17).

17:1 John

(Gr. *iōannēs*) (Matt. 4:21; Mark 10:35; Luke 9:28; Acts 3:1) G2491: One of two men named John who are prominent in the Gospels: John the Baptist and here, John, son of Zebedee, the disciple of Jesus. Ironically, in the Gospel named after him, John never refers to himself by his own name, preferring "the disciple whom Jesus loved" (John 13:23; 19:26; 20:2).

2 And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.
3 And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him.
4 Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.
5 While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.
6 And when the disciples heard *it,* they fell on their face, and were sore afraid.
7 And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid.
8 And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only.
9 And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead.
10 And his disciples asked him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come?
11 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things.
12 But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them.
13 Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist.

The Healing of a Devil-Possessed Boy

14 And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a *certain* man, kneeling down to him, and saying,
15 Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatick, and sore vexed: for ofttimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water.
16 And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him.
17 Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me.
18 And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour.
19 Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out?
20 And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.
21 Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.
22 And while they abode in Galilee, Jesus said unto them, The Son of man shall be betrayed into the hands of men:
23 And they shall kill him, and the third day he shall be raised again. And they were exceeding sorry.

The Question of Paying Tribute

24 And when they were come to Capernaum, they that received tribute *money* came to Peter, and said, Doth not your master pay tribute?
25 He saith, Yes. And when he was come into the house, Jesus prevented him, saying, What thinkest thou, Simon? of whom do the kings of the earth take custom or tribute? of their own children, or of strangers?
26 Peter saith unto him, Of strangers. Jesus saith unto him, Then are the children free.
27 Notwithstanding, lest we should offend them, go thou to the sea, and cast an hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money: that take, and give unto them for me and thee.

The Least Is the Greatest

18 At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?

17:2 transfigure ▸ *see Rom. 12:2.*

17:15 lunatick

(Gr. *selēniazomai*) (Matt. 4:24) G4583: This verb is derived from *sēlenē*, meaning "moon." The word literally means moonstruck, and probably refers to a form of epilepsy which was thought to be influenced by the moon. It only appears twice in the New Testament, here and in Matthew 4:24. Epilepsy was a disease that was untreatable at the time, aside from the miraculous intervention of God. The English word "lunatic" comes from the Latin word *luna*, also meaning moon.

17:17 faithless ▸ *see Mark 9:19.*

2 And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them,
3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.
4 Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.
5 And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me.
6 But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and *that* he were drowned in the depth of the sea.
7 Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!
8 Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast *them* from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire.
9 And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast *it* from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire.
10 Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.
11 For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.

A Lost Sheep

12 How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray?
13 And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that *sheep,* than of the ninety and nine which went not astray.
14 Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.

A Trespassing Brother

15 Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.
16 But if he will not hear *thee, then* take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.
17 And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell *it* unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.
18 Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.
19 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.
20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.
21 Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?
22 Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.

An Unforgiving Servant

23 Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants.
24 And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents.

18:4 humble ▸ *see Luke 14:11.*
18:12 astray ▸ *see Rev. 12:9.*
18:16 witness ▸ *see Rev. 1:5.*

18:19 agree

(Gr. *symphōneō*) (Matt. 20:13; Luke 5:36; Acts 5:9) G4856: The word from which we get "symphony," this is a compound word meaning "to sound together." It is used metaphorically to mean "be in accord, be in harmony, agree together." It is used of agreeing on a wage (Matt. 20:2, 13), agreeing in prayer, agreeing with a spouse (Acts 5:9), and the lack of agreement when the New Covenant is put into the old wineskin of the Old Covenant rather than being given its own new wineskin (Luke 5:36).

18:23 servant ▸ *see Rev. 11:18.*
18:24 which owed ▸ *see Luke 13:4.*
18:24 talent ▸ *see Matt. 25:15.*

25 But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.
26 The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.
27 Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.
28 But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took *him* by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest.
29 And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.
30 And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt.
31 So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done.
32 Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me:
33 Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee?
34 And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.
35 So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

Teachings on Divorce

19 And it came to pass, *that* when Jesus had finished these sayings, he departed from Galilee, and came into the coasts of Judaea beyond Jordan;
2 And great multitudes followed him; and he healed them there.
3 The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?
4 And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made *them* at the beginning made them male and female,
5 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?
6 Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.
7 They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away?
8 He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.
9 And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except *it be* for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.
10 His disciples say unto him, If the case of the man be so with *his* wife, it is not good to marry.
11 But he said unto them, All *men* cannot receive this saying, save *they* to whom it is given.
12 For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from *their* mother's womb: and there are some eunuchs, which were made eunuchs of men: and there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive *it*, let him receive *it*.

Little Children Brought to Jesus

13 Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should put *his* hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them.
14 But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.
15 And he laid *his* hands on them, and departed thence.

18:34 tormentor

(Gr. *basanistēs*) G0930: This word only appears once in the New Testament. Originally it referred to a person who derived information by torture, but it is possible that over time the word was softened in meaning to refer simply to a jailer. It is related to another Greek word, *basanizō*, which means "to torture" or "torment" (G0928—Matt. 8:6; Rev. 14:10); as well as *basanos*, which means "torment" (G0931—Matt. 4:24; Luke 16:23, 28); and also *basanismos*, which means "torture" (G0929—Rev. 9:5; 14:11).

19:5 cleave ▸ *see Mark 10:7.*

The Rich Young Man

16 And, behold, one came and said unto
him, Good Master, what good thing shall I
do, that I may have eternal life?
17 And he said unto him, Why callest thou
me good? *there is* none good but one, *that is,*
God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the
commandments.
18 He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said,
Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not
commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou
shalt not bear false witness,
19 Honour thy father and *thy* mother: and,
Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
20 The young man saith unto him, All these
things have I kept from my youth up: what
lack I yet?
21 Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be
perfect, go *and* sell that thou hast, and give
to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in
heaven: and come *and* follow me.
22 But when the young man heard that
saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had
great possessions.
23 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily
I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly
enter into the kingdom of heaven.
24 And again I say unto you, It is easier for a
camel to go through the eye of a needle, than
for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of
God.
25 When his disciples heard *it,* they were
exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can
be saved?
26 But Jesus beheld *them,* and said unto
them, With men this is impossible; but with
God all things are possible.
27 Then answered Peter and said unto him,
Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed
thee; what shall we have therefore?
28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say
unto you, That ye which have followed me, in
the regeneration when the Son of man shall
sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall
sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve
tribes of Israel.
29 And every one that hath forsaken houses,
or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother,
or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's
sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall
inherit everlasting life.
30 But many *that are* first shall be last; and
the last *shall be* first.

The Parable of the Hired Labourers

20 For the kingdom of heaven is like
unto a man *that is* an householder,
which went out early in the morning to hire
labourers into his vineyard.
2 And when he had agreed with the labour-
ers for a penny a day, he sent them into his
vineyard.
3 And he went out about the third hour,
and saw others standing idle in the market-
place,
4 And said unto them; Go ye also into the
vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give
you. And they went their way.
5 Again he went out about the sixth and
ninth hour, and did likewise.
6 And about the eleventh hour he went out,

19:17 good

(Gr. *agathos*) (Matt. 7:17) G0018: A frequent adjective for good used synonymously with *kalos* (G2570), also meaning good. Yet *agathos* is probably the more natural word when referring to something "fit" or "useful" or to inward moral "goodness." *Kalos*, on the other hand, is more natural when the goodness in question is external or has an external aspect, and thus *kalos* can mean "beautiful" or "free from defect." The distinction appears in Jesus' words of Matthew 7:17 about "the good tree" (*agathos*—inherently good) which brings forth "good fruit" (*kalos*—free of defects). Here, in Matthew 19:17, *agathos* describes the perfect moral goodness which God alone possesses in the ultimate sense.

19:17 keep ▸ *see 1 John 5:3.*
19:21 poor ▸ *see Matt. 26:11.*

19:26 possible

(Gr. *dynatos*) (Matt. 26:39; Luke 1:49; Acts 2:24; Heb. 11:19) G1415: The root of this word gives us words like dynasty, dynamite, and dynamic. It means "strong, mighty, powerful, possible." It connotes having the power or ability to carry out an intended act. People of wealth or influence who can make things happen are described in this way (Acts 25:5), as are those who have the strength of character to withstand calamity (2 Cor. 12:10). In the final analysis, we are powerless, but God has the power to give life and transfer people from Satan's realm into the kingdom of God.

19:28 regeneration ▸ *see Titus 3:5.*
19:28 throne ▸ *see Rev. 8:3.*
20:1 vineyard ▸ *see Luke 20:9.*

and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle?
7 They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, *that* shall ye receive.
8 So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the labourers, and give them *their* hire, beginning from the last unto the first.
9 And when they came that *were hired* about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny.
10 But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny.
11 And when they had received *it,* they murmured against the goodman of the house,
12 Saying, These last have wrought *but* one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day.
13 But he answered one of them, and said, Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a penny?
14 Take *that* thine *is,* and go thy way: I will give unto this last, even as unto thee.
15 Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good?
16 So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.

Jesus Predicts His Death

17 And Jesus going up to Jerusalem took the twelve disciples apart in the way, and said unto them,
18 Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death,
19 And shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify *him:* and the third day he shall rise again.

The Request of James and John's Mother

20 Then came to him the mother of Zebedee's children with her sons, worshipping *him,* and desiring a certain thing of him.
21 And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom.
22 But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able.
23 And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but *it shall be given to them* for whom it is prepared of my Father.
24 And when the ten heard *it,* they were moved with indignation against the two brethren.
25 But Jesus called them *unto him,* and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them.
26 But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister;
27 And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant:
28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

20:13 agree ▸ *see Matt. 18:19.*
20:16 chosen ▸ *see 1 Pet. 2:9.*

20:19 scourge

(Gr. *mastigoō*) (Matt. 10:17; Heb. 12:6) G3146: To scourge means to whip or flog. It is used both for the whipping then administered as part of synagogue discipline (Matt. 10:17; 2 Cor. 11:24) and for that given to those condemned to death (as here). In one place in the New Testament it means "punish" or "discipline," referring to the punishment administered by God (see Heb. 12:6, where it is parallel to "chasten"). The related word *mastix*, meaning a "whip" or "lash," is also used for a scourging (G3148—Acts 22:24) and figuratively for affliction, meaning sickness (Mark 3:10). The other related Greek word, *mastizō* (G3147), meaning to "strike with a whip," occurs only in Acts 22:25.

20:19 crucify ▸ *see Gal. 6:14.*
20:22 baptism ▸ *see Matt. 21:25.*
20:28 ransom ▸ *see Mark 10:45.*

Jesus' Compassion for Two Blind Men

29 And as they departed from Jericho, a great multitude followed him.
30 And, behold, two blind men sitting by the way side, when they heard that Jesus passed by, cried out, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, *thou* son of David.
31 And the multitude rebuked them, because they should hold their peace: but they cried the more, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, *thou* son of David.
32 And Jesus stood still, and called them, and said, What will ye that I shall do unto you?
33 They say unto him, Lord, that our eyes may be opened.
34 So Jesus had compassion *on them,* and touched their eyes: and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed him.

Jesus' Triumphal Entry

21 And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples,
2 Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose *them,* and bring *them* unto me.
3 And if any *man* say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them.
4 All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying,
5 Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.
6 And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them,
7 And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set *him* thereon.
8 And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed *them* in the way.
9 And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed *is* he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.
10 And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this?
11 And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

12 And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves,
13 And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.
14 And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them.
15 And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the son of David; they were sore displeased,
16 And said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?

21:5 meek

(Gr. *prayÿs*) (Matt. 5:5; 1 Pet. 3:4) G4239: Humbly considerate, unassuming, gentle, and mild. Meekness toward God is accepting His dealings with us as good, and therefore not resisting His sovereign will. It is allowing God to fight our battles and trusting Him even when evil people do evil things to us or we are treated unjustly. This is the attitude Jesus had toward obeying the Father's will and going to the Cross to bear our sin. He held His power in perfect control. But the Jews of His day were looking for a Messiah who would be a conquering king and establish an earthly kingdom.

21:7 clothes ▸ *see Matt. 5:40.*
21:8 garments ▸ *see Matt. 5:40.*
21:9 follow ▸ *see John 12:26.*
21:9 Hosanna ▸ *see Mark 11:9.*

21:13 thief

(Gr. *lēstēs*) (Matt. 26:55; 27:38) G3027: This Greek word could also be translated "robber" or "bandit," suggesting more boldness and forcefulness than the near synonym *kleptēs*, meaning "thief." While the latter may be a "sneak thief" or "burglar" (cf. the "thief in the night," in 1 Thess. 5:2), the word *lēstēs* used here suggests one who may do his work in open daylight, possibly with violence–as of the "thieves" in Luke 10:30 (cf. John 18:40; 2 Cor. 11:26).

17 And he left them, and went out of the city into Bethany; and he lodged there.

The Withered Fig Tree

18 Now in the morning as he returned into the city, he hungered.
19 And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever. And presently the fig tree withered away.
20 And when the disciples saw *it,* they marvelled, saying, How soon is the fig tree withered away!
21 Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this *which is done* to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done.
22 And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.
23 And when he was come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came unto him as he was teaching, and said, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority?
24 And Jesus answered and said unto them, I also will ask you one thing, which if ye tell me, I in like wise will tell you by what authority I do these things.
25 The baptism of John, whence was it? from heaven, or of men? And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say unto us, Why did ye not then believe him?
26 But if we shall say, Of men; we fear the people; for all hold John as a prophet.
27 And they answered Jesus, and said, We cannot tell. And he said unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things.

The Parable of Two Sons

28 But what think ye? A *certain* man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work to day in my vineyard.
29 He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went.
30 And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I *go,* sir: and went not.
31 Whether of them twain did the will of *his* father? They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you.
32 For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not: but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye had seen *it,* repented not afterward, that ye might believe him.

The Parable of the Vineyard

33 Hear another parable: There was a certain householder, which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country:
34 And when the time of the fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the husbandmen, that they might receive the fruits of it.
35 And the husbandmen took his servants, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another.
36 Again, he sent other servants more than the first: and they did unto them likewise.
37 But last of all he sent unto them his son, saying, They will reverence my son.
38 But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance.

21:21 doubt ▸ *see Acts 11:12.*
21:22 ask ▸ *see Matt. 7:7.*

21:25 baptism

(Gr. *baptisma*) (Matt. 20:22; Mark 1:4; Acts 19:4; Rom. 6:4) G0908: Taken from the word for "to dip, immerse," this word nevertheless emphasizes the result of the act of baptism rather than the immersion event itself. John's baptism was a baptism of repentance whereby people confessed their sins and declared an intention toward spiritual reform. Jesus commanded baptism as a profession of faith incumbent on all believers. Baptism identifies a Christian with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection and initiates them into the community of the church. Paul describes the purpose and nature of baptism in Romans 6:4: "Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

21:29 repent ▸ *see 2 Cor. 7:8.*
21:33 parable ▸ *see Matt. 13:3.*
21:35 stone ▸ *see Acts 7:58.*

39 And they caught him, and cast *him* out of the vineyard, and slew *him*.
40 When the lord therefore of the vineyard cometh, what will he do unto those husbandmen?
41 They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out *his* vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons.
42 Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?
43 Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.
44 And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.
45 And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that he spake of them.
46 But when they sought to lay hands on him, they feared the multitude, because they took him for a prophet.

The Parable of the Wedding Banquet

22 And Jesus answered and spake unto them again by parables, and said,
2 The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son,
3 And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come.
4 Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and *my* fatlings *are* killed, and all things *are* ready: come unto the marriage.
5 But they made light of *it,* and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise:
6 And the remnant took his servants, and intreated *them* spitefully, and slew *them*.
7 But when the king heard *thereof,* he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city.
8 Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy.
9 Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage.
10 So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests.
11 And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment:
12 And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless.
13 Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast *him* into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
14 For many are called, but few *are* chosen.

Render Tribute to Caesar and to God

15 Then went the Pharisees, and took counsel how they might entangle him in *his* talk.
16 And they sent out unto him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, Master, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest thou for any *man:* for thou regardest not the person of men.
17 Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not?
18 But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, *ye* hypocrites?

21:42 read ▸ *see Acts 8:28.*
21:42 corner ▸ *see Mark 12:10.*
21:42 marvellous ▸ *see Rev. 15:3.*
22:4 prepare ▸ *see Rev. 21:2.*

22:6 intreat spitefully

(Gr. *hybrizō*) (Luke 18:32; Acts 14:5) G5195: The Greek word *hybrizō* indicates arrogant, insulting mistreatment, involving personal animosity, as here. It implies abuse that acts wantonly and with affront. Both Jesus (Luke 18:32) and Paul (Acts 14:5; 1 Thess. 2:2) received such ignominious mistreatment. There is a related word in Greek, *hybris*, meaning "spiteful mistreatment" or "insult," which is adopted in English as "hubris" (G5196—2 Cor. 12:10). In a similar vein, Paul classifies himself before his conversion as someone who insolently mistreated God and others, using the related word *hybristēs*, which means a "spiteful, injurious person" (G5197—Rom. 1:30).

19 Shew me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a penny.
20 And he saith unto them, Whose *is* this image and superscription?
21 They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.
22 When they had heard *these words,* they marvelled, and left him, and went their way.

Teachings on the Resurrection

23 The same day came to him the Sadducees, which say that there is no resurrection, and asked him,
24 Saying, Master, Moses said, If a man die, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother.
25 Now there were with us seven brethren: and the first, when he had married a wife, deceased, and, having no issue, left his wife unto his brother:
26 Likewise the second also, and the third, unto the seventh.
27 And last of all the woman died also.
28 Therefore in the resurrection whose wife shall she be of the seven? for they all had her.
29 Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.
30 For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.
31 But as touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying,
32 I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.
33 And when the multitude heard *this,* they were astonished at his doctrine.

The First and Great Commandment

34 But when the Pharisees had heard that he had put the Sadducees to silence, they were gathered together.
35 Then one of them, *which was* a lawyer, asked *him a question,* tempting him, and saying,
36 Master, which *is* the great commandment in the law?
37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.
38 This is the first and great commandment.
39 And the second *is* like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Pharisees Questioned

41 While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them,
42 Saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, *The son* of David.

22:21 render

(Gr. *apodidōmi*) (Matt. 5:26; 6:6; 2 Tim. 4:8; Heb. 12:11) G0591: Defined as "to give, to pay what is due, to fulfill a duty, to restore," this word has strong connotations of fairness. It is giving of one's own wealth what is due to someone or what has been promised to them. In Scripture we are told not to repay our enemies what their deeds deserve (Rom. 12:17; 1 Pet. 3:9) because God will take care of that (Matt. 16:27; 1 Pet. 4:5). At the same time, those who are saved will receive rich spiritual rewards that they do not deserve (2 Tim. 4:8).

22:23 Sadducee ▸ *see Luke 20:27.*
22:35 lawyer ▸ *see Luke 11:45.*

22:37 mind

(Gr. *dianoia*) (Rom. 12:2; Eph. 4:18; 1 Pet. 1:13) G1271: Four separate Greek words account for nearly all instances of "mind" in the New Testament. They all mean much the same thing: understanding, thought, mind, reason. While today we think of a person's mind in a morally neutral way, in the New Testament the mind was clearly thought of as either good or evil. Negatively, the mind may be "blinded" (2 Cor. 3:14; 4:4), "corrupt" (2 Tim. 3:8), and "reprobate" (Rom. 1:28). On the positive side, humans may have minds that are renewed (Rom. 12:2) and pure (2 Pet. 3:1). They may love God with all their minds (Matt. 22:37; Mark 12:30; Luke 10:27) and have God's laws implanted in their minds (Heb. 8:10). Since Christians have "the mind of Christ" (1 Cor. 2:16), they are instructed to be united in mind (Rom. 12:16; 1 Pet. 3:8).

22:42 Christ

(Gr. *christos*) (Matt. 1:16; John 17:3) G5547: "Christ" is derived from the Greek word *chriō* (G5548), meaning "anoint"; hence, the Christ is

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43 He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying,
44 The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool?
45 If David then call him Lord, how is he his son?
46 And no man was able to answer him a word, neither durst any *man* from that day forth ask him any more *questions*.

The Scribes and Pharisees

23 Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples,
2 Saying, The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat:
3 All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, *that* observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not.
4 For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay *them* on men's shoulders; but they *themselves* will not move them with one of their fingers.

Hypocrisy Denounced

5 But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments,
6 And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues,
7 And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi.
8 But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, *even* Christ; and all ye are brethren.
9 And call no *man* your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.
10 Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, *even* Christ.
11 But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.
12 And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.
13 But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in *yourselves*, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.
14 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation.
15 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.

Woe on Scribes and Pharisees

16 Woe unto you, *ye* blind guides, which say, Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is a debtor!
17 *Ye* fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gold, or the temple that sanctifieth the gold?
18 And, Whosoever shall swear by the altar, it is nothing; but whosoever sweareth by the gift that is upon it, he is guilty.
19 *Ye* fools and blind: for whether *is* greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifieth the gift?

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the Anointed One, or Messiah. We begin to feel the impact of the title "Christ" on the original audiences if we sometimes substitute "Messiah" for "Christ" in passages with Jewish connotations. Saying "Jesus Christ" is the same as saying, "Yeshua of Nazareth is the Messiah," anointed by God to be the Savior of the world. Jesus refers to Himself as "Jesus Christ" in John 17:3.

23:5 border ▸ *see Luke 8:44.*
23:7 market ▸ *see Acts 16:19.*
23:11 servant ▸ *see Mark 9:35.*
23:12 exalt ▸ *see John 8:28.*
23:13 scribe ▸ *see Luke 15:2.*
23:14 widow ▸ *see 1 Tim. 5:11.*
23:15 proselyte ▸ *see Acts 6:5.*
23:15 hell ▸ *see James 3:6.*
23:16 temple ▸ *see 1 Cor. 3:16.*

23:17 fool

(Gr. *mōros*) (Matt. 23:19; 1 Cor. 1:27) G3474: We get the English word "moron" from this Greek word meaning stupid or foolish. Often used (as here and v. 19) to mean "foolish (one)," or sometimes "foolish (thing)," or even "foolishness" (1 Cor. 1:27). While the near synonym *aphrōn*, "foolish," tends to suggest being mindless or senseless, the word *mōros* suggests dullness or deficiency. Used only by Paul and Matthew, the implication is usually a spiritual deficiency resulting from not knowing God. Related Greek words are *mōria*, "foolishness," and the verb *mōrainō*, to "make foolish" or "become flavorless" (G3471—of salt in Matt. 5:13, parallel Luke 14:34).

23:19 fool ▸ *see Matt. 23:17.*

20 Whoso therefore shall swear by the altar, sweareth by it, and by all things thereon.
21 And whoso shall swear by the temple, sweareth by it, and by him that dwelleth therein.
22 And he that shall swear by heaven, sweareth by the throne of God, and by him that sitteth thereon.
23 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier *matters* of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.
24 *Ye* blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel.
25 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess.
26 *Thou* blind Pharisee, cleanse first that *which is* within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also.
27 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead *men's* bones, and of all uncleanness.
28 Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.
29 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous,
30 And say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.
31 Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets.
32 Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers.
33 *Ye* serpents, *ye* generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?
34 Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and *some* of them ye shall kill and crucify; and *some* of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute *them* from city to city:
35 That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar.
36 Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation.
37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, *thou* that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under *her* wings, and ye would not!
38 Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.
39 For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed *is* he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Signs of the End

24 And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to *him* for to shew him the buildings of the temple.
2 And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.
3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what

23:20 altar ▸ *see Heb. 13:10.*
23:25 excess ▸ *see 1 Cor. 7:5.*
23:26 clean ▸ *see Matt. 5:8.*
23:28 righteous ▸ *see Matt. 1:19.*
23:28 hypocrisy ▸ *see Gal. 2:13.*
23:35 shed ▸ *see Matt. 26:28.*
23:37 children ▸ *see Mark 2:5.*

23:37 hen

(Gr. *ornis*) (Luke 13:34) G3733: The Greek term simply means "bird." The English word *ornithology* (the study of birds) is a derivative of it. Throughout the Old Testament there are references to God exercising His care for His people in the same way a mother bird cares for her young (see Deut. 32:10–12; Ruth 2:12; Ps. 17:8; 36:7; 61:4; 63:7; 91:4; Is. 31:5; Mal. 4:2). Many of these references speak of God's protective wings, under whose shelter the frightened could find refuge. The later rabbis had a beautiful expression for proselytes from the Gentiles—they had "come under the wings of the Shekinah" (see Ruth 2:12). Jesus came to His people wanting to give them the same kind of care, but they rejected that care and tender affection again and again.

shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?
4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.
5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.
6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet.
7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.
8 All these *are* the beginning of sorrows.
9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.
10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.
11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.
12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.
13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.
14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

The Coming of the Son of Man

15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)
16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:
17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:
18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.
19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!
20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:
21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.
22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.
23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here *is* Christ, or there; believe *it* not.
24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if *it were* possible, they shall deceive the very elect.
25 Behold, I have told you before.
26 Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, *he is* in the secret chambers; believe *it* not.
27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.
28 For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.
29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:
30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the

24:7 earthquake ▸ *see Rev. 8:5.*
24:12 iniquity ▸ *see 1 John 3:4.*

24:13 endure

(Gr. *hypomenō*) (Matt. 10:22; Rom. 12:12; 1 Cor. 13:7; Heb. 12:2) G5278: This word means "to remain, stay under, stay behind, bear, hold one's ground." It is remaining steady in the face of adversity rather than fleeing it, persevering in faith despite trials. This is an energetic word, denoting active resistance to defeat—albeit with a calm and courageous demeanor—rather than passive resignation or mere patience. Jesus' resolute courage at the Cross is described this way (Heb. 12:2), as well as our bearing temptations (James 1:12), trials (2 Tim. 2:12), and persecution (1 Pet. 2:20).

24:24 false christ

(Gr. *pseudochristos*) (Mark 13:22) G5580: The Greek word *pseudochristos* is used only here and in the parallel in Mark 13:22. It is a compound word derived from *pseudo* (G5571), meaning false or lying (especially concerning spiritual truth), and *christos* (G5547), meaning Anointed One or Christ. Thus, a *pseudochristos* was a false claimant to be the Messiah.

24:24 wonders ▸ *see Acts 2:19.*
24:24 deceive ▸ *see Rev. 12:9.*
24:26 secret chamber ▸ *see Luke 12:3.*

Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.
31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.
32 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer *is* nigh:
33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, *even* at the doors.
34 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.
35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

God Knows the Day and Hour

36 But of that day and hour knoweth no *man,* no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.
37 But as the days of Noe *were,* so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.
38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,
39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.
40 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.
41 Two *women shall be* grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.
42 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.
43 But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.
44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.
45 Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?
46 Blessed *is* that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.
47 Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.
48 But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;
49 And shall begin to smite *his* fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken;
50 The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for *him,* and in an hour that he is not aware of,
51 And shall cut him asunder, and appoint *him* his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Readiness and Stewardship

25 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.
2 And five of them were wise, and five *were* foolish.
3 They that *were* foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:
4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.
5 While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.
6 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.

24:42 watch

(Gr. *grēgoreō*) (Matt. 26:41; 1 Cor. 16:13) G1127: The Greek word *grēgoreō* means either literally to be or keep awake (as possibly in v. 43 and parallels) or figuratively to be watchful or be alert (as here in v. 42). No New Testament usage appears to be entirely without some sense of being watchful, on guard, or vigilant. The word came to be used more or less absolutely as a Christian virtue (1 Cor. 16:13) and to designate watchful preparedness for the Lord's return (Rev. 16:15; see also Col. 4:2). In 1 Thessalonians 5:10 it takes on the metaphorical meaning of being alive.

25:1 kingdom

(Gr. *basileia*) (Matt. 3:2; 4:17; 5:3, 10; 10:7) G0932: "Kingdom of heaven," used almost exclusively in Matthew's Gospel (33 times), is a Jewish way of saying "the kingdom of God." The Jews avoided saying the name of God out of respect for Him. Therefore they often used the word *heaven* as an alternative way to refer to God. The word *heaven* also points to the heavenly nature of Jesus' kingdom. His kingdom did not involve an immediate political restoration of the nation of Israel as many Jews had hoped. He brought a heavenly kingdom with a spiritual domain, the hearts of His people. Such a kingdom demanded internal repentance, not just external submission.

7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.
8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.
9 But the wise answered, saying, *Not so;* lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.
10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.
11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.
12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.
13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.
14 For *the kingdom of heaven is* as a man travelling into a far country, *who* called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.
15 And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.
16 Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made *them* other five talents.
17 And likewise he that *had received* two, he also gained other two.
18 But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.
19 After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them.
20 And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more.
21 His lord said unto him, Well done, *thou* good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.
22 He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them.
23 His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.
24 Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed:
25 And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, *there* thou hast *that is* thine.
26 His lord answered and said unto him, *Thou* wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed:
27 Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and *then* at my coming I should have received mine own with usury.
28 Take therefore the talent from him, and give *it* unto him which hath ten talents.

25:7 trim

(Gr. *kosmeō*) (Matt. 12:44; 1 Tim. 2:9; Rev. 21:2, 19) G2885: This word means "to beautify, adorn, arrange, organize, prepare." In a metaphorical sense it can mean to embellish with honor, such as the way godly behavior adorns the gospel (2 Tim. 2:10). The virgins embellished or trimmed their lamps in the same way the church is to prepare itself for the coming of Christ. This idea is echoed in Revelation 21:2, "And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."

25:14 into a far country ▸ *see Mark 12:1.*

25:15 talent

(Gr. *talanton*) (Matt. 18:24; 25:20) G5007: A talent is a unit of weight or coinage, occurring in the New Testament only in this parable and in Matthew 18:24. The weight of the talent varied from 58 to 80 pounds, and the monetary value depended on whether the corresponding weight was in gold or silver. Its value was great. One denarius was a typical day's wage for laborers, and some sources suggest that the Roman talent equaled six thousand denarii in New Testament times. See also the related word *talantiaios* (G5006), which means "weighing a talent," occurring only in Revelation 16:21.

25:20 talent ▸ *see Matt. 25:15.*

29 For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.
30 And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

The Separation of Sheep and Goats

31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:
32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth *his* sheep from the goats:
33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.
34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:
35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:
36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.
37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed *thee?* or thirsty, and gave *thee* drink?
38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took *thee* in? or naked, and clothed *thee?*
39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?
40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done *it* unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done *it* unto me.
41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:
42 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink:
43 I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.
44 Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?
45 Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did *it* not to one of the least of these, ye did *it* not to me.
46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

The Religious Leaders' Plan to Kill Jesus

26 And it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said unto his disciples,
2 Ye know that after two days is *the feast of* the passover, and the Son of man is betrayed to be crucified.
3 Then assembled together the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders of the people, unto the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas,
4 And consulted that they might take Jesus by subtilty, and kill *him.*
5 But they said, Not on the feast *day,* lest there be an uproar among the people.

Precious Ointment

6 Now when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper,

25:29 have abundance

(Gr. *perisseuō*) (Matt. 5:20; 13:12; Rom. 15:13; 1 Cor. 15:58) G4052: There is nothing restrained or limited about God's grace; this verse uses a word that means "superabound, have in excess, greatly surpass." God is generous to provide more resources than we need to fulfill His calling. This idea is fleshed out in 2 Corinthians 9:8, "And God is able to make all grace abound [*perisseuō*] toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound [*perisseuō*] to every good work."

25:46 eternal

(Gr. *aiōnios*) (John 3:16; Rom. 16:26) G0166: This common adjective means "eternal," or "everlasting," and occurs often in the New Testament. It may mean "without end" when applied to the redemptive life (or death) experienced by humans (as here, where the KJV "everlasting" and "eternal" both translate the word; cf. John 3:16). However, when applied to God it means without beginning or end (Rom. 16:26). In a few instances, modifying "times," it looks to the past "before time began," as 2 Timothy 1:9. See also the cognate noun *aiōn* (G0165) meaning "age" or "time," which may refer to the present age or the age to come.

7 There came unto him a woman having an alabaster box of very precious ointment, and poured it on his head, as he sat *at meat.*
8 But when his disciples saw *it,* they had indignation, saying, To what purpose *is* this waste?
9 For this ointment might have been sold for much, and given to the poor.
10 When Jesus understood *it,* he said unto them, Why trouble ye the woman? for she hath wrought a good work upon me.
11 For ye have the poor always with you; but me ye have not always.
12 For in that she hath poured this ointment on my body, she did *it* for my burial.
13 Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, *there* shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her.

Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus

14 Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests,
15 And said *unto them,* What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver.
16 And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him.

The Passover Meal

17 Now the first *day* of the *feast of* unleavened bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the passover?
18 And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the passover at thy house with my disciples.
19 And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed them; and they made ready the passover.
20 Now when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve.
21 And as they did eat, he said, Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.
22 And they were exceeding sorrowful, and began every one of them to say unto him, Lord, is it I?
23 And he answered and said, He that dippeth *his* hand with me in the dish, the same shall betray me.
24 The Son of man goeth as it is written of him: but woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! it had been good for that man if he had not been born.
25 Then Judas, which betrayed him, answered and said, Master, is it I? He said unto him, Thou hast said.
26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed *it,* and brake *it,* and gave *it* to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body.
27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, Drink ye all of it;
28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.
29 But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.
30 And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.

26:11 poor

(Gr. *ptōchos*) (Matt. 5:3; 11:5; 19:21; Luke 21:3; James 2:2) G4434: The primary New Testament word for those without means, in poverty. Here and in Matthew 26:9 Jesus is dealing with those who would use the poor as a cover for their own greed. He invites us to acknowledge there will always be someone near us with greater needs than our own. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus speaks about spiritual poverty, using this term to point to the starting place of spiritual blessing—the realization that we are bankrupt, poor in spirit (Matt. 5:3).

26:16 betray ▸ *see Luke 23:25.*
26:26 body ▸ *see Phil. 3:21.*
26:27 give thanks ▸ *see Luke 17:16.*
26:28 blood ▸ *see 1 John 1:7.*

26:28 shed

(Gr. *ekcheō*) (Matt. 23:35; Mark 14:24; Rev. 16:6) G1632: Synonymous with spilling, gushing, and pouring. The prefix *ek* (G1537—from or out of) plus *cheō* (pour) create this term for liquid running freely. The phrase "shedding blood" represents killing (Rom. 3:15). Here Jesus is inaugurating the Lord's Supper contrasting the continual shedding of lambs' blood under the Old Covenant with the spilling of His own blood shed once for all (Heb. 9:16–22). According to Romans 5:5, God's love can also be poured out in this way.

26:28 remission ▸ *see Heb 9:22.*
26:29 vine ▸ *see John 15:1.*

Peter's Vow of Loyalty

31 Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad.
32 But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee.
33 Peter answered and said unto him, Though all *men* shall be offended because of thee, *yet* will I never be offended.
34 Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice.
35 Peter said unto him, Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee. Likewise also said all the disciples.

Jesus' Prayer in Gethsemane

36 Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder.
37 And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy.
38 Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.
39 And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou *wilt*.
40 And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour?
41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak.
42 He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.
43 And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy.
44 And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.
45 Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take *your* rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.
46 Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me.

Jesus' Betrayal and Arrest

47 And while he yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people.
48 Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he: hold him fast.
49 And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, master; and kissed him.
50 And Jesus said unto him, Friend, wherefore art thou come? Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took him.
51 And, behold, one of them which were with Jesus stretched out *his* hand, and drew his sword, and struck a servant of the high priest's, and smote off his ear.
52 Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.
53 Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?
54 But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?
55 In that same hour said Jesus to the multitudes, Are ye come out as against a thief with swords and staves for to take me? I sat daily with you teaching in the temple, and ye laid no hold on me.

26:39 possible ▸ *see Matt. 19:26.*
26:41 watch ▸ *see Matt. 24:42.*

26:47 lo

(Gr. *idou*) (Matt. 1:23; Mark 13:21) G2400: A very frequent word in the New Testament, usually translated "behold!" or "lo." *Idou* is used to direct attention to a specific person, object, or idea. Its force is normally emphatic, like the English exclamation "Look!" It can also at times approximate the more common expressions, "Check it out!" or "See for yourself!" Consequently, *idou* can be used not only in ordinary situations (Luke 14:2, "And, behold, there was a certain man"), but also for weighty declarations (1 Cor. 15:51, "Behold, I shew you a mystery"). The frequency of *idou* in the New Testament suggests that it was a feature of everyday speech among Greek-speaking people.

26:48 sign ▸ *see John 6:26.*
26:52 perish ▸ *see Luke 9:56.*
26:55 thief ▸ *see Matt. 21:13.*

56 But all this was done, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled.

Jesus Before Caiaphas

57 And they that had laid hold on Jesus led *him* away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled.
58 But Peter followed him afar off unto the high priest's palace, and went in, and sat with the servants, to see the end.
59 Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death;
60 But found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, *yet* found they none. At the last came two false witnesses,
61 And said, This *fellow* said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days.
62 And the high priest arose, and said unto him, Answerest thou nothing? what *is it which* these witness against thee?
63 But Jesus held his peace, And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God.
64 Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.
65 Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy.
66 What think ye? They answered and said, He is guilty of death.
67 Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him; and others smote *him* with the palms of their hands,
68 Saying, Prophesy unto us, thou Christ, Who is he that smote thee?

Peter's Denial of Jesus

69 Now Peter sat without in the palace: and a damsel came unto him, saying, Thou also wast with Jesus of Galilee.
70 But he denied before *them* all, saying, I know not what thou sayest.
71 And when he was gone out into the porch, another *maid* saw him, and said unto them that were there, This *fellow* was also with Jesus of Nazareth.
72 And again he denied with an oath, I do not know the man.
73 And after a while came unto *him* they that stood by, and said to Peter, Surely thou also art *one* of them; for thy speech bewrayeth thee.
74 Then began he to curse and to swear, *saying,* I know not the man. And immediately the cock crew.
75 And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly.

The Remorse and Death of Judas

27 When the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death:
2 And when they had bound him, they led *him* away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor.
3 Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,
4 Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What *is that* to us? see thou *to that*.
5 And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself.
6 And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood.
7 And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in.
8 Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day.
9 Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value;
10 And gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me.

26:56 scripture ▸ *see John 5:39.*
26:58 follow ▸ *see John 12:26.*
27:3 repent ▸ *see 2 Cor. 7:8.*

Jesus Appears Before Pilate

11 And Jesus stood before the governor: and the governor asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And Jesus said unto him, Thou sayest.
12 And when he was accused of the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing.
13 Then said Pilate unto him, Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee?
14 And he answered him to never a word; insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly.
15 Now at *that* feast the governor was wont to release unto the people a prisoner, whom they would.
16 And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas.
17 Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ?
18 For he knew that for envy they had delivered him.
19 When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him.
20 But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus.
21 The governor answered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you? They said, Barabbas.
22 Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? *They* all say unto him, Let him be crucified.
23 And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified.
24 When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but *that* rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed *his* hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye *to it*.
25 Then answered all the people, and said, His blood *be* on us, and on our children.
26 Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered *him* to be crucified.
27 Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band *of soldiers*.
28 And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe.
29 And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put *it* upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews!
30 And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head.
31 And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify *him*.

The Crucifixion of Jesus

32 And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name: him they compelled to bear his cross.

27:15 prisoner ▸ *see Philem. 1.*

27:17 Jesus

(Gr. *iēsous*) (Matt. 1:21; Acts 4:10) G2424: The proper noun Jesus is a Greek form of Hebrew *Yeshua*, that is, Joshua. Since Greek has no "sh" sound, as in Hebrew, the Greek letter "s" (sigma) had to suffice in transliteration. The name Jesus means "Jehovah is salvation" and was a popular name among Jews. In addition to Jesus of Nazareth, the name is used in the New Testament of Joshua, son of Nun (Acts 7:45; Heb. 4:8), of Paul's coworker "Jesus, which is called Justus" (Col. 4:11), in the compound name of a sorcerer, Bar-Jesus (*Bar-iēsou*, Son of Jesus, Acts 13:6), and in some manuscripts as the given name of Barabbas (Matt. 27:16, 17).

27:19 judgment seat

(Gr. *bēma*) (Acts 12:21; 25:10; Rom. 14:10; 2 Cor. 5:10) G0968: This word originally referred to a step or a stride but then came to be used for a raised platform such as the throne of a ruler where he presided over trials. In the New Testament it is used for both earthly magistrates (Acts 18:12, 16, 17) and the divine tribunal from which Jesus makes His judgments. Paul describes this heavenly tribunal in 2 Corinthians 5:10, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad."

27:27 common hall ▸ *see John 18:28.*
27:32 compel ▸ *see Matt. 5:41.*

33 And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull,
34 They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted *thereof,* he would not drink.
35 And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots.
36 And sitting down they watched him there;
37 And set up over his head his accusation written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.
38 Then were there two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left.
39 And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads,
40 And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest *it* in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross.
41 Likewise also the chief priests mocking *him,* with the scribes and elders, said,
42 He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him.
43 He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God.
44 The thieves also, which were crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth.

Jesus' Death on the Cross

45 Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour.
46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?
47 Some of them that stood there, when they heard *that,* said, This *man* calleth for Elias.
48 And straightway one of them ran, and took a spunge, and filled *it* with vinegar, and put *it* on a reed, and gave him to drink.
49 The rest said, Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to save him.
50 Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.
51 And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;
52 And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,
53 And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.
54 Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.
55 And many women were there beholding afar off, which followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto him:
56 Among which was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's children.

Jesus Buried in Joseph's Tomb

57 When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple:
58 He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered.
59 And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,

27:34 taste ▸ *see Heb 6:5.*
27:38 thief ▸ *see Matt. 21:13.*
27:43 deliver ▸ *see 1 Thess. 1:10.*
27:46 sabachthani ▸ *see Mark 15:34.*
27:53 appear ▸ *see John 14:21.*
27:54 earthquake ▸ *see Rev. 8:5.*

27:57 disciple

(Gr. *mathēteuō*) (Matt. 28:19; Acts 14:21) G3100: This is a verb meaning teach, disciple. The related noun *mathētēs* (G3101—disciple, learner) is derived from *manthanō* (G3129—learn). When *mathēteuō* is used as a verb, it means to be a learner, pupil, or disciple, as here in Matthew 27:57. With an object, the verb means to make disciples, as Jesus commanded in the Great Commission (Matt. 28:19; cf. Acts 14:21). In other places in the New Testament, the word used is a feminine noun, *mathētria*, which specifically designates a female disciple (G3102—Acts 9:36). Note also that the word *mathētēs* is used by Luke in Acts to describe all Christians generally (Acts 6:1, 2).

60 And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed.
61 And there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulchre.

Setting a Watch

62 Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate,
63 Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again.
64 Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first.
65 Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make *it* as sure as ye can.
66 So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.

The Risen Christ

28 In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first *day* of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.
2 And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.
3 His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:
4 And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead *men*.
5 And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.
6 He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.
7 And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.
8 And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word.
9 And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.
10 Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me.
11 Now when they were going, behold, some of the watch came into the city, and shewed unto the chief priests all the things that were done.
12 And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers,
13 Saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him *away* while we slept.
14 And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you.
15 So they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.

Jesus' Commission

16 Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.
17 And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.
18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.
19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

27:60 rock ▸ *see Matt. 16:18.*
27:66 seal ▸ *see Rev. 7:3.*
28:2 earthquake ▸ *see Rev. 8:5.*
28:7 quickly ▸ *see Rev. 22:20.*
28:19 teach ▸ *see Matt. 27:57.*

28:19 baptize

(Gr. *baptizō*) (Matt. 3:11; Acts 8:38) G0907: This verb is used often in the New Testament, usually translated by its English derivative, "baptize." It is used in reference to baptism by John (Mark 1:4), Jesus (John 4:1, 2), the apostles (here in Matt. 28:19), other Christians (Acts 8:38), and even the Corinthians in their controversial practice (1 Cor. 15:29). The Jews baptized persons or things (see, for example, Mark 7:4, where the related word G0909—*baptismos*, washing, is used). It may be used figuratively also (Mark 10:39; 1 Cor. 10:2). *Baptizō* is related to the word *baptō* (G0911), which means to dip, immerse, and the noun *baptisma* (G0908), which refers to the baptism itself.

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

28:20 world

(Gr. *aiōn*) (Rom. 11:36; Gal. 1:4; Eph. 6:12; Heb. 7:24) G0165: Taken from the word for "always, perpetually," this word means "forever; an indefinitely long period." It does not refer to a specific condition but rather to a vast period of time or what we might think of as an age. Jesus used this word to refer to both the age of the world—the present age—and the age that will come after His Second Coming (Matt. 12:32; Mark 10:30). But this word is more often used as a synonym for eternity: "forever," "forever and ever," or "eternal."

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

MARK

THE MESSAGE OF MARK'S GOSPEL is captured in a single verse: "For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many" (10:45). Chapter by chapter, the book unfolds the dual focus of Christ's life: service and sacrifice.

Mark portrays Jesus as a Servant on the move, instantly responsive to the will of the Father. By preaching, teaching, and healing, He ministers to the needs of others even to the point of death. After the Resurrection, He commissions His followers to continue His work in His power—servants following in the steps of the perfect Servant.

The ancient title for this gospel was *Kata Markon,* "According to Mark." The author is best known by his Latin name *Marcus,* but in Jewish circles he was called by his Hebrew name *John.* Acts 12:12, 25 refer to him as "John, whose surname was Mark."

WATCH WORDS

- **repentance** (change of mind; turning away from sin)—1:4
- **sin** (missing the mark; a violation of God's will)—3:28 (also 4:12)
- **hypocrite** (someone whose actions are opposite of his words)—7:6
- **leaven** (yeast; an invisible, pervasive influence)—8:15
- **watch** (pay attention; be alert)—13:33

John's Message of Repentance

1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God;
2 As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.
3 The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.
4 John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.
5 And there went out unto him all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins.
6 And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a girdle of a skin about his loins; and he did eat locusts and wild honey;
7 And preached, saying, There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose.
8 I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.

Jesus' Baptism and Temptations

9 And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan.

1:1 gospel ▸ *see Mark 16:15.*
1:3 wilderness ▸ *see Mark 6:35.*
1:4 baptism ▸ *see Matt. 21:25.*

1:4 repentance

(Gr. *metanoia*) (Matt. 3:8; Acts 5:31; 11:18) G3341: This Greek word is a compound word derived from *meta*, meaning "after" and suggesting some type of change, and *nous*, meaning "mind." Thus the word strictly denotes "a change of mind." But it also connotes remorse for sin, accompanied by a desire to turn away from one's sin, to God, for salvation. Both John the Baptist and Jesus began their ministries with a call to repentance (Matt. 3:2; 4:17)—a call that many of the social outcasts and "sinners" of that day answered (Luke 19:1–10), but that many of the religious people rejected (Luke 11:39–44; 18:9–14).

1:6 honey ▸ *see Rev. 10:10.*

10 And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him:
11 And there came a voice from heaven, *saying,* Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.
12 And immediately the Spirit driveth him into the wilderness.
13 And he was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto him.

Peter, Andrew, James, and John Called

14 Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,
15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.
16 Now as he walked by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.
17 And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.
18 And straightway they forsook their nets, and followed him.
19 And when he had gone a little farther thence, he saw James the *son* of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the ship mending their nets.
20 And straightway he called them: and they left their father Zebedee in the ship with the hired servants, and went after him.

An Unclean Spirit Rebuked

21 And they went into Capernaum; and straightway on the sabbath day he entered into the synagogue, and taught.
22 And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes.
23 And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out,
24 Saying, Let *us* alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God.
25 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him.
26 And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him.
27 And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine *is* this? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him.
28 And immediately his fame spread abroad throughout all the region round about Galilee.

Many Diseased and Possessed Are Helped

29 And forthwith, when they were come out of the synagogue, they entered into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.
30 But Simon's wife's mother lay sick of a fever, and anon they tell him of her.
31 And he came and took her by the hand, and lifted her up; and immediately the fever left her, and she ministered unto them.
32 And at even, when the sun did set, they brought unto him all that were diseased, and them that were possessed with devils.
33 And all the city was gathered together at the door.
34 And he healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils; and suffered not the devils to speak, because they knew him.
35 And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.

1:13 beast ▸ *see Rev. 6:8.*
1:14 gospel ▸ *see Mark 16:15.*
1:15 time ▸ *see Col. 4:5.*
1:18 follow ▸ *see John 12:26.*

1:20 leave

(Gr. *aphiēmi*) (Mark 12:12; Luke 18:29; Rev. 2:4) G0863: This is a compound word made of *apo*, "away from," and *heimi*, "to send." It is used in three primary ways: to let go or send away as in divorce (1 Cor. 7:11–13) or forgiving a debt (Matt. 18:27; 1 John 1:9); to permit or allow something (Matt. 3:15; 5:40; Mark 10:14); and to neglect or leave alone (Matt. 4:11; Luke 13:35). Answering the call of Christ entails leaving some behaviors, relationships, and affections behind to follow Him.

1:21 straightway ▸ *see John 6:21.*
1:27 obey ▸ *see Rom. 6:17.*

36 And Simon and they that were with him followed after him.
37 And when they had found him, they said unto him, All *men* seek for thee.
38 And he said unto them, Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also: for therefore came I forth.
39 And he preached in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and cast out devils.

A Leper Is Healed

40 And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.
41 And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth *his* hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean.
42 And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed.
43 And he straitly charged him, and forthwith sent him away;
44 And saith unto him, See thou say nothing to any man: but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing those things which Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.
45 But he went out, and began to publish *it* much, and to blaze abroad the matter, insomuch that Jesus could no more openly enter into the city, but was without in desert places: and they came to him from every quarter.

Jesus Heals a Man with Palsy

2 And again he entered into Capernaum after *some* days; and it was noised that he was in the house.
2 And straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive *them,* no, not so much as about the door: and he preached the word unto them.
3 And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four.
4 And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken *it* up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay.
5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.
6 But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts,
7 Why doth this *man* thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only?
8 And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts?
9 Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, *Thy* sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk?
10 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,)
11 I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house.
12 And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion.

1:41 move with compassion ▸ *see Matt. 14:14.*

1:42 leprosy

(Gr. *lepra*) (Matt. 8:3; Luke 5:12) G3014: Any eruptive skin disease was called by the name leprosy in the ancient world. Thus this could refer to what we know as leprosy—the degenerative illness Hansen's disease—or to other skin conditions such as psoriasis, lupus, or ringworm. In Mosaic law, such an affliction rendered a person ceremonially unclean and forced him or her to be separated from the community (Lev. 14). Touching such a person not only put one at risk for developing skin disease, but also rendered that person unclean. Yet Jesus reached out and touched the leper to heal him.

1:43 straitly charge ▸ *see John 11:38.*
1:44 testimony ▸ *see Matt. 8:4.*

2:5 son

(Gr. *teknon*) (Matt. 23:37; Luke 14:26; Rom. 8:16; Eph. 5:8) G5043: Literally "offspring," as a son or daughter, this word is also used to describe a loving relationship that resembles the parent-child bond, such as between God and believers or between a teacher and his students. Such relationships imply both affection and imitation, as the offspring learn from the parent figure. A good illustration of the way this word is used both literally and metaphorically is found in Matthew 7:11: "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him!"

The Calling of Levi

13 And he went forth again by the sea side; and all the multitude resorted unto him, and he taught them.
14 And as he passed by, he saw Levi the *son* of Alphaeus sitting at the receipt of custom, and said unto him, Follow me. And he arose and followed him.
15 And it came to pass, that, as Jesus sat at meat in his house, many publicans and sinners sat also together with Jesus and his disciples: for there were many, and they followed him.
16 And when the scribes and Pharisees saw him eat with publicans and sinners, they said unto his disciples, How is it that he eateth and drinketh with publicans and sinners?
17 When Jesus heard *it,* he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.
18 And the disciples of John and of the Pharisees used to fast: and they come and say unto him, Why do the disciples of John and of the Pharisees fast, but thy disciples fast not?
19 And Jesus said unto them, Can the children of the bridechamber fast, while the bridegroom is with them? as long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast.
20 But the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then shall they fast in those days.
21 No man also seweth a piece of new cloth on an old garment: else the new piece that filled it up taketh away from the old, and the rent is made worse.
22 And no man putteth new wine into old bottles: else the new wine doth burst the bottles, and the wine is spilled, and the bottles will be marred: but new wine must be put into new bottles.

The Sabbath Made for Man

23 And it came to pass, that he went through the corn fields on the sabbath day; and his disciples began, as they went, to pluck the ears of corn.
24 And the Pharisees said unto him, Behold, why do they on the sabbath day that which is not lawful?
25 And he said unto them, Have ye never read what David did, when he had need, and was an hungered, he, and they that were with him?
26 How he went into the house of God in the days of Abiathar the high priest, and did eat the shewbread, which is not lawful to eat but for the priests, and gave also to them which were with him?
27 And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath:
28 Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.

Jesus Heals a Withered Hand

3 And he entered again into the synagogue; and there was a man there which had a withered hand.
2 And they watched him, whether he would heal him on the sabbath day; that they might accuse him.
3 And he saith unto the man which had the withered hand, Stand forth.
4 And he saith unto them, Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath days, or to do evil? to save life, or to kill? But they held their peace.
5 And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched *it* out: and his hand was restored whole as the other.
6 And the Pharisees went forth, and straightway took counsel with the Herodians against him, how they might destroy him.

2:16 Pharisee ▸ *see Mark 2:24.*
2:17 physician ▸ *see Col. 4:14.*
2:21 garment ▸ *see Matt. 5:40.*
2:22 new ▸ *see John 13:34.*

2:24 Pharisee

(Gr. *pharisaios*) (Mark 2:16; 10:2; 12:13) G5330: One of the two mainstream religious bodies in Israel at the time of Christ. Pharisees were generally conservative, holding to the Old Testament Scriptures as God's Word. Their exacting rules regarding the Sabbath meant almost continual clashes with Jesus. Their rivals were the Sadducees, who held to the Torah, the five books of Moses, as God's primary revelation and did not believe in the possibility of resurrection. Famous Pharisees who became followers of Jesus were Nicodemus (John 3:1) and Saul of Tarsus (Acts 23:6).

3:5 hardness ▸ *see Rom. 11:25.*

The Multitude Follow Jesus

7 But Jesus withdrew himself with his disciples to the sea: and a great multitude from Galilee followed him, and from Judaea,
8 And from Jerusalem, and from Idumaea, and *from* beyond Jordan; and they about Tyre and Sidon, a great multitude, when they had heard what great things he did, came unto him.
9 And he spake to his disciples, that a small ship should wait on him because of the multitude, lest they should throng him.
10 For he had healed many; insomuch that they pressed upon him for to touch him, as many as had plagues.
11 And unclean spirits, when they saw him, fell down before him, and cried, saying, Thou art the Son of God.
12 And he straitly charged them that they should not make him known.

Jesus Ordains Twelve Disciples

13 And he goeth up into a mountain, and calleth *unto him* whom he would: and they came unto him.
14 And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach,
15 And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils:
16 And Simon he surnamed Peter;
17 And James the *son* of Zebedee, and John the brother of James; and he surnamed them Boanerges, which is, The sons of thunder:
18 And Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the *son* of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Canaanite,
19 And Judas Iscariot, which also betrayed him: and they went into an house.

A Divided Kingdom

20 And the multitude cometh together again, so that they could not so much as eat bread.
21 And when his friends heard *of it,* they went out to lay hold on him: for they said, He is beside himself.
22 And the scribes which came down from Jerusalem said, He hath Beelzebub, and by the prince of the devils casteth he out devils.
23 And he called them *unto him,* and said unto them in parables, How can Satan cast out Satan?
24 And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.
25 And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand.
26 And if Satan rise up against himself, and be divided, he cannot stand, but hath an end.
27 No man can enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man; and then he will spoil his house.
28 Verily I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme:
29 But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation:
30 Because they said, He hath an unclean spirit.

3:10 heal ▸ *see Matt. 12:22.*
3:16 Peter ▸ *see Matt. 16:18.*

3:18 Canaanite

(Gr. *kananitēs*) (Matt. 10:4) G2581: Literally "zealous," this word was originally used for those who came from the Canaanite region. It may be a transliteration of an Aramaic word for *zealot*. In Jesus' day the zealots were a nationalist political faction from Galilee that opposed increased taxes and favored the use of force to do so. They were looking for a political Messiah to overturn Roman rule by force. Simon left this sect to follow Jesus, gradually learning that the Messiah had come to set up a spiritual kingdom rather than an earthly one.

3:22 Beelzebub ▸ *see Matt. 10:25.*

3:28 sin

(Gr. *hamartēma*) (Mark 4:12; Rom. 3:25; 1 Cor. 6:18) G0265: Taken from a root word meaning "to miss the mark, wander from the path of right," this word denotes an individual act of sin. It emphasizes that a particular act is a violation of God's will, whereas its more often used relative *hamartia* (G266) stresses the action of committing a sin. Blasphemy is one of many sinful acts that God forgives, but a settled pattern of regarding good as evil and evil as good renders a person unable to recognize truth and turn to God.

3:28 blasphemy ▸ *see Rev. 13:6.*
3:30 unclean ▸ *see Acts 5:16.*

Jesus' Family

31 There came then his brethren and his mother, and, standing without, sent unto him, calling him.
32 And the multitude sat about him, and they said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren without seek for thee.
33 And he answered them, saying, Who is my mother, or my brethren?
34 And he looked round about on them which sat about him, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren!
35 For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother.

The Sower's Seed

4 And he began again to teach by the sea side: and there was gathered unto him a great multitude, so that he entered into a ship, and sat in the sea; and the whole multitude was by the sea on the land.
2 And he taught them many things by parables, and said unto them in his doctrine,
3 Hearken; Behold, there went out a sower to sow:
4 And it came to pass, as he sowed, some fell by the way side, and the fowls of the air came and devoured it up.
5 And some fell on stony ground, where it had not much earth; and immediately it sprang up, because it had no depth of earth:
6 But when the sun was up, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away.
7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it yielded no fruit.
8 And other fell on good ground, and did yield fruit that sprang up and increased; and brought forth, some thirty, and some sixty, and some an hundred.
9 And he said unto them, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.
10 And when he was alone, they that were about him with the twelve asked of him the parable.
11 And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all *these* things are done in parables:
12 That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and *their* sins should be forgiven them.
13 And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables?
14 The sower soweth the word.
15 And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts.
16 And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness;
17 And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended.
18 And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word,
19 And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.
20 And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive *it,* and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred.

Set Your Candle on a Candlestick

21 And he said unto them, Is a candle brought to be put under a bushel, or under a bed? and not to be set on a candlestick?
22 For there is nothing hid, which shall not

3:35 sister ▸ *see Mark 10:29.*
4:12 sin ▸ *see Mark 3:28.*

4:16 gladness

(Gr. *chara*) (Acts 12:14; Phil. 2:29) G5479: This word is often translated *joy* (Matt. 2:10; Luke 2:10; John 15:11; 1 John 1:4). It is listed among the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22). Here Jesus speaks of a glad response on the part of someone who hears the gospel, but without further depth, the faith planted quickly withers under the hot sun of adversity. Gladness and joy describe a generally positive outlook, but the other fruit of the Spirit must be present to sustain it. When Jesus speaks of joy with His disciples (John 15:11), He wants them to experience His joy, sustained by "these things have I spoken unto you."

be manifested; neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come abroad.
23 If any man have ears to hear, let him hear.
24 And he said unto them, Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given.
25 For he that hath, to him shall be given: and he that hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he hath.

The Growing Seed

26 And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground;
27 And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how.
28 For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.
29 But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.

The Grain of Mustard Seed

30 And he said, Whereunto shall we liken the kingdom of God? or with what comparison shall we compare it?
31 *It is* like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown in the earth, is less than all the seeds that be in the earth:
32 But when it is sown, it groweth up, and becometh greater than all herbs, and shooteth out great branches; so that the fowls of the air may lodge under the shadow of it.
33 And with many such parables spake he the word unto them, as they were able to hear *it*.
34 But without a parable spake he not unto them: and when they were alone, he expounded all things to his disciples.

Jesus Rebukes the Wind

35 And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side.
36 And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships.
37 And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full.
38 And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?
39 And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.
40 And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?
41 And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?

A Man with an Unclean Spirit

5 And they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes.
2 And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit,
3 Who had *his* dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains:

4:22 manifest

(Gr. *phaneroō*) (Eph. 5:13; Col. 3:4; Heb. 9:26; 1 John 1:2) G5319: Used nearly 50 times in the New Testament, mostly by Paul and John, this word means "to reveal, make known, make manifest, show something that has been hidden." It has the connotation of supernatural revelation—something being divinely made known. God reveals Himself and His will (Rom. 3:21). Eventually each person will appear or be examined before God and his or her works will be revealed (2 Cor. 5:10). Thus Christ's revelation or appearing makes it possible for us to one day appear with Him in glory (Col. 3:4).

4:22 abroad ▸ *see 1 Cor. 11:19.*
4:27 sleep ▸ *see 1 Thess. 5:10.*

5:1 country

(Gr. *chōra*) (Matt. 2:12; Mark 5:10; Luke 2:8; Acts 18:23) G5561: This word can refer to a region or territory, not necessarily another nation. The term is used twice in Mark 5 as Jesus deals with the demons terrorizing a man among the Gadarenes. Instead of being evicted from the region, they are sent into the herd of pigs and into oblivion. Jesus uses the term in His parable of the prodigal (Luke 15:13, 15), describing the far place of escape the younger brother sought only to discover that his discontent has traveled with him as he wastes his inheritance.

4 Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any *man* tame him.
5 And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones.
6 But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him,
7 And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, *thou* Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not.
8 For he said unto him, Come out of the man, *thou* unclean spirit.
9 And he asked him, What *is* thy name? And he answered, saying, My name *is* Legion: for we are many.
10 And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country.
11 Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding.
12 And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them.
13 And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea.
14 And they that fed the swine fled, and told *it* in the city, and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that was done.
15 And they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid.
16 And they that saw *it* told them how it befell to him that was possessed with the devil, and *also* concerning the swine.
17 And they began to pray him to depart out of their coasts.
18 And when he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed him that he might be with him.
19 Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee.
20 And he departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him: and all *men* did marvel.

Jairus's Daughter Is Raised to Life

21 And when Jesus was passed over again by ship unto the other side, much people gathered unto him: and he was nigh unto the sea.
22 And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and when he saw him, he fell at his feet,
23 And besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: *I pray thee,* come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live.
24 And *Jesus* went with him; and much people followed him, and thronged him.
25 And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years,
26 And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse,
27 When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment.
28 For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.
29 And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in *her* body that she was healed of that plague.
30 And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes?
31 And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me?
32 And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing.
33 But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth.
34 And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.
35 While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's *house certain* which said, Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further?
36 As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe.

5:10 beseech ▸ *see Luke 7:4.*
5:10 country ▸ *see Mark 5:1.*
5:28 whole ▸ *see Matt. 10:22.*
5:34 peace ▸ *see Luke 2:14.*

37 And he suffered no man to follow him, save Peter, and James, and John the brother of James.
38 And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly.
39 And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth.
40 And they laughed him to scorn. But when he had put them all out, he taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with him, and entereth in where the damsel was lying.
41 And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise.
42 And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was *of the age* of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment.
43 And he charged them straitly that no man should know it; and commanded that something should be given her to eat.

Jesus Is Rejected in Nazareth

6 And he went out from thence, and came into his own country; and his disciples follow him.
2 And when the sabbath day was come, he began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing *him* were astonished, saying, From whence hath this *man* these things? and what wisdom *is* this which is given unto him, that even such mighty works are wrought by his hands?
3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him.
4 But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house.
5 And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed *them*.
6 And he marvelled because of their unbelief. And he went round about the villages, teaching.

The Disciples Sent Forth

7 And he called *unto him* the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two; and gave them power over unclean spirits;
8 And commanded them that they should take nothing for *their* journey, save a staff only; no scrip, no bread, no money in *their* purse:
9 But *be* shod with sandals; and not put on two coats.
10 And he said unto them, In what place soever ye enter into an house, there abide till ye depart from that place.
11 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear you, when ye depart thence, shake off the dust under your feet for a testimony against them. Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment, than for that city.
12 And they went out, and preached that men should repent.
13 And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed *them*.

Herod's Fear of John the Baptist

14 And king Herod heard *of him;* (for his name was spread abroad:) and he said, That John the Baptist was risen from the dead, and therefore mighty works do shew forth themselves in him.
15 Others said, That it is Elias. And others said, That it is a prophet, or as one of the prophets.
16 But when Herod heard *thereof,* he said, It

6:1 own country

(Gr. *patris*) (Matt. 13:57; John 4:44; Heb. 11:14) G3968: An uncommon noun, this word refers to one's fatherland or the place one considers home. All four Gospels recount Jesus' use of "own country" as one of the few places a prophet is disrespected, the others being by his own family and in his own home (Matt. 13:57; Mark 6:4; Luke 4:24; John 4:44). When Jesus came home to Nazareth, the people at the synagogue recognized Him as one of their own and would not listen to His teachings: "'Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas?' . . . And they were offended in him" (Matt. 13:55, 57). Most importantly, the term is applied to the ultimate home of believers: heaven (Heb. 11:14).

6:3 Mary ▸ *see Matt. 2:11.*
6:11 dust ▸ *see Rev. 18:19.*
6:13 anoint ▸ *see James 5:14.*
6:14 name ▸ *see Acts 19:13.*

is John, whom I beheaded: he is risen from the dead.
17 For Herod himself had sent forth and laid hold upon John, and bound him in prison for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife: for he had married her.
18 For John had said unto Herod, It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife.
19 Therefore Herodias had a quarrel against him, and would have killed him; but she could not:
20 For Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just man and an holy, and observed him; and when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly.
21 And when a convenient day was come, that Herod on his birthday made a supper to his lords, high captains, and chief *estates* of Galilee;
22 And when the daughter of the said Herodias came in, and danced, and pleased Herod and them that sat with him, the king said unto the damsel, Ask of me whatsoever thou wilt, and I will give *it* thee.
23 And he sware unto her, Whatsoever thou shalt ask of me, I will give *it* thee, unto the half of my kingdom.
24 And she went forth, and said unto her mother, What shall I ask? And she said, The head of John the Baptist.
25 And she came in straightway with haste unto the king, and asked, saying, I will that thou give me by and by in a charger the head of John the Baptist.
26 And the king was exceeding sorry; *yet* for his oath's sake, and for their sakes which sat with him, he would not reject her.
27 And immediately the king sent an executioner, and commanded his head to be brought: and he went and beheaded him in the prison,
28 And brought his head in a charger, and gave it to the damsel: and the damsel gave it to her mother.
29 And when his disciples heard *of it,* they came and took up his corpse, and laid it in a tomb.

Feeding the Five Thousand

30 And the apostles gathered themselves together unto Jesus, and told him all things, both what they had done, and what they had taught.
31 And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat.
32 And they departed into a desert place by ship privately.
33 And the people saw them departing, and many knew him, and ran afoot thither out of all cities, and outwent them, and came together unto him.
34 And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things.
35 And when the day was now far spent, his disciples came unto him, and said, This is a desert place, and now the time *is* far passed:
36 Send them away, that they may go into the country round about, and into the villages, and buy themselves bread: for they have nothing to eat.
37 He answered and said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they say unto him, Shall we go and buy two hundred pennyworth of bread, and give them to eat?
38 He saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? go and see. And when they knew, they say, Five, and two fishes.
39 And he commanded them to make all sit down by companies upon the green grass.
40 And they sat down in ranks, by hundreds, and by fifties.
41 And when he had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and brake the loaves, and gave *them* to his disciples to set before them; and the two fishes divided he among them all.

6:35 desert

(Gr. *erēmos*) (Mark 1:3; Luke 4:42; 1 Cor. 10:5; Rev. 12:6) G2048: More typically translated "wilderness," this term is usually used of a deserted, desolate place far from other people. The wilderness was the prophesied dwelling place of John the Baptist (Matt. 3:1, 3; 11:7; Mark 1:3, 4; Luke 1:80; 7:24; John 1:23). The wilderness served as a place for Jesus and His disciples to retreat and pray in peace (Mark 1:35; 6:31; Luke 4:42; 5:16); it was also a place of refuge for a woman to escape a serpent in John's visions (Rev. 12:6, 14). Other times, the wilderness is a metaphorical or literal place of testing, suffering, and death (Matt. 4:1; Acts 13:18; 1 Cor. 10:5).

42 And they did all eat, and were filled.
43 And they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments, and of the fishes.
44 And they that did eat of the loaves were about five thousand men.

Jesus Walks on the Sea

45 And straightway he constrained his disciples to get into the ship, and to go to the other side before unto Bethsaida, while he sent away the people.
46 And when he had sent them away, he departed into a mountain to pray.
47 And when even was come, the ship was in the midst of the sea, and he alone on the land.
48 And he saw them toiling in rowing; for the wind was contrary unto them: and about the fourth watch of the night he cometh unto them, walking upon the sea, and would have passed by them.
49 But when they saw him walking upon the sea, they supposed it had been a spirit, and cried out:
50 For they all saw him, and were troubled. And immediately he talked with them, and saith unto them, Be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid.
51 And he went up unto them into the ship; and the wind ceased: and they were sore amazed in themselves beyond measure, and wondered.
52 For they considered not *the miracle* of the loaves: for their heart was hardened.

Those Who Touch Jesus Are Made Well

53 And when they had passed over, they came into the land of Gennesaret, and drew to the shore.
54 And when they were come out of the ship, straightway they knew him,
55 And ran through that whole region round about, and began to carry about in beds those that were sick, where they heard he was.
56 And whithersoever he entered, into villages, or cities, or country, they laid the sick in the streets, and besought him that they might touch if it were but the border of his garment: and as many as touched him were made whole.

The Pharisees Rebuked

7 Then came together unto him the Pharisees, and certain of the scribes, which came from Jerusalem.
2 And when they saw some of his disciples eat bread with defiled, that is to say, with unwashen, hands, they found fault.
3 For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, except they wash *their* hands oft, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders.
4 And *when they come* from the market, except they wash, they eat not. And many other things there be, which they have received to hold, *as* the washing of cups, and pots, brasen vessels, and of tables.
5 Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashen hands?
6 He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with *their* lips, but their heart is far from me.
7 Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching *for* doctrines the commandments of men.
8 For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, *as* the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do.
9 And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.
10 For Moses said, Honour thy father and thy mother; and, Whoso curseth father or mother, let him die the death:
11 But ye say, If a man shall say to his father or mother, *It is* Corban, that is to say, a gift,

6:51 measure ▸ *see John 10:10.*
6:52 harden ▸ *see Mark 8:17.*

7:6 hypocrite

(Gr. *hupokritēs*) G5273: A hypocrite is one whose actions stand opposed to the way he tries to present himself. *Hupokritēs* was also historically used of actors, who, like hypocrites, are masters of playing roles. Jesus often condemns hypocrites, especially ones among the religious leaders, for being overly concerned with appearing righteous ("Ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more a child of hell than yourselves"—Matt. 23:15) and following the minutiae of the law while neglecting "the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith" (Matt. 23:23). Also condemned are those who accuse others of sin while living in sin themselves (Luke 6:42).

by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; *he shall be free.*
12 And ye suffer him no more to do ought for his father or his mother;
13 Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.

Things from Within Defile

14 And when he had called all the people *unto him,* he said unto them, Hearken unto me every one *of you,* and understand:
15 There is nothing from without a man, that entering into him can defile him: but the things which come out of him, those are they that defile the man.
16 If any man have ears to hear, let him hear.
17 And when he was entered into the house from the people, his disciples asked him concerning the parable.
18 And he saith unto them, Are ye so without understanding also? Do ye not perceive, that whatsoever thing from without entereth into the man, *it* cannot defile him;
19 Because it entereth not into his heart, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught, purging all meats?
20 And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man.
21 For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,
22 Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:
23 All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.

A Girl Delivered and a Deaf Man Healed

24 And from thence he arose, and went into the borders of Tyre and Sidon, and entered into an house, and would have no man know *it:* but he could not be hid.
25 For a *certain* woman, whose young daughter had an unclean spirit, heard of him, and came and fell at his feet:
26 The woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by nation; and she besought him that he would cast forth the devil out of her daughter.
27 But Jesus said unto her, Let the children first be filled: for it is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast *it* unto the dogs.
28 And she answered and said unto him, Yes, Lord: yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs.
29 And he said unto her, For this saying go thy way; the devil is gone out of thy daughter.
30 And when she was come to her house, she found the devil gone out, and her daughter laid upon the bed.
31 And again, departing from the coasts of Tyre and Sidon, he came unto the sea of Galilee, through the midst of the coasts of Decapolis.
32 And they bring unto him one that was

7:21 adultery

(Gr. *moicheia*) (Matt. 15:19; John 8:3) G3430: This particular word, used only three times in the New Testament, refers to infidelity which breaks the covenant of marriage. This is the noun form. The verb form, "committing adultery," is G3431 (occurring 15 times). Adultery is forbidden in the Ten Commandments and punishable by stoning (John 8:4, 5). Like all sins, it comes from within the heart of the sinner (Matt. 15:19; Mark 7:21).

7:21 fornication ▸ *see Matt. 15:19.*

7:22 pride

(Gr. *hyperēphania*) G5243: Used only here in Scripture, this word means "pride, haughtiness, arrogance, overestimating one's merits." The word comes from *huper* (G5228), meaning "over," and *phainomai* (G5316), meaning "to appear." This type of person thinks more highly of himself than he should and looks down on others, treating them with contempt or disdain. The Pharisees of Jesus' day exhibited this characteristic, and it stood out against the meek humility of Jesus, who though He was God emptied Himself for us and became our servant (Phil. 2:6–8).

7:27 fill ▸ *see Matt. 15:33.*

7:27 dog

(Gr. *kynarion*) (Matt. 15:26) G2952: Literally "little dog; puppy," this word is used both to refer to a small dog and metaphorically to refer to an unclean person. Jews called the ceremonially impure Gentiles "dogs" as an insult. At first glance it seems Jesus is joining the Jews of His day by insulting the Gentiles, but He does it gently (using the diminutive form of the word), and His intent is to draw from this Gentile woman an expression of faith. She responds to His gentle challenge with bold faith.

deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they beseech him to put his hand upon him.
33 And he took him aside from the multitude, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spit, and touched his tongue;
34 And looking up to heaven, he sighed, and saith unto him, Ephphatha, that is, Be opened.
35 And straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain.
36 And he charged them that they should tell no man: but the more he charged them, so much the more a great deal they published *it;*
37 And were beyond measure astonished, saying, He hath done all things well: he maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak.

Feeding the Multitude

8 In those days the multitude being very great, and having nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples *unto him,* and saith unto them,
2 I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now been with me three days, and have nothing to eat:
3 And if I send them away fasting to their own houses, they will faint by the way: for divers of them came from far.
4 And his disciples answered him, From whence can a man satisfy these *men* with bread here in the wilderness?
5 And he asked them, How many loaves have ye? And they said, Seven.
6 And he commanded the people to sit down on the ground: and he took the seven loaves, and gave thanks, and brake, and gave to his disciples to set before *them;* and they did set *them* before the people.
7 And they had a few small fishes: and he blessed, and commanded to set them also before *them.*
8 So they did eat, and were filled: and they took up of the broken *meat* that was left seven baskets.
9 And they that had eaten were about four thousand: and he sent them away.
10 And straightway he entered into a ship with his disciples, and came into the parts of Dalmanutha.
11 And the Pharisees came forth, and began to question with him, seeking of him a sign from heaven, tempting him.
12 And he sighed deeply in his spirit, and saith, Why doth this generation seek after a sign? verily I say unto you, There shall no sign be given unto this generation.
13 And he left them, and entering into the ship again departed to the other side.

The Leaven of the Pharisees

14 Now *the disciples* had forgotten to take bread, neither had they in the ship with them more than one loaf.
15 And he charged them, saying, Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, and *of* the leaven of Herod.
16 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, *It is* because we have no bread.
17 And when Jesus knew *it,* he saith unto them, Why reason ye, because ye have no bread? perceive ye not yet, neither understand? have ye your heart yet hardened?

8:15 beware ▸ *see 1 Cor. 13:12.*

8:15 leaven

(Gr. *zymē*) (Matt. 13:33; 16:6; 1 Cor. 5:6; Gal. 5:9) G2219: Leaven was a common Jewish metaphor for an invisible, pervasive influence. Its use here as a corrupting influence was an appropriate image to use in describing the subtle but pervasive control the religious leaders had on society. Like leaven that works its way into fresh dough, spreading out through the bread until its effects are evident in the entire batch, so their ideas were gradually infiltrating men's minds until they had penetrated and permeated every part of their thinking. In this context, the leaven of the Pharisees must be linked with their desire to see a sign, because they did not believe in Jesus' identity. Herod also wanted a sign (Luke 23:8). This unbelieving attitude, like leaven, had started to permeate the general population.

8:17 harden

(Gr. *pōroō*) (Mark 6:52; John 12:40; Rom. 11:7; 2 Cor. 3:14) G4456: Taken from the word for a particular type of stone, this means "to petrify, form a callus, cover with thick skin." In Scripture it is only used metaphorically, to describe the hardening of a person's heart or the blinding of a person's mind to truth. This word explains why some people were unable to discern spiritual truth. Second

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18 Having eyes, see ye not? and having ears, hear ye not? and do ye not remember?
19 When I brake the five loaves among five thousand, how many baskets full of fragments took ye up? They say unto him, Twelve.
20 And when the seven among four thousand, how many baskets full of fragments took ye up? And they said, Seven.
21 And he said unto them, How is it that ye do not understand?

Jesus Heals a Blind Man at Bethsaida

22 And he cometh to Bethsaida; and they bring a blind man unto him, and besought him to touch him.
23 And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw ought.
24 And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking.
25 After that he put *his* hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up: and he was restored, and saw every man clearly.
26 And he sent him away to his house, saying, Neither go into the town, nor tell *it* to any in the town.
27 And Jesus went out, and his disciples, into the towns of Caesarea Philippi: and by the way he asked his disciples, saying unto them, Whom do men say that I am?
28 And they answered, John the Baptist: but some *say,* Elias; and others, One of the prophets.
29 And he saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Peter answereth and saith unto him, Thou art the Christ.
30 And he charged them that they should tell no man of him.

Jesus' Coming Death

31 And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and *of* the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.
32 And he spake that saying openly. And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him.
33 But when he had turned about and looked on his disciples, he rebuked Peter, saying, Get thee behind me, Satan: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men.

Follow Me

34 And when he had called the people *unto him* with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.
35 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.
36 For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?
37 Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?
38 Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

Jesus' Transfiguration

9 And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That there be some of them that

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Corinthians 3:14 illustrates this metaphorical use of the word: "But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ."

8:21 understand ▸ *see Acts 7:25.*
8:22 blind ▸ *see John 9:1.*
8:31 suffer ▸ *see Acts 17:3.*
8:34 take up ▸ *see John 15:2.*

8:34 cross

(Gr. *stauros*) (Matt. 10:38; Mark 10:21; Luke 14:27; Gal. 6:14) G4716: Originally used to refer to an upright stake or pole, this word came to mean the cross that was used for execution. The cross was not only the most brutal form of execution the Romans could invent, it was also the most shameful (Phil. 2:8). The phrase "carrying one's cross" was a reference to the way condemned men carried the crosspiece of the cross upon which they were to be hanged. Jesus used this term metaphorically to refer to enduring suffering even to the point of death. We are to follow the example of Christ even to the point of sacrificing our very lives—taking up the cross He calls us to bear, just as He bore the shame and agony of the Cross for us.

stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power.
2 And after six days Jesus taketh *with him* Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them.
3 And his raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them.
4 And there appeared unto them Elias with Moses: and they were talking with Jesus.
5 And Peter answered and said to Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.
6 For he wist not what to say; for they were sore afraid.
7 And there was a cloud that overshadowed them: and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him.
8 And suddenly, when they had looked round about, they saw no man any more, save Jesus only with themselves.
9 And as they came down from the mountain, he charged them that they should tell no man what things they had seen, till the Son of man were risen from the dead.
10 And they kept that saying with themselves, questioning one with another what the rising from the dead should mean.
11 And they asked him, saying, Why say the scribes that Elias must first come?
12 And he answered and told them, Elias verily cometh first, and restoreth all things; and how it is written of the Son of man, that he must suffer many things, and be set at nought.
13 But I say unto you, That Elias is indeed come, and they have done unto him whatsoever they listed, as it is written of him.

A Dumb and Deaf Spirit Cast Out

14 And when he came to *his* disciples, he saw a great multitude about them, and the scribes questioning with them.
15 And straightway all the people, when they beheld him, were greatly amazed, and running to *him* saluted him.
16 And he asked the scribes, What question ye with them?
17 And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit;
18 And wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him: and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out; and they could not.
19 He answereth him, and saith, O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him unto me.
20 And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming.
21 And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child.
22 And ofttimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us.
23 Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things *are* possible to him that believeth.
24 And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.
25 When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, *Thou* dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.
26 And *the spirit* cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead.

9:1 death ▸ *see Rev. 1:18.*
9:5 master ▸ *see Mark 11:21.*
9:15 amazed ▸ *see Mark 14:33.*

9:19 faithless

(Gr. *apistos*) (Matt. 17:17; John 20:27; 1 Cor. 10:27; 2 Cor. 6:14) G0571: This word is formed from the combining of the negative *a* (G0001) with *pistis* (G4103), "faith." So it means "unbelieving, faithless." It can refer to either a specific action of disbelief or to unbelievers in general. In the active sense it means "disbelieving, heathen" and in the passive sense it means "untrustworthy." Those who choose unbelief over belief are choosing a life in rebellion against God, and so this word carries the connotation of being wicked and unrighteous. Yet God's compassionate grace extends to such people.

9:19 suffer ▸ *see 2 Thess. 1:4.*
9:22 have compassion ▸ *see Matt. 14:14.*
9:24 believe ▸ *see Acts 10:43.*

27 But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose.
28 And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, Why could not we cast him out?
29 And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.
30 And they departed thence, and passed through Galilee; and he would not that any man should know *it*.
31 For he taught his disciples, and said unto them, The Son of man is delivered into the hands of men, and they shall kill him; and after that he is killed, he shall rise the third day.
32 But they understood not that saying, and were afraid to ask him.

The Disciples' Dispute

33 And he came to Capernaum: and being in the house he asked them, What was it that ye disputed among yourselves by the way?
34 But they held their peace: for by the way they had disputed among themselves, who *should be* the greatest.
35 And he sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, If any man desire to be first, *the same* shall be last of all, and servant of all.
36 And he took a child, and set him in the midst of them: and when he had taken him in his arms, he said unto them,
37 Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me.

Miracles in Jesus' Name

38 And John answered him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not us: and we forbad him, because he followeth not us.
39 But Jesus said, Forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly speak evil of me.
40 For he that is not against us is on our part.
41 For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward.

Offend Not the Little Ones

42 And whosoever shall offend one of *these* little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea.
43 And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched:
44 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.
45 And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched:
46 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.
47 And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire:
48 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

Have Salt in Yourselves

49 For every one shall be salted with fire, and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt.
50 Salt *is* good: but if the salt have lost his saltness, wherewith will ye season it? Have

9:35 servant

(Gr. *diakonos*) (Matt. 23:11; John 12:26; Phil. 1:1; 1 Tim. 3:8) G1249: This word was probably derived from an obsolete word that meant "to run errands." It literally means "one who executes the commands of another," and so was first used to describe a servant, attendant, or waiter. The term was later adopted by the church to mean a leader of the church who served in an official capacity, such as a deacon. Such people take orders from Jesus their King and Master, and carry out duties of service for members of the church.

9:43 hell ▸ *see James 3:6.*

9:44 worm

(Gr. *skōlēx*) (Mark 9:46) G4663: This word is only used in this quotation, taken from Isaiah 66:24. It means "grub, earthworm, or maggot." The Hebrews understood worms to be part of the process of decomposition in the grave as they feasted on dead bodies. Mark's quotation from Jesus suggests that a never-dying worm torments the damned in hell.

9:46 worm ▸ *see Mark 9:44.*
9:50 salt ▸ *see Luke 14:34.*

salt in yourselves, and have peace one with another.

Marriage and Divorce

10 And he arose from thence, and cometh into the coasts of Judaea by the farther side of Jordan: and the people resort unto him again; and, as he was wont, he taught them again.
2 And the Pharisees came to him, and asked him, Is it lawful for a man to put away *his* wife? tempting him.
3 And he answered and said unto them, What did Moses command you?
4 And they said, Moses suffered to write a bill of divorcement, and to put *her* away.
5 And Jesus answered and said unto them, For the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept.
6 But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female.
7 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife;
8 And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh.
9 What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.
10 And in the house his disciples asked him again of the same *matter.*
11 And he saith unto them, Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, committeth adultery against her.
12 And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery.

Jesus Blesses the Children

13 And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and *his* disciples rebuked those that brought *them.*
14 But when Jesus saw *it,* he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.
15 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.
16 And he took them up in his arms, put *his* hands upon them, and blessed them.

The Rich Young Man

17 And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?
18 And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? *there is* none good but one, *that is,* God.
19 Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother.
20 And he answered and said unto him, Master, all these have I observed from my youth.
21 Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.
22 And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions.

All Things Are Possible with God

23 And Jesus looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!
24 And the disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God!
25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

10:2 Pharisee ▸ *see Mark 2:24.*

10:7 cleave

(Gr. *proskollaō*) (Matt. 19:5; Acts 5:36; Eph. 5:31) G4347: Literally "to glue to, stick to, adhere closely to, join, cleave to," the image is of gluing two things together, as opposed to nailing them together. The bond is so tight that the two surfaces become one entity. The prefix *pros* (G4314) means "to or against," so there is a sense of a person joining himself to something else; the bond is chosen, not forced. Three of the four times this word is used, it is in a quotation from Genesis 2:24. The use of this word in the context of marriage emphasizes the importance of faithfulness and permanence in the marriage relationship.

10:13 bring ▸ *see Heb. 9:28.*
10:21 lack ▸ *see Luke 22:35.*
10:21 cross ▸ *see Mark 8:34.*

26 And they were astonished out of measure, saying among themselves, Who then can be saved?
27 And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men *it is* impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.
28 Then Peter began to say unto him, Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee.
29 And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's,
30 But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.
31 But many *that are* first shall be last; and the last first.

The Disciples Prepared for Jesus' Death

32 And they were in the way going up to Jerusalem; and Jesus went before them: and they were amazed; and as they followed, they were afraid. And he took again the twelve, and began to tell them what things should happen unto him,
33 *Saying,* Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be delivered unto the chief priests, and unto the scribes; and they shall condemn him to death, and shall deliver him to the Gentiles:
34 And they shall mock him, and shall scourge him, and shall spit upon him, and shall kill him: and the third day he shall rise again.

James and John's Request

35 And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, come unto him, saying, Master, we would that thou shouldest do for us whatsoever we shall desire.
36 And he said unto them, What would ye that I should do for you?
37 They said unto him, Grant unto us that we may sit, one on thy right hand, and the other on thy left hand, in thy glory.
38 But Jesus said unto them, Ye know not what ye ask: can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?
39 And they said unto him, We can. And Jesus said unto them, Ye shall indeed drink of the cup that I drink of; and with the baptism that I am baptized withal shall ye be baptized:
40 But to sit on my right hand and on my left hand is not mine to give; but *it shall be given to them* for whom it is prepared.
41 And when the ten heard *it,* they began to be much displeased with James and John.
42 But Jesus called them *to him,* and saith unto them, Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them.
43 But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister:
44 And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all.
45 For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

10:29 brother

(Gr. *adelphos*) (Matt. 5:24; 12:46; 1 Cor. 1:10; 2 Thess. 3:6) G0080: Literally a sibling who shares at least one parent, usually a male sibling but also sometimes brothers and sisters. The word comes from the word for "womb" and the prefix "of the same." Members of the Christian church were often referred to by the title "brethren" in the New Testament. Figuratively this term is applied to anyone sharing a close bond, such as a countryman (Acts 2:29) or a neighbor (Matt. 5:22). Jesus considered the bond between believers to be closer and more important than blood bonds.

10:29 sister

(Gr. *adelphē*) (Matt. 12:50; Mark 3:35; 1 Tim. 5:2; James 2:15) G0079: This word describes the genetic familial bond of a sister—a female who shares at least one parent. Metaphorically it also refers to spiritual siblings, and in that case it is usually written as "brothers and sisters." Jesus repeatedly affirmed that spiritual bonds are stronger than genetic ones. He said, "For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother" (Mark 3:35).

10:35 John ▸ *see Matt. 17:1.*
10:37 right hand ▸ *see 2 Cor. 6:7.*

10:45 ransom

(Gr. *lytron*) (Matt. 20:28) G3083: This word comes from the root meaning "loose." It means "release

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Jesus Heals Bartimaeus

46 And they came to Jericho: and as he went
out of Jericho with his disciples and a great
number of people, blind Bartimaeus, the son
of Timaeus, sat by the highway side begging.
47 And when he heard that it was Jesus of
Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus,
thou son of David, have mercy on me.
48 And many charged him that he should
hold his peace: but he cried the more a great
deal, *Thou* son of David, have mercy on me.
49 And Jesus stood still, and commanded
him to be called. And they call the blind
man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort,
rise; he calleth thee.
50 And he, casting away his garment, rose,
and came to Jesus.
51 And Jesus answered and said unto him,
What wilt thou that I should do unto thee?
The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I
might receive my sight.
52 And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy
faith hath made thee whole. And immedi-
ately he received his sight, and followed Jesus
in the way.

Jesus Enters Jerusalem

11 And when they came nigh to Jerusa-
lem, unto Bethphage and Bethany, at
the mount of Olives, he sendeth forth two of
his disciples,
2 And saith unto them, Go your way into
the village over against you: and as soon as
ye be entered into it, ye shall find a colt tied,
whereon never man sat; loose him, and bring
him.
3 And if any man say unto you, Why do ye
this? say ye that the Lord hath need of him;
and straightway he will send him hither.
4 And they went their way, and found the
colt tied by the door without in a place where
two ways met; and they loose him.
5 And certain of them that stood there said
unto them, What do ye, loosing the colt?
6 And they said unto them even as Jesus
had commanded: and they let them go.
7 And they brought the colt to Jesus, and
cast their garments on him; and he sat upon
him.
8 And many spread their garments in the
way: and others cut down branches off the
trees, and strawed *them* in the way.
9 And they that went before, and they that
followed, cried, saying, Hosanna; Blessed *is*
he that cometh in the name of the Lord:
10 Blessed *be* the kingdom of our father
David, that cometh in the name of the Lord:
Hosanna in the highest.

A Fig Tree Rebuked

11 And Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and
into the temple: and when he had looked
round about upon all things, and now the
eventide was come, he went out unto Beth-
any with the twelve.
12 And on the morrow, when they were
come from Bethany, he was hungry:
13 And seeing a fig tree afar off having
leaves, he came, if haply he might find any
thing thereon: and when he came to it, he
found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs
was not *yet*.
14 And Jesus answered and said unto it, No
man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever. And
his disciples heard *it*.

Moneychangers Evicted

15 And they come to Jerusalem: and Jesus

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or ransom." In other writings it refers to the price paid for the freedom of a prisoner of war, a slave, or a debtor. In Scripture this word is used as an image showing what Christ did for us—He paid the ransom price or penalty for sin (death) on our behalf. This point is made explicit in 1 Timothy 2:6, where this word is combined with the prefix *anti* (G0473)—which means "in place of": "who gave himself a ransom [G0478—*antilytron*] for all, to be testified in due time."

10:49 be of good comfort ▸ *see Acts 23:11.*
10:51 Lord ▸ *see Mark 11:21.*

11:9 hosanna

(Gr. *hōsanna*) (Matt. 21:9; John 12:13) G5614: This word is both an exclamation of joy and a prayer for help. It is featured in three of four Gospels in the story of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, riding on a donkey's colt. Perhaps recognizing this as the fulfillment of the messianic prophecy in Zechariah 9:9, those following Jesus and those who greeted Him at the city gates shouted, "Hosanna; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord" (Mark 11:9; see also Matt. 21:9; John 12:13).

11:11 eventide ▸ *see Luke 22:53.*

went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves;
16 And would not suffer that any man should carry *any* vessel through the temple.
17 And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves.
18 And the scribes and chief priests heard *it,* and sought how they might destroy him: for they feared him, because all the people was astonished at his doctrine.
19 And when even was come, he went out of the city.

The Lesson of the Fig Tree

20 And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots.
21 And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away.
22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.
23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.
24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive *them,* and ye shall have *them.*
25 And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.
26 But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

Jesus' Authority Questioned

27 And they come again to Jerusalem: and as he was walking in the temple, there come to him the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders,
28 And say unto him, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority to do these things?
29 And Jesus answered and said unto them, I will also ask of you one question, and answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things.
30 The baptism of John, was *it* from heaven, or of men? answer me.
31 And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say, Why then did ye not believe him?
32 But if we shall say, Of men; they feared the people: for all *men* counted John, that he was a prophet indeed.
33 And they answered and said unto Jesus, We cannot tell. And Jesus answering saith unto them, Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things.

The Parable of the Vineyard

12 And he began to speak unto them by parables. A *certain* man planted a vineyard, and set an hedge about *it,* and digged *a place for* the winefat, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country.
2 And at the season he sent to the husbandmen a servant, that he might receive from the husbandmen of the fruit of the vineyard.
3 And they caught *him,* and beat him, and sent *him* away empty.

11:21 master

(Gr. *rabbi*) (Mark 9:5; 10:51; 14:45) G4461: In New Testament times, *rabbi* was a respectful title for a teacher well versed in the Mosaic law. The title, which derives from a Hebrew word meaning "great," is often translated "master." *Rabboni*, an Aramaic form of this word, expresses affectionate respect for a teacher (John 20:16). Both the disciples and the teachers of the law honored Jesus with this title. But Jesus warned His disciples not to covet such a title for themselves, for there is only one true teacher, Christ Himself (Matt. 23:6–10).

12:1 vineyard ▸ *see Luke 20:9.*

12:1 go into a far country

(Gr. *apodēmeō*) (Matt. 25:14; Luke 15:13; 20:9) G0589: *Apodēmeō*, a rare word appearing only six times in the New Testament, is used exclusively in parables to describe people departing on journeys to unspecified far-off lands, often for a long time (Matt. 25:15, 19; Luke 20:9). Those making such journeys (such as businessmen or landowners) left their servants or stewards in charge in their absence (Matt. 25:14). The prodigal son, however, takes his inheritance and goes to a far country in hopes of becoming wealthy but instead wastes his money on high living (Luke 15:13).

4 And again he sent unto them another servant; and at him they cast stones, and wounded *him* in the head, and sent *him* away shamefully handled.
5 And again he sent another; and him they killed, and many others; beating some, and killing some.
6 Having yet therefore one son, his wellbeloved, he sent him also last unto them, saying, They will reverence my son.
7 But those husbandmen said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance shall be ours.
8 And they took him, and killed *him,* and cast *him* out of the vineyard.
9 What shall therefore the lord of the vineyard do? he will come and destroy the husbandmen, and will give the vineyard unto others.
10 And have ye not read this scripture; The stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner:
11 This was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?
12 And they sought to lay hold on him, but feared the people: for they knew that he had spoken the parable against them: and they left him, and went their way.

Paying Tribute

13 And they send unto him certain of the Pharisees and of the Herodians, to catch him in *his* words.
14 And when they were come, they say unto him, Master, we know that thou art true, and carest for no man: for thou regardest not the person of men, but teachest the way of God in truth: Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar, or not?
15 Shall we give, or shall we not give? But he, knowing their hypocrisy, said unto them, Why tempt ye me? bring me a penny, that I may see *it.*
16 And they brought *it.* And he saith unto them, Whose *is* this image and superscription? And they said unto him, Caesar's.
17 And Jesus answering said unto them, Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's. And they marvelled at him.

Resurrection Questions

18 Then come unto him the Sadducees, which say there is no resurrection; and they asked him, saying,
19 Master, Moses wrote unto us, If a man's brother die, and leave *his* wife *behind him,* and leave no children, that his brother should take his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother.
20 Now there were seven brethren: and the first took a wife, and dying left no seed.
21 And the second took her, and died, neither left he any seed: and the third likewise.
22 And the seven had her, and left no seed: last of all the woman died also.
23 In the resurrection therefore, when they shall rise, whose wife shall she be of them? for the seven had her to wife.
24 And Jesus answering said unto them, Do ye not therefore err, because ye know not the scriptures, neither the power of God?
25 For when they shall rise from the dead, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage; but are as the angels which are in heaven.
26 And as touching the dead, that they rise: have ye not read in the book of Moses, how in the bush God spake unto him, saying, I *am* the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?
27 He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living: ye therefore do greatly err.

The Scribes and the Commandments

28 And one of the scribes came, and having

12:10 corner

(Gr. *gōnia*) (Matt. 21:42; Acts 4:11; Eph. 2:20; 1 Pet. 2:6, 7) G1137: In biblical times, buildings were often made of cut, squared stone. By uniting two intersecting walls, a stone placed in the corner helped align the whole building and tie it together. In his address before the Jewish Sanhedrin, the apostle Peter quoted Psalm 118:22 and boldly proclaimed that "Jesus Christ of Nazareth," crucified and raised from the dead, was the stone rejected by the builders and "is become the head of the corner" (Acts 4:10, 11; Eph. 2:20). This chief cornerstone, Jesus Christ, is the foundation of the church, because "there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). In Him "all the building, fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord" (Eph. 2:21).

12:12 leave ▸ *see Mark 1:20.*
12:13 Pharisee ▸ *see Mark 2:24.*
12:19 seed ▸ *see Rom. 1:3.*

heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all?
29 And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments *is,* Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:
30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this *is* the first commandment.
31 And the second *is* like, *namely* this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.
32 And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he:
33 And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love *his* neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.
34 And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God. And no man after that durst ask him *any question.*
35 And Jesus answered and said, while he taught in the temple, How say the scribes that Christ is the son of David?
36 For David himself said by the Holy Ghost, The Lord said to my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool.
37 David therefore himself calleth him Lord; and whence is he *then* his son? And the common people heard him gladly.
38 And he said unto them in his doctrine, Beware of the scribes, which love to go in long clothing, and *love* salutations in the marketplaces,
39 And the chief seats in the synagogues, and the uppermost rooms at feasts:
40 Which devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayers: these shall receive greater damnation.

The Widow's Offering of Two Mites

41 And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much.
42 And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing.
43 And he called *unto him* his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury:
44 For all *they* did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, *even* all her living.

Signs of the End Times

13 And as he went out of the temple, one of his disciples saith unto him, Master, see what manner of stones and what buildings *are here!*
2 And Jesus answering said unto him, Seest thou these great buildings? there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.
3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives

12:33 understanding

(Gr. *synesis*) (Luke 2:47; 1 Cor. 1:19; 2 Tim. 2:7) G4907: Unlike *sophia* (G4678), a broad term for wisdom, or *phronēsis* (G5428), which is specifically knowledge and love of the will of God, this term refers to a critical understanding with an awareness of implications. *Synesis* appears only seven times in the New Testament. In this verse it refers primarily to the mind, one's critical faculties (Mark 12:33). This word can refer to knowledge of spiritual matters, such as the scriptures or God's will: "[We] desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding" (Col. 1:9; cf. Luke 2:47; Col. 2:2). It can also be applied to wisdom as given by God (2 Tim. 2:7).

12:38 scribe ▸ *see Luke 15:2.*
12:38 marketplace ▸ *see Acts 16:19.*
12:41 behold ▸ *see John 20:14.*

12:42 mite

(Gr. *lepton*) (Luke 12:59; 21:2) G3016: This very rare word refers to the smallest denomination of coin used in Jesus' time, equivalent to about one-fifth of a cent. Two mites were all the widow in this story had to her name—a truly paltry sum but a fortune to her—and so great was her love of God that she gave them to Him, proving herself more generous than the miserly Pharisees (Mark 12:43; Luke 21:3). The one other appearance of this word comes in an injunction to try to settle disputes with others before taking them to court because the losing party may be locked up until he or she is able to pay every last mite of the settlement (Luke 12:58, 59).

over against the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately,
4 Tell us, when shall these things be? and what *shall be* the sign when all these things shall be fulfilled?

Wars and Rumours of Wars

5 And Jesus answering them began to say, Take heed lest any *man* deceive you:
6 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am *Christ;* and shall deceive many.
7 And when ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, be ye not troubled: for *such things* must needs be; but the end *shall* not *be* yet.
8 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles: these *are* the beginnings of sorrows.
9 But take heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to councils; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten: and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them.
10 And the gospel must first be published among all nations.
11 But when they shall lead *you,* and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost.

Brother Shall Betray Brother

12 Now the brother shall betray the brother to death, and the father the son; and children shall rise up against *their* parents, and shall cause them to be put to death.
13 And ye shall be hated of all *men* for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

Days of Affliction

14 But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains:
15 And let him that is on the housetop not go down into the house, neither enter *therein,* to take any thing out of his house:
16 And let him that is in the field not turn back again for to take up his garment.
17 But woe to them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!
18 And pray ye that your flight be not in the winter.
19 For *in* those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be.
20 And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days.
21 And then if any man shall say to you, Lo, here *is* Christ; or, lo, *he is* there; believe *him* not:
22 For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if *it were* possible, even the elect.
23 But take ye heed: behold, I have foretold you all things.
24 But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light,
25 And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken.

The Son of Man's Coming

26 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.
27 And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.

13:11 deliver ▸ *see Luke 23:25.*
13:20 elect ▸ *see 1 Pet. 2:9.*
13:21 lo ▸ *see Matt. 26:47.*
13:22 false christ ▸ *see Matt. 24:24.*

13:25 star

(Gr. *astēr*) (Matt. 2:2; 1 Cor. 15:41; Rev. 1:16; 2:1) G0792: The term from which we get our words *astronomy* and *astrology.* This word can refer to any bright heavenly body, such as a meteor. In Revelation 1:20, stars represent angels assigned to churches. Here Jesus mentions stars among the cosmic effects associated with the end times. The darkness that follows the great suffering will cause these sources of light to disappear (fall). The final use of this word (Rev. 22:16) honors Jesus by calling Him the "bright and morning star," the One at whose coming a new and endless day begins.

28 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When her branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is near:
29 So ye in like manner, when ye shall see these things come to pass, know that it is nigh, *even* at the doors.
30 Verily I say unto you, that this generation shall not pass, till all these things be done.
31 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

Watch and Pray

32 But of that day and *that* hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.
33 Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.
34 *For the Son of man is* as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch.
35 Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning:
36 Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.
37 And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.

A Woman Anoints Jesus

14 After two days was *the feast of* the passover, and of unleavened bread: and the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take him by craft, and put *him* to death.
2 But they said, Not on the feast *day,* lest there be an uproar of the people.
3 And being in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious; and she brake the box, and poured *it* on his head.
4 And there were some that had indignation within themselves, and said, Why was this waste of the ointment made?
5 For it might have been sold for more than three hundred pence, and have been given to the poor. And they murmured against her.
6 And Jesus said, Let her alone; why trouble ye her? she hath wrought a good work on me.
7 For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good: but me ye have not always.
8 She hath done what she could: she is come aforehand to anoint my body to the burying.
9 Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, *this* also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.
10 And Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went unto the chief priests, to betray him unto them.
11 And when they heard *it,* they were glad, and promised to give him money. And he sought how he might conveniently betray him.

The Passover Prepared

12 And the first day of unleavened bread, when they killed the passover, his disciples said unto him, Where wilt thou that we go and prepare that thou mayest eat the passover?
13 And he sendeth forth two of his disciples, and saith unto them, Go ye into the city, and there shall meet you a man bearing a pitcher of water: follow him.
14 And wheresoever he shall go in, say ye to the goodman of the house, The Master saith, Where is the guestchamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples?
15 And he will shew you a large upper room furnished *and* prepared: there make ready for us.
16 And his disciples went forth, and came into the city, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the passover.

13:27 angel ▸ *see Matt. 4:11.*
13:32 angel ▸ *see Matt. 4:11.*

13:33 watch

(Gr. *agrypneō*) (Luke 21:36; Eph. 6:18; Heb. 13:17) G0069: This rare word, appearing only four times, means "to watch, be watchful, be alert." Believers are instructed to watch for signs of the end of days and the coming of the Son of Man (Mark 13:33; Luke 21:36), being wary not to get caught up in worldly things. Authority figures are watchful of those under them, "as they that must give account" (Heb. 13:17). Believers should also "[pray] always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching [*agrypneō*] thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints" (Eph. 6:18).

14:3 break ▸ *see Rom. 16:20.*
14:5 murmur ▸ *see John 11:38.*

17 And in the evening he cometh with the twelve.
18 And as they sat and did eat, Jesus said, Verily I say unto you, One of you which eateth with me shall betray me.
19 And they began to be sorrowful, and to say unto him one by one, *Is* it I? and another *said, Is* it I?
20 And he answered and said unto them, *It is* one of the twelve, that dippeth with me in the dish.
21 The Son of man indeed goeth, as it is written of him: but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! good were it for that man if he had never been born.

The Lord's Supper

22 And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake *it,* and gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this is my body.
23 And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave *it* to them: and they all drank of it.
24 And he said unto them, This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many.
25 Verily I say unto you, I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day that I drink it new in the kingdom of God.
26 And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.

Peter Asserts His Loyalty

27 And Jesus saith unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered.
28 But after that I am risen, I will go before you into Galilee.
29 But Peter said unto him, Although all shall be offended, yet *will* not I.
30 And Jesus saith unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this day, *even* in this night, before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice.
31 But he spake the more vehemently, If I should die with thee, I will not deny thee in any wise. Likewise also said they all.

Prayer in the Garden

32 And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane: and he saith to his disciples, Sit ye here, while I shall pray.
33 And he taketh with him Peter and James and John, and began to be sore amazed, and to be very heavy;
34 And saith unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death: tarry ye here, and watch.
35 And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.
36 And he said, Abba, Father, all things *are* possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt.
37 And he cometh, and findeth them sleep-

14:23 give thanks ▸ *see Luke 17:16.*

14:24 testament

(Gr. *diathēkē*) (Rom. 11:27; 2 Cor. 3:6; Heb. 8:8; 10:29) G1242: A testament or covenant is an agreement between people or groups, with promises made on both sides. The Bible is essentially the story of two covenants made between God and His created people. The first was given to Abraham (Acts 3:25) and expanded on to Israelites at Mount Sinai; it is characterized by strict laws and "gendereth to bondage" (Gal. 4:24). By breaking that covenant, Israel earned God's wrath (Heb. 8:9). However, Jesus was sent to be "the mediator of the new testament . . . by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament" (Heb. 9:15). Under the New Covenant, which is offered to all people (Rom. 9:6, 8), the focus is on our relationship with God; His Law is inscribed on our hearts and minds (Heb. 10:16). Wine taken during Communion stands for Christ's "blood of the new testament" (Matt. 26:28; cf. Luke 22:20).

14:24 shed ▸ *see Matt. 26:28.*
14:31 vehemently ▸ *see John 10:10.*

14:33 be sore amazed

(Gr. *ekthambeō*) (Mark 9:15; 16:5) G1568: This rare word only occurs four times in the New Testament, all of them in the Gospel of Mark. It's a passive verb which is can mean "be troubled," "be alarmed," or "be amazed." It is more emphatic than simple *thambeō,* "astound," and may imply either positive ("amazed," Mark 9:15) or negative results ("be affrighted," Mark 16:5, 6). A slight variation of this verb, *ekthambos* (G1569), appears as an adjective in Acts 3:11, and is translated "greatly wondering."

14:36 Father ▸ *see Rom. 8:15.*

ing, and saith unto Peter, Simon, sleepest thou? couldest not thou watch one hour?
38 Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly *is* ready, but the flesh *is* weak.
39 And again he went away, and prayed, and spake the same words.
40 And when he returned, he found them asleep again, (for their eyes were heavy,) neither wist they what to answer him.
41 And he cometh the third time, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take *your* rest: it is enough, the hour is come; behold, the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.
42 Rise up, let us go; lo, he that betrayeth me is at hand.

Jesus' Arrest

43 And immediately, while he yet spake, cometh Judas, one of the twelve, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders.
44 And he that betrayed him had given them a token, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he; take him, and lead *him* away safely.
45 And as soon as he was come, he goeth straightway to him, and saith, Master, master; and kissed him.
46 And they laid their hands on him, and took him.
47 And one of them that stood by drew a sword, and smote a servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear.
48 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Are ye come out, as against a thief, with swords and *with* staves to take me?
49 I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and ye took me not: but the scriptures must be fulfilled.
50 And they all forsook him, and fled.
51 And there followed him a certain young man, having a linen cloth cast about *his* naked *body;* and the young men laid hold on him:
52 And he left the linen cloth, and fled from them naked.

Condemnation by the High Priest

53 And they led Jesus away to the high priest: and with him were assembled all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes.
54 And Peter followed him afar off, even into the palace of the high priest: and he sat with the servants, and warmed himself at the fire.
55 And the chief priests and all the council sought for witness against Jesus to put him to death; and found none.
56 For many bare false witness against him, but their witness agreed not together.
57 And there arose certain, and bare false witness against him, saying,
58 We heard him say, I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands.
59 But neither so did their witness agree together.
60 And the high priest stood up in the midst, and asked Jesus, saying, Answerest thou nothing? what *is it which* these witness against thee?
61 But he held his peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him, and said unto him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?
62 And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.
63 Then the high priest rent his clothes, and saith, What need we any further witnesses?
64 Ye have heard the blasphemy: what think

14:45 master ▸ *see Mark 11:21.*

14:53 elder

(Gr. *presbyteros*) (Luke 15:25; Acts 14:23) G4245: The Greek word *presbyteros* is an adjective meaning "older," or "elder," and may be used merely of age (as in Luke 15:25 for the "elder" brother) or substantially of the office of elder. In the New Testament, elders had leadership responsibility in local Jewish synagogues and in the Sanhedrin (as here), as well as in the early Christian congregations (Acts 14:23; 20:17)—perhaps modeled after the synagogues. How closely this *presbyteros* equated to the church's *episkopos*, "bishop" (G1985—Titus 1:5, 7), or *poimen* (G4166), "pastor," is debated, as is the precise import of the 24 "elders" in Revelation 4:4. The title obviously carries great dignity in 2 John 1 and 3 John 1.

14:55 council ▸ *see Acts 5:21.*
14:55 witness ▸ *see John 19:35.*
14:58 temple ▸ *see 1 Cor. 3:16.*

ye? And they all condemned him to be guilty of death.
65 And some began to spit on him, and to cover his face, and to buffet him, and to say unto him, Prophesy: and the servants did strike him with the palms of their hands.

Peter's Denial of Jesus

66 And as Peter was beneath in the palace, there cometh one of the maids of the high priest:
67 And when she saw Peter warming himself, she looked upon him, and said, And thou also wast with Jesus of Nazareth.
68 But he denied, saying, I know not, neither understand I what thou sayest. And he went out into the porch; and the cock crew.
69 And a maid saw him again, and began to say to them that stood by, This is *one* of them.
70 And he denied it again. And a little after, they that stood by said again to Peter, Surely thou art *one* of them: for thou art a Galilaean, and thy speech agreeth *thereto.*
71 But he began to curse and to swear, *saying,* I know not this man of whom ye speak.
72 And the second time the cock crew. And Peter called to mind the word that Jesus said unto him, Before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice. And when he thought thereon, he wept.

Jesus' Trial Before Pilate

15 And straightway in the morning the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council, and bound Jesus, and carried *him* away, and delivered *him* to Pilate.
2 And Pilate asked him, Art thou the King of the Jews? And he answering said unto him, Thou sayest *it.*
3 And the chief priests accused him of many things: but he answered nothing.
4 And Pilate asked him again, saying, Answerest thou nothing? behold how many things they witness against thee.
5 But Jesus yet answered nothing; so that Pilate marvelled.
6 Now at *that* feast he released unto them one prisoner, whomsoever they desired.
7 And there was *one* named Barabbas, *which lay* bound with them that had made insurrection with him, who had committed murder in the insurrection.
8 And the multitude crying aloud began to desire *him to do* as he had ever done unto them.
9 But Pilate answered them, saying, Will ye that I release unto you the King of the Jews?
10 For he knew that the chief priests had delivered him for envy.
11 But the chief priests moved the people, that he should rather release Barabbas unto them.
12 And Pilate answered and said again unto them, What will ye then that I shall do *unto him* whom ye call the King of the Jews?
13 And they cried out again, Crucify him.
14 Then Pilate said unto them, Why, what evil hath he done? And they cried out the more exceedingly, Crucify him.
15 And *so* Pilate, willing to content the people, released Barabbas unto them, and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged *him,* to be crucified.
16 And the soldiers led him away into the hall, called Praetorium; and they call together the whole band.
17 And they clothed him with purple, and platted a crown of thorns, and put it about his *head,*
18 And began to salute him, Hail, King of the Jews!
19 And they smote him on the head with a reed, and did spit upon him, and bowing *their* knees worshipped him.
20 And when they had mocked him, they

15:14 the more exceedingly ▸ *see 2 Cor. 2:4.*

15:17 crown

(Gr. *stephanos*) (John 19:5; James 1:12) G4735: This word is a noun meaning garland, crown, or wreath, generally distinguished from the *diadēma*, the diadem or royal crown (G1238—as Rev. 19:12). The *stephanos* is usually identified with the victor's festal crown, which might be worn by a triumphant athlete or general, by someone honored, or even by royalty at a celebration (Rev. 14:14). It was typically woven from any of various kinds of plants, which may explain its use here in Mark 15:17, even though the soldiers meant it as mockery of Jesus' kingship. The New Testament also uses the related verb *stephanoo*, "to crown" (G4737—Heb. 2:9).

15:19 worship ▸ *see Matt. 9:18.*

took off the purple from him, and put his own clothes on him, and led him out to crucify him.

Jesus Is Crucified at Golgotha

21 And they compel one Simon a Cyrenian, who passed by, coming out of the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to bear his cross.
22 And they bring him unto the place Golgotha, which is, being interpreted, The place of a skull.
23 And they gave him to drink wine mingled with myrrh: but he received *it* not.
24 And when they had crucified him, they parted his garments, casting lots upon them, what every man should take.
25 And it was the third hour, and they crucified him.
26 And the superscription of his accusation was written over, THE KING OF THE JEWS.
27 And with him they crucify two thieves; the one on his right hand, and the other on his left.
28 And the scripture was fulfilled, which saith, And he was numbered with the transgressors.
29 And they that passed by railed on him, wagging their heads, and saying, Ah, thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest *it* in three days,
30 Save thyself, and come down from the cross.
31 Likewise also the chief priests mocking said among themselves with the scribes, He saved others; himself he cannot save.
32 Let Christ the King of Israel descend now from the cross, that we may see and believe. And they that were crucified with him reviled him.

Jesus Dies on the Cross

33 And when the sixth hour was come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.
34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?
35 And some of them that stood by, when they heard *it,* said, Behold, he calleth Elias.
36 And one ran and filled a spunge full of vinegar, and put *it* on a reed, and gave him to drink, saying, Let alone; let us see whether Elias will come to take him down.
37 And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost.
38 And the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom.
39 And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this man was the Son of God.
40 There were also women looking on afar off: among whom was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the less and of Joses, and Salome;
41 (Who also, when he was in Galilee, followed him, and ministered unto him;) and many other women which came up with him unto Jerusalem.
42 And now when the even was come, because it was the preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath,
43 Joseph of Arimathaea, an honourable counsellor, which also waited for the kingdom of God, came, and went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus.
44 And Pilate marvelled if he were already dead: and calling *unto him* the centurion, he asked him whether he had been any while dead.
45 And when he knew *it* of the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph.
46 And he bought fine linen, and took him down, and wrapped him in the linen, and laid him in a sepulchre which was hewn out of a rock, and rolled a stone unto the door of the sepulchre.
47 And Mary Magdalene and Mary *the mother* of Joses beheld where he was laid.

15:21 compel ▸ *see Matt. 5:41.*
15:28 numbered ▸ *see Rom. 4:3.*
15:28 transgressor ▸ *see 2 Thess. 2:8.*

15:34 sabachthani

(Gr. *sabachthani*) (Matt. 27:46) G4518: This Aramaic verb occurs only twice in the New Testament—here and in the parallel at Matthew 27:46. *Sabachthani* transliterates into Greek letters the Aramaic equivalent of the Hebrew *`azabtani* (H5800), "thou hast forsaken me," which is a quote taken from Psalm 22:1.

15:40 James ▸ *see Acts 15:13.*

The Resurrected Christ

16 And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the *mother* of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him.
2 And very early in the morning the first *day* of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun.
3 And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?
4 And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great.
5 And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted.
6 And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him.
7 But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you.
8 And they went out quickly, and fled from the sepulchre; for they trembled and were amazed: neither said they any thing to any *man;* for they were afraid.

Jesus' First Appearance

9 Now when *Jesus* was risen early the first *day* of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils.
10 *And* she went and told them that had been with him, as they mourned and wept.
11 And they, when they had heard that he was alive, and had been seen of her, believed not.
12 After that he appeared in another form unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country.
13 And they went and told *it* unto the residue: neither believed they them.

Jesus' Commission of the Eleven

14 Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.
15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.
16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.
17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;
18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

Jesus Ascends to Heaven

19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.
20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with *them,* and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

16:5 affrighted ▸ *see Mark 14:33.*
16:8 quickly ▸ *see Rev. 22:20.*
16:10 mourn ▸ *see 1 Cor. 5:2.*
16:12 form ▸ *see Phil. 2:6.*
16:14 upbraid ▸ *see James 1:5.*

16:15 gospel

(Gr. *euangelion*) (Matt. 4:23; Mark 1:1, 14; Rom. 1:1; 1 Pet. 4:17) G2098: This Greek word was originally used to describe the "good news" of military victory brought from a messenger to his commander. It then came to mean simply a "good message." In the New Testament it means the Good News of salvation: Jesus Christ came to earth to conquer the sin and evil which plague this world by living a sinless life and sacrificially offering Himself on the Cross. In obedience to Christ's command (Mark 16:15), the apostles continued to share this Good News with the rest of the world because it is Christ's life-giving message to a world that is dying in its sins.

16:20 work with ▸ *see James 2:22.*

16:20 confirm

(Gr. *bebaioō*) (Rom. 15:8; 2 Cor. 1:21) G0950: This Greek verb literally means "to make firm" or "to establish." In the New Testament, this word and its cognates are always used in relationship to the Christian message. The verb is used to speak about both verifying the gospel message (Rom. 15:8; 1 Cor. 1:6) and establishing or strengthening faith in that message (2 Cor. 1:21). Thus, here in Mark 16:20 the word may indicate that the "signs following" confirmed the validity of the word which the disciples preached, or that the signs caused people to believe or strengthened their faith.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

LUKE

LUKE, A PHYSICIAN, WRITES WITH the compassion and warmth of a family doctor as he carefully documents the perfect humanity of the Son of Man, Jesus Christ. Luke emphasizes Jesus' ancestry, birth, and early life before moving carefully and chronologically through His earthly ministry. Growing belief and growing opposition develop side by side. Those who believe are challenged to count the cost of discipleship. Those who oppose will not be satisfied until the Son of Man hangs lifeless on a cross. But the Resurrection insures that His purpose will be fulfilled: "to seek and to save that which was lost" (19:10).

***Kata Loukan,* "According to Luke," is the ancient title that was added to this gospel at a very early date. The Greek name *Luke* appears only three times in the New Testament (Col. 4:14; 2 Tim. 4:11; Philem. 24).**

WATCH WORDS

- **bless** (speak well of; speak a benediction over)—6:28 (also 1:28; 24:30)
- **devour** (eat or completely consume; exploit)—8:5 (also 15:30)
- **mystery** (God's secret plan, hidden from human understanding)—8:10
- **humble** (lack of pride; putting oneself in a lower position)—14:11 (also 3:5)
- **soul** (the inner self)—21:19 (also 2:35)

Luke's Letter to Theophilus

1 Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us,
2 Even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eyewitnesses, and ministers of the word;
3 It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus,
4 That thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed.

An Angel Foretells John's Birth

5 There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and his wife *was* of the daughters of Aaron, and her name *was* Elisabeth.
6 And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.
7 And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were *now* well stricken in years.
8 And it came to pass, that while he executed the priest's office before God in the order of his course,
9 According to the custom of the priest's office, his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord.
10 And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the time of incense.
11 And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense.
12 And when Zacharias saw *him,* he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.
13 But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.

1:3 seem ▸ *see Acts 15:25.*
1:3 very first ▸ *see John 19:11.*
1:6 blameless ▸ *see Heb 8:7.*

14 And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth.
15 For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb.
16 And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God.
17 And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.
18 And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years.
19 And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings.
20 And, behold, thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be performed, because thou believest not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season.
21 And the people waited for Zacharias, and marvelled that he tarried so long in the temple.
22 And when he came out, he could not speak unto them: and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple: for he beckoned unto them, and remained speechless.
23 And it came to pass, that, as soon as the days of his ministration were accomplished, he departed to his own house.
24 And after those days his wife Elisabeth conceived, and hid herself five months, saying,
25 Thus hath the Lord dealt with me in the days wherein he looked on *me,* to take away my reproach among men.

An Angel Foretells Jesus' Birth

26 And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,
27 To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name *was* Mary.
28 And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, *thou that art* highly favoured, the Lord *is* with thee: blessed *art* thou among women.
29 And when she saw *him,* she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.
30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.
31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.
32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:
33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.
34 Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?
35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.
36 And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and

1:15 strong drink

(Gr. *sikera*) G4608: This is actually an Aramaic word, transliterated into Greek, and is only used here in the New Testament. The word refers broadly to any alcoholic drink, including wine. However, it is distinguished here from the word for wine, so it is probably meant to refer to drinks that were more quickly intoxicating than wine—a sweet drink made from grain, vegetables, fruit, or honey.

1:23 ministration ▸ *see Phil. 2:30.*
1:27 virgin ▸ *see Matt. 1:23.*
1:27 Mary ▸ *see Matt. 2:11.*

1:28 favour

(Gr. *charitoō*) (Eph. 1:6) G5487: Here we have the passive form of the word that means "bestow favor or grace on." Thus the angel is calling Mary "graced" or "favored," meaning she has been the recipient (not the source) of grace. Elsewhere this word is defined as "to make graceful, charming, lovely" or "to pursue with grace, compass with favor." The other use of this word in Scripture is in Ephesians 1:6: "to the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted [*charitoō*] in the beloved."

1:28 bless ▸ *see Luke 6:28.*
1:35 angel ▸ *see Matt. 4:11.*

this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren.
37 For with God nothing shall be impossible.
38 And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

Elisabeth's Joy

39 And Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda;
40 And entered into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elisabeth.
41 And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost:
42 And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed *art* thou among women, and blessed *is* the fruit of thy womb.
43 And whence *is* this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?
44 For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy.
45 And blessed *is* she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.

Mary's Joyful Song

46 And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord,
47 And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
48 For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
49 For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy *is* his name.
50 And his mercy *is* on them that fear him from generation to generation.
51 He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
52 He hath put down the mighty from *their* seats, and exalted them of low degree.
53 He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.
54 He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of *his* mercy;
55 As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever.
56 And Mary abode with her about three months, and returned to her own house.

John the Baptist's Birth

57 Now Elisabeth's full time came that she should be delivered; and she brought forth a son.
58 And her neighbours and her cousins heard how the Lord had shewed great mercy upon her; and they rejoiced with her.
59 And it came to pass, that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; and they called him Zacharias, after the name of his father.
60 And his mother answered and said, Not *so;* but he shall be called John.
61 And they said unto her, There is none of thy kindred that is called by this name.
62 And they made signs to his father, how he would have him called.
63 And he asked for a writing table, and wrote, saying, His name is John. And they marvelled all.
64 And his mouth was opened immediately, and his tongue *loosed,* and he spake, and praised God.
65 And fear came on all that dwelt round about them: and all these sayings were noised abroad throughout all the hill country of Judaea.
66 And all they that heard *them* laid *them* up in their hearts, saying, What manner of child

1:38 word ▸ *see 1 Pet. 1:25.*
1:46 magnify ▸ *see Phil. 1:20.*
1:47 Saviour ▸ *see Titus 2:10.*
1:49 mighty ▸ *see Matt. 19:26.*
1:49 great things ▸ *see Acts 2:11.*

1:51 proud

(Gr. *hyperēphanos*) (Rom. 1:30; 2 Tim. 3:2; James 4:6; 1 Pet. 5:5) G5244: A compound form of "above" and "appearing," this word literally means "showing oneself over others." We might translate it as "haughty, proud, arrogant." This characteristic shows up on lists of vices along with descriptions like "violent" and "boasters" (Rom. 1:30). James repeats this theme of God despising pride, telling us that "God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble" (James 4:6).

1:52 mighty ▸ *see Acts 8:27.*
1:52 them of low degree ▸ *see 2 Cor. 7:6.*
1:58 rejoice ▸ *see Luke 15:9.*

shall this be! And the hand of the Lord was with him.
67 And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying,
68 Blessed *be* the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people,
69 And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David;
70 As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began:
71 That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us;
72 To perform the mercy *promised* to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant;
73 The oath which he sware to our father Abraham,
74 That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear,
75 In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.
76 And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;
77 To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins,
78 Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us,
79 To give light to them that sit in darkness and *in* the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.
80 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his shewing unto Israel.

Jesus' Birth in Bethlehem

2 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.
2 (*And* this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)
3 And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.
4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)
5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.
6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.
7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

Tidings of Great Joy

8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.
9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

1:69 salvation

(Gr. *sōtēria*) (Luke 1:71; Acts 4:12; Rom. 1:16; 1 Pet. 1:9) G4991: This word literally means "preservation, deliverance from enemies, rescue from danger, safety." In a spiritual sense, salvation is all of these things. We are preserved from death and rescued from the realm of Satan. This word encompasses both the initiation of salvation (Luke 19:9), all phases of redemption, and the final consummation of our salvation at the return of Christ (Rom. 13:11; Heb. 9:28). Indeed, this is one of the words uttered at the very throne of God: "After this I beheld, and lo, a great multitude, which no man could number . . . stood before the throne, and before the Lamb . . . and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation [*sōtēria*] to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and to the Lamb" (Rev. 7:9, 10).

1:71 be saved ▸ *see Luke 1:69.*
1:77 remission ▸ *see Heb. 9:22.*
1:78 mercy ▸ *see Rom. 9:23.*

1:80 shewing

(Gr. *anadeixis*) G0323: This noun only occurs here in the New Testament. It conveys the idea of making an appearance or the act of being revealed publicly or becoming widely known. It was used by secular Greek writers to signify the choosing, installing, and introduction of public officials. In this case it refers to the obscure life of John the Baptist before the inauguration of his prophetic ministry by the Jordan as the forerunner of the Messiah. As such it probably carries the idea of being part of God's revelation to the world.

2:7 firstborn ▸ *see Heb. 1:6.*
2:7 laid ▸ *see Luke 13:29.*
2:8 country ▸ *see Mark 5:1.*
2:9 afraid ▸ *see 1 John 4:18.*

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.
11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
12 And this *shall be* a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.
13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,
14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.
16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.
17 And when they had seen *it,* they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.
18 And all they that heard *it* wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.
19 But Mary kept all these things, and pondered *them* in her heart.
20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Naming and Presentation

21 And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.
22 And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present *him* to the Lord;
23 (As it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;)
24 And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.

Simeon Beholds God's Salvation

25 And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name *was* Simeon; and the same man *was* just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him.
26 And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.
27 And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law,
28 Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said,
29 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:
30 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
31 Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
32 A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

2:10 bring ▸ *see 1 Pet. 4:6.*
2:11 Saviour ▸ *see Titus 2:10.*

2:14 peace

(Gr. *eirēnē*) (Mark 5:34; John 14:27; Rom. 5:1; Eph. 6:15) G1515: The New Testament equivalent of the Old Testament greeting *shalom*, this word similarly means "a state of tranquility, harmony between individuals, well-being, wholeness." As believers, we know this state can only be achieved through the work of Christ. To be reconciled to God through Christ is to have peace with Him (Rom. 5:1; Eph. 2:14), and that peace gives a sense of calm that is not dependent on circumstances and even flourishes in times of difficulty (John 16:33). In addition, our peace with God overflows into relationships with other people, for peace is a fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22) and is commanded as a way of life (Heb. 12:14; James 3:18).

2:16 Mary ▸ *see Matt. 2:11.*
2:19 Mary ▸ *see Matt. 2:11.*
2:19 heart ▸ *see Rev. 2:23.*
2:32 lighten ▸ *see Rev. 1:1.*

2:32 Gentile

(Gr. *ethnos*) (Acts 26:4; Eph. 2:11; Col. 1:27) G1484: This Greek word is common in the New Testament and means "people" or "nation." In the singular it can refer to any nation or people, including the Jewish nation (as Acts 26:4). The plural can mean "nations" in general (Gal. 3:8), but often indicates peoples in particular distinction from Jews (as here in Luke 2:32; cf. 1 Thess. 4:5). The notion of the church as the "true Israel"

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33 And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him.
34 And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this *child* is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against;
35 (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

Anna Gives Thanks

36 And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity;
37 And she *was* a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served *God* with fastings and prayers night and day.
38 And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem.
39 And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth.
40 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

Jesus Converses with Teachers

41 Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover.
42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast.
43 And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not *of it*.
44 But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among *their* kinsfolk and acquaintance.
45 And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him.
46 And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.
47 And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.
48 And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing.
49 And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?
50 And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them.
51 And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.
52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

John Preaches Repentance

3 Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judaea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of Ituraea and of the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias the tetrarch of Abilene,
2 Annas and Caiaphas being the high priests, the word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness.
3 And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins;

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led to the extension of the meaning *Gentiles* to include reference to non-Christians (as 1 Pet. 2:12; 4:3). There is a similar Greek adjective *ethnikos* (G1482), which means "Gentile" or "pagan," and is used in the New Testament for Gentiles, heathens, and pagans (Matt. 6:7; 18:17).

2:35 sword ▸ *see Rev. 19:15.*
2:35 soul ▸ *see Luke 21:19.*
2:47 understanding ▸ *see Mark 12:33.*
2:51 subject ▸ *see 1 Cor. 14:32.*
2:52 wisdom ▸ *see 1 Cor. 12:8.*
2:52 stature ▸ *see Luke 19:3.*

3:3 preach

(Gr. *kēryssō*) (Matt. 3:1; Acts 10:42; Rom. 10:15) G2784: The Greek verb *kēryssō* means "to proclaim," often with the underlying idea of acting on behalf of an official (Rom. 10:15). It originally indicated the proclamation or announcement of a herald. The word was also used of prophets and preachers and may therefore mean, "to preach." *Kēryssō* usually takes an object indicating what is proclaimed/preached, such as: baptism (here in Luke 3:3), Moses (Acts 15:21), circumcision (Gal.

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4 As it is written in the book of the words of Esaias the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.
5 Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways *shall be* made smooth;
6 And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

John Addresses the Multitude

7 Then said he to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?
8 Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to *our* father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.
9 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.
10 And the people asked him, saying, What shall we do then?
11 He answereth and saith unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise.
12 Then came also publicans to be baptized, and said unto him, Master, what shall we do?
13 And he said unto them, Exact no more than that which is appointed you.
14 And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, And what shall we do? And he said unto them, Do violence to no man, neither accuse *any* falsely; and be content with your wages.
15 And as the people were in expectation, and all men mused in their hearts of John, whether he were the Christ, or not;
16 John answered, saying unto *them* all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:
17 Whose fan *is* in his hand, and he will throughly purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable.
18 And many other things in his exhortation preached he unto the people.
19 But Herod the tetrarch, being reproved by him for Herodias his brother Philip's wife, and for all the evils which Herod had done,
20 Added yet this above all, that he shut up John in prison.

John's Baptism of Jesus

21 Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened,
22 And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.

The Genealogy of Jesus

23 And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, which was *the son* of Heli,
24 Which was *the son* of Matthat, which was *the son* of Levi, which was *the son* of Melchi, which was *the son* of Janna, which was *the son* of Joseph,
25 Which was *the son* of Mattathias, which was *the son* of Amos, which was *the son* of Naum, which was *the son* of Esli, which was *the son* of Nagge,
26 Which was *the son* of Maath, which was *the son* of Mattathias, which was *the son* of

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5:11), Christ (Acts 8:5), the word (2 Tim. 4:2), and especially the gospel (Mark 16:15). The person who does the proclaiming is described as a *kēryx* (G2783—"herald" or "preacher") and the proclamation itself is called a *kērygma* (G2782), which for early Christians meant the gospel.

3:4 book ▸ *see Matt. 1:1.*
3:11 coat ▸ *see Matt. 5:40.*
3:11 impart ▸ *see Rom. 1:11.*

3:14 accuse falsely

(Gr. *sykophanteō*) (Luke 19:8) G4811: This very rare verb is only used twice in the New Testament, and means, "to accuse falsely, slander" (as here) or, "to take by false accusation, extort" (Luke 19:8). Both instances may carry the idea of oppression, given that the word generally designated a malignant informer, one who accused others for the sake of personal gain. The English word *sycophant* comes from the same Greek root but has a derived meaning, referring to someone who is a self-seeking flatterer.

Semei, which was *the son* of Joseph, which was *the son* of Juda,
27 Which was *the son* of Joanna, which was *the son* of Rhesa, which was *the son* of Zorobabel, which was *the son* of Salathiel, which was *the son* of Neri,
28 Which was *the son* of Melchi, which was *the son* of Addi, which was *the son* of Cosam, which was *the son* of Elmodam, which was *the son* of Er,
29 Which was *the son* of Jose, which was *the son* of Eliezer, which was *the son* of Jorim, which was *the son* of Matthat, which was *the son* of Levi,
30 Which was *the son* of Simeon, which was *the son* of Juda, which was *the son* of Joseph, which was *the son* of Jonan, which was *the son* of Eliakim,
31 Which was *the son* of Melea, which was *the son* of Menan, which was *the son* of Mattatha, which was *the son* of Nathan, which was *the son* of David,
32 Which was *the son* of Jesse, which was *the son* of Obed, which was *the son* of Booz, which was *the son* of Salmon, which was *the son* of Naasson,
33 Which was *the son* of Aminadab, which was *the son* of Aram, which was *the son* of Esrom, which was *the son* of Phares, which was *the son* of Juda,
34 Which was *the son* of Jacob, which was *the son* of Isaac, which was *the son* of Abraham, which was *the son* of Thara, which was *the son* of Nachor,
35 Which was *the son* of Saruch, which was *the son* of Ragau, which was *the son* of Phalec, which was *the son* of Heber, which was *the son* of Sala,
36 Which was *the son* of Cainan, which was *the son* of Arphaxad, which was *the son* of Sem, which was *the son* of Noe, which was *the son* of Lamech,
37 Which was *the son* of Mathusala, which was *the son* of Enoch, which was *the son* of Jared, which was *the son* of Maleleel, which was *the son* of Cainan,
38 Which was *the son* of Enos, which was *the son* of Seth, which was *the son* of Adam, which was *the son* of God.

The Temptation of Jesus

4 And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,
2 Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered.
3 And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread.
4 And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.
5 And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.
6 And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.
7 If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine.
8 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.
9 And he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence:
10 For it is written, He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee:
11 And in *their* hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.
12 And Jesus answering said unto him, It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.
13 And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season.

Jesus Preaches in Nazareth

14 And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.

4:12 tempt

(Gr. *ekpeirazō*) (Matt. 4:7; Luke 10:25; 1 Cor. 10:9) G1598: This verb has the idea of putting a person or thing to the test. The positive goal is to establish or prove the true character of something; the negative goal is trying to trap or incriminate the one being tested. Such tests become temptations, as here, when they entice one to evil. However, the promise of God is that all such temptations are resistible and always come with a way of escape (1 Cor. 10:13).

15 And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all.
16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.
17 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,
18 The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,
19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.
20 And he closed the book, and he gave *it* again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.
21 And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.
22 And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son?
23 And he said unto them, Ye will surely say unto me this proverb, Physician, heal thyself: whatsoever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in thy country.
24 And he said, Verily I say unto you, No prophet is accepted in his own country.
25 But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elias, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land;
26 But unto none of them was Elias sent, save unto Sarepta, *a city* of Sidon, unto a woman *that was* a widow.
27 And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Eliseus the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, saving Naaman the Syrian.
28 And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath,
29 And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong.
30 But he passing through the midst of them went his way,

A Spirit of an Unclean Devil

31 And came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and taught them on the sabbath days.
32 And they were astonished at his doctrine: for his word was with power.
33 And in the synagogue there was a man, which had a spirit of an unclean devil, and cried out with a loud voice,
34 Saying, Let *us* alone; what have we to do with thee, *thou* Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art; the Holy One of God.
35 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the devil had thrown him in the midst, he came out of him, and hurt him not.
36 And they were all amazed, and spake among themselves, saying, What a word *is* this! for with authority and power he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out.
37 And the fame of him went out into every place of the country round about.

Jesus' Healing Ministry

38 And he arose out of the synagogue, and entered into Simon's house. And Simon's wife's mother was taken with a great fever; and they besought him for her.
39 And he stood over her, and rebuked the fever; and it left her: and immediately she arose and ministered unto them.
40 Now when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them.
41 And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the Son of

4:18 deliverance ▸ *see Heb. 9:22.*

4:21 fulfil

(Gr. *plēroō*) (Matt. 2:17; 5:17; Phil. 4:18; Col. 4:17) G4137: This common verb has many nuances and shades of meaning. It can signify to come to an end (Acts 7:30), to be complete or filled to the fullest degree (Matt. 13:48; Acts 13:52), to be fully supplied (Phil. 4:18), to carry an activity through to the end (Acts 12:25), to summarize completely (Rom. 15:19; Gal. 5:14), to control (Acts 5:3), or as here, to bring to realization or consummation.

4:25 widow ▸ *see 1 Tim. 5:11.*

God. And he rebuking *them* suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ.
42 And when it was day, he departed and went into a desert place: and the people sought him, and came unto him, and stayed him, that he should not depart from them.
43 And he said unto them, I must preach the kingdom of God to other cities also: for therefore am I sent.
44 And he preached in the synagogues of Galilee.

Fishermen Follow Jesus

5 And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret,
2 And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing *their* nets.
3 And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship.
4 Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.
5 And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.
6 And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake.
7 And they beckoned unto *their* partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.
8 When Simon Peter saw *it,* he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.
9 For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken:
10 And so *was* also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.
11 And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him.

Jesus Heals a Leper

12 And it came to pass, when he was in a certain city, behold a man full of leprosy: who seeing Jesus fell on *his* face, and besought him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.
13 And he put forth *his* hand, and touched him, saying, I will: be thou clean. And immediately the leprosy departed from him.
14 And he charged him to tell no man: but go, and shew thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing, according as Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.
15 But so much the more went there a fame abroad of him: and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by him of their infirmities.
16 And he withdrew himself into the wilderness, and prayed.

Jesus Heals a Man Taken with Palsy

17 And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was *present* to heal them.
18 And, behold, men brought in a bed a man which was taken with a palsy: and they

4:42 desert ▸ *see Mark 6:35.*
5:7 fill ▸ *see Acts 4:8.*
5:8 Peter ▸ *see Matt. 16:18.*

5:10 partner

(Gr. *koinōnos*) (2 Cor. 8:23; Heb. 10:33; 1 Pet. 5:1; 2 Pet. 1:4) G2844: Derived from the adjective *koinos*, common, meaning "partaker" or "partner," this noun is used here in the sense of "business partners" in the fishing trade. The scribes and Pharisees denied that they would have been "partakers" with their ancestors in murdering the prophets (Matt. 23:30). Paul used *koinōnos* once in referring to Titus (2 Cor. 8:23) and once of himself as Philemon's partner (Philem. 17). The first recipients of the Book of Hebrews were companions of those who suffered for Christ (Heb. 10:33). Peter called himself "a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed" (1 Pet. 5:1) and prayed that his readers "might be partakers of the divine nature" (2 Pet. 1:4).

5:12 leprosy ▸ *see Mark 1:42.*

sought *means* to bring him in, and to lay *him* before him.
19 And when they could not find by what *way* they might bring him in because of the multitude, they went upon the housetop, and let him down through the tiling with *his* couch into the midst before Jesus.
20 And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee.
21 And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?
22 But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answering said unto them, What reason ye in your hearts?
23 Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up and walk?
24 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins, (he said unto the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house.
25 And immediately he rose up before them, and took up that whereon he lay, and departed to his own house, glorifying God.
26 And they were all amazed, and they glorified God, and were filled with fear, saying, We have seen strange things to day.

Levi Follows Jesus

27 And after these things he went forth, and saw a publican, named Levi, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he said unto him, Follow me.
28 And he left all, rose up, and followed him.
29 And Levi made him a great feast in his own house: and there was a great company of publicans and of others that sat down with them.
30 But their scribes and Pharisees murmured against his disciples, saying, Why do ye eat and drink with publicans and sinners?
31 And Jesus answering said unto them, They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick.
32 I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

Fasting Customs Addressed

33 And they said unto him, Why do the disciples of John fast often, and make prayers, and likewise *the disciples* of the Pharisees; but thine eat and drink?
34 And he said unto them, Can ye make the children of the bridechamber fast, while the bridegroom is with them?
35 But the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then shall they fast in those days.
36 And he spake also a parable unto them; No man putteth a piece of a new garment upon an old; if otherwise, then both the new maketh a rent, and the piece that was *taken* out of the new agreeth not with the old.
37 And no man putteth new wine into old bottles; else the new wine will burst the bottles, and be spilled, and the bottles shall perish.
38 But new wine must be put into new bottles; and both are preserved.
39 No man also having drunk old *wine* straightway desireth new: for he saith, The old is better.

Behavior on the Sabbath

6 And it came to pass on the second sabbath after the first, that he went through the corn fields; and his disciples plucked the ears of corn, and did eat, rubbing *them* in *their* hands.
2 And certain of the Pharisees said unto them, Why do ye that which is not lawful to do on the sabbath days?
3 And Jesus answering them said, Have ye not read so much as this, what David did, when himself was an hungred, and they which were with him;
4 How he went into the house of God, and did take and eat the shewbread, and gave also

5:26 amaze ▸ *see Acts 10:10.*

5:26 strange

(Gr. *paradoxos*) G3861: The Greek adjective *paradoxos* occurs only here in the New Testament. It is a compound form from *para* (G3844), "contrary to," and *doxa* (G1391), "opinion," and thus refers to things that are strange, unexpected, remarkable, or wonderful in nature. The people were truly amazed at the incredible sight of the paralytic being completely healed, something that defied understanding. *Paradoxos* is the source of the English word *paradox*.

5:31 whole ▸ *see 1 Tim. 1:10.*
5:32 call ▸ *see Gal. 1:6.*
5:36 agree ▸ *see Matt. 18:19.*

to them that were with him; which it is not lawful to eat but for the priests alone?
5 And he said unto them, That the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.
6 And it came to pass also on another sabbath, that he entered into the synagogue and taught: and there was a man whose right hand was withered.
7 And the scribes and Pharisees watched him, whether he would heal on the sabbath day; that they might find an accusation against him.
8 But he knew their thoughts, and said to the man which had the withered hand, Rise up, and stand forth in the midst. And he arose and stood forth.
9 Then said Jesus unto them, I will ask you one thing; Is it lawful on the sabbath days to do good, or to do evil? to save life, or to destroy *it?*
10 And looking round about upon them all, he said unto the man, Stretch forth thy hand. And he did so: and his hand was restored whole as the other.
11 And they were filled with madness; and communed one with another what they might do to Jesus.

Twelve Apostles Chosen

12 And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.
13 And when it was day, he called *unto him* his disciples: and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named apostles;
14 Simon, (whom he also named Peter,) and Andrew his brother, James and John, Philip and Bartholomew,
15 Matthew and Thomas, James the *son* of Alphaeus, and Simon called Zelotes,
16 And Judas *the brother* of James, and Judas Iscariot, which also was the traitor.

Words of Blessing and Woe

17 And he came down with them, and stood in the plain, and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Judaea and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases;
18 And they that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed.
19 And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went virtue out of him, and healed *them* all.
20 And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said, Blessed *be ye* poor: for yours is the kingdom of God.
21 Blessed *are ye* that hunger now: for ye shall be filled. Blessed *are ye* that weep now: for ye shall laugh.
22 Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you *from their company,* and shall reproach *you,* and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake.
23 Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward *is* great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets.
24 But woe unto you that are rich! for ye have received your consolation.

6:8 thought

(Gr. *dialogismos*) (Matt. 15:19; Luke 24:38; 1 Cor. 3:20; Phil. 2:14) G1261: This noun is used several times in the New Testament with a wide range of meanings. Here it refers to thought, opinion, design (cf. Luke 2:35), but elsewhere it means evil designs (Matt. 15:19), the decisions of judges (James 2:4), or even doubt (Luke 24:38), dispute, or argument (Luke 9:46; Phil. 2:14). The related verb *dialogizomai* (G1260) can mean consider, ponder, or reason (Matt. 16:7; Luke 1:29), as well as discuss or argue (Mark 8:16; Luke 20:14). The prefix *dia* in these compound words means "two," and so these words often suggest debate with others or within oneself.

6:13 choose ▸ *see Eph.1:4.*
6:16 James ▸ *see Acts 15:13.*
6:21 weep ▸ *see Luke 19:41.*

6:24 receive

(Gr. *apechō*) (Luke 15:20; 24:13; Phil. 4:18; Philem. 15) G0568: The Greek word *apechō* has a wide range of meanings depending on its relationship with other words in the sentence. When it occurs in the active voice with a stated object, as here, it means to receive something, or even someone, as payment in full (Philem. 15). When it occurs without an object, it means "to be away from" and is usually accompanied by a prepositional phrase with *apo*, "from," giving the place from which one is separated (Luke 24:13). The verb form of this word can also mean "to keep away from," or "abstain from" (*apechomai*, G0567—Acts 15:29; 1 Thess. 5:22).

6:24 consolation ▸ *see Acts 9:31.*

25 Woe unto you that are full! for ye shall hunger. Woe unto you that laugh now! for ye shall mourn and weep.
26 Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets.

Teachings on Treatment of Others

27 But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you,
28 Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you.
29 And unto him that smiteth thee on the *one* cheek offer also the other; and him that taketh away thy cloak forbid not *to take thy* coat also.
30 Give to every man that asketh of thee; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask *them* not again.
31 And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.
32 For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them.
33 And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same.
34 And if ye lend *to them* of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again.
35 But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and *to* the evil.
36 Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.

Teachings on Judging Others

37 Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven:
38 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.
39 And he spake a parable unto them, Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch?
40 The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect shall be as his master.
41 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye?
42 Either how canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me pull out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thyself beholdest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to pull out the mote that is in thy brother's eye.

Good and Bad Fruit

43 For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.
44 For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes.
45 A good man out of the good treasure of

6:25 mourn ▸ *see 1 Cor. 5:2.*

6:28 bless

(Gr. *eulogeō*) (Luke 1:28; 24:30; Eph. 1:3; James 3:9) G2127: A compound form of *eu*, "to be well off" (G2095) and *logos*, "word" (G3056), this word literally means "to speak well of, to bless, to speak a benediction over." This is the word from which we get our word *eulogy*. *Eulogeō* can be used in the context of people praising God (Matt. 21:9), speaking well of other people (Matt. 5:44), or God blessing people (Mark 10:16; Eph. 1:3). God is not stingy with His blessings: Paul told the Ephesians, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ" (Eph. 1:3).

6:34 receive ▸ *see 3 John 8.*
6:35 reward ▸ *see Matt. 10:41.*

6:35 kind

(Gr. *chrēstos*) (Matt. 11:30; Rom. 2:4; 1 Cor. 15:33; Eph. 4:32) G5543: This adjective means good, kind, easy. Its base meaning describes something as being appropriate or superior for a particular use: thus, it figuratively defines Jesus' yoke as "easy" (Matt. 11:30). The comparative form *chrēstoteros* defines old wine as "better" than new wine (Luke 5:39). *Chrēstos* may also describe the moral quality of things ("good manners," 1 Cor. 15:33), or define the actions of people (Eph. 4:32) or God (as here in Luke 6:35) as being kind.

6:40 perfect ▸ *see Heb. 11:3.*
6:43 corrupt ▸ *see Matt. 12:33.*

his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.

Building on a Firm Foundation

46 And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?
47 Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like:
48 He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.
49 But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.

A Centurion's Faith

7 Now when he had ended all his sayings in the audience of the people, he entered into Capernaum.
2 And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear unto him, was sick, and ready to die.
3 And when he heard of Jesus, he sent unto him the elders of the Jews, beseeching him that he would come and heal his servant.
4 And when they came to Jesus, they besought him instantly, saying, That he was worthy for whom he should do this:
5 For he loveth our nation, and he hath built us a synagogue.
6 Then Jesus went with them. And when he was now not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to him, saying unto him, Lord, trouble not thyself: for I am not worthy that thou shouldest enter under my roof:
7 Wherefore neither thought I myself worthy to come unto thee: but say in a word, and my servant shall be healed.
8 For I also am a man set under authority, having under me soldiers, and I say unto one, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth *it*.
9 When Jesus heard these things, he marvelled at him, and turned him about, and said unto the people that followed him, I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.
10 And they that were sent, returning to the house, found the servant whole that had been sick.

Jesus Raises a Dead Man

11 And it came to pass the day after, that he went into a city called Nain; and many of his disciples went with him, and much people.
12 Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her.
13 And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not.
14 And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare *him* stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise.
15 And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother.
16 And there came a fear on all: and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited his people.
17 And this rumour of him went forth throughout all Judaea, and throughout all the region round about.

John's Disciples

18 And the disciples of John shewed him of all these things.
19 And John calling *unto him* two of his disciples sent *them* to Jesus, saying, Art thou he that should come? or look we for another?

6:46 Lord ▸ *see Jude 9.*
7:2 servant ▸ *see Rev. 11:18.*

7:4 beseech

(Gr. *parakaleō*) (Mark 5:10; Luke 8:41; Eph. 4:1; 6:22) G3870: The literal meaning of *parakaleō* is to call (G2564—*kaleō*) alongside (G3844—*para*). This verb encompasses many shades of meaning: as in this verse—to intensely request, plead, or implore, or to ask earnestly (Acts 28:20; 2 Cor. 8:6). It can also mean to invite (Luke 8:41) or to comfort (Eph. 6:22). It is worth noting that Jesus used a form of this word to refer to the Holy Spirit who indwells believers.

20 When the men were come unto him, they said, John Baptist hath sent us unto thee, saying, Art thou he that should come? or look we for another?
21 And in that same hour he cured many of *their* infirmities and plagues, and of evil spirits; and unto many *that were* blind he gave sight.
22 Then Jesus answering said unto them, Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached.
23 And blessed is *he,* whosoever shall not be offended in me.
24 And when the messengers of John were departed, he began to speak unto the people concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness for to see? A reed shaken with the wind?
25 But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, they which are gorgeously apparelled, and live delicately, are in kings' courts.
26 But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? Yea, I say unto you, and much more than a prophet.
27 This is *he,* of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.
28 For I say unto you, Among those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist: but he that is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.
29 And all the people that heard *him,* and the publicans, justified God, being baptized with the baptism of John.
30 But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the counsel of God against themselves, being not baptized of him.
31 And the Lord said, Whereunto then shall I liken the men of this generation? and to what are they like?
32 They are like unto children sitting in the marketplace, and calling one to another, and saying, We have piped unto you, and ye have not danced; we have mourned to you, and ye have not wept.
33 For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine; and ye say, He hath a devil.
34 The Son of man is come eating and drinking; and ye say, Behold a gluttonous man, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners!
35 But wisdom is justified of all her children.

Jesus' Feet Washed with Tears

36 And one of the Pharisees desired him that he would eat with him. And he went into the Pharisee's house, and sat down to meat.
37 And, behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that *Jesus* sat at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster box of ointment,
38 And stood at his feet behind *him* weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe *them* with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed *them* with the ointment.
39 Now when the Pharisee which had bidden him saw *it,* he spake within himself, saying, This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman *this is* that toucheth him: for she is a sinner.
40 And Jesus answering said unto him, Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And he saith, Master, say on.
41 There was a certain creditor which had two debtors: the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty.
42 And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both. Tell me therefore, which of them will love him most?
43 Simon answered and said, I suppose that *he,* to whom he forgave most. And he said unto him, Thou hast rightly judged.
44 And he turned to the woman, and said

7:21 give ▸ *see Col. 3:13.*
7:25 soft ▸ *see 1 Cor. 6:9.*

7:25 delicately

(Gr. *tryphē*) (2 Pet. 2:13) G5172: This Greek word only appears twice in the New Testament and means luxury and splendor (as here) or reveling and carousing (2 Pet 2:13). In both cases, the underlying idea is that of self-indulgence. Many scholars find here in Luke also the idea of softness or "delicate" living that comes as a result of affluence and prosperity. The related Greek verb *trephō* means "to live in luxury" or "self-indulgence, revel, carouse" (G5142—only in James 5:5).

7:32 marketplace ▸ *see Acts 16:19.*
7:38 anoint ▸ *see James 5:14.*

unto Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped *them* with the hairs of her head.
45 Thou gavest me no kiss: but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss my feet.
46 My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment.
47 Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, *the same* loveth little.
48 And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven.
49 And they that sat at meat with him began to say within themselves, Who is this that forgiveth sins also?
50 And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.

Throughout Every City

8 And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God: and the twelve *were* with him,
2 And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils,
3 And Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, which ministered unto him of their substance.
4 And when much people were gathered together, and were come to him out of every city, he spake by a parable:

The Parable of the Sower

5 A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it.
6 And some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture.
7 And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it.
8 And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundredfold.
And when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.
9 And his disciples asked him, saying, What might this parable be?
10 And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand.
11 Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.
12 Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.
13 They on the rock *are they,* which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away.

7:45 kiss ▸ *see 1 Pet. 5:14.*

8:5 devour

(Gr. *katesthiō*) (Matt. 13:4; Luke 15:30; 2 Cor. 11:20; Rev. 11:5) G2719: The meaning is to eat up or completely consume, as here in the description of birds devouring seed. It is used in Luke 15:30 of the son who wasted his inheritance. It also can convey the idea of taking advantage of or exploiting someone (2 Cor. 11:20), such as robbing a widow of all her means (Mark 12:40). It can also signify utter destruction (Rev. 11:5). Metaphorically, it is used to speak of unhealthy interpersonal relations (Gal. 5:15).

8:8 other ▸ *see Acts 4:12.*

8:10 mystery

(Gr. *mystērion*) (1 Cor. 14:2; Eph. 5:32; Col. 1:26; 2 Thess. 2:7) G3466: Unlike its English derivative, *mystery*, which refers to something people try to reason out, *mystērion* in the New Testament refers to God's secret plans and thoughts that are completely hidden from human understanding. As a result, the "mysteries of God" must be revealed to humanity. Here (and in the synoptic parallels), it refers to the coming of the kingdom of God into the world, recognized only by believers. The word is most often found in Paul's letters, where it refers to the whole saving activity of God revealed by the proclamation of Christ (Col. 1:26, 27). Its incomprehensibility to human understanding is seen in the ecstatic utterances of mysteries (1 Cor. 14:2). The word is also applied to the secret or unperceived evil activity of the Antichrist (the "mystery of iniquity," 2 Thess. 2:7).

14 And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of *this* life, and bring no fruit to perfection.
15 But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep *it,* and bring forth fruit with patience.

The Candle's Light

16 No man, when he hath lighted a candle, covereth it with a vessel, or putteth *it* under a bed; but setteth *it* on a candlestick, that they which enter in may see the light.
17 For nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest; neither *any thing* hid, that shall not be known and come abroad.
18 Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have.

The Family of Jesus

19 Then came to him *his* mother and his brethren, and could not come at him for the press.
20 And it was told him *by certain* which said, Thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to see thee.
21 And he answered and said unto them, My mother and my brethren are these which hear the word of God, and do it.

Jesus Calms the Waters

22 Now it came to pass on a certain day, that he went into a ship with his disciples: and he said unto them, Let us go over unto the other side of the lake. And they launched forth.
23 But as they sailed he fell asleep: and there came down a storm of wind on the lake; and they were filled *with water,* and were in jeopardy.
24 And they came to him, and awoke him, saying, Master, master, we perish. Then he arose, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water: and they ceased, and there was a calm.
25 And he said unto them, Where is your faith? And they being afraid wondered, saying one to another, What manner of man is this! for he commandeth even the winds and water, and they obey him.

A Man Possessed with Devils

26 And they arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is over against Galilee.
27 And when he went forth to land, there met him out of the city a certain man, which had devils long time, and ware no clothes, neither abode in *any* house, but in the tombs.
28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, *thou* Son of God most high? I beseech thee, torment me not.
29 (For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For oftentimes it had caught him: and he was kept bound with chains and in fetters; and he brake the bands, and was driven of the devil into the wilderness.)
30 And Jesus asked him, saying, What is thy name? And he said, Legion: because many devils were entered into him.
31 And they besought him that he would not command them to go out into the deep.
32 And there was there an herd of many swine feeding on the mountain: and they besought him that he would suffer them to enter into them. And he suffered them.
33 Then went the devils out of the man, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the lake, and were choked.
34 When they that fed *them* saw what was done, they fled, and went and told *it* in the city and in the country.
35 Then they went out to see what was done; and came to Jesus, and found the man, out of whom the devils were departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid.
36 They also which saw *it* told them by what means he that was possessed of the devils was healed.
37 Then the whole multitude of the country of the Gadarenes round about besought him to depart from them; for they were taken

8:14 care ▸ *see 1 Pet. 5:7.*
8:15 good ▸ *see Matt. 13:48.*
8:15 patience ▸ *see Heb. 10:36.*
8:16 vessel ▸ *see Heb. 9:21.*
8:25 afraid ▸ *see Matt. 10:26.*
8:31 deep ▸ *see Rev. 9:1.*
8:32 feed ▸ *see John 21:17.*

with great fear: and he went up into the ship, and returned back again.
38 Now the man out of whom the devils were departed besought him that he might be with him: but Jesus sent him away, saying,
39 Return to thine own house, and shew how great things God hath done unto thee. And he went his way, and published throughout the whole city how great things Jesus had done unto him.

Jairus's Daughter

40 And it came to pass, that, when Jesus was returned, the people *gladly* received him: for they were all waiting for him.
41 And, behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue: and he fell down at Jesus' feet, and besought him that he would come into his house:
42 For he had one only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she lay a dying. But as he went the people thronged him.
43 And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any,
44 Came behind *him,* and touched the border of his garment: and immediately her issue of blood stanched.
45 And Jesus said, Who touched me? When all denied, Peter and they that were with him said, Master, the multitude throng thee and press *thee,* and sayest thou, Who touched me?
46 And Jesus said, Somebody hath touched me: for I perceive that virtue is gone out of me.
47 And when the woman saw that she was not hid, she came trembling, and falling down before him, she declared unto him before all the people for what cause she had touched him, and how she was healed immediately.
48 And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace.
49 While he yet spake, there cometh one from the ruler of the synagogue's *house,* saying to him, Thy daughter is dead; trouble not the Master.
50 But when Jesus heard *it,* he answered him, saying, Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made whole.
51 And when he came into the house, he suffered no man to go in, save Peter, and James, and John, and the father and the mother of the maiden.
52 And all wept, and bewailed her: but he said, Weep not; she is not dead, but sleepeth.
53 And they laughed him to scorn, knowing that she was dead.
54 And he put them all out, and took her by the hand, and called, saying, Maid, arise.
55 And her spirit came again, and she arose straightway: and he commanded to give her meat.
56 And her parents were astonished: but he charged them that they should tell no man what was done.

The Twelve Sent to Preach and Heal

9 Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases.
2 And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.
3 And he said unto them, Take nothing for *your* journey, neither staves, nor scrip, neither bread, neither money; neither have two coats apiece.
4 And whatsoever house ye enter into, there abide, and thence depart.
5 And whosoever will not receive you, when ye go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet for a testimony against them.
6 And they departed, and went through the towns, preaching the gospel, and healing every where.
7 Now Herod the tetrarch heard of all that

8:41 beseech ▸ *see Luke 7:4.*

8:44 border

(Gr. *kraspedon*) (Matt. 9:20; 14:36; 23:5) G2899: This Greek word meaning "hem" or "border" is used five times in the New Testament. Four times (here and the parallel Matt. 9:20, plus Matt. 14:36 and the parallel Mark 6:56) it refers to the hem/border of Jesus' garment touched by persons seeking healing. In Matthew 23:5 it is used of the tassels or fringe on the hems of the Pharisees' garments, worn as a sign of their religious zeal for the law.

8:45 throng ▸ *see 2 Cor. 5:14.*
8:55 spirit ▸ *see John 3:5.*
9:1 cure ▸ *see Matt. 12:22.*

was done by him: and he was perplexed, because that it was said of some, that John was risen from the dead;
8 And of some, that Elias had appeared; and of others, that one of the old prophets was risen again.
9 And Herod said, John have I beheaded: but who is this, of whom I hear such things? And he desired to see him.

Feeding the Five Thousand

10 And the apostles, when they were returned, told him all that they had done. And he took them, and went aside privately into a desert place belonging to the city called Bethsaida.
11 And the people, when they knew *it,* followed him: and he received them, and spake unto them of the kingdom of God, and healed them that had need of healing.
12 And when the day began to wear away, then came the twelve, and said unto him, Send the multitude away, that they may go into the towns and country round about, and lodge, and get victuals: for we are here in a desert place.
13 But he said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they said, We have no more but five loaves and two fishes; except we should go and buy meat for all this people.
14 For they were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, Make them sit down by fifties in a company.
15 And they did so, and made them all sit down.
16 Then he took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed them, and brake, and gave to the disciples to set before the multitude.
17 And they did eat, and were all filled: and there was taken up of fragments that remained to them twelve baskets.
18 And it came to pass, as he was alone praying, his disciples were with him: and he asked them, saying, Whom say the people that I am?
19 They answering said, John the Baptist; but some *say,* Elias; and others *say,* that one of the old prophets is risen again.
20 He said unto them, But whom say ye that I am? Peter answering said, The Christ of God.
21 And he straitly charged them, and commanded *them* to tell no man that thing;
22 Saying, The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be slain, and be raised the third day.

Follow Me

23 And he said to *them* all, If any *man* will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.
24 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it.
25 For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away?
26 For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and *in his* Father's, and of the holy angels.
27 But I tell you of a truth, there be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the kingdom of God.

Jesus' Transfiguration

28 And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, he took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray.
29 And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment *was* white *and* glistering.
30 And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias:
31 Who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem.
32 But Peter and they that were with him were heavy with sleep: and when they were

9:7 perplexed ▸ *see Luke 24:4.*
9:28 John ▸ *see Matt. 17:1.*

9:31 decease

(Gr. *exodos*) (Heb. 11:22; 2 Pet. 1:15) G1841: The Greek word *exodos* means "going out." It is built on two underlying words—*ek* (out—G1841) and *hodos* (G3598—way, road). The word is most famously used to describe the Exodus from Egypt (Heb. 11:22). However, *exodos* also appears as a euphemism for death, since dying is a form of departure from this life (here in Luke 9:31 as well as in 2 Pet. 1:15).

awake, they saw his glory, and the two men that stood with him.
33 And it came to pass, as they departed from him, Peter said unto Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias: not knowing what he said.
34 While he thus spake, there came a cloud, and overshadowed them: and they feared as they entered into the cloud.
35 And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him.
36 And when the voice was past, Jesus was found alone. And they kept *it* close, and told no man in those days any of those things which they had seen.

Jesus Heals a Possessed Boy

37 And it came to pass, that on the next day, when they were come down from the hill, much people met him.
38 And, behold, a man of the company cried out, saying, Master, I beseech thee, look upon my son: for he is mine only child.
39 And, lo, a spirit taketh him, and he suddenly crieth out; and it teareth him that he foameth again, and bruising him hardly departeth from him.
40 And I besought thy disciples to cast him out; and they could not.
41 And Jesus answering said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you, and suffer you? Bring thy son hither.
42 And as he was yet a coming, the devil threw him down, and tare *him*. And Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the child, and delivered him again to his father.

Jesus Again Predicts His Death

43 And they were all amazed at the mighty power of God. But while they wondered every one at all things which Jesus did, he said unto his disciples,
44 Let these sayings sink down into your ears: for the Son of man shall be delivered into the hands of men.
45 But they understood not this saying, and it was hid from them, that they perceived it not: and they feared to ask him of that saying.

The Least to Be the Greatest

46 Then there arose a reasoning among them, which of them should be greatest.
47 And Jesus, perceiving the thought of their heart, took a child, and set him by him,
48 And said unto them, Whosoever shall receive this child in my name receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me receiveth him that sent me: for he that is least among you all, the same shall be great.
49 And John answered and said, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name; and we forbad him, because he followeth not with us.
50 And Jesus said unto him, Forbid *him* not: for he that is not against us is for us.

Samaritans' Rejection of Jesus

51 And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem,
52 And sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him.
53 And they did not receive him, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem.
54 And when his disciples James and John saw *this,* they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did?
55 But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of.
56 For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save *them.* And they went to another village.

9:43 mighty power

(Gr. *megaleiotēs*) (Acts 19:27; 2 Pet. 1:16) G3168: As here, the word *megaleiotēs* means "majesty, magnificence" and is used especially in connection with a deity. Here it refers specifically to the majesty of God; in Acts 19:27, it refers to that of the Ephesian goddess Artemis. In 2 Peter 1:16, *megaleiotēs* describes the majesty of the transfigured Christ and comes close to being a reverent way of referring to Him personally, as when someone refers to a judge as "your honor."

9:49 follow ▸ *see John 12:26.*
9:52 send ▸ *see John 20:21.*

9:56 destroy

(Gr. *apollymi*) (Matt. 10:28; 26:52; Luke 19:10; 2 John 8) G0622: This Greek verb is a common and general term meaning "to destroy." It

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The High Cost of Discipleship

57 And it came to pass, that, as they went
in the way, a certain *man* said unto him,
Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou
goest.
58 And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have
holes, and birds of the air *have* nests; but the
Son of man hath not where to lay *his* head.
59 And he said unto another, Follow me. But
he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury
my father.
60 Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury
their dead: but go thou and preach the king-
dom of God.
61 And another also said, Lord, I will follow
thee; but let me first go bid them farewell,
which are at home at my house.
62 And Jesus said unto him, No man, having
put his hand to the plough, and looking back,
is fit for the kingdom of God.

Seventy Labourers Sent Forth

10 After these things the Lord appointed
other seventy also, and sent them
two and two before his face into every city
and place, whither he himself would come.
2 Therefore said he unto them, The
harvest truly *is* great, but the labourers
are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the
harvest, that he would send forth labourers
into his harvest.
3 Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as
lambs among wolves.
4 Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes:
and salute no man by the way.
5 And into whatsoever house ye enter, first
say, Peace *be* to this house.
6 And if the son of peace be there, your
peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to
you again.
7 And in the same house remain, eating
and drinking such things as they give: for the
labourer is worthy of his hire. Go not from
house to house.
8 And into whatsoever city ye enter, and
they receive you, eat such things as are set
before you:
9 And heal the sick that are therein, and
say unto them, The kingdom of God is come
nigh unto you.
10 But into whatsoever city ye enter, and
they receive you not, go your ways out into
the streets of the same, and say,
11 Even the very dust of your city, which
cleaveth on us, we do wipe off against you:
notwithstanding be ye sure of this, that the
kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.
12 But I say unto you, that it shall be more
tolerable in that day for Sodom, than for that
city.
13 Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto
thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works had
been done in Tyre and Sidon, which have
been done in you, they had a great while ago
repented, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.
14 But it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and
Sidon at the judgment, than for you.
15 And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted
to heaven, shalt be thrust down to hell.
16 He that heareth you heareth me; and he
that despiseth you despiseth me; and he that
despiseth me despiseth him that sent me.

The Labourers' Joyful Return

17 And the seventy returned again with joy,
saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto
us through thy name.
18 And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as
lightning fall from heaven.
19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread
on serpents and scorpions, and over all the
power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any
means hurt you.
20 Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that
the spirits are subject unto you; but rather
rejoice, because your names are written in
heaven.

Jesus Rejoices in the Spirit

21 In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and

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describes the destruction of both objects (wineskins, Luke 5:37) and persons (here in Luke 9:56). In the latter case, it can mean either the destruction of one's physical life (thus death; Matt. 26:52) or of one's spiritual life (Matt. 10:28). The word also has the less severe meaning, "to lose," either in the sense of "to misplace" (Luke 15:4, 8) or the permanent loss of something one already owns (2 John 8) or hopes to gain (Mark 10:41). This meaning can have a spiritual nuance, as in "the lost" (Luke 19:10). The related verb *sunapollymi* (G4881—"to perish with") appears in Hebrews 11:31, and the name of the underworld angel is likewise very similar—Apollyon, the Destroyer (G0523—Rev. 9:11).

said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight.
22 All things are delivered to me of my Father: and no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, but the Son, and *he* to whom the Son will reveal *him.*
23 And he turned him unto *his* disciples, and said privately, Blessed *are* the eyes which see the things that ye see:
24 For I tell you, that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen *them;* and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard *them.*

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

25 And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?
26 He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou?
27 And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.
28 And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live.
29 But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour?
30 And Jesus answering said, A certain *man* went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded *him,* and departed, leaving *him* half dead.
31 And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.
32 And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked *on him,* and passed by on the other side.
33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion *on him,*
34 And went to *him,* and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.
35 And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave *them* to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.
36 Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?
37 And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

Martha and Mary

38 Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house.
39 And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word.
40 But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me.
41 And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things:
42 But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

The Model Prayer

11 And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.
2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say,

10:21 thank

(Gr. *exomologeō*) (Matt. 11:25; Rom. 14:11; Phil. 2:11; James 5:16) G1843: The Greek word *exomologeō* originally meant "to promise, consent" (as Luke 22:6). However, like the simple verb *homologeō*, it can also mean "to confess, admit, acknowledge" (as Matt. 3:6; Mark 1:5; James 5:16, Phil. 2:11), but with some added emphasis on public or open confession. Here in Luke 10:21, growing out of the idea of confession, it refers to praise, especially praise of God, as also in the rest of the New Testament (Matt. 11:25; Rom. 14:11; 15:9).

10:23 blessed ▸ *see Rev. 22:7.*
10:25 tempt ▸ *see Luke 4:12.*
10:27 love ▸ *see John 3:16.*
10:33 have compassion ▸ *see Matt. 14:14.*
10:41 careful ▸ *see Matt. 6:25.*

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.
3 Give us day by day our daily bread.
4 And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
5 And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves;
6 For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him?
7 And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee.
8 I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.
9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.
10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.
11 If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if *he ask* a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?
12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?
13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

Jesus Accused of Evil

14 And he was casting out a devil, and it was dumb. And it came to pass, when the devil was gone out, the dumb spake; and the people wondered.
15 But some of them said, He casteth out devils through Beelzebub the chief of the devils.
16 And others, tempting *him,* sought of him a sign from heaven.

A House Divided Cannot Stand

17 But he, knowing their thoughts, said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and a house *divided* against a house falleth.
18 If Satan also be divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? because ye say that I cast out devils through Beelzebub.
19 And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your sons cast *them* out? therefore shall they be your judges.
20 But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you.
21 When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace:
22 But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils.
23 He that is not with me is against me: and he that gathereth not with me scattereth.
24 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out.
25 And when he cometh, he findeth *it* swept and garnished.
26 Then goeth he, and taketh *to him* seven other spirits more wicked than himself; and they enter in, and dwell there: and the last *state* of that man is worse than the first.
27 And it came to pass, as he spake these things, a certain woman of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto him, Blessed *is* the womb that bare thee, and the paps which thou hast sucked.
28 But he said, Yea rather, blessed *are* they that hear the word of God, and keep it.

Jonas and the Son of Man

29 And when the people were gathered thick together, he began to say, This is an evil generation: they seek a sign; and there shall no sign be given it, but the sign of Jonas the prophet.
30 For as Jonas was a sign unto the Ninevites, so shall also the Son of man be to this generation.
31 The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation,

11:15 devil ▸ *see 1 Cor. 10:20.*
11:15 Beelzebub ▸ *see Matt. 10:25.*
11:26 dwell ▸ *see James 4:5.*
11:29 sign ▸ *see John 6:26.*

and condemn them: for she came from the utmost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon *is* here.
32 The men of Nineve shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas *is* here.

The Light of the Body

33 No man, when he hath lighted a candle, putteth *it* in a secret place, neither under a bushel, but on a candlestick, that they which come in may see the light.
34 The light of the body is the eye: therefore when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light; but when *thine eye* is evil, thy body also *is* full of darkness.
35 Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness.
36 If thy whole body therefore *be* full of light, having no part dark, the whole shall be full of light, as when the bright shining of a candle doth give thee light.

Jesus Rebukes the Pharisees

37 And as he spake, a certain Pharisee besought him to dine with him: and he went in, and sat down to meat.
38 And when the Pharisee saw *it*, he marvelled that he had not first washed before dinner.
39 And the Lord said unto him, Now do ye Pharisees make clean the outside of the cup and the platter; but your inward part is full of ravening and wickedness.
40 *Ye* fools, did not he that made that which is without make that which is within also?
41 But rather give alms of such things as ye have; and, behold, all things are clean unto you.
42 But woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the love of God: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.
43 Woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye love the uppermost seats in the synagogues, and greetings in the markets.
44 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are as graves which appear not, and the men that walk over *them* are not aware *of them*.

Jesus Rebukes Lawyers

45 Then answered one of the lawyers, and said unto him, Master, thus saying thou reproachest us also.
46 And he said, Woe unto you also, *ye* lawyers! for ye lade men with burdens griev-

11:34 single

(Gr. *haplous*) (Matt. 6:22) G0573: Used only here and in the parallel at Matthew 6:22, the Greek word *haplous* means "simple, single," also "pure" or "sincere." When modifying the word *eye*, as here, it apparently means clear, sound, healthy, resulting from the idea of openness implicit in the root meaning. Some think it indicates a singleness of purpose that keeps one from having double-mindedness and a divided heart. The related word *haplotēs* (G0572) can mean either simplicity or sincerity (as 2 Cor. 11:3; Eph. 6:5) or generosity and liberality (as 2 Cor. 8:2; 9:11—apparently from the idea of openhandedness.

11:35 darkness

(Gr. *skotos*) (Matt. 4:16; Luke 23:44; Acts 26:18; Eph. 5:8) G4655: This comes from the root word *ska* (G4639) meaning "to cover." Here, the word means "shadiness, obscurity." It can refer to physical darkness, like that which descended on the earth when Jesus died, or be used metaphorically as an image for spiritual darkness—an inability to understand truth or a refusal to live according to its light. Darkness is often used as a metaphor for evil and depravity, and so believers are urged not to live as children of darkness, but of the light (Eph. 5:8). This is only possible when the light of Christ shines in our hearts to illuminate the truth and dispel the darkness of Satan (Acts 26:18; 2 Cor. 4:6).

11:45 lawyer

(Gr. *nomikos*) (Matt. 22:35; Luke 14:3; Titus 3:13) G3544: Although this Greek adjective means "pertaining to the law," it is used this way only in Titus 3:9. Elsewhere it refers to a specific person who is learned in the law—in other words, a lawyer. In this sense it identifies Zenas (Titus 3:13) who might have been an expert in Jewish or Roman law, but mostly refers to the Jewish lawyers (Matt. 22:35) mentioned together with the Pharisees (Luke 7:30; 14:3). These were scholars devoted to the mastery of Mosaic and rabbinic law, especially its ethical application. The New Testament associates them with the scribes and Pharisees.

ous to be borne, and ye yourselves touch not the burdens with one of your fingers.
47 Woe unto you! for ye build the sepulchres of the prophets, and your fathers killed them.
48 Truly ye bear witness that ye allow the deeds of your fathers: for they indeed killed them, and ye build their sepulchres.
49 Therefore also said the wisdom of God, I will send them prophets and apostles, and *some* of them they shall slay and persecute:
50 That the blood of all the prophets, which was shed from the foundation of the world, may be required of this generation;
51 From the blood of Abel unto the blood of Zacharias, which perished between the altar and the temple: verily I say unto you, It shall be required of this generation.
52 Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered.
53 And as he said these things unto them, the scribes and the Pharisees began to urge *him* vehemently, and to provoke him to speak of many things:
54 Laying wait for him, and seeking to catch something out of his mouth, that they might accuse him.

Beware of Hypocrisy

12 In the mean time, when there were gathered together an innumerable multitude of people, insomuch that they trode one upon another, he began to say unto his disciples first of all, Beware ye of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.
2 For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known.
3 Therefore whatsoever ye have spoken in darkness shall be heard in the light; and that which ye have spoken in the ear in closets shall be proclaimed upon the housetops.

Fear the Power of God

4 And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do.
5 But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.
6 Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God?
7 But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows.
8 Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God:
9 But he that denieth me before men shall be denied before the angels of God.
10 And whosoever shall speak a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but unto him that blasphemeth against the Holy Ghost it shall not be forgiven.
11 And when they bring you unto the synagogues, and *unto* magistrates, and powers, take ye no thought how or what thing ye shall answer, or what ye shall say:
12 For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say.

Beware of Covetousness

13 And one of the company said unto him, Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me.
14 And he said unto him, Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you?
15 And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.
16 And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully:

12:1 beware ▸ *see Luke 20:46.*
12:1 hypocrisy ▸ *see Gal. 2:13.*

12:3 closet

(Gr. *tameion*) (Matt. 6:6; 24:26; Luke 12:24) G5009: The Greek word *tameion* originally meant a storeroom (as Luke 12:24) but could also refer to an inner or secret room (as here; cf. Matt. 24:26). As a room into which someone typically goes to pray in private (Matt. 6:6), it reflects the idea of an inside room (but not a modern "closet") that could be closed off. The *tameion* implies a contrast with the public, open place.

12:5 fear ▸ *see Matt. 10:26.*
12:5 hell ▸ *see James 3:6.*
12:10 blaspheme ▸ *see Rev. 13:6.*
12:11 bring ▸ *see Heb. 9:28.*
12:15 covetousness ▸ *see Col. 3:5.*

17 And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?
18 And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.
19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, *and* be merry.
20 But God said unto him, *Thou* fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?
21 So *is* he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

Do Not Worry or Be Fearful

22 And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on.
23 The life is more than meat, and the body *is more* than raiment.
24 Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls?
25 And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit?
26 If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest?
27 Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.
28 If then God so clothe the grass, which is to day in the field, and to morrow is cast into the oven; how much more *will he clothe* you, O ye of little faith?
29 And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind.
30 For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things.
31 But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.
32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.
33 Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth.
34 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Be Watchful

35 Let your loins be girded about, and *your* lights burning;
36 And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately.
37 Blessed *are* those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them.
38 And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find *them* so, blessed are those servants.
39 And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through.
40 Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.
41 Then Peter said unto him, Lord, speakest thou this parable unto us, or even to all?
42 And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom *his* lord

12:19 take ease ▸ *see Matt. 11:28.*
12:24 storehouse ▸ *see Luke 12:3.*
12:28 little faith ▸ *see Matt. 8:26.*

12:32 is good pleasure

(Gr. *eudokeō*) (Matt. 3:17; 1 Cor. 1:21; 2 Cor. 12:10; Gal 1:15) G2106: Verb derived from *eu* (G2095), meaning "good, well," and *dokeō* (G1380), meaning "to consider, think." *Eudokeō* means something like "to be well pleased." The basic meaning is used in two ways: (1) to think or consider it good to do something; or (2) to take pleasure or delight in something or someone. The first usage is common in the papyri in legal documents where it stresses the willingness of one's intentions concerning the good. Here in Luke 12:32 it shows the Father's willing resolve to grant the kingdom. The second usage is found in Matthew 3:17 to express the Father's delight and pleasure in His Son's perfect life of obedience at His baptism.

12:37 sit down ▸ *see Luke 13:29.*
12:42 steward ▸ *see 1 Pet. 4:10.*

shall make ruler over his household, to give *them their* portion of meat in due season?
43 Blessed *is* that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.
44 Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath.
45 But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken;
46 The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for *him,* and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.
47 And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not *himself,* neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many *stripes.*
48 But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few *stripes.* For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.
49 I am come to send fire on the earth; and what will I, if it be already kindled?
50 But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished!
51 Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division:
52 For from henceforth there shall be five in one house divided, three against two, and two against three.
53 The father shall be divided against the son, and the son against the father; the mother against the daughter, and the daughter against the mother; the mother in law against her daughter in law, and the daughter in law against her mother in law.

Discerning the Times

54 And he said also to the people, When ye see a cloud rise out of the west, straightway ye say, There cometh a shower; and so it is.
55 And when *ye see* the south wind blow, ye say, There will be heat; and it cometh to pass.
56 *Ye* hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky and of the earth; but how is it that ye do not discern this time?
57 Yea, and why even of yourselves judge ye not what is right?
58 When thou goest with thine adversary to the magistrate, *as thou art* in the way, give diligence that thou mayest be delivered from him; lest he hale thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and the officer cast thee into prison.
59 I tell thee, thou shalt not depart thence, till thou hast paid the very last mite.

Repent or Perish

13 There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.
2 And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things?
3 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.
4 Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem?
5 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.
6 He spake also this parable; A certain *man* had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he

12:42 portion of meat

(Gr. *sitometrion*) G4620: This noun is compounded from *sitos* (G4621) meaning "wheat or grain," and *metron* (G3358) meaning "measure," thus, it literally means a measured allowance of grain or food. It appears only here in the New Testament referring to the steward's assigned responsibility of apportioning the appropriate food allotments to the rest of the servants during the master's absence.

12:59 mite ▸ *see Mark 12:42.*

13:4 sinner

(Gr. *opheiletēs*) (Matt. 18:24; Rom. 1:14; 15:27; Gal. 5:3) G3781: This Greek word originally meant a "debtor" (Matt. 18:24), one who was obligated in some way, even in a good sense (as Rom. 1:14; 15:27). Out of this meaning later developed the nuance of one liable (for wrongdoing), as in Matthew 6:12, and thus a sinner, as here in Luke 13:4. The related words, *opheilēma* (G3783) and *opheilō* (G3784), can also be used to describe ordinary debt, ethical obligations, or even sinful guilt and liability.

13:6 vineyard ▸ *see Luke 20:9.*

came and sought fruit thereon, and found none.
7 Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground?
8 And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung *it:*
9 And if it bear fruit, *well:* and if not, *then* after that thou shalt cut it down.

A Woman with Infirmity Healed

10 And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.
11 And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up *herself.*
12 And when Jesus saw her, he called *her to him,* and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.
13 And he laid *his* hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.
14 And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day.
15 The Lord then answered him, and said, *Thou* hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or *his* ass from the stall, and lead *him* away to watering?
16 And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?
17 And when he had said these things, all his adversaries were ashamed: and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him.

The Kingdom of God

18 Then said he, Unto what is the kingdom of God like? and whereunto shall I resemble it?
19 It is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and cast into his garden; and it grew, and waxed a great tree; and the fowls of the air lodged in the branches of it.
20 And again he said, Whereunto shall I liken the kingdom of God?
21 It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

The Strait Gate

22 And he went through the cities and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem.
23 Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them,
24 Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.
25 When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are:
26 Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets.
27 But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all *ye* workers of iniquity.
28 There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you *yourselves* thrust out.
29 And they shall come from the east, and *from* the west, and from the north, and *from* the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God.
30 And, behold, there are last which shall be first, and there are first which shall be last.

Jerusalem's Desolate House

31 The same day there came certain of the

13:24 strive ▸ *see 2 Tim. 4:7.*

13:29 sit down

(Gr. *anaklinō*) (Matt. 14:19; Luke 2:7; 12:37) G0347: Since in first-century culture formal meals were eaten while reclining on couches, the word usually has that context in the New Testament. It came to mean, simply, "to recline" (for a meal), as in Luke 12:37. The word also describes the way the people sat down when Jesus fed the five thousand (Matt. 14:19). Here in Luke 13:29 (and in the parallel Matt. 8:11), the reference is to the messianic banquet. The similar compound verb *kataklinō* (G2625) has essentially the same range of meanings.

Pharisees, saying unto him, Get thee out, and depart hence: for Herod will kill thee.
32 And he said unto them, Go ye, and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures to day and to morrow, and the third *day* I shall be perfected.
33 Nevertheless I must walk to day, and to morrow, and the *day* following: for it cannot be that a prophet perish out of Jerusalem.
34 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen *doth gather* her brood under *her* wings, and ye would not!
35 Behold, your house is left unto you desolate: and verily I say unto you, Ye shall not see me, until *the time* come when ye shall say, Blessed *is* he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Teachings on Humility

14 And it came to pass, as he went into the house of one of the chief Pharisees to eat bread on the sabbath day, that they watched him.
2 And, behold, there was a certain man before him which had the dropsy.
3 And Jesus answering spake unto the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath day?
4 And they held their peace. And he took *him,* and healed him, and let him go;
5 And answered them, saying, Which of you shall have an ass or an ox fallen into a pit, and will not straightway pull him out on the sabbath day?
6 And they could not answer him again to these things.
7 And he put forth a parable to those which were bidden, when he marked how they chose out the chief rooms; saying unto them,
8 When thou art bidden of any *man* to a wedding, sit not down in the highest room; lest a more honourable man than thou be bidden of him;
9 And he that bade thee and him come and say to thee, Give this man place; and thou begin with shame to take the lowest room.
10 But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest room; that when he that bade thee cometh, he may say unto thee, Friend, go up higher: then shalt thou have worship in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee.
11 For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.
12 Then said he also to him that bade him, When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor *thy* rich neighbours; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompence be made thee.
13 But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind:
14 And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.

A Great Supper

15 And when one of them that sat at meat with him heard these things, he said unto him, Blessed *is* he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God.
16 Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many:
17 And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready.
18 And they all with one *consent* began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused.
19 And another said, I have bought five yoke

13:32 cure ▸ *see Acts 4:22.*
13:34 hen ▸ *see Matt. 23:37.*
14:3 lawyer ▸ *see Luke 11:45.*
14:10 friend ▸ *see John 15:14.*

14:11 humble

(Gr. *tapeinoō*) (Matt. 18:4; 2 Cor. 12:21; Phil. 2:8; James 4:10; 1 Pet. 5:6) G5013: In Luke 3:5, *tapeinoō* refers to leveling a mountain. Sometimes it has the negative connotation: to humiliate or humble people by assigning them to a lower place or exposing them to shame (as 2 Cor. 12:21). But it often indicates the positive virtue of humbling oneself like a child in contrast to manifesting pride (Matt. 18:4; here in Luke 14:11; James 4:10; 1 Pet 5:6). Jesus sets the example for us all in this, since, "being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross" (Phil. 2:8).

14:12 recompence ▸ *see Rom. 11:9.*

of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused.
20 And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.
21 So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind.
22 And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room.
23 And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel *them* to come in, that my house may be filled.
24 For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.

The Cost of Discipleship

25 And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them,
26 If any *man* come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.
27 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.
28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have *sufficient* to finish *it?*
29 Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish *it,* all that behold *it* begin to mock him,
30 Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish.
31 Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand?
32 Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and desireth conditions of peace.
33 So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.
34 Salt *is* good: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be seasoned?
35 It is neither fit for the land, nor yet for the dunghill; *but* men cast it out. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

A Lost Sheep, a Lost Coin, and a Lost Son

15 Then drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him.
2 And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them.
3 And he spake this parable unto them, saying,
4 What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?
5 And when he hath found *it,* he layeth *it* on his shoulders, rejoicing.
6 And when he cometh home, he calleth together *his* friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost.
7 I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

14:21 angry ▸ *see Rev. 12:17.*
14:26 children ▸ *see Mark 2:5.*
14:27 cross ▸ *see Mark 8:34.*

14:34 salt

(Gr. *halas*) (Matt. 5:13; Mark 9:50; Col. 4:6) G0217: Here (and in the parallels Matt. 5:13; Mark 9:50) Jesus may have been thinking about one or more of the properties of salt. Interpreters debate whether it is the seasoning, preserving, or fertilizing of salt that is paralleled by the spiritual qualities of disciples. In Colossians 4:6, a similar quality is figuratively applied to a Christian's speech.

15:2 scribe

(Gr. *grammateus*) (Matt. 2:4; 23:13; Mark 12:38; Luke 20:1; John 8:3) G1122: In Acts 19:35, the word is used to refer to a secular official, such as the town clerk at Ephesus. Every other usage signifies a scholar or expert in religious matters (always male) with advanced training in both interpreting and teaching the Holy Scriptures. In Christ's famous denunciation in Matthew 23, it is the Jewish scribes and the Pharisees who are singled out for rebuke. Six times He says to them, "Woe unto you"—proving that mere knowledge of God's Word is not enough.

15:6 friend ▸ *see John 15:14.*
15:6 rejoice ▸ *see Luke 15:9.*

8 Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find *it*?
9 And when she hath found *it*, she calleth *her* friends and *her* neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost.
10 Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.
11 And he said, A certain man had two sons:
12 And the younger of them said to *his* father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth *to me*. And he divided unto them *his* living.
13 And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.
14 And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.
15 And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.
16 And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him.
17 And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!
18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,
19 And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.
20 And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.
21 And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.
22 But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put *it* on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on *his* feet:
23 And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill *it;* and let us eat, and be merry:
24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.
25 Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard musick and dancing.
26 And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant.
27 And he said unto him, Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound.
28 And he was angry, and would not go in: therefore came his father out, and intreated him.
29 And he answering said to *his* father, Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment: and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends:
30 But as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf.
31 And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine.
32 It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found.

An Unjust Steward

16 And he said also unto his disciples, There was a certain rich man, which had a steward; and the same was accused unto him that he had wasted his goods.
2 And he called him, and said unto him, How is it that I hear this of thee? give an account of thy stewardship; for thou mayest be no longer steward.

15:9 rejoice

(Gr. *synchairō*) (Luke 1:58; 15:6; 1 Cor. 12:26; 13:6; Phil. 2:17) G4796: This compound verb is made up of the Greek words *chairō* (G5463—to rejoice) and *syn* (G4862—with), thus the idea is to celebrate with or to take part in the joy of another. In his letter to the Philippian church, which speaks so much about the meaning of *koinōnia* (i.e., the fellowship, the common life we share in Christ), the apostle Paul speaks of the rejoicing he shares with these beloved brothers and sisters in Christ (Phil. 2:17, 18).

15:13 into a far country ▸ *see Mark 12:1.*
15:15 feed ▸ *see John 21:17.*
15:20 off ▸ *see Luke 6:24.*
15:25 elder ▸ *see Mark 14:53.*
15:27 receive ▸ *see 3 John 8.*
15:30 devour ▸ *see Luke 8:5.*
16:2 stewardship ▸ *see Eph. 3:2.*

3 Then the steward said within himself, What shall I do? for my lord taketh away from me the stewardship: I cannot dig; to beg I am ashamed.
4 I am resolved what to do, that, when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.
5 So he called every one of his lord's debtors *unto him,* and said unto the first, How much owest thou unto my lord?
6 And he said, An hundred measures of oil. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and sit down quickly, and write fifty.
7 Then said he to another, And how much owest thou? And he said, An hundred measures of wheat. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and write fourscore.
8 And the lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light.
9 And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations.
10 He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.
11 If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true *riches?*
12 And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?
13 No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

God Knows the Heart

14 And the Pharisees also, who were covetous, heard all these things: and they derided him.
15 And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.
16 The law and the prophets *were* until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it.
17 And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail.
18 Whosoever putteth away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth adultery: and whosoever marrieth her that is put away from *her* husband committeth adultery.

The Rich Man and the Beggar

19 There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:
20 And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,
21 And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.
22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;
23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in

16:4 put out

(Gr. *methistēmi*) (Acts 13:22; 19:26; 1 Cor. 13:2; Col. 1:13) G3179: This word's literal definition of "to set aside" comes from its root words—*meta* (G3326) meaning "after" and *histēmi* (G2476) meaning "to cause or make to stand." In usage it means "to transpose, transfer from one place to another, to change the situation of." Here the word implies a negative change, but in Colossians 1:13 this word is used to indicate a positive change: "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated [*methistēmi*] us into the kingdom of his dear Son."

16:9 mammon

(Gr. *mamōnas*) (Matt. 6:24; Luke 16:11) G3126: This is the Greek translation of an Aramaic noun meaning riches, wealth, property. Here and in Luke 16:11 it is used somewhat disparagingly of material possessions in contrast to true spiritual riches. In Luke 16:13 and the parallel in Matthew 6:24 it is personified as a rival god of affluence.

16:11 mammon ▸ *see Luke 16:9.*
16:13 other ▸ *see Acts 4:12.*
16:14 deride ▸ *see Luke 23:35.*
16:17 heaven ▸ *see Rev. 21:1.*
16:17 tittle ▸ *see Matt. 5:18.*

16:23 hell

(Gr. *hadēs*) (Matt. 11:23; 16:18; Acts 2:27; Rev. 1:18; 20:13) G0086: "Hell" here is Hades, another name for the place or state of the dead. In Matthew 11:23

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torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.
24 And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.
25 But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.
26 And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that *would come* from thence.
27 Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house:
28 For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.
29 Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.
30 And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.
31 And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

Offences Will Come

17 Then said he unto the disciples, It is impossible but that offences will come: but woe *unto him,* through whom they come!
2 It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones.
3 Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him.
4 And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him.
5 And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.
6 And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.
7 But which of you, having a servant plowing or feeding cattle, will say unto him by and by, when he is come from the field, Go and sit down to meat?
8 And will not rather say unto him, Make ready wherewith I may sup, and gird thyself, and serve me, till I have eaten and drunken; and afterward thou shalt eat and drink?
9 Doth he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I trow not.
10 So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do.

Jesus Heals Ten Lepers

11 And it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee.
12 And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off:
13 And they lifted up *their* voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.
14 And when he saw *them,* he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests.

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(parallel Luke 10:15) and Acts 2:27–31, it translates the Hebrew *she'ol* (H7585) likewise a broad word for the place or state of the dead. It is used in loose association with death in Revelation 1:18; 6:8; 20:13, 14. Here in Luke 16:23, it is specifically the setting of the wicked dead in torment and thus essentially synonymous with Gehenna (G1067—James 3:6).

17:2 sea ▸ *see Rev. 13:1.*

17:2 offend

(Gr. *skandalizō*) (Matt. 5:29; 13:21; John 6:61; 1 Cor. 8:13) G4624: The word is the verb form of a Greek noun that means "stumbling block" or "snare." The term refers to the trigger which springs a trap. In the New Testament it means anything that hinders someone from doing what is right or causes one to sin or fall away from the faith. Jesus emphatically warns that stumbling blocks are sure to come our way. Nonetheless, He condemned those who put stumbling blocks in the way of believers. He says that death by drowning would be preferable to offending "one of these little ones" in the faith.

And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed.
15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God,
16 And fell down on *his* face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan.
17 And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where *are* the nine?
18 There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.
19 And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.

Teachings on God's Kingdom

20 And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:
21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.
22 And he said unto the disciples, The days will come, when ye shall desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, and ye shall not see *it*.
23 And they shall say to you, See here; or, see there: go not after *them,* nor follow *them*.
24 For as the lightning, that lighteneth out of the one *part* under heaven, shineth unto the other *part* under heaven; so shall also the Son of man be in his day.
25 But first must he suffer many things, and be rejected of this generation.
26 And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.
27 They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.
28 Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;
29 But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed *them* all.
30 Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.
31 In that day, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away: and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back.
32 Remember Lot's wife.
33 Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it.
34 I tell you, in that night there shall be two *men* in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left.
35 Two *women* shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left.
36 Two *men* shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.
37 And they answered and said unto him, Where, Lord? And he said unto them, Wheresoever the body *is,* thither will the eagles be gathered together.

God Avenges His Own

18 And he spake a parable unto them *to this end,* that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;
2 Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man:
3 And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary.
4 And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man;
5 Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.
6 And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith.
7 And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?
8 I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

17:16 give thanks

(Gr. *eucharisteō*) (Matt. 26:27; Mark 14:23; Rom. 1:8; 14:6; 16:4) G2168: The word may emphasize either the act of communicating thanks or the attitude of being thankful. Its use here illustrates the difficulty of determining which nuance is more central in a particular occurrence. In the New Testament it always describes the giving of thanks to God, except in Romans 16:4 where Paul expresses thanks to Priscilla and Aquila. *Eucharisteō* is also used for offering the benediction or "saying grace" before a meal (Mark 14:23; Rom. 14:6), a use it shares with *eulogeō* (G2127—Mark 8:6, 7 where both words appear).

18:6 unjust ▸ *see John 7:12.*

The Pharisee and the Publican

9 And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:
10 Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican.
11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men *are,* extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.
12 I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.
13 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as *his* eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.
14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified *rather* than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

Let the Children Come

15 And they brought unto him also infants, that he would touch them: but when *his* disciples saw *it,* they rebuked them.
16 But Jesus called them *unto him,* and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.
17 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein.

A Ruler's Love of Money

18 And a certain ruler asked him, saying, Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?
19 And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? none *is* good, save one, *that is,* God.
20 Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother.
21 And he said, All these have I kept from my youth up.
22 Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me.
23 And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: for he was very rich.
24 And when Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful, he said, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!
25 For it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.
26 And they that heard *it* said, Who then can be saved?
27 And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.
28 Then Peter said, Lo, we have left all, and followed thee.
29 And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake,
30 Who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting.

Jesus' Coming Death

31 Then he took *unto him* the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished.
32 For he shall be delivered unto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and spitefully entreated, and spitted on:
33 And they shall scourge *him,* and put him to death: and the third day he shall rise again.
34 And they understood none of these things: and this saying was hid from them, neither knew they the things which were spoken.

18:13 be merciful

(Gr. *hilaskomai*) (Heb. 2:17) G2433: Here in Luke the meaning of *hilaskomai* is more closely related to the root adjective *hileos* (G2436) meaning, "gracious, merciful." To "propitiate" means "to satisfy the demands of" or "appease" someone, in this case, an offended deity. Sacrifice is the method God chose to make satisfaction for sins. Hebrews 2:17 says that Jesus propitiated, or made satisfaction for, the sins of His people; His sacrificial death paid the penalty of sin, satisfying the righteous wrath of God.

18:29 leave ▸ *see Mark 1:20.*
18:30 receive ▸ *see 3 John 8.*
18:32 spitefully entreat ▸ *see Matt. 22:6.*

Jesus Heals a Blind Man

35 And it came to pass, that as he was come nigh unto Jericho, a certain blind man sat by the way side begging:
36 And hearing the multitude pass by, he asked what it meant.
37 And they told him, that Jesus of Nazareth passeth by.
38 And he cried, saying, Jesus, *thou* son of David, have mercy on me.
39 And they which went before rebuked him, that he should hold his peace: but he cried so much the more, *Thou* son of David, have mercy on me.
40 And Jesus stood, and commanded him to be brought unto him: and when he was come near, he asked him,
41 Saying, What wilt thou that I shall do unto thee? And he said, Lord, that I may receive my sight.
42 And Jesus said unto him, Receive thy sight: thy faith hath saved thee.
43 And immediately he received his sight, and followed him, glorifying God: and all the people, when they saw *it,* gave praise unto God.

Jesus' Encounter with Zacchaeus

19 And *Jesus* entered and passed through Jericho.
2 And, behold, *there was* a man named Zacchaeus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich.
3 And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature.
4 And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycomore tree to see him: for he was to pass that *way.*
5 And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house.
6 And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully.
7 And when they saw *it,* they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner.
8 And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore *him* fourfold.
9 And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham.
10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

A Nobleman's Ten Pounds

11 And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear.
12 He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return.
13 And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come.
14 But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this *man* to reign over us.
15 And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading.
16 Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds.
17 And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities.
18 And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds.

19:3 stature

(Gr. *hēlikia*) (Luke 2:52; John 9:21; Eph. 4:13) G2244: This noun means either physical/bodily stature (as here, referring to Zacchaeus's height) or to life span, including the age of (legal) maturity (John 9:21, 23). Consequently there are different opinions among interpreters whether the word means age or physical stature in Luke 2:52 and Ephesians 4:13 (in both, stature seems more likely, but mature age is possible). The problem is more difficult in Matthew 6:27 (parallel Luke 12:25). The addition of one cubit (*pechus*) seems to favor the meaning "height," but a growth of 18 inches would hardly be trivial as implied by the saying. Most scholars now believe "cubit" is used metaphorically for a measure of time; thus, "add one hour to his life span."

19:5 abide ▸ *see John 2:12.*
19:8 false accusation ▸ *see Luke 3:14.*
19:10 that which was lost ▸ *see Luke 9:56.*
19:12 nobleman ▸ *see 1 Cor. 1:26.*

19 And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities.
20 And another came, saying, Lord, behold, *here is* thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin:
21 For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that thou layedst not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow.
22 And he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, *thou* wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not sow:
23 Wherefore then gavest not thou my money into the bank, that at my coming I might have required mine own with usury?
24 And he said unto them that stood by, Take from him the pound, and give *it* to him that hath ten pounds.
25 (And they said unto him, Lord, he hath ten pounds.)
26 For I say unto you, That unto every one which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him.
27 But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay *them* before me.

The Entry into Jerusalem

28 And when he had thus spoken, he went before, ascending up to Jerusalem.
29 And it came to pass, when he was come nigh to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount called *the mount* of Olives, he sent two of his disciples,
30 Saying, Go ye into the village over against *you;* in the which at your entering ye shall find a colt tied, whereon yet never man sat: loose him, and bring *him hither.*
31 And if any man ask you, Why do ye loose *him?* thus shall ye say unto him, Because the Lord hath need of him.
32 And they that were sent went their way, and found even as he had said unto them.
33 And as they were loosing the colt, the owners thereof said unto them, Why loose ye the colt?
34 And they said, The Lord hath need of him.
35 And they brought him to Jesus: and they cast their garments upon the colt, and they set Jesus thereon.
36 And as he went, they spread their clothes in the way.
37 And when he was come nigh, even now at the descent of the mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen;
38 Saying, Blessed *be* the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.
39 And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples.
40 And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out.
41 And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it,
42 Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things *which belong* unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes.
43 For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side,
44 And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall

19:23 bank

(Gr. *trapeza*) (John 2:15; Acts 16:34; 1 Cor. 10:21; Heb. 9:2) G5132: The Greek word *trapeza* normally refers to a table, especially for a meal (Luke 16:21). By extension it can also be used to speak of the meal itself (as Acts 16:34) or even a sacred meal (cf. 1 Cor. 10:21). In Hebrews 9:2 it is the tabernacle table for the showbread. Here in Luke 19:23 Jesus uses it in His parable and refers to a bank where money could be put to gain interest.

19:41 weep

(Gr. *klaiō*) (Matt. 2:18; Luke 6:21; John 11:33; Rom. 12:15) G2799: The Greek word *klaiō* is a common verb in the New Testament, meaning "to weep, cry, mourn." Both *klaiō* and the synonym *alalazō* (G0214—Mark 5:38) emphasize the noise which accompanies the weeping, whereas *dakruō* (G1145) stresses the shedding of tears, as when "Jesus wept" (John 11:35). When *klaiō* occurs with an object, that object gives the reason for the weeping: "Rachel weeping for her children" (Matt. 2:18).

not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.
45 And he went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold therein, and them that bought;
46 Saying unto them, It is written, My house is the house of prayer: but ye have made it a den of thieves.
47 And he taught daily in the temple. But the chief priests and the scribes and the chief of the people sought to destroy him,
48 And could not find what they might do: for all the people were very attentive to hear him.

Jesus' Authority Questioned

20 And it came to pass, *that* on one of those days, as he taught the people in the temple, and preached the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes came upon *him* with the elders,
2 And spake unto him, saying, Tell us, by what authority doest thou these things? or who is he that gave thee this authority?
3 And he answered and said unto them, I will also ask you one thing; and answer me:
4 The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or of men?
5 And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say, Why then believed ye him not?
6 But and if we say, Of men; all the people will stone us: for they be persuaded that John was a prophet.
7 And they answered, that they could not tell whence *it was.*
8 And Jesus said unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things.

The Lord of the Vineyard

9 Then began he to speak to the people this parable; A certain man planted a vineyard, and let it forth to husbandmen, and went into a far country for a long time.
10 And at the season he sent a servant to the husbandmen, that they should give him of the fruit of the vineyard: but the husbandmen beat him, and sent *him* away empty.
11 And again he sent another servant: and they beat him also, and entreated *him* shamefully, and sent *him* away empty.
12 And again he sent a third: and they wounded him also, and cast *him* out.
13 Then said the lord of the vineyard, What shall I do? I will send my beloved son: it may be they will reverence *him* when they see him.
14 But when the husbandmen saw him, they reasoned among themselves, saying, This is the heir: come, let us kill him, that the inheritance may be ours.
15 So they cast him out of the vineyard, and killed *him.* What therefore shall the lord of the vineyard do unto them?
16 He shall come and destroy these husbandmen, and shall give the vineyard to others. And when they heard *it,* they said, God forbid.
17 And he beheld them, and said, What is this then that is written, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner?
18 Whosoever shall fall upon that stone shall be broken; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.
19 And the chief priests and the scribes the same hour sought to lay hands on him; and they feared the people: for they perceived that he had spoken this parable against them.

Paying Tribute to Caesar

20 And they watched *him,* and sent forth spies, which should feign themselves just men, that they might take hold of his words, that so they might deliver him unto the power and authority of the governor.
21 And they asked him, saying, Master, we know that thou sayest and teachest rightly,

19:44 visitation ▸ *see Acts 1:20.*
20:1 scribe ▸ *see Luke 15:2.*

20:9 vineyard

(Gr. *ampelōn*) (Matt. 20:1; Mark 12:1; Luke 13:6; 1 Cor. 9:7) G0290: This is a cultivated area (often enclosed) for growing grapes (see Judg. 9:26, 27). In the Bible, the image of a vineyard is often figurative, and the wine that comes from a vineyard is symbolic of blessing and joy. Israel is likened to a vineyard planted by God (Ps. 80:8–13; Is. 5:5–7; 27:2, 3) from which God expected to reap a harvest. Jesus seized on this grapevine imagery to declare that apart from Him, we can never be fruitful (John 15:4).

20:9 into a far country ▸ *see Mark 12:1.*

neither acceptest thou the person *of any,* but teachest the way of God truly:
22 Is it lawful for us to give tribute unto Caesar, or no?
23 But he perceived their craftiness, and said unto them, Why tempt ye me?
24 Shew me a penny. Whose image and superscription hath it? They answered and said, Caesar's.
25 And he said unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's.
26 And they could not take hold of his words before the people: and they marvelled at his answer, and held their peace.

Children of the Resurrection

27 Then came to *him* certain of the Sadducees, which deny that there is any resurrection; and they asked him,
28 Saying, Master, Moses wrote unto us, If any man's brother die, having a wife, and he die without children, that his brother should take his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother.
29 There were therefore seven brethren: and the first took a wife, and died without children.
30 And the second took her to wife, and he died childless.
31 And the third took her; and in like manner the seven also: and they left no children, and died.
32 Last of all the woman died also.
33 Therefore in the resurrection whose wife of them is she? for seven had her to wife.
34 And Jesus answering said unto them, The children of this world marry, and are given in marriage:
35 But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage:
36 Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection.
37 Now that the dead are raised, even Moses shewed at the bush, when he calleth the Lord the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.
38 For he is not a God of the dead, but of the living: for all live unto him.
39 Then certain of the scribes answering said, Master, thou hast well said.
40 And after that they durst not ask him any *question at all.*

David's Son and Lord

41 And he said unto them, How say they that Christ is David's son?
42 And David himself saith in the book of Psalms, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,
43 Till I make thine enemies thy footstool.
44 David therefore calleth him Lord, how is he then his son?
45 Then in the audience of all the people he said unto his disciples,
46 Beware of the scribes, which desire to walk in long robes, and love greetings in the markets, and the highest seats in the synagogues, and the chief rooms at feasts;
47 Which devour widows' houses, and for a shew make long prayers: the same shall receive greater damnation.

A Widow's Sacrificial Offering

21 And he looked up, and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury.

20:23 craftiness ▸ *see 1 Cor. 3:19.*

20:27 Sadducee

(Gr. *saddoukaios*) (Matt. 3:7; 22:23; Acts 4:1; 5:17; 23:6) G4523: A Sadducee was a member of the small Jewish religious/political party during the time of Christ that recognized only the Torah (i.e., the first five books of the Old Testament) and disavowed belief in the resurrection, the immortality of the soul, and angels. John the Baptist called them (along with the party of the Pharisees) a "generation of vipers" (Luke 3:7–9). During the earliest days of the church, the Jewish high priest was a member of this sect (Acts 5:17).

20:46 beware

(Gr. *prosechō*) (Matt. 7:15; Luke 12:1; Acts 8:10; 1 Tim. 4:13) G4337: This is a verb of warning that means to be on the alert (1 Tim. 4:13), on one's guard (Matt. 6:1), or to consider carefully (Acts 8:6). Inherent in this word are the ideas of vigilant focus (Acts 8:10), paying close attention (1 Tim. 1:4), and remaining devoted (Heb. 7:13). Believers are called to pay close attention to God's Word (2 Pet. 1:19), which they are not to do when it comes to human ideas (1 Tim. 1:14).

2 And he saw also a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites.
3 And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all:
4 For all these have of their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God: but she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had.

Not One Stone Left on Another

5 And as some spake of the temple, how it was adorned with goodly stones and gifts, he said,
6 *As for* these things which ye behold, the days will come, in the which there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.
7 And they asked him, saying, Master, but when shall these things be? and what sign *will there be* when these things shall come to pass?

Deceivers, Wars, and Disasters

8 And he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am *Christ;* and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them.
9 But when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified: for these things must first come to pass; but the end *is* not by and by.
10 Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom:
11 And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.

Persecution Will Come

12 But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute *you,* delivering *you* up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake.
13 And it shall turn to you for a testimony.
14 Settle *it* therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer:
15 For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist.
16 And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends; and *some* of you shall they cause to be put to death.
17 And ye shall be hated of all *men* for my name's sake.
18 But there shall not an hair of your head perish.
19 In your patience possess ye your souls.

Take Heed and Watch

20 And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh.
21 Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto.
22 For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.
23 But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people.

21:2 mite ▸ *see Mark 12:42.*
21:3 poor ▸ *see Matt. 26:11.*
21:5 temple ▸ *see Luke 24:53.*

21:12 persecute

(Gr. *diōkō*) (Matt. 5:10; John 5:16; Acts 9:4; 1 Cor. 4:12; Rev. 12:13) G1377: The verb means to cause to flee, to drive away, to pursue in a hostile manner, to harass. Sometimes the word has the nuance of striving after a goal (Rom. 14:19; 1 Thess. 5:15; 1 Tim. 6:11), but often in the New Testament, this zealous pursuit of others is for the purposes of religious persecution (Matt. 23:34; Phil. 3:6; Rev. 12:13). The natural response to strangers is to avoid or drive them away; the supernatural (gospel) response is to pursue friendship with them (Rom. 12:13).

21:19 soul

(Gr. *psychē*) (Matt. 2:20; Luke 2:35; James 1:21) G5590: The most basic meaning of *psychē* relates to the idea of "life" (Matt. 2:20; cf. 1 Thess. 2:8). However, this general term can also mean the person or self that is physically alive (perhaps reflecting Septuagint usage, as Ezek. 18:4; cf. Acts 2:41). The word can also be used for the inner self (especially as a being with emotions and feelings, as Luke 2:35). The difficulty of isolating one of these various meanings for a particular occurrence is obvious here in Luke 21:19, since it can imply either the course of natural life or the continuing aspect of one's existence.

24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.
25 And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;
26 Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.
27 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.
28 And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.
29 And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees;
30 When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand.
31 So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.
32 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.
33 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.
34 And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and *so* that day come upon you unawares.
35 For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.
36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.
37 And in the day time he was teaching in the temple; and at night he went out, and abode in the mount that is called *the mount* of Olives.
38 And all the people came early in the morning to him in the temple, for to hear him.

Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus

22 Now the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover.
2 And the chief priests and scribes sought how they might kill him; for they feared the people.
3 Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve.
4 And he went his way, and communed with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray him unto them.
5 And they were glad, and covenanted to give him money.
6 And he promised, and sought opportunity to betray him unto them in the absence of the multitude.

Passover Preparations

7 Then came the day of unleavened bread, when the passover must be killed.
8 And he sent Peter and John, saying, Go and prepare us the passover, that we may eat.
9 And they said unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare?
10 And he said unto them, Behold, when ye are entered into the city, there shall a man meet you, bearing a pitcher of water; follow him into the house where he entereth in.
11 And ye shall say unto the goodman of the house, The Master saith unto thee, Where is the guestchamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples?
12 And he shall shew you a large upper room furnished: there make ready.
13 And they went, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the passover.

The Lord's Supper

14 And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him.
15 And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer:

21:28 redemption ▸ *see Rom. 3:24.*
21:36 watch ▸ *see Mark 13:33.*

21:36 escape

(Gr. *ekpheugō*) (Acts 16:27; Rom. 2:3; 2 Cor. 11:33; Heb. 2:3) G1628: The verb means to flee out or away, seeking safety by either hiding or running so as to avoid a negative outcome (Luke 8:47). The apostle Paul wrote of escaping from his pursuers while in Damascus (2 Cor. 11:33). In other places the New Testament speaks of the impossibility of people escaping God's judgment (Rom. 2:3).

16 For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God.
17 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide *it* among yourselves:
18 For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come.
19 And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake *it,* and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.
20 Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup *is* the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.
21 But, behold, the hand of him that betrayeth me *is* with me on the table.
22 And truly the Son of man goeth, as it was determined: but woe unto that man by whom he is betrayed!
23 And they began to enquire among themselves, which of them it was that should do this thing.
24 And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest.
25 And he said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors.
26 But ye *shall* not *be* so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve.
27 For whether *is* greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? *is* not he that sitteth at meat? but I am among you as he that serveth.
28 Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations.
29 And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me;
30 That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Advice for the Disciples

31 And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired *to have* you, that he may sift *you* as wheat:
32 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.
33 And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death.
34 And he said, I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me.
35 And he said unto them, When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye any thing? And they said, Nothing.
36 Then said he unto them, But now, he that hath a purse, let him take *it,* and likewise *his* scrip: and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one.
37 For I say unto you, that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me, And he was reckoned among the transgressors: for the things concerning me have an end.
38 And they said, Lord, behold, here *are* two swords. And he said unto them, It is enough.

Jesus' Agony in Prayer

39 And he came out, and went, as he was wont, to the mount of Olives; and his disciples also followed him.
40 And when he was at the place, he said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation.

22:32 convert

(Gr. *epistrephō*) (Acts 3:19; 16:18; 1 Pet. 2:25; 2 Pet. 2:22) G1994: The base meaning of the word *epistrephō* is "return, turn around" and can be seen in Matthew 12:44 and John 21:20. Often however the "turning" is a spiritual or moral action and may mean be converted, or perhaps even repent (Acts 3:19; 1 Thess. 1:9). Whether Jesus uses the word here in Luke 22:32 in the sense of repented or returned is debated among interpreters. In Galatians 4:9 it indicates the opposite of repentance, namely turning back to one's former way of life and away from God (cf. the powerful image in 2 Pet. 2:22).

22:35 lack

(Gr. *hystereō*) (Mark 10:21; Rom. 3:23; 2 Cor. 12:11; Heb. 4:1) G5302: Drawing on the image of a race, this word means "to be behind, fall short of the finish, to come late." It can also mean "to be inferior in influence or rank" or "to fail to become a partaker of." The most famous use of this word is in Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." On our own we fall short of the mark, but God fills in what is lacking (1 Cor. 1:7).

41 And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed,
42 Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.
43 And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.
44 And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.
45 And when he rose up from prayer, and was come to his disciples, he found them sleeping for sorrow,
46 And said unto them, Why sleep ye? rise and pray, lest ye enter into temptation.

Judas's Betrayal of Jesus

47 And while he yet spake, behold a multitude, and he that was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them, and drew near unto Jesus to kiss him.
48 But Jesus said unto him, Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss?
49 When they which were about him saw what would follow, they said unto him, Lord, shall we smite with the sword?
50 And one of them smote the servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear.
51 And Jesus answered and said, Suffer ye thus far. And he touched his ear, and healed him.
52 Then Jesus said unto the chief priests, and captains of the temple, and the elders, which were come to him, Be ye come out, as against a thief, with swords and staves?
53 When I was daily with you in the temple, ye stretched forth no hands against me: but this is your hour, and the power of darkness.

Peter's Denial of Jesus

54 Then took they him, and led *him,* and brought him into the high priest's house. And Peter followed afar off.
55 And when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the hall, and were set down together, Peter sat down among them.
56 But a certain maid beheld him as he sat by the fire, and earnestly looked upon him, and said, This man was also with him.
57 And he denied him, saying, Woman, I know him not.
58 And after a little while another saw him, and said, Thou art also of them. And Peter said, Man, I am not.
59 And about the space of one hour after another confidently affirmed, saying, Of a truth this *fellow* also was with him: for he is a Galilaean.
60 And Peter said, Man, I know not what thou sayest. And immediately, while he yet spake, the cock crew.
61 And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice.
62 And Peter went out, and wept bitterly.

Jesus Mocked and Smitten

63 And the men that held Jesus mocked him, and smote *him.*
64 And when they had blindfolded him, they struck him on the face, and asked him, saying, Prophesy, who is it that smote thee?
65 And many other things blasphemously spake they against him.

Jesus Before the Council

66 And as soon as it was day, the elders of the people and the chief priests and the scribes came together, and led him into their council, saying,
67 Art thou the Christ? tell us. And he said unto them, If I tell you, ye will not believe:
68 And if I also ask *you,* ye will not answer me, nor let *me* go.

22:46 sleep ▸ *see 1 Thess. 5:10.*
22:48 kiss ▸ *see 1 Pet. 5:14.*

22:53 hour

(Gr. *hōra*) (Matt. 8:13; Mark 11:11; John 5:35; 1 John 2:18; Rev. 9:15) G5610: The Greek word *hōra* can be used to designate various measures of time. It may refer to a specific hour or time of the day (Mark 11:11), a period of time measured as an hour (John 11:9; Rev. 9:15), or a less specific period of time, especially a short or defined period (John 5:35). It often carries the idea seen here in Luke 22:53 as an opportune time or a time when some specific event (or series of events) has taken place or is "appointed" to take place (Matt. 8:13; John 16:21). In 1 John 2:18 the phrase "the last time" apparently signifies the present age as building toward its climax.

22:63 hold ▸ *see 2 Cor. 5:14.*
22:66 elder ▸ *see 1 Tim. 4:14.*

69 Hereafter shall the Son of man sit on the right hand of the power of God.
70 Then said they all, Art thou then the Son of God? And he said unto them, Ye say that I am.
71 And they said, What need we any further witness? for we ourselves have heard of his own mouth.

Pilate Finds No Fault in Jesus

23 And the whole multitude of them arose, and led him unto Pilate.
2 And they began to accuse him, saying, We found this *fellow* perverting the nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar, saying that he himself is Christ a King.
3 And Pilate asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And he answered him and said, Thou sayest *it.*
4 Then said Pilate to the chief priests and *to* the people, I find no fault in this man.
5 And they were the more fierce, saying, He stirreth up the people, teaching throughout all Jewry, beginning from Galilee to this place.
6 When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked whether the man were a Galilaean.

Jesus Sent to Herod

7 And as soon as he knew that he belonged unto Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who himself also was at Jerusalem at that time.
8 And when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceeding glad: for he was desirous to see him of a long *season,* because he had heard many things of him; and he hoped to have seen some miracle done by him.
9 Then he questioned with him in many words; but he answered him nothing.
10 And the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently accused him.
11 And Herod with his men of war set him at nought, and mocked *him,* and arrayed him in a gorgeous robe, and sent him again to Pilate.
12 And the same day Pilate and Herod were made friends together: for before they were at enmity between themselves.

Pilate Seeks to Release Jesus

13 And Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people,
14 Said unto them, Ye have brought this man unto me, as one that perverteth the people: and, behold, I, having examined *him* before you, have found no fault in this man touching those things whereof ye accuse him:
15 No, nor yet Herod: for I sent you to him; and, lo, nothing worthy of death is done unto him.
16 I will therefore chastise him, and release *him.*
17 (For of necessity he must release one unto them at the feast.)
18 And they cried out all at once, saying, Away with this *man,* and release unto us Barabbas:
19 (Who for a certain sedition made in the city, and for murder, was cast into prison.)
20 Pilate therefore, willing to release Jesus, spake again to them.
21 But they cried, saying, Crucify *him,* crucify him.
22 And he said unto them the third time, Why, what evil hath he done? I have found no cause of death in him: I will therefore chastise him, and let *him* go.
23 And they were instant with loud voices, requiring that he might be crucified. And the voices of them and of the chief priests prevailed.
24 And Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they required.
25 And he released unto them him that for sedition and murder was cast into prison, whom they had desired; but he delivered Jesus to their will.

23:13 ruler ▸ *see 1 Cor. 2:6.*

23:25 deliver

(Gr. *paradidōmi*) (Matt. 26:16; Mark 13:11; Rom. 1:26; 8:32; 1 Cor. 11:23) G3860: *Para* (G3844) means "alongside" and *didōmi* (G1325) means "to give." This word is translated as "to yield, give into the hands of another, deliver, to give over." It is used for handing something over (Matt. 25:14), commending someone for a task or role (Acts 15:40), delivering someone up for judgment or punishment (Matt. 4:12; 2 Pet. 2:4), betraying (Mark 13:12; 14:10), or handing down customs (Acts 6:14; 16:4). This word is used to describe the sacrifice of Christ: "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" (Rom. 8:32).

Jesus Crucified at Calvary

26 And as they led him away, they laid hold upon one Simon, a Cyrenian, coming out of the country, and on him they laid the cross, that he might bear *it* after Jesus.
27 And there followed him a great company of people, and of women, which also bewailed and lamented him.
28 But Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children.
29 For, behold, the days are coming, in the which they shall say, Blessed *are* the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck.
30 Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us.
31 For if they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry?
32 And there were also two other, malefactors, led with him to be put to death.
33 And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.
34 Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.
35 And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided *him,* saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God.
36 And the soldiers also mocked him, coming to him, and offering him vinegar,
37 And saying, If thou be the king of the Jews, save thyself.
38 And a superscription also was written over him in letters of Greek, and Latin, and Hebrew, THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.
39 And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us.
40 But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?
41 And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss.
42 And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.
43 And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

Jesus Commends His Spirit to God

44 And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour.
45 And the sun was darkened, and the vail of the temple was rent in the midst.
46 And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.
47 Now when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a righteous man.
48 And all the people that came together to that sight, beholding the things which were done, smote their breasts, and returned.
49 And all his acquaintance, and the women that followed him from Galilee, stood afar off, beholding these things.

23:32 malefactor ▸ *see 2 Tim. 2:9.*

23:35 deride

(Gr. *ekmyktērizō*) (Luke 16:14) G1592: This Greek verb means to turn up the nose at someone—to sneer, mock, or treat with contempt. Here it describes the rulers sneering at Christ on the cross, and in Luke 16:14 it is used of the Pharisees deriding Christ. The simpler form *myktērizo* (G3456) appears in Galatians 6:7 where the intended sense is probably that because God is God, people who try to mock Him will not get away with it.

23:39 malefactor ▸ *see 2 Tim. 2:9.*
23:39 rail ▸ *see Matt. 9:3.*

23:43 paradise

(Gr. *paradeisos*) (2 Cor. 12:4; Rev. 2:7) G3857: This word literally means "garden" or "park." It was used with such a meaning in the Greek Old Testament in Ecclesiastes 2:5 and Song 4:13. The Septuagint also used *paradeisos* for the Garden of Eden (see Gen. 2:8). In later Jewish thought, paradise is the place of the righteous dead in Sheol. Jesus perhaps alluded to this idea in His story of Lazarus going to Abraham in Luke 16:19–31. And when Jesus spoke to the thief on the Cross, He promised him that he would be with Him in paradise (Luke 23:43). The promise of paradise in Revelation 2:7 speaks of the restitution of an Edenic paradise, an everlasting home for believers (compare Gen. 2; Rev. 22).

23:44 darkness ▸ *see Luke 11:35.*

Joseph Buries the Body of Jesus

50 And, behold, *there was* a man named Joseph, a counsellor; *and he was* a good man, and a just:
51 (The same had not consented to the counsel and deed of them;) *he was* of Arimathaea, a city of the Jews: who also himself waited for the kingdom of God.
52 This *man* went unto Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus.
53 And he took it down, and wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a sepulchre that was hewn in stone, wherein never man before was laid.
54 And that day was the preparation, and the sabbath drew on.
55 And the women also, which came with him from Galilee, followed after, and beheld the sepulchre, and how his body was laid.
56 And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the sabbath day according to the commandment.

The Resurrection of Jesus

24 Now upon the first *day* of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain *others* with them.
2 And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre.
3 And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus.
4 And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments:
5 And as they were afraid, and bowed down *their* faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead?
6 He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee,
7 Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.
8 And they remembered his words,
9 And returned from the sepulchre, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest.
10 It was Mary Magdalene, and Joanna, and Mary *the mother* of James, and other *women that were* with them, which told these things unto the apostles.
11 And their words seemed to them as idle tales, and they believed them not.
12 Then arose Peter, and ran unto the sepulchre; and stooping down, he beheld the linen clothes laid by themselves, and departed, wondering in himself at that which was come to pass.

The Emmaus Road

13 And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem *about* threescore furlongs.
14 And they talked together of all these things which had happened.
15 And it came to pass, that, while they communed *together* and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them.
16 But their eyes were holden that they should not know him.
17 And he said unto them, What manner of communications *are* these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad?
18 And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days?
19 And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people:
20 And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him.
21 But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all

24:4 be perplexed

(Gr. *diaporeō*) (Luke 9:7; Acts 2:12; 5:24; 10:17) G1280: *Diaporeō* is the intensive form of *aporeō* (G0639) and is here best translated as "greatly perplexed." It may involve being uncertain as to how to proceed (Acts 25:20) or uncertain as to the meaning of some statement (John 13:22) or event (as with *diaporeō* here in Luke 24:4). Clearly, the Resurrection was an event that stretched the ability of the human mind to comprehend, and to say that the disciples were surprised or confused would be an understatement.

24:12 linen clothes ▸ *see John 20:5.*
24:13 which was ▸ *see Luke 6:24.*
24:13 furlong ▸ *see Rev. 14:20.*
24:16 know ▸ *see 2 Cor. 6:9.*

this, to day is the third day since these things were done.
22 Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre;
23 And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive.
24 And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found *it* even so as the women had said: but him they saw not.
25 Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:
26 Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?
27 And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.
28 And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone further.
29 But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them.
30 And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed *it,* and brake, and gave to them.
31 And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight.
32 And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?
33 And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them,
34 Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon.
35 And they told what things *were done* in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread.

Jesus' Appearance

36 And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace *be* unto you.
37 But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit.
38 And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts?
39 Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.
40 And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them *his* hands and *his* feet.
41 And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat?
42 And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb.
43 And he took *it,* and did eat before them.

The Scriptures Fulfilled

44 And he said unto them, These *are* the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and *in* the prophets, and *in* the psalms, concerning me.
45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,
46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:
47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.
48 And ye are witnesses of these things.
49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

24:27 scripture ▸ *see John 5:39.*
24:30 bless ▸ *see Luke 6:28.*

24:38 trouble

(Gr. *tarassō*) (Matt. 14:26; John 5:4; Acts 15:24; 1 Pet. 3:14) G5015: In the New Testament this verb can be used literally of disturbing some object, as when the angel stirred the water in John 5:4. Otherwise, it usually indicates mental or emotional agitation or troubling, and the confusion that such disturbance may cause (as here in Luke 24:38; cf. John 11:33; Acts 15:24). Often this involves (in the passive voice) the meaning "to be frightened, terrified" (Matt. 14:26). The word itself is closely related to *tarachē* (G5016), meaning "disturbance, perplexity, tumult," and *tarachos* (G5017), referring to (mental) agitation, consternation, or commotion.

24:38 thought ▸ *see Luke 6:8.*
24:39 handle ▸ *see Acts 17:27.*

Jesus' Ascension

50 And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them.
51 And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.
52 And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy:
53 And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.

24:53 temple

(Gr. *hieron*) (Matt. 4:5; Luke 21:5; Acts 5:42; 24:6) G2411: The Greek word *hieron* is derived from the adjective *hieros*, "holy," thus literally meaning "a holy place." Whereas *naos* (G3485), "temple shrine," usually indicates the main temple building (1 Cor. 3:16) or inner sanctuary, *hieron* typically includes the entire temple complex (Luke 21:5). Here Jesus' followers were assembling not in the temple proper but in one of its courts (cf. Acts 24:6 and the reference to Solomon's portico in Acts 3:10). The word used to describe a priest is almost the same: *hiereus* (G2409).

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

JOHN

JUST AS A COIN HAS two sides, both valid, so Jesus Christ has two natures, both valid. Luke presents Christ in His humanity as the Son of Man; John portrays Him in His deity as the Son of God. John's purpose is crystal clear: to set forth Christ in His deity in order to spark believing faith in his readers. John's gospel is topical as well as chronological, and it revolves around seven miracles and seven "I am" statements of Christ.

Following an extended eyewitness description of the Upper Room meal and discourse, John records events leading up to the Resurrection, the final climactic proof that Jesus is who He claims to be—the Son of God.

The title of the Fourth Gospel follows the same format as the titles of the synoptic gospels: *Kata Ioannen,* "According to John." As with the others, the word "gospel" was added later. *Ioannes* is derived from the Hebrew name *Johanan,* "Yahweh Has Been Gracious."

WATCH WORDS

- **word** (the reason or voice of God)—1:1 (also 14:23)
- **love** (intent that seeks the good of the beloved)—3:16 (also 13:34)
- **miracle** (a sign or indicator by which something is known)—6:26
- **know** (grasp and understand the object perceived)—10:27 (also 8:32; 17:3)
- **see** (view attentively, perceive, gaze at)—20:14 (also 6:19; 12:45; 14:17)

The Word Was God

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
2 The same was in the beginning with God.
3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.
4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.
5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.
6 There was a man sent from God, whose name *was* John.
7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all *men* through him might believe.
8 He was not that Light, but *was sent* to bear witness of that Light.
9 *That* was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.
10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.
11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.
12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name:
13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

1:1 word

(Gr. *logos*) (John 14:23; Rom. 9:6; 1 Cor. 4:20; Titus 1:9) G3056: *Word* can mean either words that are spoken (a statement or subject of discussion), an account or motive (Rom. 14:12), or Jesus Himself. When it refers to Jesus it means either Jesus as the content of God's revelation or Jesus as the reason behind the universe. In either case it conveys the idea that Jesus is the living voice of God who communicates the full wisdom of God. He is God speaking, the breathing out of all God is and thinks so that mankind can understand and be saved.

1:5 darkness ▸ *see John 12:46.*
1:7 witness ▸ *see John 19:35.*

14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

John's Witness of Christ

15 John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.
16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.
17 For the law was given by Moses, *but* grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.
18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared *him.*

John's Denial That He Was the Christ

19 And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou?
20 And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ.
21 And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No.
22 Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself?
23 He said, I *am* the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias.
24 And they which were sent were of the Pharisees.
25 And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet?
26 John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not;
27 He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose.
28 These things were done in Bethabara beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing.

Behold the Lamb of God

29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.
30 This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me.
31 And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water.
32 And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.
33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.
34 And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.

Two of John's Disciples Follow Jesus

35 Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples;
36 And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!
37 And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.
38 Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, What seek ye? They

1:14 flesh ▸ *see Rom. 13:14.*

1:14 dwell

(Gr. *skēnoō*) (Rev. 7:15; 21:3) G4637: Taken from the root that means "tent, dwelling," this word means "live" or "dwell." Because a tent was a temporary dwelling place, the intent here is probably that Jesus lived among men for a time. The image also hearkens back to the tent of the tabernacle, which was God's dwelling place among the Israelites as they traveled in the wilderness after the Exodus (Heb. 9:2). The same God who lived among His people in the Old Testament came to live among them in the person of Jesus in the New Testament. The difference, of course, is that Jesus provided a way for us to approach God directly, without the rituals and veiled Most Holy Place that were part of tabernacle and later the temple worship.

1:14 only begotten ▸ *see John 3:16.*
1:14 truth ▸ *see John 4:24.*
1:16 fulness ▸ *see Col. 2:9.*
1:29 lamb ▸ *see Acts 8:32.*
1:30 man ▸ *see Matt. 14:21.*

1:38 see

(Gr. *theaomai*) (Matt. 6:1; John 4:35; 11:45; 1 John 1:1) G2300: This word for *see* conveys deliberate observation, usually with the physical eyes and

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said unto him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest thou?
39 He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about the tenth hour.
40 One of the two which heard John *speak*, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.
41 He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.
42 And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone.

The Calling of Philip and Nathanael

43 The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me.
44 Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.
45 Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.
46 And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see.
47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!
48 Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee.
49 Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel.
50 Jesus answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these.
51 And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.

Jesus Turns Water Into Wine

2 And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there:
2 And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage.
3 And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine.
4 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come.
5 His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do *it*.
6 And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece.
7 Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim.
8 And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare *it*.
9 When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom,
10 And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: *but* thou hast kept the good wine until now.
11 This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

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often in public, as a show. A synonym is "admire." It can also mean "see" in the sense of visiting or greeting someone. John summed up his faith with this type of seeing: "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon [*theaomai*], and our hands have handled, of the Word of life" (1 John 1:1).

1:41 Messias ▸ *see John 4:25.*
2:7 water ▸ *see Matt. 3:11.*
2:9 taste ▸ *see Heb. 6:5.*

2:11 glory

(Gr. *doxa*) (John 17:5; Acts 12:23; Rom. 3:23; 8:18) G1391: The word for *glory* encompasses many meanings: "estimation, honor, praise, magnificence, splendor, brightness, and radiance." It is used of royalty (Matt. 6:29), the magnificence of heaven (Matt. 16:27), and the honor or praise that

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Jesus Cleanses the Temple

12 After this he went down to Capernaum, he, and his mother, and his brethren, and his disciples: and they continued there not many days.
13 And the Jews' passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem,
14 And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting:
15 And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables;
16 And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise.
17 And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up.
18 Then answered the Jews and said unto him, What sign shewest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things?
19 Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.
20 Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days?
21 But he spake of the temple of his body.
22 When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.
23 Now when he was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast *day,* many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did.
24 But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because he knew all *men,*
25 And needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what was in man.

Nicodemus Questions Jesus

3 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:
2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.
3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.
4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?
5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and *of* the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.
6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

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is due to God (John 7:18). The brightness of the moon and stars is described in this way (1 Cor. 15:40), but their brightness is temporary and pales in comparison to that of God (2 Cor. 3:11). This word conveys the perfection of Jesus and the truth that He is the Creator God who deserves our worship.

2:12 continue

(Gr. *menō*) (Matt. 10:11; Luke 19:5; Acts 9:43) G3306: This verb has the basic meaning to remain, or—to use an older English rendering—to abide. It can convey the idea of staying in a certain place (John 4:40; Acts 27:31) or lingering (i.e., to continue in a state of waiting, see Acts 20:5; 1 Thess. 1:10). With the preposition *hypo* (G5278), it has the meaning of standing strong against opposition, holding out, or enduring (2 Tim. 2:12). Figuratively, it can mean to remain in a certain sphere or condition (John 12:46; 1 Cor. 7:8, 11; 1 John 2:19).

2:15 table ▸ *see Luke 19:23.*
2:17 zeal ▸ *see Rom. 10:2.*

3:5 spirit

(Gr. *pneuma*) (Luke 8:55; Rom. 8:5; 1 Cor. 2:10; 12:11) G4151: This word has two meanings: "wind" and "spirit." Jesus uses it to mean both—the wind blowing where it wills is as unexplainable as being born from above by the Spirit. The root word, *breathe* (*pneō*, G4154), is also related to the Spirit in that He is a life-giving force. In the same way God breathed into man and he lived (Gen. 2:7), so also the Spirit gives life to our souls (Acts 2:4; Rom. 8:2). This word can also refer to spirit as a life force, that which animates and makes up the true person (Luke 8:55).

3:6 flesh ▸ *see Rom. 13:14.*

7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.
8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.
9 Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be?
10 Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?
11 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.

God So Loved the World

12 If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you *of* heavenly things?
13 And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, *even* the Son of man which is in heaven.
14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:
15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.
16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.
18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.
19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

3:7 again ▸ *see John 19:11.*
3:14 lift up ▸ *see John 8:28.*

3:16 love

(Gr. *agapaō*) (Matt. 5:44; Luke 10:27; John 13:34; Eph. 2:4) G0025: God's love is described by *agapaō*, which means unconditional love, preferential love that is chosen and acted out by the will. It is not love based on the goodness of the beloved, or upon natural affinity or emotion. Rather this is benevolent love that always seeks the good of the beloved. This type of love is exclusive to the Christian community because it flows directly from God's love: "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love" (1 John 4:7, 8).

3:16 world ▸ *see 1 John 5:19.*

3:16 only begotten

(Gr. *monogenēs*) (John 1:14; 3:18; Heb. 11:17; 1 John 4:9) G3439: The Greek word for *only begotten* suggests a one and only son or child. For example, Jesus healed or raised the *only* son of the widow of Nain (Luke 7:12), the *only* daughter of Jairus (Luke 8:42), and a man's *only* son, who had a demon (Luke 9:38). Yet the word does not necessarily have to convey the idea of a birth. For example, Isaac is called Abraham's "only begotten" in Hebrews 11:17 and in the Septuagint, the Greek Old Testament (see Gen. 22:2, 12, 16), when actually Abraham had two sons: Ishmael and Isaac. The Son of God is the Father's one and only, His unique Son. Although the Father has begotten many children through the new birth (John 1:12, 13), none of these are exactly like Jesus Christ, the unique Son of God. His Sonship is from eternity. As the unique Son of God, He has a special glory and an unrivaled place of honor.

3:16 believe ▸ *see Acts 10:43.*
3:16 everlasting ▸ *see Matt. 25:46.*
3:17 condemn ▸ *see Matt. 7:1.*
3:18 only begotten ▸ *see John 3:16.*

3:19 condemnation

(Gr. *krisis*) (John 12:31; 2 Thess. 1:5; 2 Pet. 2:9; Rev. 18:10) G2920: The Greek word *krisis* can mean court, judgment, or condemnation (Matt. 5:21, 22) and is used to name the decisions of courts both in terms of verdicts and punishments. It is extended to apply to judgments made by persons outside formal legal contexts (John 7:24). Often in the New Testament, however, it refers to activities by God or the Messiah, especially on the Day of Judgment (2 Pet. 2:9). It can name the result of the process of judging (2 Thess. 1:5), as well as the condemnation of guilt (John 12:31) and punishment imposed (Rev. 18:10). Here in John 3:19 it describes the basis or reasons for the condemnation issued. The word can also mean those things required by justice or righteousness (Luke 11:42).

20 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.
21 But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

John's Testimony About Jesus

22 After these things came Jesus and his disciples into the land of Judaea; and there he tarried with them, and baptized.
23 And John also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim, because there was much water there: and they came, and were baptized.
24 For John was not yet cast into prison.
25 Then there arose a question between *some* of John's disciples and the Jews about purifying.
26 And they came unto John, and said unto him, Rabbi, he that was with thee beyond Jordan, to whom thou barest witness, behold, the same baptizeth, and all *men* come to him.
27 John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven.
28 Ye yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him.
29 He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled.
30 He must increase, but I *must* decrease.
31 He that cometh from above is above all: he that is of the earth is earthly, and speaketh of the earth: he that cometh from heaven is above all.
32 And what he hath seen and heard, that he testifieth; and no man receiveth his testimony.
33 He that hath received his testimony hath set to his seal that God is true.
34 For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure *unto him*.
35 The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.
36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

The Woman at Jacob's Well

4 When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John,
2 (Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples,)
3 He left Judaea, and departed again into Galilee.
4 And he must needs go through Samaria.
5 Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.
6 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with *his* journey, sat thus on the well: *and* it was about the sixth hour.
7 There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.
8 (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.)
9 Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.
10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.
11 The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?
12 Art thou greater than our father Jacob,

3:29 friend ▸ *see John 15:14.*
3:33 set to a seal ▸ *see Rev. 7:3.*
3:36 wrath ▸ *see Rev. 14:10.*

4:9 have dealings

(Gr. *synchraomai*) G4798: Appearing only here, this Greek verb is actually a combination of two other words. The Greek word *syn* (G4862) means "with" and *chraomai* (G5530) means "use." So, in a very literal sense, the word *synchraomai* means "to join in using." Here it may express the fact that the Jews and Samaritans did not share the same drinking vessels. Most interpreters believe, however, that it has the broader, metaphorical meaning of "to associate with" or "to have dealings with."

4:10 water ▸ *see Matt. 3:11.*

which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?
13 Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:
14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.
15 The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.
16 Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither.
17 The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband:
18 For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.
19 The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.
20 Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.
21 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.
22 Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.
23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.
24 God *is* a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth.
25 The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things.
26 Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am *he*.

Fields Are White to Harvest

27 And upon this came his disciples, and marvelled that he talked with the woman: yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why talkest thou with her?
28 The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men,
29 Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?
30 Then they went out of the city, and came unto him.
31 In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat.
32 But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of.
33 Therefore said the disciples one to

4:14 well

(Gr. *pēgē*) (James 3:11; 2 Pet. 2:17; Rev. 7:17; 21:6) G4077: The Greek word denotes a spring of running water. This is different from a well that requires much manual labor to dig and to draw out the water. The gift that Jesus gives—a fountain springing up into eternal life—suggests the availability and accessibility of the divine life for all believers. The expression "into everlasting life" probably means "resulting in eternal life." The result of drinking the water Jesus freely gives is that the drinker receives eternal life.

4:24 truth

(Gr. *alētheia*) (John 1:14; 14:6; Eph. 1:13; 2 John 1:4) G0225: Taken from the negative *a* being added to the word for "to be hidden" or "to escape notice," the truth is something that is not false, feigned, or fictitious. It is real, dependable, right, sincere, and full of integrity. This is what is true in any matter, whether a situation or someone's character or morality. Scripture teaches that truth is at the core of the character of God (John 1:14). He is the only way to truth (John 14:6), His Word is truth (Col. 1:5), we are to walk in truth (Eph. 5:9), and the truth dwells in us (John 14:17; 1 John 3:19). Christians are those who know the truth, worship sincerely ("in truth"), and live lives of integrity or truthfulness.

4:25 Messias

(Gr. *messias*) (John 1:41) G3323: The Greek word *messias* is a transliteration of the Hebrew and Aramaic words for "anointed one." In other words, unlike Luke, who uses the Greek word *christos*, John has simply taken the Hebrew word for *Messiah* and made it into a new word in Greek. In fact, *messias* appears only here and in John 1:41 in the New Testament. Although the Samaritans were looked down on by the Jews, they were ethnically half Jewish, so a Samaritan woman could have been familiar with this word. In both instances in the Gospel of John the word is parenthetically translated by the Greek form *christos*, Christ, Anointed One.

4:26 speak ▸ *see 1 Cor. 14:2.*

another, Hath any man brought him *ought* to eat?
34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.
35 Say not ye, There are yet four months, and *then* cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.
36 And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.
37 And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth.
38 I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours.

The Belief of the Samaritans

39 And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did.
40 So when the Samaritans were come unto him, they besought him that he would tarry with them: and he abode there two days.
41 And many more believed because of his own word;
42 And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard *him* ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.

Jesus Heals a Nobleman's Son

43 Now after two days he departed thence, and went into Galilee.
44 For Jesus himself testified, that a prophet hath no honour in his own country.
45 Then when he was come into Galilee, the Galilaeans received him, having seen all the things that he did at Jerusalem at the feast: for they also went unto the feast.
46 So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum.
47 When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judaea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death.
48 Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe.
49 The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die.
50 Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way.
51 And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told *him,* saying, Thy son liveth.
52 Then enquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.
53 So the father knew that *it was* at the same hour, in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house.
54 This *is* again the second miracle *that* Jesus did, when he was come out of Judaea into Galilee.

A Healing at the Pool of Bethesda

5 After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.
2 Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep *market* a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches.
3 In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water.
4 For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.
5 And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.
6 When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time *in that case,* he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?

4:35 look ▸ *see John 1:38.*
4:37 another ▸ *see Gal. 1:7.*
4:44 own country ▸ *see Mark 6:1.*

5:2 porch

(Gr. *stoa*) (John 10:23; Acts 3:11; 5:12) G4745: The Greek word *stoa* describes a covered walkway bounded on one side by an exterior wall of a building or structure and on the other by a row of columns. Often such structures extended around all sides of an open courtyard, like a cloister in a monastery. The word can be translated as either "porch" or "portico."

5:4 trouble ▸ *see Luke 24:38.*

7 The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.
8 Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.
9 And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.
10 The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry *thy* bed.
11 He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk.
12 Then asked they him, What man is that which said unto thee, Take up thy bed, and walk?
13 And he that was healed wist not who it was: for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in *that* place.
14 Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.
15 The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus, which had made him whole.
16 And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the sabbath day.
17 But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.
18 Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.

All Judgment Given to Jesus

19 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.
20 For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.
21 For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth *them;* even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.
22 For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:
23 That all *men* should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.
24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.
25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.
26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;
27 And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.
28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,
29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.
30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

5:13 convey away

(Gr. *ekneuō*) G1593: This word is used only here in the New Testament. It comes from the words for "out from" (*ek*, G1537) and "to nod" (*neuō*, G3506), so the literal meaning is "to bend the head aside." In other Greek writings it is used, as here, to mean "to turn aside, to shun, to retire." An English idiom with similar meaning might be, "I'm going to duck out of the room."

5:16 persecute ▸ *see Luke 21:12.*
5:20 love ▸ *see John 21:15.*
5:21 quicken ▸ *see 1 Cor. 15:45.*
5:24 verily ▸ *see Rev. 22:20.*

5:24 life

(Gr. *zōē*) (John 14:6; James 4:14; Titus 1:2) G2222: The word *zōē* ranges in meaning from the ordinary human life (as Acts 17:25; James 4:14) to eternal, spiritual life (as here and frequently in John). In this latter sense it comes close to being a synonym for salvation itself (1 John 5:11, 12). It is in this sense that Jesus speaks of Himself as life (John 14:6). The related verb *zaō* (G2198), to live, is likewise used frequently in the New Testament, sometimes literally (Mark 5:23) and other times metaphorically (Luke 10:28).

Bearing Witness of Jesus

31 If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true.
32 There is another that beareth witness of me; and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of me is true.
33 Ye sent unto John, and he bare witness unto the truth.
34 But I receive not testimony from man: but these things I say, that ye might be saved.
35 He was a burning and a shining light: and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his light.
36 But I have greater witness than *that* of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.
37 And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape.
38 And ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not.
39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.
40 And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.
41 I receive not honour from men.
42 But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you.
43 I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.
44 How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that *cometh* from God only?
45 Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is *one* that accuseth you, *even* Moses, in whom ye trust.
46 For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me.
47 But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?

Five Loaves and Two Fishes

6 After these things Jesus went over the sea of Galilee, which is *the sea* of Tiberias.
2 And a great multitude followed him, because they saw his miracles which he did on them that were diseased.
3 And Jesus went up into a mountain, and there he sat with his disciples.
4 And the passover, a feast of the Jews, was nigh.
5 When Jesus then lifted up *his* eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat?
6 And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do.

5:31 bear witness

(Gr. *martureō*) (John 7:7; 8:13; 1 John 4:14; 5:9) G3140: This Greek word means "to testify." According to Jewish law, a testimony to oneself is no testimony at all. Truth or validity had to be established by two or three witnesses (Deut. 17:7; 19:15). Therefore, Jesus' witness to Himself would not validate His claims; He needed the witness of another. That other witness was not John the Baptist, but Jesus' Father. In the following verses, Jesus called upon several witnesses to affirm His claims, but actually He needs only one witness, His Father's.

5:32 true ▸ *see Rom. 3:4.*
5:35 season ▸ *see Luke 22:53.*

5:39 scripture

(Gr. *graphē*) (Matt. 26:56; Luke 24:27; Acts 17:2; Rom. 15:4; 2 Tim. 3:16) G1124: This is the word from which we get words like "biography" and "autograph." It refers to written words or documents, and specifically in Scripture often refers to the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. The word makes reference to God, the divine Author, and how His written words are His living voice. Probably the most famous definition of this word is found in 2 Timothy 3:16, 17: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works."

6:6 prove

(Gr. *peirazō*) (Acts 24:6; 2 Cor. 13:5; Heb. 11:37) G3985: This Greek verb can mean "to try" or "to attempt" (as Acts 24:6) but is often translated as "to prove" (as here in John 6:6) or even "to examine" (2 Cor. 13:5). Such testing may involve painful trials (as Heb. 11:37), and may be imposed by God, who desires the person's successful completion, or by one, like Satan, who desires the

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7 Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little.
8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him,
9 There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?
10 And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.
11 And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would.
12 When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.
13 Therefore they gathered *them* together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten.
14 Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.
15 When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone.

Jesus Walks on the Sea

16 And when even was *now* come, his disciples went down unto the sea,
17 And entered into a ship, and went over the sea toward Capernaum. And it was now dark, and Jesus was not come to them.
18 And the sea arose by reason of a great wind that blew.
19 So when they had rowed about five and twenty or thirty furlongs, they see Jesus walking on the sea, and drawing nigh unto the ship: and they were afraid.
20 But he saith unto them, It is I; be not afraid.
21 Then they willingly received him into the ship: and immediately the ship was at the land whither they went.
22 The day following, when the people which stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was none other boat there, save that one whereinto his disciples were entered, and that Jesus went not with his disciples into the boat, but *that* his disciples were gone away alone;
23 (Howbeit there came other boats from Tiberias nigh unto the place where they did eat bread, after that the Lord had given thanks:)
24 When the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, neither his disciples, they also took shipping, and came to Capernaum, seeking for Jesus.

Jesus Is the True Bread from Heaven

25 And when they had found him on the other side of the sea, they said unto him, Rabbi, when camest thou hither?
26 Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled.

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person's downfall. This negative sense leads to the alternative meaning, "to tempt," in the sense of enticing someone to sin (Gal. 6:1). Consequently, Satan can be called "the tempter" (Matt. 4:3; cf. James 1:13, 14), and God can be tested by men (Acts 15:10)—always a presumptuous sin.

6:18 sea ▸ *see Rev. 13:1.*
6:19 see ▸ *see John 20:14.*

6:21 immediately

(Gr. *eutheōs*) (Matt. 4:20; 8:3; 14:27; Mark 1:21; James 1:24) G2112: This word is derived from the adjective meaning "straight" and means "straightaway, directly, suddenly." It contrasts what is happening in the present moment to what has just happened. This word is used frequently in the Gospel of Mark, where the emphasis is on the quick pace of the events of Jesus' ministry. The efficacy of Jesus' miracles is often illustrated by this word, such as in John 5:9: "And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked." It is also used to describe sincere and decisive obedience, as when the disciples rose up to follow Jesus (Matt. 4:20).

6:26 miracle

(Gr. *sēmeion*) (Matt. 26:48; Acts 2:22; 2 Thess. 3:17; Luke 11:29) G4592: In its broadest sense, a *sēmeion* is any sign or indicator by which

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27 Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.
28 Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?
29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.
30 They said therefore unto him, What sign shewest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work?
31 Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat.
32 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven.
33 For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.
34 Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.
35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.
36 But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not.
37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.
38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.
39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.
40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

The Murmuring of the Jews

41 The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven.
42 And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven?
43 Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves.
44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.
45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.
46 Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father.
47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.
48 I am that bread of life.
49 Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.
50 This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.
51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.
52 The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us *his* flesh to eat?
53 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.
54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.
55 For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

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something is known. It can be a mark of genuineness (2 Thess. 3:17), a prearranged signal (Matt. 26:48), or even a warning (Luke 11:29, 30). *Sēmeion* often refers to an event with some special meaning, particularly miracles or portents in the skies that signify the approach of the last days. It often appears in such contexts with *dynamis* (G1411), meaning "work of power," and *teras* (G5059), meaning "omen" or "wonder" (as in Acts 2:22). Here in John 6:26 the emphasis is not on the miraculous act itself but on understanding the underlying reality that it signifies.

6:27 seal ▸ *see Rev. 7:3.*
6:29 work ▸ *see 1 Thess. 1:3.*

56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.
57 As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.
58 This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.
59 These things said he in the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum.

Many Disciples Fall Away

60 Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard *this,* said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it?
61 When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, Doth this offend you?
62 *What* and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before?
63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, *they* are spirit, and *they* are life.
64 But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him.
65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.
66 From that *time* many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.
67 Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away?
68 Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.
69 And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.
70 Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?
71 He spake of Judas Iscariot *the son* of Simon: for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve.

The Disbelief of Jesus' Brothers

7 After these things Jesus walked in Galilee: for he would not walk in Jewry, because the Jews sought to kill him.
2 Now the Jews' feast of tabernacles was at hand.
3 His brethren therefore said unto him, Depart hence, and go into Judaea, that thy disciples also may see the works that thou doest.
4 For *there is* no man *that* doeth any thing in secret, and he himself seeketh to be known openly. If thou do these things, shew thyself to the world.
5 For neither did his brethren believe in him.
6 Then Jesus said unto them, My time is not yet come: but your time is alway ready.
7 The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil.
8 Go ye up unto this feast: I go not up yet unto this feast; for my time is not yet full come.
9 When he had said these words unto them, he abode *still* in Galilee.
10 But when his brethren were gone up, then went he also up unto the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret.
11 Then the Jews sought him at the feast, and said, Where is he?
12 And there was much murmuring among the people concerning him: for some said, He is a good man: others said, Nay; but he deceiveth the people.
13 Howbeit no man spake openly of him for fear of the Jews.

The Jews Marvel at Jesus' Teaching

14 Now about the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and taught.
15 And the Jews marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?

6:59 synagogue ▸ *see Acts 19:8.*
6:61 offend ▸ *see Luke 17:2.*
6:63 quicken ▸ *see 1 Cor. 15:45.*
7:7 testify ▸ *see John 5:31.*

7:12 murmuring

(Gr. *gongysmos*) (Acts 6:1; Phil. 2:14; 1 Pet. 4:9) G1112: The Greek word *gongysmos* is derived from the word *gongyzō* (G1111), which means "murmur." Thus, *gongysmos* means complaint or murmuring. Like the English words murmur and grumble, the Greek word is an example of onomatopoeia, a word that sounds like what it represents. As here, *gongysmos* suggests the grumbling undertones of complaint. Paul commands Christians to "do all things without murmurings and disputings" (Phil. 2:14), and Peter tells us to "use hospitality one to another without grumbling" (1 Pet. 4:9).

16 Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.
17 If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or *whether* I speak of myself.
18 He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him.
19 Did not Moses give you the law, and *yet* none of you keepeth the law? Why go ye about to kill me?
20 The people answered and said, Thou hast a devil: who goeth about to kill thee?
21 Jesus answered and said unto them, I have done one work, and ye all marvel.
22 Moses therefore gave unto you circumcision; (not because it is of Moses, but of the fathers;) and ye on the sabbath day circumcise a man.
23 If a man on the sabbath day receive circumcision, that the law of Moses should not be broken; are ye angry at me, because I have made a man every whit whole on the sabbath day?
24 Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.

A Division Among the People

25 Then said some of them of Jerusalem, Is not this he, whom they seek to kill?
26 But, lo, he speaketh boldly, and they say nothing unto him. Do the rulers know indeed that this is the very Christ?
27 Howbeit we know this man whence he is: but when Christ cometh, no man knoweth whence he is.
28 Then cried Jesus in the temple as he taught, saying, Ye both know me, and ye know whence I am: and I am not come of myself, but he that sent me is true, whom ye know not.
29 But I know him: for I am from him, and he hath sent me.
30 Then they sought to take him: but no man laid hands on him, because his hour was not yet come.
31 And many of the people believed on him, and said, When Christ cometh, will he do more miracles than these which this *man* hath done?
32 The Pharisees heard that the people murmured such things concerning him; and the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to take him.
33 Then said Jesus unto them, Yet a little while am I with you, and *then* I go unto him that sent me.
34 Ye shall seek me, and shall not find *me:* and where I am, *thither* ye cannot come.
35 Then said the Jews among themselves, Whither will he go, that we shall not find him? will he go unto the dispersed among the Gentiles, and teach the Gentiles?
36 What *manner of* saying is this that he said, Ye shall seek me, and shall not find *me:* and where I am, *thither* ye cannot come?
37 In the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.
38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.
39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet *given;* because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

7:18 unrighteousness

(Gr. *adikia*) (Luke 18:6; Acts 1:18; Rom. 1:18; 6:13; 1 John 1:9) G0093: Combined from the negative *a* and the root *dikē,* which means "right," this word refers to legal injustice or moral wrong in heart or action. These are deeds that violate moral codes and induce guilt. Opposites include truthfulness, rightness, and faithfulness. This word illustrates the gulf between God—who is completely righteous in all ways—and man, who is utterly unrighteous. But Jesus bridges that gap: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

7:26 ruler ▸ *see 1 Cor. 2:6.*
7:33 while ▸ *see Acts 1:7.*

7:35 dispersed

(Gr. *diaspora*) (James 1:1; 1 Pet. 1:1) G1290: The Greek word *diaspora* is used literally here of the dispersion of the Jews among the Gentile nations but elsewhere metaphorically of Christians as pilgrims in the evil world (James 1:1; 1 Pet. 1:1). It is derived from the verb *diaspeiro* (G1289), "to scatter" or "to disperse," which is used in Acts to refer to the scattering of the Christians from Jerusalem as a result of persecution (Acts 8:1; 11:19).

7:39 glorify ▸ *see John 17:5.*

40 Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, Of a truth this is the Prophet.
41 Others said, This is the Christ. But some said, Shall Christ come out of Galilee?
42 Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was?
43 So there was a division among the people because of him.
44 And some of them would have taken him; but no man laid hands on him.

The Pharisees' Unbelief

45 Then came the officers to the chief priests and Pharisees; and they said unto them, Why have ye not brought him?
46 The officers answered, Never man spake like this man.
47 Then answered them the Pharisees, Are ye also deceived?
48 Have any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed on him?
49 But this people who knoweth not the law are cursed.
50 Nicodemus saith unto them, (he that came to Jesus by night, being one of them,)
51 Doth our law judge *any* man, before it hear him, and know what he doeth?
52 They answered and said unto him, Art thou also of Galilee? Search, and look: for out of Galilee ariseth no prophet.
53 And every man went unto his own house.

Jesus Forgives an Adulterous Woman

8 Jesus went unto the mount of Olives.
2 And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them.
3 And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst,
4 They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act.
5 Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?
6 This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with *his* finger wrote on the ground, *as though he heard them not.*
7 So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.
8 And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground.
9 And they which heard *it,* being convicted by *their own* conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, *even* unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.
10 When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?
11 She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.

The Light of the World

12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.
13 The Pharisees therefore said unto him, Thou bearest record of thyself; thy record is not true.
14 Jesus answered and said unto them, Though I bear record of myself, *yet* my record is true: for I know whence I came,

7:42 seed ▸ *see Rom. 1:3.*
8:3 scribe ▸ *see Luke 15:2.*
8:3 taken ▸ *see Eph. 3:18.*
8:3 adultery ▸ *see Mark 7:21.*
8:5 stone ▸ *see Acts 7:58.*

8:12 light

(Gr. *phōs*) (Matt. 5:14; John 11:9; Acts 16:29; 1 John 1:5) G5457: The Greek word *phōs* is a common noun meaning "light," which may be used either literally (John 11:9) or metaphorically (as here in John 8:12). It may also be used of that which gives light, again literally (as Acts 16:29) or metaphorically (as Matt. 5:14). Ephesians 5:13 appears to use it in the sense of that which is illuminated by light. The New Testament uses it especially of spiritual light and enlightenment, in contrast to spiritual darkness, a point also involved here in John 8:12 (cf. 1 John 1:7). Indeed, God is light (1 John 1:5). The closely related word *phōtismos* means "illumination," "enlightenment," or "light" (G5462, only in 2 Cor. 4:4).

8:12 darkness ▸ *see John 12:46.*
8:13 bear record ▸ *see John 5:31.*

and whither I go; but ye cannot tell whence I come, and whither I go.
15 Ye judge after the flesh; I judge no man.
16 And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me.
17 It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true.
18 I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me.
19 Then said they unto him, Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also.
20 These words spake Jesus in the treasury, as he taught in the temple: and no man laid hands on him; for his hour was not yet come.
21 Then said Jesus again unto them, I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come.
22 Then said the Jews, Will he kill himself? because he saith, Whither I go, ye cannot come.

Jesus Speaks for the Father

23 And he said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world.
24 I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am *he,* ye shall die in your sins.
25 Then said they unto him, Who art thou? And Jesus saith unto them, Even *the same* that I said unto you from the beginning.
26 I have many things to say and to judge of you: but he that sent me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I have heard of him.
27 They understood not that he spake to them of the Father.
28 Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am *he,* and *that* I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.
29 And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.
30 As he spake these words, many believed on him.

Abraham's Seed

31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed;
32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.
33 They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free?
34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.
35 And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: *but* the Son abideth ever.
36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.
37 I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you.
38 I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father.
39 They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham.
40 But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham.
41 Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, *even* God.
42 Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

8:28 lift up

(Gr. *hypsoō*) (Matt. 23:12; John 3:14; Acts 2:33; James 4:10) G5312: While the word *hypsoō* is used once in John in its most literal sense ("Moses lifted up the serpent," John 3:14), elsewhere in John it refers to Jesus' being lifted up on the cross as the moment of His exaltation (John 3:14; here in 8:28; 12:32). The figurative meaning, "to exalt," is used both of Christ (Acts 2:33) and people (Luke 1:52). Although we often think of this term in a positive sense, this "exalting" may at times be misguided, as when one exalts himself (Matt. 23:12) as opposed to when God exalts someone (Matt. 23:12; James 4:10).

8:32 know ▸ *see John 10:27.*
8:36 make free ▸ *see Rom. 8:2.*
8:36 free ▸ *see Rev. 6:15.*

43 Why do ye not understand my speech? *even* because ye cannot hear my word.

The Devil's Children

44 Ye are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.
45 And because I tell *you* the truth, ye believe me not.
46 Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?
47 He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear *them* not, because ye are not of God.

Honoured by the Father

48 Then answered the Jews, and said unto him, Say we not well that thou art a Samaritan, and hast a devil?
49 Jesus answered, I have not a devil; but I honour my Father, and ye do dishonour me.
50 And I seek not mine own glory: there is one that seeketh and judgeth.
51 Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.
52 Then said the Jews unto him, Now we know that thou hast a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and thou sayest, If a man keep my saying, he shall never taste of death.
53 Art thou greater than our father Abraham, which is dead? and the prophets are dead: whom makest thou thyself?
54 Jesus answered, If I honour myself, my honour is nothing: it is my Father that honoureth me; of whom ye say, that he is your God:
55 Yet ye have not known him; but I know him: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you: but I know him, and keep his saying.
56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw *it,* and was glad.
57 Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham?
58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.
59 Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

Jesus Heals a Man Blind from Birth

9 And as *Jesus* passed by, he saw a man which was blind from *his* birth.
2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?
3 Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.
4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.
5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.
6 When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay,
7 And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool

8:44 lust ▸ *see 1 Pet. 1:14.*
8:51 keep ▸ *see 1 John 5:3.*
8:59 take up ▸ *see John 15:2.*

9:1 blind

(Gr. *typhlos*) (Matt. 9:27; Mark 8:22; Rom. 2:19; 2 Pet. 1:9; Rev. 3:17) G5185: The word means "sightless" and describes the inability to see. This can be literal and physical (Matt. 12:22; 15:31); however, often in Scripture it is used to refer to spiritual blindness (i.e., the inability and/or unwillingness to understand and embrace the truth of God—see Matt. 23:16–26; Rom. 2:19; Rev. 3:17). Old Testament prophecies of the Messiah foretold One who would give sight to the blind (Is. 42:7). Jesus fulfilled this in both ways (Matt. 11:5), restoring physical and spiritual sight.

9:4 work

(Gr. *ergazomai*) (Rom 2:10; 1 Cor. 4:12; Gal. 6:10; 2 Thess. 3:8) G2038: Compared to synonyms like *poieō* (G4160), "do"; or *prassō* (G4238), "act"; "accomplish," *ergazomai* is generally stronger, implying a considerable expenditure of effort to accomplish or produce something. Most often *ergazomai* and the cognate noun *ergon* (G2041), meaning "work" or "deed," are used in a positive sense, as here (cf. John 3:21; Rom. 2:10). However, both may also refer to working or works unsuccessfully offered to God for salvation (as Rom. 4:2–6). The words are also general occupational terms used to indicate "working" for one's livelihood (1 Cor. 4:12; 2 Thess. 3:8).

9:7 wash ▸ *see John 13:5.*

of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.
8 The neighbours therefore, and they which before had seen him that he was blind, said, Is not this he that sat and begged?
9 Some said, This is he: others *said,* He is like him: *but* he said, I am *he.*
10 Therefore said they unto him, How were thine eyes opened?
11 He answered and said, A man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash: and I went and washed, and I received sight.
12 Then said they unto him, Where is he? He said, I know not.

The Pharisees Question the Healing

13 They brought to the Pharisees him that aforetime was blind.
14 And it was the sabbath day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes.
15 Then again the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. He said unto them, He put clay upon mine eyes, and I washed, and do see.
16 Therefore said some of the Pharisees, This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath day. Others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles? And there was a division among them.
17 They say unto the blind man again, What sayest thou of him, that he hath opened thine eyes? He said, He is a prophet.
18 But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind, and received his sight, until they called the parents of him that had received his sight.
19 And they asked them, saying, Is this your son, who ye say was born blind? how then doth he now see?
20 His parents answered them and said, We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind:
21 But by what means he now seeth, we know not; or who hath opened his eyes, we know not: he is of age; ask him: he shall speak for himself.
22 These *words* spake his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue.
23 Therefore said his parents, He is of age; ask him.
24 Then again called they the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner.
25 He answered and said, Whether he be a sinner *or no,* I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see.
26 Then said they to him again, What did he to thee? how opened he thine eyes?
27 He answered them, I have told you already, and ye did not hear: wherefore would ye hear *it* again? will ye also be his disciples?
28 Then they reviled him, and said, Thou art his disciple; but we are Moses' disciples.
29 We know that God spake unto Moses: *as for* this *fellow,* we know not from whence he is.
30 The man answered and said unto them, Why herein is a marvellous thing, that ye know not from whence he is, and *yet* he hath opened mine eyes.
31 Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.
32 Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind.
33 If this man were not of God, he could do nothing.
34 They answered and said unto him, Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they cast him out.

The Healed Man's Belief

35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God?
36 He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him?
37 And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee.
38 And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.
39 And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind.
40 And *some* of the Pharisees which were

9:21 of age ▸ *see Luke 19:3.*
9:30 marvellous ▸ *see Rev. 15:3.*
9:39 judgment ▸ *see Rev. 20:4.*

with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also?
41 Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth.

The Good Shepherd

10 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.
2 But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.
3 To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.
4 And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.
5 And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.
6 This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them.
7 Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.
8 All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.
9 I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.
10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly.
11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.
12 But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.
13 The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.
14 I am the good shepherd, and know my *sheep,* and am known of mine.
15 As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.
16 And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they

9:41 sin

(Gr. *hamartia*) (Rom. 7:20; Heb. 3:13; James 4:17; 1 Pet. 2:24; 1 John 1:9) G0266: The most common sense of *hamartia* in the New Testament is the act of violating the will or law of God (1 John 5:17). The less frequent *hamartēma* (G0265—Rom. 3:25) is synonymous. *Hamartia* can also designate a continuing state of sinfulness as an inherent aspect of one's character (John 9:34). Here in John 9:41 the emphasis is on the moral consequences and guilt that result from having sinned (cf. 1 John 1:7, 8). In Paul's letters and Hebrews, the concept of sin is that of a power that controls people (Rom. 7:20; Heb. 3:13).

10:2 shepherd

(Gr. *poimēn*) (Matt. 9:36; John 10:11; Heb. 13:20; 1 Pet. 2:25) G4166: One of the most precious images for Jesus is that of a loving Shepherd. Scripture tells us that we are like sheep, often foolish and prone to wander (Is. 53:6), but Jesus gently finds, protects, and cares for us (Ps. 23). The duties and responsibilities of a shepherd would have been very familiar to Jesus' hearers. Thus, this metaphor for salvation (entering through the door), healing care, and protection from enemies would have offered a tangible picture of His love. This word is also used of pastors who serve their flock of believers, following Christ's example (Eph. 4:11).

10:6 parable ▸ *see John 16:25.*

10:10 abundantly

(Gr. *perissos*) (Mark 6:51; 14:31; Eph. 3:20; 1 Thess. 3:10) G4053: Jesus offers "superabundant, excessive, overflowing, more than enough, extraordinary" life. The root word means "beyond" (*peri*—G4012). This is abundance in the sense of being beyond measure, exceeding the limits of what can be quantified. It helps us get a sense of the word when we look at one of the key times it is used in Scripture—to describe the disciples' reaction to Jesus calming the storm (Mark 6:51). The abundant life Jesus offers is made possible by His abundant power: "Now unto him who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us" (Eph. 3:20).

10:11 good ▸ *see Matt. 13:48.*
10:11 shepherd ▸ *see John 10:2.*
10:16 other ▸ *see Gal. 1:7.*

shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, *and* one shepherd.
17 Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again.
18 No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.
19 There was a division therefore again among the Jews for these sayings.
20 And many of them said, He hath a devil, and is mad; why hear ye him?
21 Others said, These are not the words of him that hath a devil. Can a devil open the eyes of the blind?

Jesus Charged with Blasphemy

22 And it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication, and it was winter.
23 And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch.
24 Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly.
25 Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me.
26 But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you.
27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:
28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand.
29 My Father, which gave *them* me, is greater than all; and no *man* is able to pluck *them* out of my Father's hand.
30 I and *my* Father are one.
31 Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him.
32 Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?
33 The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.
34 Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods?
35 If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken;
36 Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?
37 If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not.
38 But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father *is* in me, and I in him.
39 Therefore they sought again to take him: but he escaped out of their hand,
40 And went away again beyond Jordan into the place where John at first baptized; and there he abode.
41 And many resorted unto him, and said, John did no miracle: but all things that John spake of this man were true.
42 And many believed on him there.

10:23 porch ▸ *see John 5:2.*
10:24 make ▸ *see John 15:2.*

10:27 know

(Gr. *ginōskō*) (Matt. 1:25; John 8:32; 17:3; Acts 19:15; 1 Cor. 8:3) G1097: The Greek word *ginōskō* is particularly common in John's writings. *Ginōskō* includes the idea of grasping and understanding the object perceived and thus often indicates the point when knowledge begins. It also often implies an experiential relationship between the knower and the object or person known, as in its euphemistic use for sexual intercourse (Matt. 1:25). Therefore it is especially appropriate to indicate knowledge of God (as John 17:3) or other personal relationships, as here in John 10:27. Its meaning ranges from "understand" or "perceive" to "acknowledge" or "recognize."

10:36 sanctify

(Gr. *hagiazō*) (Matt. 6:9; John 17:17; Acts 26:18; 1 Thess. 5:23) G0037: Literally "to make holy, consecrate, set apart." This state of being holy is in contrast to being common or unclean. In the Old Testament this practice of setting things apart was part of obedience to the law, but in the New Testament we find that all those sanctifying cleansings and rituals were designed to point to Christ. Christians are sanctified by faith in Christ (Acts 26:18; 1 Cor. 1:2) and by the work of the Holy Spirit (Rom. 15:16). We are also given the opportunity to play a role in the sanctification of others (1 Cor. 7:14). At the same time, we call God's name holy (Matt. 6:9) and sanctify Him in our hearts through worship (1 Pet. 3:15).

Jesus' Friend Lazarus Dies

11 Now a certain *man* was sick, *named* Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha.
2 (It was *that* Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.)
3 Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick.
4 When Jesus heard *that,* he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.
5 Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus.
6 When he had heard therefore that he was sick, he abode two days still in the same place where he was.
7 Then after that saith he to *his* disciples, Let us go into Judaea again.
8 *His* disciples say unto him, Master, the Jews of late sought to stone thee; and goest thou thither again?
9 Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world.
10 But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him.
11 These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.
12 Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well.
13 Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep.
14 Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead.
15 And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him.
16 Then said Thomas, which is called Didymus, unto his fellowdisciples, Let us also go, that we may die with him.

Martha's Assurance of the Resurrection

17 Then when Jesus came, he found that he had *lain* in the grave four days already.
18 Now Bethany was nigh unto Jerusalem, about fifteen furlongs off:
19 And many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother.
20 Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him: but Mary sat *still* in the house.
21 Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.
22 But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give *it* thee.
23 Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again.
24 Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.
25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:
26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?
27 She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.
28 And when she had so said, she went her way, and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, The Master is come, and calleth for thee.
29 As soon as she heard *that,* she arose quickly, and came unto him.
30 Now Jesus was not yet come into the

11:2 anoint ▸ *see James 5:14.*
11:3 love ▸ *see John 21:15.*
11:4 death ▸ *see Rev. 1:18.*
11:9 light ▸ *see John 8:12.*
11:11 friend ▸ *see John 15:14.*

11:14 plainly

(Gr. *parrēsia*) (John 11:54; 16:29; Eph. 6:19; 1 John 2:28) G3954: In the Gospels (as John 10:24 and here), the expression "with plainness of speech" often carries the adverbial sense "plainly, openly" and stands in contrast to speaking in parables (John 16:29). From this meaning there developed other senses like public openness (John 11:54; Col. 2:15), boldness or confidence (Heb. 4:16; 10:19; 1 John 2:28), and fearlessness (Eph. 6:19). *Parrēsia* is closely related to the verb *parrēsiazomai* (G3955) which means "to speak freely, openly, or publicly" (Acts 18:26).

11:18 furlong ▸ *see Rev. 14:20.*
11:24 resurrection ▸ *see Acts 2:31.*

town, but was in that place where Martha met him.
31 The Jews then which were with her in the house, and comforted her, when they saw Mary, that she rose up hastily and went out, followed her, saying, She goeth unto the grave to weep there.

Jesus Weeps

32 Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.
33 When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled,
34 And said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see.
35 Jesus wept.
36 Then said the Jews, Behold how he loved him!
37 And some of them said, Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died?

Jesus Raises Lazarus

38 Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it.
39 Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been *dead* four days.
40 Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?
41 Then they took away the stone *from the place* where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up *his* eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.
42 And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said *it*, that they may believe that thou hast sent me.
43 And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.
44 And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

The Plan to Kill Jesus

45 Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him.
46 But some of them went their ways to the Pharisees, and told them what things Jesus had done.
47 Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, What do we? for this man doeth many miracles.
48 If we let him thus alone, all *men* will believe on him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation.
49 And one of them, *named* Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all,
50 Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not.
51 And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation;
52 And not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad.
53 Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put him to death.
54 Jesus therefore walked no more openly among the Jews; but went thence unto a country near to the wilderness, into a city called Ephraim, and there continued with his disciples.
55 And the Jews' passover was nigh at hand:

11:32 fall ▸ *see Rev. 7:11.*
11:33 weep ▸ *see Luke 19:41.*
11:33 groan ▸ *see John 11:38.*

11:38 groan

(Gr. *embrimaomai*) (Matt. 9:30; Mark 1:43; 14:5; John 11:33) G1690: This fairly uncommon word means "to express or feel deep emotion." Outside of these two instances in John, in the other three verses in the New Testament it apparently means "to express the opposite of tolerance or sympathy"; thus, "to reprimand" (Matt. 9:30). Here in John 11:38 (cf. v. 33), it carries the idea of being deeply moved, but commentators differ whether Jesus was deeply troubled over the loss of Lazarus (to Himself or Lazarus's friends) or moved with indignation either at the power of death or possibly at the unbelief of the mourners.

11:41 take away ▸ *see John 15:2.*
11:45 see ▸ *see John 1:38.*
11:54 openly ▸ *see John 11:14.*

and many went out of the country up to Jerusalem before the passover, to purify themselves.
56 Then sought they for Jesus, and spake among themselves, as they stood in the temple, What think ye, that he will not come to the feast?
57 Now both the chief priests and the Pharisees had given a commandment, that, if any man knew where he were, he should shew *it,* that they might take him.

Mary Anoints the Feet of Jesus

12 Then Jesus six days before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead.
2 There they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him.
3 Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment.
4 Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's *son,* which should betray him,
5 Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?
6 This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein.
7 Then said Jesus, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this.
8 For the poor always ye have with you; but me ye have not always.
9 Much people of the Jews therefore knew that he was there: and they came not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom he had raised from the dead.
10 But the chief priests consulted that they might put Lazarus also to death;
11 Because that by reason of him many of the Jews went away, and believed on Jesus.

Jesus Enters Jerusalem

12 On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,
13 Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed *is* the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord.
14 And Jesus, when he had found a young ass, sat thereon; as it is written,
15 Fear not, daughter of Sion: behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt.
16 These things understood not his disciples at the first: but when Jesus was glorified, then remembered they that these things were written of him, and *that* they had done these things unto him.
17 The people therefore that was with him when he called Lazarus out of his grave, and raised him from the dead, bare record.
18 For this cause the people also met him, for that they heard that he had done this miracle.
19 The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, Perceive ye how ye prevail nothing? behold, the world is gone after him.

The Son of Man to Be Glorified

20 And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast:
21 The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus.
22 Philip cometh and telleth Andrew: and again Andrew and Philip tell Jesus.
23 And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.
24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.
25 He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

12:3 pound ▸ *see John 19:39.*
12:3 anoint ▸ *see James 5:14.*

12:6 bag

(Gr. *glōssokomon*) (John 13:29) G1101: The Greek word *glōssokomon* is a general term for any case or container. Its two uses in the New Testament (both in John) refer to a money box or bag. In the Septuagint at 2 Chronicles 24:8, 10, the word *glōssokomon* is used to describe the chest that King Joash set up to collect money for temple repairs.

12:13 Hosanna ▸ *see Mark 11:9.*
12:23 glorify ▸ *see John 17:5.*
12:25 love ▸ *see John 21:15.*

26 If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will *my* Father honour.
27 Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour.
28 Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, *saying,* I have both glorified *it,* and will glorify *it* again.
29 The people therefore, that stood by, and heard *it,* said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him.
30 Jesus answered and said, This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes.
31 Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.
32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all *men* unto me.
33 This he said, signifying what death he should die.
34 The people answered him, We have heard out of the law that Christ abideth for ever: and how sayest thou, The Son of man must be lifted up? who is this Son of man?
35 Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth.
36 While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them.

Refusal to Confess Jesus

37 But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him:
38 That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed?
39 Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again,
40 He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with *their* eyes, nor understand with *their* heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.
41 These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory, and spake of him.
42 Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess *him,* lest they should be put out of the synagogue:
43 For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.
44 Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me.
45 And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me.
46 I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.
47 And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.
48 He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.
49 For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.
50 And I know that his commandment is

12:26 follow

(Gr. *akoloutheō*) (Matt. 21:9; 26:58; Mark 1:18; Luke 9:49; Rev. 14:4) G0190: This is a common verb meaning either "to follow after" or "to accompany" (as Matt. 21:9; Mark 14:13), or frequently in the New Testament figuratively "to follow as a disciple," suggesting the teacher-pupil relationship (as Luke 9:49). The figurative meaning often carries the implicit idea of emulating, even obeying (as probably here in John 12:26; cf. Matt. 19:27, 28).

12:26 servant ▸ *see Mark 9:35.*
12:31 judgment ▸ *see John 3:19.*
12:40 harden ▸ *see Mark 8:17.*
12:45 see ▸ *see John 20:14.*

12:46 darkness

(Gr. *skotia*) (Matt. 10:27; John 1:5; 8:12; 1 John 2:11) G4653: Literally this word refers to obscurity or gloom due to lack of light. In a metaphorical sense it is anything related to ignorance of moral truth or to moral depravity. Light is divine truth and happiness; darkness is spiritual evil, depravity, or anything that is at odds with God and thus causes unhappiness. This word appears 16 times in the New Testament, and all but two are in the writings of John. Most famous is John 8:12: "Then spake Jesus again unto them saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.

Jesus Washes the Feet of the Disciples

13 Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.
2 And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's *son,* to betray him;
3 Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;
4 He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself.
5 After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe *them* with the towel wherewith he was girded.
6 Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet?
7 Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter.
8 Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.
9 Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also *my* hands and *my* head.
10 Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash *his* feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.
11 For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean.
12 So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you?
13 Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for *so* I am.
14 If I then, *your* Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.
15 For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.
16 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.
17 If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

Preparing for His Betrayal

18 I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me.
19 Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am *he.*
20 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me; and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.
21 When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.
22 Then the disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom he spake.
23 Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved.
24 Simon Peter therefore beckoned to him,

13:5 wash

(Gr. *niptō*) (Matt. 6:17; John 9:7; 1 Tim. 5:10) G3538: In speaking to Peter, Jesus used two different Greek words to indicate two different kinds of washing. The Greek word *niptō* (John 13:5–14) is used to indicate the washing of the extremities, the hands and the feet. The Greek word *louō* (G3068) specifically means "bathing." According to the social customs of those times, once a person had bathed his entire body, he needed only to wash his feet before partaking of a meal. In His response to Peter, Jesus used both words in order to advance a precious truth: just as those who have bathed need only to wash their feet, so believers who have been bathed by the Lord through His word and the Spirit (see John 15:3; Eph. 5:26; Titus 3:5) need only to wash themselves daily from the filth and defilement they accumulate by their contact with the world.

13:10 wash

(Gr. *louō*) (Acts 16:33; Heb. 10:22; 2 Pet. 2:22) G3068: This is a verb meaning wash or bathe, usually implying the whole body, as here (in contrast with a subsequent washing of the feet). It may be used of a person (Acts 16:33), animal (2 Pet. 2:22), or corpse (Acts 9:37). It may refer to washings with religious significance—as in the possible reference to baptism in Hebrews 10:22. The related verb *apolouō* (G0628) means "to wash away" and is used of baptism in Acts 22:16.

that he should ask who it should be of whom he spake.
25 He then lying on Jesus' breast saith unto him, Lord, who is it?
26 Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped *it.* And when he had dipped the sop, he gave *it* to Judas Iscariot, *the son* of Simon.
27 And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly.
28 Now no man at the table knew for what intent he spake this unto him.
29 For some *of them* thought, because Judas had the bag, that Jesus had said unto him, Buy *those things* that we have need of against the feast; or, that he should give something to the poor.
30 He then having received the sop went immediately out: and it was night.

Peter to Deny Jesus

31 Therefore, when he was gone out, Jesus said, Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him.
32 If God be glorified in him, God shall also glorify him in himself, and shall straightway glorify him.
33 Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you.
34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.
35 By this shall all *men* know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.
36 Simon Peter said unto him, Lord, whither goest thou? Jesus answered him, Whither I go, thou canst not follow me now; but thou shalt follow me afterwards.
37 Peter said unto him, Lord, why cannot I follow thee now? I will lay down my life for thy sake.
38 Jesus answered him, Wilt thou lay down thy life for my sake? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, The cock shall not crow, till thou hast denied me thrice.

A House of Many Mansions

14 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.
2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were* not *so,* I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.
3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also.
4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

Jesus Is the Way, the Truth, and the Life

5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?
6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.
7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.
8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.
9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou *then,* Shew us the Father?
10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

13:29 bag ▸ *see John 12:6.*
13:31 glorify ▸ *see John 17:5.*

13:34 new

(Gr. *kainos*) (Mark 2:22; Eph. 4:24; Heb. 8:8; Rev. 21:1) G2537: The Greek adjective *kainos* means "new," either qualitatively (in contrast to "old") or temporally (not existing before), as with the synonym *neos* (G3501). While *kainos* and *neos* may be used interchangeably in the New Testament (cf. Mark 2:22), *kainos* is especially qualitative and often points to what is different and better. That nuance is present here in John 13:34 and in passages like Hebrews 8:8 (New Covenant), Revelation 21:1 (new heaven and earth), and Ephesians 4:24 (new man).

13:34 love ▸ *see John 3:16.*
13:35 love ▸ *see 1 John 2:15.*
14:2 prepare ▸ *see Rev. 21:2.*
14:6 way ▸ *see Heb. 10:20.*
14:6 truth ▸ *see John 4:24.*
14:6 life ▸ *see John 5:24.*

11 Believe me that I *am* in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.
12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.
13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.
14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do *it*.

A Comforter Will Come

15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.
16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;
17 *Even* the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.
18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.
19 Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.
20 At that day ye shall know that I *am* in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.
21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.
22 Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?
23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.
24 He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.
25 These things have I spoken unto you, being *yet* present with you.
26 But the Comforter, *which is* the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.
27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.
28 Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come *again* unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I.
29 And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe.
30 Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.
31 But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.

The True Vine

15 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

14:16 Comforter ▸ *see 1 John 2:1.*
14:17 cannot ▸ *see Jude 24.*
14:17 see ▸ *see John 20:14.*

14:21 manifest

(Gr. *emphanizō*) (Matt. 27:53; Acts 24:1; Heb. 11:14) G1718: This Greek verb carries a number of different but related meanings, depending on the context. *Emphanizō* can mean "to make visible," thus reveal, manifest (as here and v. 22; cf. Matt. 27:53); "show" (as Heb. 11:14); "make known, explain, inform" (as "suggest" in Acts 23:15); and even "present charges" (as Acts 24:1; 25:2, 15).

14:23 word ▸ *see John 1:1.*
14:26 Comforter ▸ *see 1 John 2:1.*
14:27 peace ▸ *see Luke 2:14.*

15:1 vine

(Gr. *ampelos*) (Matt. 26:29; James 3:12; Rev. 14:18) G0288: This word can describe a single grapevine or an entire vineyard. Either way, the image evokes the picture of corporate dependence. Israel was the vine of God's planting, but it failed to bear the proper fruit (Is. 5:1–7; Jer. 2:19–21). Jesus, with His believers incorporated in Him, is the true vine—the true fulfillment and actualization of the vine. As the entire race of Israel sprang from the patriarch Israel, the new generation of God's people is here viewed as originating from Christ, organically united to Him, as branches emanating from the vine. This is a fulfillment of Psalm 80:17, in which "the son of man" is said to be the vine planted by God.

2 Every branch in me that beareth not
fruit he taketh away: and every *branch* that
beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring
forth more fruit.
3 Now ye are clean through the word which
I have spoken unto you.
4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch
cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in
the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide
in me.
5 I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that
abideth in me, and I in him, the same bring-
eth forth much fruit: for without me ye can
do nothing.
6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth
as a branch, and is withered; and men gather
them, and cast *them* into the fire, and they
are burned.
7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in
you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be
done unto you.
8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear
much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.
9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I
loved you: continue ye in my love.
10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall
abide in my love; even as I have kept my
Father's commandments, and abide in his
love.
11 These things have I spoken unto you, that
my joy might remain in you, and *that* your
joy might be full.
12 This is my commandment, That ye love
one another, as I have loved you.
13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a
man lay down his life for his friends.
14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I
command you.
15 Henceforth I call you not servants; for the
servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but
I have called you friends; for all things that I
have heard of my Father I have made known
unto you.
16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen
you, and ordained you, that ye should go and
bring forth fruit, and *that* your fruit should
remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the
Father in my name, he may give it you.
17 These things I command you, that ye love
one another.

The World Will Hate Jesus' Followers

18 If the world hate you, ye know that it
hated me before *it hated* you.
19 If ye were of the world, the world would
love his own: but because ye are not of the
world, but I have chosen you out of the world,
therefore the world hateth you.
20 Remember the word that I said unto
you, The servant is not greater than his lord.
If they have persecuted me, they will also
persecute you; if they have kept my saying,
they will keep yours also.
21 But all these things will they do unto you
for my name's sake, because they know not
him that sent me.
22 If I had not come and spoken unto them,
they had not had sin: but now they have no
cloke for their sin.

15:2 take away

(Gr. *airō*) (Mark 8:34; John 8:59; 10:24; 11:41) G0142: The Greek verb *airō* most often refers to lifting some literal object. It may also refer to raising something figuratively (eyes in prayer, John 11:41). The meaning "take away" may be used euphemistically to indicate the destruction of things (the temple, John 11:48) or people (Jesus in Luke 23:18). *Airō* is used in two idioms: to lift up or take up the cross (Mark 8:34) means to endure suffering or death. To lift up or hold up someone's life (John 10:24) is to keep them in suspense. The verb *airō* is also a technical term for withdrawing money from a bank (Luke 19:21).

15:7 will ▸ *see Matt. 8:2.*
15:13 love ▸ *see 1 John 2:15.*

15:14 friend

(Gr. *philos*) (Luke 14:10; 15:6; John 3:29; 11:11; James 2:23) G5384: This common adjective is derived from the verb *phileō* (G5368) which means "love" or "have affection for." It can be used in either a passive sense (beloved, dear) or in an active sense (loving, devoted). However, with the possible exception of Acts 19:31, all of the New Testament occurrences are substantives, with the meaning "friend." The word was a common form of familiar address (Luke 14:10) and sometimes implied no more than close association ("friends and neighbours," Luke 15:6). In other cases, it denoted a special relationship between persons, as in John 15:14, 15 between Jesus and His disciples; as the "friend of the bridegroom" (akin to the modern "best man") in John 3:29; and as Abraham being called "a friend of God" in James 2:23. The feminine substantive *philē* is used to refer to woman friends (Luke 15:9).

15:16 choose ▸ *see Eph. 1:4.*

23 He that hateth me hateth my Father also.
24 If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father.
25 But *this cometh to pass,* that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause.
26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, *even* the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:
27 And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.

Words of Warning

16 These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended.
2 They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service.
3 And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me.
4 But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them. And these things I said not unto you at the beginning, because I was with you.
5 But now I go my way to him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou?
6 But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart.
7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.
8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:
9 Of sin, because they believe not on me;
10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;
11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.
12 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.
13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.
14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew *it* unto you.
15 All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew *it* unto you.
16 A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me, because I go to the Father.

Your Sorrow Will Turn to Joy

17 Then said *some* of his disciples among themselves, What is this that he saith unto us, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me: and, Because I go to the Father?
18 They said therefore, What is this that he saith, A little while? we cannot tell what he saith.
19 Now Jesus knew that they were desirous to ask him, and said unto them, Do ye enquire among yourselves of that I said, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me?
20 Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy.
21 A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world.
22 And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.
23 And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give *it* you.
24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.
25 These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall

15:26 Comforter ▸ *see 1 John 2:1.*
16:7 Comforter ▸ *see 1 John 2:1.*

16:25 proverb

(Gr. *paroimia*) (John 10:6; 2 Pet. 2:22) G3942: The Greek word can mean "proverb" (as here

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no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of the Father.
26 At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you:
27 For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God.
28 I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father.
29 His disciples said unto him, Lo, now speakest thou plainly, and speakest no proverb.
30 Now are we sure that thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask thee: by this we believe that thou camest forth from God.
31 Jesus answered them, Do ye now believe?
32 Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me.
33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

Jesus' Prayer for Himself

17 These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:
2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.
3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.
4 I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.
5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

Jesus' Prayer for His Disciples

6 I have manifested thy name unto the men

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and in 2 Pet. 2:22), "enigmatic saying" (as in John 16:25, 29), or "similitude." John did not use the Greek word *parabolē*, meaning "parable," which is common in the synoptic Gospels; and the synoptic Gospels do not have the word *paroimia*. The two words are nearly synonymous. The only difference is that in John's Gospel the word *paroimia* may connote the idea of a similitude or analogy. Whatever the exact definition, Jesus' similitude was not understood by His listeners because their sin had hardened their hearts and had made them unable to comprehend the spiritual truths about which Jesus spoke (see Matt. 13:10–17).

16:28 world ▸ *see 1 John 5:19.*
16:29 plainly ▸ *see John 11:14.*

16:33 tribulation

(Gr. *thlipsis*) (2 Cor. 2:4; 1 Thess. 3:7; 2 Thess. 1:6; Rev. 7:14) G2347: A noun literally meaning pressure, but in the New Testament this word is used only figuratively to identify oppression, affliction, tribulation, trouble. This figurative usage may focus either on outward circumstances, as might be caused by persecution (as here and in 2 Thess. 1:6), or on the inner distress of spirit that results from such oppression (as 2 Cor. 2:4). In Revelation 7:14 "the great tribulation" (understood by many to reflect Matt. 24:21, 29) will be a time of severe affliction and trouble.

16:33 be of good cheer ▸ *see Acts 23:11.*
16:33 overcome ▸ *see Rev. 2:7.*
17:3 know ▸ *see John 10:27.*
17:3 Christ ▸ *see Matt. 22:42.*

17:5 glorify

(Gr. *doxazō*) (John 7:39; 12:23; 13:31; Rom. 1:21; 8:30; Gal. 1:24) G1392: This Greek term means "to give glory," or "to make glorious." It was one of John's favorite expressions concerning what would happen to Jesus as a result of His crucifixion and resurrection (see John 7:39; 12:23, 24). These events would show the world that Jesus was no ordinary man. The resurrection, especially, would show that He is the glorious Son of God worthy of all honor. In His final prayer, Jesus asked the Father to be glorified alongside Him (that is, in the Father's presence) by means of the glory He had with the Father before the world existed. In other words, Jesus was praying to enter into the pristine state of coequal glory with the Father, a position He possessed from eternity as God's only Son (see John 1:1, 18). He would enter into that glory in a new way—as the God-man, the crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ.

17:5 glory ▸ *see John 2:11.*

which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.
7 Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee.
8 For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received *them,* and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.
9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.
10 And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.
11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we *are.*
12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.
13 And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.
14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.
15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.
16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.
17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.
18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.
19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

Jesus' Prayer for Believers

20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;
21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, *art* in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.
22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:
23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.
24 Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.
25 O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me.
26 And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare *it:* that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

Betrayal in the Garden

18 When Jesus had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples over the brook Cedron, where was a garden, into the which he entered, and his disciples.
2 And Judas also, which betrayed him, knew the place: for Jesus ofttimes resorted thither with his disciples.
3 Judas then, having received a band *of men* and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, cometh thither with lanterns and torches and weapons.
4 Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye?
5 They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, I am *he.* And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood with them.
6 As soon then as he had said unto them, I am *he,* they went backward, and fell to the ground.
7 Then asked he them again, Whom seek ye? And they said, Jesus of Nazareth.
8 Jesus answered, I have told you that I am *he:* if therefore ye seek me, let these go their way:
9 That the saying might be fulfilled, which he spake, Of them which thou gavest me have I lost none.
10 Then Simon Peter having a sword drew

17:11 holy ▸ *see Rev. 11:2.*
17:11 keep ▸ *see 1 John 5:3.*
17:17 sanctify ▸ *see John 10:36.*

it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus.
11 Then said Jesus unto Peter, Put up thy sword into the sheath: the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?

Jesus Appears Before Annas

12 Then the band and the captain and officers of the Jews took Jesus, and bound him,
13 And led him away to Annas first; for he was father in law to Caiaphas, which was the high priest that same year.
14 Now Caiaphas was he, which gave counsel to the Jews, that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.

Peter Denies Jesus

15 And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and *so did* another disciple: that disciple was known unto the high priest, and went in with Jesus into the palace of the high priest.
16 But Peter stood at the door without. Then went out that other disciple, which was known unto the high priest, and spake unto her that kept the door, and brought in Peter.
17 Then saith the damsel that kept the door unto Peter, Art not thou also *one* of this man's disciples? He saith, I am not.
18 And the servants and officers stood there, who had made a fire of coals; for it was cold: and they warmed themselves: and Peter stood with them, and warmed himself.

Jesus Is Questioned About His Doctrine

19 The high priest then asked Jesus of his disciples, and of his doctrine.
20 Jesus answered him, I spake openly to the world; I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort; and in secret have I said nothing.
21 Why askest thou me? ask them which heard me, what I have said unto them: behold, they know what I said.
22 And when he had thus spoken, one of the officers which stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, Answerest thou the high priest so?
23 Jesus answered him, If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil: but if well, why smitest thou me?
24 Now Annas had sent him bound unto Caiaphas the high priest.

Peter Twice Again Denies Jesus

25 And Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. They said therefore unto him, Art not thou also *one* of his disciples? He denied *it,* and said, I am not.
26 One of the servants of the high priest, being *his* kinsman whose ear Peter cut off, saith, Did not I see thee in the garden with him?
27 Peter then denied again: and immediately the cock crew.

Jesus Is Brought Before Pilate

28 Then led they Jesus from Caiaphas unto the hall of judgment: and it was early; and they themselves went not into the judgment hall, lest they should be defiled; but that they might eat the passover.
29 Pilate then went out unto them, and said, What accusation bring ye against this man?
30 They answered and said unto him, If he were not a malefactor, we would not have delivered him up unto thee.
31 Then said Pilate unto them, Take ye him, and judge him according to your law. The Jews therefore said unto him, It is not lawful for us to put any man to death:
32 That the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled, which he spake, signifying what death he should die.
33 Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews?
34 Jesus answered him, Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me?
35 Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own

18:28 hall of judgment

(Gr. *praitōrion*) (Matt. 27:27; Acts 23:35; Phil. 1:13) G4232: Greek transliteration of the Latin *Praetorium*, this word is a noun properly referring in New Testament times to the official residence of a Roman governor. Whether the *Praetorium* mentioned in the Gospels was the former Palace of Herod in the western section of Jerusalem or the fortress Antonia adjacent to the temple is disputed. The one mentioned in Acts 23:35 was clearly Herod's palace in Caesarea. The only other New Testament occurrence of *praitōrion* (Phil. 1:13) might refer to such a residence or to the Praetorian—the imperial guard (the emperor's bodyguard)—depending on whether Philippians was written in Rome or in some other location.

nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me: what hast thou done?
36 Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.
37 Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.
38 Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him no fault *at all.*
39 But ye have a custom, that I should release unto you one at the passover: will ye therefore that I release unto you the King of the Jews?
40 Then cried they all again, saying, Not this man, but Barabbas. Now Barabbas was a robber.

Jesus Is Scourged and Mocked

19 Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged *him.*
2 And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put *it* on his head, and they put on him a purple robe,
3 And said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they smote him with their hands.
4 Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him.
5 Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And *Pilate* saith unto them, Behold the man!
6 When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify *him,* crucify *him.* Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify *him:* for I find no fault in him.
7 The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God.
8 When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid;
9 And went again into the judgment hall, and saith unto Jesus, Whence art thou? But Jesus gave him no answer.
10 Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee?
11 Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power *at all* against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin.
12 And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend: whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Caesar.
13 When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha.
14 And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King!
15 But they cried out, Away with *him,* away with *him,* crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar.
16 Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led *him* away.

Jesus Is Crucified at Golgotha

17 And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called *the place* of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha:
18 Where they crucified him, and two other

19:5 crown ▸ *see Mark 15:17.*

19:11 from above

(Gr. *anōthen*) (Luke 1:3; John 3:7; James 3:17) G0509: The Greek word is an adverb, formed from *anō* (G0507) and the suffix *then*, indicating origin. Its basic use is to describe an action as originating from above, either literally as "woven from the top" (John 19:23) or figuratively as "from heaven" (here in John 19:11; cf. John 3:31). It may have a temporal nuance in the sense of either "from the beginning" (Luke 1:3) or for a long time (Acts 26:5). *Anōthen* is also a common synonym for *palin* (G3825), "again." This overlap of the meanings "from above" and "again" plays an important role in Jesus' discussion with Nicodemus in John 3:3–8. Whereas Nicodemus emphasized the meaning again ("a second time," John 3:4), Jesus emphasized the origins of the new birth as being from above or "of the Spirit" (John 3:6, 7).

with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst.
19 And Pilate wrote a title, and put *it* on the cross. And the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS.
20 This title then read many of the Jews: for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was written in Hebrew, *and* Greek, *and* Latin.
21 Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, Write not, The King of the Jews; but that he said, I am King of the Jews.
22 Pilate answered, What I have written I have written.
23 Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also *his* coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout.
24 They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did.
25 Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the *wife* of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene.
26 When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son!
27 Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own *home*.

Jesus Dies on the Cross

28 After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst.
29 Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a spunge with vinegar, and put *it* upon hyssop, and put *it* to his mouth.
30 When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.
31 The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and *that* they might be taken away.
32 Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him.
33 But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs:
34 But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.
35 And he that saw *it* bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe.
36 For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken.
37 And again another scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced.

Joseph and Nicodemus Bury Jesus

38 And after this Joseph of Arimathaea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, besought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus: and Pilate gave *him* leave. He came therefore, and took the body of Jesus.
39 And there came also Nicodemus, which at the first came to Jesus by night, and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about an hundred pound *weight*.

19:23 coat ▸ *see Matt. 5:40.*
19:28 be fulfilled ▸ *see Heb. 12:23.*

19:35 record

(Gr. *martyria*) (Mark 14:55; John 1:7; 21:24; 1 John 5:9; Rev. 1:2) G3141: The word from which we get the word *martyr*, a person who dies for what he believes to be true, this word literally means "witness, historical verification, evidence, or judicial certitude." It is usually used in the context of judicial proceedings, where a person's testimony consists of what he has seen or heard firsthand. In the New Testament the use of this word centers around the people who testify to Jesus' identity as the Messiah. John concludes his Gospel with these words that signify his firsthand knowledge of what he wrote: "This is the disciple which testifieth of these things, and wrote these things: and we know that his testimony is true" (John 21:24).

19:35 true ▸ *see Rom. 3:4.*
19:36 broken ▸ *see Rom. 16:20.*

19:39 pound

(Gr. *litra*) (John 12:3) G3046: The Greek word *litra* describes a unit of weight equal to a Roman

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40 Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury.
41 Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new sepulchre, wherein was never man yet laid.
42 There laid they Jesus therefore because of the Jews' preparation *day;* for the sepulchre was nigh at hand.

An Empty Tomb

20 The first *day* of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre.
2 Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him.
3 Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre.
4 So they ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre.
5 And he stooping down, *and looking in,* saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in.
6 Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie,
7 And the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself.
8 Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed.
9 For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead.
10 Then the disciples went away again unto their own home.

Mary Magdalene Sees Jesus

11 But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, *and looked* into the sepulchre,
12 And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.
13 And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him.
14 And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus.
15 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.
16 Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master.
17 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and *to* my God, and your God.
18 Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and *that* he had spoken these things unto her.

The Disciples See Jesus

19 Then the same day at evening, being the first *day* of the week, when the doors were

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pound (12 ounces or about 325 grams). The *litra* was used to measure both weight and capacity.

19:40 linen clothes ▸ *see John 20:5.*
20:1 see ▸ *see 1 Cor. 13:12.*

20:5 linen clothes

(Gr. *othonion*) (Luke 24:12; John 19:40) G3608: In the New Testament the word *othonion* always refers to the cloths used as a burial wrapping for the body of Jesus. The custom of the time called for a corpse to be wound with long strips of linen cloth with spices interspersed between the layers to disguise the odor of decay. The related word *othonē* (G3607), meaning "linen cloth" or "sheet," is used in the New Testament only of the sheet Peter saw lowered from heaven (Acts 10:11; 11:5).

20:14 see

(Gr. *theōreō*) (Mark 12:41; John 6:19; 12:45; 14:17; Acts 17:22) G2334: The word means to view attentively, perceive, gaze at continuously for a prolonged time. This is looking with intent and interest, not passive seeing. The words "theater" and "theory" are derived from this word. This is the type of seeing wherein people recognize that Jesus is the Son of God: "He that seeth me seeth him that sent me" (John 12:45). When we gaze at Jesus with this intensity, we will truly know Him, as Mary did at the tomb.

shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace *be* unto you.
20 And when he had so said, he shewed unto them *his* hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.
21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace *be* unto you: as *my* Father hath sent me, even so send I you.
22 And when he had said this, he breathed on *them,* and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:
23 Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; *and* whose soever *sins* ye retain, they are retained.

Thomas Sees Jesus

24 But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.
25 The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.
26 And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: *then* came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace *be* unto you.
27 Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust *it* into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.
28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.
29 Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed *are* they that have not seen, and *yet* have believed.
30 And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book:
31 But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

Jesus' Appearance by the Sea

21 After these things Jesus shewed himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias; and on this wise shewed he *himself.*
2 There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the *sons* of Zebedee, and two other of his disciples.
3 Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing.
4 But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore: but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus.
5 Then Jesus saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No.
6 And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes.
7 Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, It is the Lord. Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt *his* fisher's coat *unto him,* (for he was naked,) and did cast himself into the sea.
8 And the other disciples came in a little ship; (for they were not far from land, but as it were two hundred cubits,) dragging the net with fishes.
9 As soon then as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread.

20:19 disciple ▸ *see Matt. 10:1.*

20:21 send

(Gr. *apostellō*) (Luke 9:52; Acts 9:17; 1 John 4:10) G0649: This is a common verb in the New Testament compounded from *apo,* "from," and *stellō,* "send"; thus, it means "to send," "to send out," or "to send away." It is sometimes used as an auxiliary verb to indicate that an action was performed by others at someone's direction (Matt. 2:16). Like the synonym *pempō* (G3992), "to send," *apostellō* often implies sending on a mission or to represent the sender (as here in John 20:21). Of course, it is closely related to the word *apostolos,* "apostle" (G0652). While it can be used of a mere messenger or representative (2 Cor. 8:23), *apostolos* typically means apostle in the official New Testament sense.

20:25 print ▸ *see 1 Cor. 10:6.*
20:27 faithless ▸ *see Mark 9:19.*
20:28 Lord ▸ *see Jude 9.*

10 Jesus saith unto them, Bring of the fish which ye have now caught.
11 Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes, an hundred and fifty and three: and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken.
12 Jesus saith unto them, Come *and* dine. And none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord.
13 Jesus then cometh, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise.
14 This is now the third time that Jesus shewed himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead.

Jesus Challenges Peter

15 So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, *son* of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.
16 He saith to him again the second time, Simon, *son* of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.
17 He saith unto him the third time, Simon, *son* of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.
18 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry *thee* whither thou wouldest not.
19 This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me.
20 Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following; which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee?
21 Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what *shall* this man *do?*
22 Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what *is that* to thee? follow thou me.
23 Then went this saying abroad among the brethren, that that disciple should not die: yet Jesus said not unto him, He shall not die; but, If I will that he tarry till I come, what *is that* to thee?
24 This is the disciple which testifieth of these things, and wrote these things: and we know that his testimony is true.
25 And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.

21:15 know ▸ *see Heb. 8:11.*

21:15 love

(Gr. *phileō*) (Matt. 10:37; John 5:20; 11:3; 12:25; Rev. 22:15) G5368: One of four Greek words for love, this one signifies friendship, fondness, affection, delight, and personal attachment. This word is one of feeling—a heart love—whereas *agapē* is a matter of benevolence, duty, and commitment. We are commanded to have *agapē* love (G0025—Matt. 5:44) but not *phileō* love because feelings cannot be commanded. *Phileō* is also the word for "kiss." Jesus asked Peter if he had unconditional, sacrificial *agapē* love, but Peter responded that he had *phileō*, or brotherly love. Peter's love deepened, and he wrote of *agapē* love in his later books.

21:15 lamb ▸ *see Rev. 6:1.*

21:16 feed

(Gr. *poimanō*) (Matt. 2:6; 1 Pet. 5:2; Rev. 7:17) G4165: The basic meaning of this verb is "to shepherd," to carry out the duties of a shepherd, which are to feed, herd, guide (Matt. 2:6; 1 Pet. 5:2), protect, and tend (Luke 17:7). The noun *pastor* comes from this verb, which the New Testament equates with a minister or elder (Acts 20:28). The model for every minister (in both character and conduct) should be Christ, the Good Shepherd (John 10:11) and the Chief Shepherd (1 Pet. 5:4).

21:17 feed

(Gr. *boskō*) (Matt. 8:30; Luke 8:32; 15:15) G1006: The primary meaning of this verb is "to feed animals" (Mark 5:11; Luke 8:32), but in this context Jesus uses it in a figurative way to command Peter (and by way of application all spiritual leaders) to care for the spiritual welfare of those he will be leading in the future. This will involve "teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you" (Matt. 28:20).

21:24 testimony ▸ *see John 19:35.*

THE ACTS
OF THE APOSTLES

ACTS (ORIGINAL GREEK TITLE *PRAXEIS*, "Acts") is a unique book in the Scripture. It is really volume 2 of Luke's work and tells the story of the beginnings of the church. It begins with the ascension of Jesus, records the giving of the Spirit at Pentecost, and tells the life of the early church. It is not, however, the story of the whole church, or even of all the apostles. It focuses on the beginnings of the church, then on the work of Peter, and finally on the work of Paul. Luke wanted to show how the church spread from Jerusalem all over Palestine and then to the Gentiles.

Luke reports a series of episodes in the life and faith of the early church to show how Christianity rose out of Judaism and has deep roots in the Jewish faith. He shows something of the struggle the disciples felt in moving out in a mission to Gentiles. One of the major themes in the book is the role of the Holy Spirit in guiding and strengthening the church as it spread across the Mediterranean world. Another theme is the message that Christianity is not dangerous to the authority or power of the Roman Empire. (Luke—Acts may have been written as a legal document in Paul's defense.) More than one-half of Acts is devoted to the ministry of Paul and his travels to preach the good news.

WATCH WORDS

- **power** (ability, strength, force)—1:8
- **foreknowledge** (knowing about an event before it occurs)—2:23 (also 26:5)
- **church** (assembly of believers)—8:3 (also 19:32, 39, 41)
- **Christian** (follower of Christ)—11:26 (also 26:28)
- **grace** (undeserved favor; God's goodness)—14:3 (also 15:11)

Prologue

1 The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,
2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:
3 To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

Wait for the Promise of the Father

4 And, being assembled together with *them,* commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, *saith he,* ye have heard of me.
5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.
6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?
7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

1:7 time

(Gr. *chronos*) (Matt. 2:7; John 7:33; Gal. 4:4; 1 Thess. 5:1) G5550: This word for *time* denotes a space of time—not a specific occasion or a particular length of time, but a span of unknown duration. This is the root from which we get words like "chronology" and "chronic." The time when Jesus came to earth (Gal. 4:4), the span of time He was here (Mark 2:19; John 7:33), and the time when

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8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Jesus' Ascension into Heaven

9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.
10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;
11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

The Upper Room

12 Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey.
13 And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James *the son* of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas *the brother* of James.
14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

Judas Is Replaced by Matthias

15 And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty,)
16 Men *and* brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus.
17 For he was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry.
18 Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out.
19 And it was known unto all the dwellers at Jerusalem; insomuch as that field is called in their proper tongue, Aceldama, that is to say, The field of blood.
20 For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: and his bishoprick let another take.
21 Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,
22 Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection.
23 And they appointed two, Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias.
24 And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all *men,* shew whether of these two thou hast chosen,
25 That he may take part of this ministry

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He will return (1 Thess. 5:1) are all referred to by this word. The time since creation is also called *chronos*: "who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world [*chronos*] began" (2 Tim. 1:9).

1:8 power

(Gr. *dynamis*) (Rom. 1:20; 1 Cor. 1:18; 2 Cor. 12:9; 2 Tim. 1:7) G1411: Formed from the root for "ability" or "strength" (*dynamai*, G1410) this word refers to the force or power behind supernatural events. Another translation is "work of power." It specifically refers to an ability that a person has inherently in his nature—i.e., the power of Jesus to work miracles because He is God. The cross is the ultimate example of this power: "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness, but unto us which are saved it is the power [*dynamis*] of God" (1 Cor. 1:18).

1:8 witness ▸ *see Rev. 1:5.*
1:14 with one accord ▸ *see Acts 12:20.*
1:18 iniquity ▸ *see John 7:18.*

1:20 bishoprick

(Gr. *episkopē*) (Luke 19:44; 1 Tim. 3:1; 1 Pet. 2:12) G1984: This word refers to an overseer. The more formal definition of the word is "inspection" or "visitation," the act of God to search the ways and deeds of men. This responsibility is given to men in the office of overseer or bishop. This word is used only four times in Scripture, twice to refer to a visitation of God to judge His people.

and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.
26 And they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

The Day of Pentecost

2 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.
2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.
3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.
4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.
5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.
6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.
7 And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans?
8 And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?
9 Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia,
10 Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,
11 Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.
12 And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?
13 Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.

Peter Addresses the Crowd

14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all *ye* that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:
15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is *but* the third hour of the day.
16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;
17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:
18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:
19 And I will shew wonders in heaven above,

1:25 transgression

(Gr. *parabainō*) (Matt. 15:2; 2 John 9) G3845: Formed from the words that mean "from" (*para*, G3844) and "foot" (*basis*, G0939), this word for sin offers a picture of someone stepping off the straight path or violating the boundaries of correct behavior. It describes someone who has rebelled or departed from correct morals. It can be overstepping doctrine or abandoning trust. Second John 9 contrasts those who abide in truth with those who transgress: "Whosoever transgresseth [*parabainō*], and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son."

2:4 fill ▸ *see Acts 4:8.*
2:4 speak ▸ *see 1 Cor. 14:2.*
2:4 tongue ▸ *see 1 Cor. 14:6.*
2:9 Asia ▸ *see 1 Cor. 16:19.*
2:10 proselyte ▸ *see Acts 6:5.*

2:11 wonderful works

(Gr. *megaleios*) (Luke 1:49) G3167: Used only here and in the *Magnificat* proclaimed by Mary in Luke 1:49 ("For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name"), this word means "magnificent, grand, mighty." These are conspicuously splendid and excellent works of God that evoke praise. The root word refers to greatness in size or in rank or the preeminent blessings of God. Other forms of this word are used in Luke 9:43 ("majesty," *megaleiotēs*, G3168) and Philippians 1:20 ("magnified," *megalynō*, G3170).

2:12 in doubt ▸ *see Luke 24:4.*

2:19 wonder

(Gr. *teras*) (Matt. 24:24; Acts 2:22; 14:3; Heb. 2:4) G5059: Often appearing in connection with "signs," this word means "wonder" or "omen."

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and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:
20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:
21 And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.
22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:
23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:
24 Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.
25 For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved:
26 Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope:
27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.
28 Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance.
29 Men *and* brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.
30 Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;
31 He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.
32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.
33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.
34 For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,
35 Until I make thy foes thy footstool.
36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

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Whereas *dynamis* (G1411) emphasizes the manifestation of power and *sēmeion* (G4592) refers to the significance of an act and what it means, *teras* emphasizes the sense of wonder, portent, or even fear that a wonder evokes. These are the miracles or strange events that are watched or observed and produce either faith or doubt, depending on the receptivity of the observer. Both Satan and God produce works that are called by this name, and the ability to discern which is which differentiates those who follow God from those who follow Satan.

2:22 wonders ▸ *see Acts 2:19.*
2:22 signs ▸ *see John 6:26.*

2:23 foreknowledge

(Gr. *prognōsis*) (Acts 26:5; Rom. 11:2; 1 Pet. 1:2; 2 Pet. 3:17) G4268: The Greek term indicates "knowledge beforehand," either of things that are seen or things that are intended or arranged. In the present context, the word denotes God's knowledge of His Son's death on the Cross long before the event occurred. This is clearly affirmed by Peter (see 1 Pet. 1:20) and is the implication of Revelation 13:8. Jesus' death for our redemption was not an afterthought; it was part of God's eternal plan.

2:24 possible ▸ *see Matt. 19:26.*
2:25 right hand ▸ *see 2 Cor. 6:7.*
2:27 hell ▸ *see Luke 16:23.*
2:30 throne ▸ *see Rev. 8:3.*

2:31 resurrection

(Gr. *anastasis*) (John 11:24; Rom. 6:5; Phil. 3:10) G0386: The noun is derived from the combination of a preposition meaning "up" and a noun meaning "a standing." From this joining comes the literal meaning "a rise" or "a rising" (Luke 2:34), though by far the most prevalent rendering is "resurrection" (see, for example, Jesus' statement in John 11:25—"I am the resurrection and the life"). Most often in the New Testament the term refers to a resurrection from the dead, especially of Jesus (as here) and of Christians (as 1 Cor. 15:21; see also Matt. 22:23).

2:33 exalt ▸ *see John 8:28.*

The Crowd's Response

37 Now when they heard *this,* they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?
38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.
39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall call.
40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.
41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls.
42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.
43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.
44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common;
45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all *men,* as every man had need.
46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,
47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

A Lame Man Healed

3 Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, *being* the ninth *hour.*
2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;
3 Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.
4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.
5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.
6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.
7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted *him* up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

2:37 apostle ▸ *see 2 Cor. 12:12.*
2:38 repent ▸ *see Acts 26:20.*
2:38 remission ▸ *see Heb. 9:22.*

2:42 fellowship

(Gr. *koinōnia*) (1 Cor. 1:9; 2 Cor. 8:4; 1 John 1:6) G2842: The Greek word means "fellowship," "communion," or "sharing in common." Here it is one of the four staples of the New Testament church, along with the apostles' doctrine, prayer, and the breaking of bread. According to 1 John 1:3, believers can have communion or fellowship with God the Father, with His Son, Jesus Christ, and with the apostles. Additionally, believers enjoy fellowship with one another (1 John 1:7), with the Holy Spirit (Phil. 2:1), and with Christ's sufferings (Phil. 3:10). The same word is used (rendered "contribution") for the financial gift to the church in Jerusalem in Romans 15:26.

2:46 continue

(Gr. *proskartereō*) (Acts 6:4; Rom. 12:12; Col. 4:2) G4342: The New Testament makes it clear that faith alone can save. But it makes it equally clear that continuing in good works is the greatest indication that an individual's faith is genuine (James 2:14–26). Such perseverance springs from a faithful trust that God has been steadfast toward His people. Through continuing in God's work, Christians prove their deep appreciation for God's saving grace (1 Cor. 15:57, 58). As a result, the Christian can expect not only to enhance the strength of the church, but also to build up strength of character (Rom. 5:3, 4). In short, Christians can expect to become closer to God. They learn that they can persevere primarily because God is intimately related to them (Rom. 8:25–27) and especially because they have the assurance of a final reward in heaven (1 John 5:13).

2:46 with one accord ▸ *see Acts 12:20.*
3:1 John ▸ *see Matt. 17:1.*

3:7 receive strength

(Gr. *stereoō*) (Acts 3:16; 16:5) G4732: Used only five times in three verses, all in Acts, the Greek word literally means "to solidify" (and is derived from another word meaning "solid" or "stable"); thus, more figuratively, to establish, confirm, or

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8 And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.
9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God:
10 And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.

Peter Admonishes the Onlookers

11 And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering.
12 And when Peter saw *it,* he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?
13 The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let *him* go.
14 But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;
15 And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.
16 And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.
17 And now, brethren, I wot that through ignorance ye did *it,* as *did* also your rulers.
18 But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled.
19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;
20 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you:
21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.
22 For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.
23 And it shall come to pass, *that* every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.
24 Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days.
25 Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.
26 Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.

Peter and John Are Arrested

4 And as they spake unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them,
2 Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

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make strong. Here the term refers to the physical strengthening of bones; in Acts 3:16 the sense is of establishing a man's wholeness (that is, healing his body). In Acts 16:5 the term refers to the strengthening of the church.

3:10 amazement ▸ *see Acts 10:10.*
3:11 porch ▸ *see John 5:2.*

3:15 prince

(Gr. *archēgos*) (Acts 5:31; Heb. 2:10; 12:2) G0747: The Greek noun means "one who leads or originates something." No single English word expresses its meaning in all of its contexts. In the Septuagint it is used for the chief of a family or tribe (Num. 13:2). In Hebrews the word is used to describe Jesus as the "captain" of a believer's salvation (Heb. 2:10) and the "author" of a believer's faith (Heb. 12:2). Jesus' title of "Prince of life" here is somewhat ambiguous. It may mean that He is the "Ruler of life" or the "Originator of life" (compare Acts 5:31).

3:16 make strong ▸ *see Acts 3:7.*
3:17 ruler ▸ *see 1 Cor. 2:6.*
3:19 be converted ▸ *see Luke 22:32.*
3:19 blot out ▸ *see Rev. 3:5.*
3:25 seed ▸ *see Rom. 1:3.*
4:1 Sadducee ▸ *see Luke 20:27.*

3 And they laid hands on them, and put *them* in hold unto the next day: for it was now eventide.
4 Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand.

Peter's Sermon to the Council

5 And it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers, and elders, and scribes,
6 And Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem.
7 And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?
8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,
9 If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole;
10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, *even* by him doth this man stand here before you whole.
11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.
12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.
13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.
14 And beholding the man which was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it.
15 But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves,
16 Saying, What shall we do to these men? for that indeed a notable miracle hath been done by them *is* manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem; and we cannot deny *it*.
17 But that it spread no further among the people, let us straitly threaten them, that they speak henceforth to no man in this name.

Peter and John Must Speak

18 And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.
19 But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye.
20 For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

4:8 fill

(Gr. *pimplēmi*) (Luke 5:7; Acts 2:4; 4:31; 9:17; 13:9) G4130: The Greek word is used for describing the filling of anything from a sponge to a boat (Matt. 27:48; Luke 5:7) to people being filled with fear (Luke 5:26), wonder (Acts 3:10), or confusion (Acts 19:29). Luke uses this term to describe how the Holy Spirit influences a person. He uses the expression "filled with the Holy Spirit" eight times in his writings. In every case, the filling of the Holy Spirit enables the person so endowed to speak or preach for God. Thus, the filling of the Spirit is directly related to the prophetic ministry, the revelation or explanation of God's Word.

4:10 Jesus ▸ *see Matt. 27:17.*
4:11 corner ▸ *see Mark 12:10.*
4:12 salvation ▸ *see Luke 1:69.*

4:12 other

(Gr. *heteros*) (Luke 8:8; 16:13; Heb. 7:15; James 4:12) G2087: Here used to emphasize the exclusivity of Christ as the only way to heaven, this word means "other, different, of another kind and nature, having a different form or class." It often differentiates two groups—one taken and the other left (Luke 17:34, 35)—or two different types of people such as the Pharisee and the tax collector (Luke 18:10). The consistent teaching of Scripture is that there is one and only one way to be saved. Jesus is in a category by Himself, and His name alone can save us. There is no *heteros*.

4:13 ignorant

(Gr. *agrammatos*) G0062: The Greek word *agrammatos* occurs only here in the New Testament and is a compound of the Greek words *a* (G0001), "not," and *gramma* (G1121), "letter," meaning "illiterate." Here it probably has its more general meaning of "uneducated," possibly with specific reference to a lack of formal training in interpreting the Jewish law.

4:16 manifest ▸ *see 1 Cor. 11:19.*

21 So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding nothing how they might punish them, because of the people: for all *men* glorified God for that which was done.
22 For the man was above forty years old, on whom this miracle of healing was shewed.

A Prayer for Boldness

23 And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them.
24 And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou *art* God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is:
25 Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things?
26 The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ.
27 For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together,
28 For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done.
29 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,
30 By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.
31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

Distribution of Possessions

32 And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any *of them* that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.
33 And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.
34 Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold,
35 And laid *them* down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.
36 And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation,) a Levite, *and* of the country of Cyprus,
37 Having land, sold *it,* and brought the money, and laid *it* at the apostles' feet.

Ananias and Sapphira

5 But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession,
2 And kept back *part* of the price, his wife also being privy *to it,* and brought a certain part, and laid *it* at the apostles' feet.
3 But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back *part* of the price of the land?
4 Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in

4:22 healing

(Gr. *iasis*) (Luke 13:32; Acts 4:30) G2392: This word is used only three times in the New Testament. *Iasis* is related to the verb *iaomai* (G2390), meaning "to heal," which can be used literally for healing a sickness (Luke 5:17) or figuratively for healing from demonic activity, deliverance, restoration, or healing of various ills, including sin or spiritual infirmity (as Matt. 13:15; James 5:16; Heb. 12:13).

4:27 holy ▸ *see Rev. 11:2.*
4:28 determine before ▸ *see Rom. 8:29.*
4:30 heal ▸ *see Acts 4:22.*
4:31 fill ▸ *see Acts 4:8.*

4:32 common

(Gr. *koinos*) (Titus 1:4; Jude 3) G2839: The Greek word *koinos* can have a technical sense describing something as ritually defiled or unclean. For example, both "unwashed hands" (Mark 7:2) and non-kosher food (Acts 10:14) are described as *koinos*. However, a more positive meaning of *koinos* is the sense "widely shared" or "common." The very name of the language in which the New Testament was written is *he koinē dialektos*, "the common dialect." The earliest Christians shared "all things in common" (Acts 2:44; here in 4:32), a technical phrase referring to sharing for the community good and not to communally owned property. Paul called Titus "mine own son after the common faith" (Titus 1:4), and Jude wrote to the saints about "the common salvation" (Jude 3).

thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.
5 And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things.
6 And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried *him* out, and buried *him*.
7 And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in.
8 And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, Yea, for so much.
9 Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband *are* at the door, and shall carry thee out.
10 Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying *her* forth, buried *her* by her husband.
11 And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things.

Many Signs and Wonders

12 And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch.
13 And of the rest durst no man join himself to them: but the people magnified them.
14 And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.)
15 Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid *them* on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them.
16 There came also a multitude *out* of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.

The Apostles Suffer Persecution

17 Then the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him, (which is the sect of the Sadducees,) and were filled with indignation,
18 And laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison.
19 But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said,
20 Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.
21 And when they heard *that,* they entered into the temple early in the morning, and taught. But the high priest came, and they that were with him, and called the council together, and all the senate of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought.
22 But when the officers came, and found them not in the prison, they returned, and told,
23 Saying, The prison truly found we shut with all safety, and the keepers standing without before the doors: but when we had opened, we found no man within.
24 Now when the high priest and the captain

5:9 agree ▸ *see Matt. 18:19.*
5:12 porch ▸ *see John 5:2.*

5:16 unclean

(Gr. *akathartos*) (Matt. 10:1; Mark 3:30; Rev. 16:13) G0169: The word literally means "not cleaned" and is used in a figurative sense to indicate ceremonial or ritual uncleanness as described in the Mosaic Law and still observed by Jews in the first century (and by devout Jews today). In the Old Testament, anything unclean would render a person who came in contact with it impure and would require cleansing according to Levitical law. The Greek word is used to describe unclean food (Acts 10:14), unclean people (1 Cor. 7:14; Eph. 5:5), unclean animals (specifically birds in Rev. 18:2), and unclean spirits or devils (as here; see also Mark 1:23; 6:7; Luke 4:33; 11:24).

5:17 sect ▸ *see 1 Cor. 11:19.*
5:17 Sadducee ▸ *see Luke 20:27.*
5:17 indignation ▸ *see Rom. 10:2.*

5:21 council

(Gr. *synedrion*) (Matt. 5:22; Mark 14:55; Acts 5:27; 23:1) G4892: This noun is rendered "council" every time it appears in the New Testament. In Jewish community structure, each local synagogue provided for a council of elders to pass judgments and order discipline in religious matters. The great Sanhedrin at Jerusalem—including priests, elders, and scribal scholars and presided over by the high priest—served similar functions for Jews in general and especially for those in Palestine. Most of the New Testament references are to this latter body (but see Matt. 10:17 and Mark 13:9, which refer to the local councils).

of the temple and the chief priests heard these things, they doubted of them whereunto this would grow.
25 Then came one and told them, saying, Behold, the men whom ye put in prison are standing in the temple, and teaching the people.
26 Then went the captain with the officers, and brought them without violence: for they feared the people, lest they should have been stoned.
27 And when they had brought them, they set *them* before the council: and the high priest asked them,
28 Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us.
29 Then Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.
30 The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree.
31 Him hath God exalted with his right hand *to be* a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.
32 And we are his witnesses of these things; and *so is* also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

Gamaliel's Counsel

33 When they heard *that,* they were cut *to the heart,* and took counsel to slay them.
34 Then stood there up one in the council, a Pharisee, named Gamaliel, a doctor of the law, had in reputation among all the people, and commanded to put the apostles forth a little space;
35 And said unto them, Ye men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what ye intend to do as touching these men.
36 For before these days rose up Theudas, boasting himself to be somebody; to whom a number of men, about four hundred, joined themselves: who was slain; and all, as many as obeyed him, were scattered, and brought to nought.
37 After this man rose up Judas of Galilee in the days of the taxing, and drew away much people after him: he also perished; and all, *even* as many as obeyed him, were dispersed.
38 And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought:
39 But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God.
40 And to him they agreed: and when they had called the apostles, and beaten *them,* they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.
41 And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.
42 And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

Seven Spirit-Filled Men

6 And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration.
2 Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples *unto them,* and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.
3 Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.
4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.
5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:

5:24 doubt ▸ *see Luke 24:4.*
5:27 council ▸ *see Acts 5:21.*
5:28 straitly ▸ *see Acts 16:24.*
5:30 tree ▸ *see Rev. 22:2.*
5:31 prince ▸ *see Acts 3:15.*
5:31 repentance ▸ *see Mark 1:4.*
5:36 join ▸ *see Mark 10:7.*
5:42 temple ▸ *see Luke 24:53.*
6:1 murmuring ▸ *see John 7:12.*
6:2 disciple ▸ *see Matt. 10:1.*
6:4 give continually ▸ *see Acts 2:46.*

6:5 proselyte

(Gr. *prosēlytos*) (Matt. 23:15; Acts 2:10; 13:43) G4339: The Greek noun is a combination of two

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6 Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid *their* hands on them.
7 And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

Stephen Charged with Blasphemy

8 And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.
9 Then there arose certain of the synagogue, which is called *the synagogue* of the Libertines, and Cyrenians, and Alexandrians, and of them of Cilicia and of Asia, disputing with Stephen.
10 And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake.
11 Then they suborned men, which said, We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses, and *against* God.
12 And they stirred up the people, and the elders, and the scribes, and came upon *him,* and caught him, and brought *him* to the council,
13 And set up false witnesses, which said, This man ceaseth not to speak blasphemous words against this holy place, and the law:
14 For we have heard him say, that this Jesus of Nazareth shall destroy this place, and shall change the customs which Moses delivered us.
15 And all that sat in the council, looking stedfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel.

Stephen's Council Speech

7 Then said the high priest, Are these things so?
2 And he said, Men, brethren, and fathers, hearken; The God of glory appeared unto our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Charran,
3 And said unto him, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and come into the land which I shall shew thee.
4 Then came he out of the land of the Chaldeans, and dwelt in Charran: and from thence, when his father was dead, he removed him into this land, wherein ye now dwell.
5 And he gave him none inheritance in it, no, not *so much as* to set his foot on: yet he promised that he would give it to him for a possession, and to his seed after him, when *as yet* he had no child.
6 And God spake on this wise, That his seed should sojourn in a strange land; and that they should bring them into bondage, and entreat *them* evil four hundred years.

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words meaning "to" and "come"; thus, its meaning "convert" (one who converts). The word is used only four times in the New Testament, each time referring to Gentiles converted to Judaism, many of whom were especially open to the gospel of Christ. The word was apparently not applied to those non-Jews, called "devout" or "God-fearers," who did not submit to circumcision but participated in synagogue worship and observed basic Jewish laws. Thus, the expression "religious proselytes" in Acts 13:43 is curious and may emphasize fully worshiping proselytes.

6:10 resist ▸ *see Eph. 6:13.*

6:11 blasphemous

(Gr. *blasphēmos*) (Acts 6:13; 1 Tim. 1:13; 2 Tim. 3:2; 2 Pet. 2:11) G0989: To blaspheme is to speak evil, slanderous, and abusive things against a person or against God. This word is formed from *blapto* (G0984), "to injure" and *phēmē* (G5345), "speech," so a literal definition would be "injurious speech." The implication is that the abusive words are untrue and damaging to a person's reputation. This word is used here to describe the false accusations that were spoken against Stephen, but it is also used by Paul to describe himself before his conversion (1 Tim. 1:13) and to describe godless men (2 Tim. 3:2).

6:13 blasphemous ▸ *see Acts 6:11.*

7:5 promise

(Gr. *epangellō*) (Rom. 4:21; Titus 1:2; Heb. 10:23; 1 John 2:25) G1861: Formed from *epi* (G1909), "upon," and *angelos* (G0032), "messenger," this word means "to profess, announce, or promise something concerning oneself." It is used to describe an intention or pledge to do something. God assured Abraham that He would give the Promised Land to him and his descendants, and in the same way He promises those who trust in Him eternal life (Titus 1:2; 1 John 2:25) and a crown of life (James 1:12). All of God's promises rest on His faithfulness, as Titus 1:2 professes: "In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised [*epangellō*] before the world began."

7:6 sojourn ▸ *see Eph. 2:19.*

7 And the nation to whom they shall be in bondage will I judge, said God: and after that shall they come forth, and serve me in this place.
8 And he gave him the covenant of circumcision: and so *Abraham* begat Isaac, and circumcised him the eighth day; and Isaac *begat* Jacob; and Jacob *begat* the twelve patriarchs.

Joseph Sold by the Patriarchs

9 And the patriarchs, moved with envy, sold Joseph into Egypt: but God was with him,
10 And delivered him out of all his afflictions, and gave him favour and wisdom in the sight of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt and all his house.
11 Now there came a dearth over all the land of Egypt and Chanaan, and great affliction: and our fathers found no sustenance.
12 But when Jacob heard that there was corn in Egypt, he sent out our fathers first.
13 And at the second *time* Joseph was made known to his brethren; and Joseph's kindred was made known unto Pharaoh.
14 Then sent Joseph, and called his father Jacob to *him,* and all his kindred, threescore and fifteen souls.
15 So Jacob went down into Egypt, and died, he, and our fathers,
16 And were carried over into Sychem, and laid in the sepulchre that Abraham bought for a sum of money of the sons of Emmor *the father* of Sychem.
17 But when the time of the promise drew nigh, which God had sworn to Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt,
18 Till another king arose, which knew not Joseph.
19 The same dealt subtilly with our kindred, and evil entreated our fathers, so that they cast out their young children, to the end they might not live.

Through Moses God Delivered Israel

20 In which time Moses was born, and was exceeding fair, and nourished up in his father's house three months:
21 And when he was cast out, Pharaoh's daughter took him up, and nourished him for her own son.
22 And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds.
23 And when he was full forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren the children of Israel.
24 And seeing one *of them* suffer wrong, he defended *him,* and avenged him that was oppressed, and smote the Egyptian:
25 For he supposed his brethren would have understood how that God by his hand would deliver them: but they understood not.
26 And the next day he shewed himself unto them as they strove, and would have set them at one again, saying, Sirs, ye are brethren; why do ye wrong one to another?
27 But he that did his neighbour wrong thrust him away, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge over us?
28 Wilt thou kill me, as thou diddest the Egyptian yesterday?
29 Then fled Moses at this saying, and was a stranger in the land of Madian, where he begat two sons.
30 And when forty years were expired, there appeared to him in the wilderness of mount Sina an angel of the Lord in a flame of fire in a bush.
31 When Moses saw *it,* he wondered at the sight: and as he drew near to behold *it,* the voice of the Lord came unto him,
32 *Saying,* I *am* the God of thy fathers, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and

7:8 circumcise ▸ *see Gal. 6:12.*

7:25 understand

(Gr. *syniēmi*) (Matt. 13:13; Mark 8:21; Rom. 15:21) G4920: The word comes from a Greek proposition meaning "with" (*syn*, G4862) and a verb meaning "to send" (*hiēmi*) and means literally "to bring together." Used in a figurative sense, as it is in every case in the New Testament, the word means "understanding." The word is used to indicate an understanding (or lack of understanding) of something that is heard (Matt. 13:14), of an exhortation (Matt. 16:12), of the Scriptures (Luke 24:45), or of the will of God (Eph. 5:17). In Romans 3:11 the sense is more general, as of an upright man ("There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God").

7:26 wrong ▸ *see Acts 25:10.*
7:29 stranger ▸ *see Eph. 2:19.*

the God of Jacob. Then Moses trembled, and durst not behold.
33 Then said the Lord to him, Put off thy shoes from thy feet: for the place where thou standest is holy ground.
34 I have seen, I have seen the affliction of my people which is in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning, and am come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send thee into Egypt.
35 This Moses whom they refused, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge? the same did God send *to be* a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the angel which appeared to him in the bush.
36 He brought them out, after that he had shewed wonders and signs in the land of Egypt, and in the Red sea, and in the wilderness forty years.

Raising Up a Prophet

37 This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear.
38 This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and *with* our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us:
39 To whom our fathers would not obey, but thrust *him* from them, and in their hearts turned back again into Egypt,
40 Saying unto Aaron, Make us gods to go before us: for *as for* this Moses, which brought us out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.
41 And they made a calf in those days, and offered sacrifice unto the idol, and rejoiced in the works of their own hands.
42 Then God turned, and gave them up to worship the host of heaven; as it is written in the book of the prophets, O ye house of Israel, have ye offered to me slain beasts and sacrifices *by the space of* forty years in the wilderness?
43 Yea, ye took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of your god Remphan, figures which ye made to worship them: and I will carry you away beyond Babylon.
44 Our fathers had the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness, as he had appointed, speaking unto Moses, that he should make it according to the fashion that he had seen.
45 Which also our fathers that came after brought in with Jesus into the possession of the Gentiles, whom God drave out before the face of our fathers, unto the days of David;
46 Who found favour before God, and desired to find a tabernacle for the God of Jacob.
47 But Solomon built him an house.
48 Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet,
49 Heaven *is* my throne, and earth *is* my footstool: what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what *is* the place of my rest?
50 Hath not my hand made all these things?

Stephen Accuses His Accusers

51 Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers *did,* so *do* ye.
52 Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers:
53 Who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept *it.*

The Stoning of Stephen

54 When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with *their* teeth.
55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,
56 And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.
57 Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord,
58 And cast *him* out of the city, and stoned *him:* and the witnesses laid down their

7:38 oracle ▸ *see Heb. 5:12.*
7:43 figure ▸ *see 1 Cor. 10:6.*
7:56 heavens ▸ *see Rev. 21:1.*

7:58 stone

(Gr. *lithoboleō*) (Matt. 21:35; John 8:5) G3036: This word means literally "to kill by stoning" (throwing stones at a person) and is so used in each of

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clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul.
59 And they stoned Stephen, calling upon *God,* and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.
60 And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Persecution of the Church

8 And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles.
2 And devout men carried Stephen *to his burial,* and made great lamentation over him.
3 As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed *them* to prison.

Philip Preaches in Samaria

4 Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.
5 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.
6 And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.
7 For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed *with them:* and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.
8 And there was great joy in that city.

Simon's Attempted Purchase

9 But there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one:
10 To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God.
11 And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries.
12 But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.
13 Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.
14 Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received

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its nine occurrences. Stoning was an acceptable method of execution for capital crimes in the Old Testament under Levitical law (see for example Lev. 24:16; Deut. 17:2–5), and Jews in the first century still stoned lawbreakers deemed worthy of death (see John 8:1–11), though such unilateral action was illegal under Roman law (John 18:30, 31). The term could be used to describe the killing of an animal (Heb. 12:20) or an attempted (but unsuccessful) stoning (Mark 12:4).

8:1 persecution

(Gr. *diōgmos*) (Matt. 10:23; 2 Thess. 1:4; 2 Cor. 12:10) G1375: Persecution is the hatred and affliction that follows the witness and holy life of God's people in a hostile world. Jesus taught that God's prophets always faced persecution (Matt. 5:12); so His disciples should expect the same (Matt. 10:23). The early Christians saw the persecution of Jesus' followers as a participation in His redemptive suffering: filling up "that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ" (Col. 1:24). The idea of the coming Messiah held that the suffering of God's people was part of the coming of the kingdom—evidence that a person is truly one of God's own. Therefore they are "blessed" (Matt. 5:10) and should rejoice and glorify God.

8:3 church

(Gr. *ekklēsia*) (Acts 19:32; 1 Cor. 16:19) G1577: The Greek word *ekklēsia* is derived from the verb *ekkaleō*, meaning "to call out." The normal Greek usage refers to a regular assembly (Acts 19:32, 39, 41). In the Septuagint it is used to translate the Hebrew word *qahal*, meaning congregation, and in this sense it is used of Israel (Acts 7:38). Jesus used the word to speak of building His church (Matt. 16:18), meaning the whole body of believers (cf. Eph. 1:22). The most common New Testament usage is of local Christian communities or congregations (Acts 8:3; 1 Cor. 16:19), including those that met in houses (Col. 4:15; Philem. 2).

8:10 give heed ▸ *see Luke 20:46.*
8:12 preach ▸ *see 1 Pet. 4:6.*

the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:
15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:
16 (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)
17 Then laid they *their* hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.
18 And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money,
19 Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.
20 But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.
21 Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God.
22 Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.
23 For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and *in* the bond of iniquity.
24 Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me.
25 And they, when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, returned to Jerusalem, and preached the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans.

The Ethiopian Eunuch's Baptism

26 And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.
27 And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship,
28 Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet.
29 Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.
30 And Philip ran thither to *him,* and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?
31 And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.
32 The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth:
33 In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth.

8:23 bitterness ▸ *see Eph. 4:31.*

8:27 authority

(Gr. *dynastēs*) (Luke 1:52; 1 Tim. 6:15) G1413: This word, from which we get "dynasty," refers to a high official or potentate who has great power and authority. Synonyms include sovereign, ruler, prince, and royal minister. Luke 1:52 describes Christ's intentions regarding earthly authority using this word: "He hath put down the mighty [*dynastēs*] from their seats, and exalted them of low degree." Earthly rulers will be cast down because in the final analysis only God, the King of all, and His Son Jesus, the Prince of Peace, have the authority or *dynastēs* (1 Tim. 6:15).

8:28 read

(Gr. *anaginōskō*) (Matt. 21:42; Col. 4:16) G0314: Verb meaning to read aloud alone or publicly. Since the ancients generally read aloud even when alone, the eunuch was probably doing so here (see Acts 8:30). Often the precise meaning of the word relates to formal, public reading (as Col. 4:16). A related Greek word is *anagnōsis* (G0320), meaning "a reading," which is definitely a public reading in Acts 13:15.

8:32 lamb

(Gr. *amnos*) (John 1:29; 1 Pet. 1:19) G0286: The New Testament writers often identified Jesus as being "the lamb," or "the Lamb of God." They were drawing upon many images in the Old Testament concerning sacrificial lambs. No doubt, the title "Lamb of God" would be associated in the minds of the Jews with the Passover lamb (see Ex. 12), the lamb led to the slaughter in Isaiah's prophecies (Is. 53:7), and the lambs used in the daily sacrifices of sin offerings (Lev. 14:12, 21, 24; Num. 6:12). In depicting Jesus as a lamb, the Scriptures were declaring that Jesus was the substitutionary sacrifice provided by God for our sins. The announced Messiah came not to be a philosopher, nor to be a teacher of morality. He came to do what we could not do for ourselves—take away our sin.

34 And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?
35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.
36 And as they went on *their* way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, *here is* water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?
37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.
38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.
39 And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.
40 But Philip was found at Azotus: and passing through he preached in all the cities, till he came to Caesarea.

Saul's Conversion

9 And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,
2 And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.
3 And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:
4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?
5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: *it is* hard for thee to kick against the pricks.
6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord *said* unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.
7 And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.
8 And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought *him* into Damascus.
9 And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink.

Ananias and Saul

10 And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I *am here,* Lord.
11 And the Lord *said* unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for *one* called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,
12 And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting *his* hand on him, that he might receive his sight.
13 Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem:
14 And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name.
15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:
16 For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.
17 And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, *even* Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.
18 And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.

Saul in Damascus

19 And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus.
20 And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.

8:38 baptize ▸ *see Matt. 28:19.*
9:4 persecute ▸ *see Luke 21:12.*
9:5 Lord ▸ *see Jude 9.*
9:15 name ▸ *see Acts 19:13.*
9:17 send ▸ *see John 20:21.*
9:17 fill ▸ *see Acts 4:8.*

21 But all that heard *him* were amazed, and said; Is not this he that destroyed them which called on this name in Jerusalem, and came hither for that intent, that he might bring them bound unto the chief priests?
22 But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is very Christ.

The Disciples Save Saul from Death

23 And after that many days were fulfilled, the Jews took counsel to kill him:
24 But their laying await was known of Saul. And they watched the gates day and night to kill him.
25 Then the disciples took him by night, and let *him* down by the wall in a basket.

Saul in Jerusalem

26 And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple.
27 But Barnabas took him, and brought *him* to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.
28 And he was with them coming in and going out at Jerusalem.
29 And he spake boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus, and disputed against the Grecians: but they went about to slay him.
30 *Which* when the brethren knew, they brought him down to Caesarea, and sent him forth to Tarsus.
31 Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.

Aeneas Healed by Peter

32 And it came to pass, as Peter passed throughout all *quarters,* he came down also to the saints which dwelt at Lydda.
33 And there he found a certain man named Aeneas, which had kept his bed eight years, and was sick of the palsy.
34 And Peter said unto him, Aeneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee whole: arise, and make thy bed. And he arose immediately.
35 And all that dwelt at Lydda and Saron saw him, and turned to the Lord.

Dorcas Raised from Death

36 Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did.
37 And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom when they had washed, they laid *her* in an upper chamber.
38 And forasmuch as Lydda was nigh to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring *him* that he would not delay to come to them.
39 Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them.
40 But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning *him* to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up.
41 And he gave her *his* hand, and lifted her

9:31 edify

(Gr. *oikodomeō*) (Matt. 16:18; 1 Thess. 5:11) G3618: Originally meaning "to construct" or "to build an edifice" (as in Luke 6:48 and elsewhere), the word can also mean "to build" in a figurative sense, as when Jesus said He would "build" His church (Matt. 16:18). The term has a secondary meaning of "to build up," "strengthen," or "establish," referring in the New Testament to the spiritual development and character growth of Christians or, more often, of the Christian community (as here in Acts 9:31 and 1 Thess. 5:11).

9:31 comfort

(Gr. *paraklēsis*) (Luke 6:24; 2 Cor. 1:6; Phil 2:1; Heb. 6:18) G3874: Literally "a calling near to help," this word denotes a strengthening presence that gives consolation or encouragement. The root word means "to summon." Asking for comfort is a summoning of help and sympathy. We receive *paraklēsis* from God (2 Cor. 1:3) and the Scriptures (Rom. 15:4) and are to pass it on to others: "Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God" (2 Cor. 1:3, 4).

up, and when he had called the saints and widows, presented her alive.
42 And it was known throughout all Joppa; and many believed in the Lord.
43 And it came to pass, that he tarried many days in Joppa with one Simon a tanner.

Cornelius's Vision

10 There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian *band,*
2 A devout *man,* and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway.
3 He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius.
4 And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God.
5 And now send men to Joppa, and call for *one* Simon, whose surname is Peter:
6 He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side: he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do.
7 And when the angel which spake unto Cornelius was departed, he called two of his household servants, and a devout soldier of them that waited on him continually;
8 And when he had declared all *these* things unto them, he sent them to Joppa.

Peter's Trance and Vision

9 On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour:
10 And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance,
11 And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth:
12 Wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air.
13 And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat.
14 But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean.
15 And the voice *spake* unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, *that* call not thou common.
16 This was done thrice: and the vessel was received up again into heaven.
17 Now while Peter doubted in himself what this vision which he had seen should mean, behold, the men which were sent from Cornelius had made enquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate,
18 And called, and asked whether Simon, which was surnamed Peter, were lodged there.
19 While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee.
20 Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them.
21 Then Peter went down to the men which were sent unto him from Cornelius; and said, Behold, I am he whom ye seek: what *is* the cause wherefore ye are come?
22 And they said, Cornelius the centurion, a just man, and one that feareth God, and of good report among all the nation of the Jews, was warned from God by an holy angel to send for thee into his house, and to hear words of thee.

Peter Visits Cornelius

23 Then called he them in, and lodged *them*. And on the morrow Peter went away

9:43 tarry ▸ *see John 2:12.*

10:10 trance

(Gr. *ekstasis*) (Luke 5:26; Acts 3:10; 11:5; 22:17) G1611: The root words define this word: *ek* (G1537), "out of," and *stasis* (G4714), "a standing." The reference is to someone being "beside himself" in a state of astonishment, amazement, terror, or trance. The person is cast out of his normal state, bewildered and entranced. This was the reaction of the crowd when Jesus raised Jairus's daughter from the dead (Mark 5:42) and at the resurrection (Mark 16:8). Luke 5:26 gives us a good picture of this word: "And they were all amazed, and they glorified God, and were filled with fear, saying, We have seen strange things to day!"

10:17 doubt ▸ *see Luke 24:4.*

with them, and certain brethren from Joppa accompanied him.
24 And the morrow after they entered into Caesarea. And Cornelius waited for them, and had called together his kinsmen and near friends.
25 And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped *him*.
26 But Peter took him up, saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man.
27 And as he talked with him, he went in, and found many that were come together.
28 And he said unto them, Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; but God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean.
29 Therefore came I *unto you* without gainsaying, as soon as I was sent for: I ask therefore for what intent ye have sent for me?
30 And Cornelius said, Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and, behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing,
31 And said, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God.
32 Send therefore to Joppa, and call hither Simon, whose surname is Peter; he is lodged in the house of *one* Simon a tanner by the sea side: who, when he cometh, shall speak unto thee.
33 Immediately therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God.

Preaching to Cornelius

34 Then Peter opened *his* mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:
35 But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.
36 The word which *God* sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)
37 That word, *I say,* ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached;
38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.
39 And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree:
40 Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly;
41 Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, *even* to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead.
42 And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God *to be* the Judge of quick and dead.
43 To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

10:25 fall ▸ *see Rev. 7:11.*

10:34 respecter of persons

(Gr. *prosōpolēptēs*) G4381: Used only here, this word is a combination of *prosōpon* (G4383), "face, person," and *lambanō* (G2983), "to receive, take." It is the act of receiving someone because of wealth, position, or appearance. It is taking sides, showing favoritism or bias, or treating someone better than another—especially based on externals. This is something humans often do (cf. James 2:1–13), but God does not. All people are equally in need of God's grace, can receive it in the same way (by faith), and are equally accepted into His family as co-heirs with Christ. If God does not show partiality, neither should we.

10:42 preach ▸ *see Luke 3:3.*

10:43 believe

(Gr. *pisteuō*) (Mark 9:24; John 3:16; Rom. 4:3; Eph. 1:13) G4100: The basis of our relationship with God and eternal salvation is faith or belief in Him, so this word figures prominently in the New Testament. It means "believe, have faith, trust, put confidence in." Most of the 264 uses of this word in Scripture are references to faith in Christ or in the things He taught. *Pisteuō* is the basis of healing (Matt. 8:13; Luke 8:50), answered prayer (Matt. 21:22; Mark 11:23), and salvation (Mark 16:16; John 1:12). Hebrews 11:6 sums up the life of

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Gentiles Receive the Holy Spirit

44 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.
45 And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.
46 For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,
47 Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?
48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

Jewish Believers Challenge Peter

11 And the apostles and brethren that were in Judaea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God.
2 And when Peter was come up to Jerusalem, they that were of the circumcision contended with him,
3 Saying, Thou wentest in to men uncircumcised, and didst eat with them.
4 But Peter rehearsed *the matter* from the beginning, and expounded *it* by order unto them, saying,
5 I was in the city of Joppa praying: and in a trance I saw a vision, A certain vessel descend, as it had been a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came even to me:
6 Upon the which when I had fastened mine eyes, I considered, and saw fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air.
7 And I heard a voice saying unto me, Arise, Peter; slay and eat.
8 But I said, Not so, Lord: for nothing common or unclean hath at any time entered into my mouth.
9 But the voice answered me again from heaven, What God hath cleansed, *that* call not thou common.
10 And this was done three times: and all were drawn up again into heaven.
11 And, behold, immediately there were three men already come unto the house where I was, sent from Caesarea unto me.
12 And the Spirit bade me go with them, nothing doubting. Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered into the man's house:
13 And he shewed us how he had seen an angel in his house, which stood and said unto him, Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter;
14 Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved.
15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning.
16 Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost.
17 Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as *he did* unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God?
18 When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.

Barnabas Sent to Antioch

19 Now they which were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen travelled as far as Phenice, and

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the believer with these words: "But without faith [G4102—*pistis*] it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe [*pisteuō*] that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

10:46 tongue ▸ *see 1 Cor. 14:6.*
10:46 magnify ▸ *see Phil. 1:20.*
11:5 trance ▸ *see Acts 10:10.*

11:12 doubt

(Gr. *diakrinō*) (Matt. 21:21; Rom 4:20; 1 Cor. 11:31; James 1:6) G1252: Formed from the roots *dia* (G1223), meaning "by, through," and *krinō* (G2919), meaning "separate, approve," this word means "to separate thoroughly, make a distinction, discriminate." It is used to denote either judging between two choices or having a conflict within oneself between two decisions. Here it is used in the second sense, describing the Spirit telling Peter not to have misgivings about what he had experienced and what it meant. This is also the way it is used in Romans 4:20 ("He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief") and James 1:6 ("Let him ask in faith, nothing wavering").

11:18 repentance ▸ *see Mark 1:4.*

Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to none but unto the Jews only.
20 And some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, which, when they were come to Antioch, spake unto the Grecians, preaching the Lord Jesus.
21 And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord.
22 Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch.
23 Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord.
24 For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord.
25 Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul:
26 And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

Relief for Judaea

27 And in these days came prophets from Jerusalem unto Antioch.
28 And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the Spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar.
29 Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judaea:
30 Which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

Persecution by Herod

12 Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth *his* hands to vex certain of the church.
2 And he killed James the brother of John with the sword.
3 And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (Then were the days of unleavened bread.)
4 And when he had apprehended him, he put *him* in prison, and delivered *him* to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people.
5 Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.
6 And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison.

The Angel of the Lord Frees Peter

7 And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon *him,* and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from *his* hands.
8 And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me.
9 And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision.
10 When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him.
11 And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and *from* all the expectation of the people of the Jews.
12 And when he had considered *the thing,* he came to the house of Mary the mother of

11:23 purpose ▸ *see Eph. 1:11.*

11:26 Christian

(Gr. *christianos*) (Acts 26:28; 1 Pet. 4:16) G5546: Derived from *Christos* (G5547), "anointed," this word is only used three times in Scripture but is now the title by which believers in Jesus are usually called. It literally means "belonging to Christ" and denotes someone who is identified with or devoted to Jesus. These are ones of Christ or followers of Christ. This title was perhaps first intended as ridicule but now is a cherished word that recognizes our position in Christ—we belong to Him as His treasured and beloved children.

John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying.
13 And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a damsel came to hearken, named Rhoda.
14 And when she knew Peter's voice, she opened not the gate for gladness, but ran in, and told how Peter stood before the gate.
15 And they said unto her, Thou art mad. But she constantly affirmed that it was even so. Then said they, It is his angel.
16 But Peter continued knocking: and when they had opened *the door,* and saw him, they were astonished.
17 But he, beckoning unto them with the hand to hold their peace, declared unto them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, Go shew these things unto James, and to the brethren. And he departed, and went into another place.
18 Now as soon as it was day, there was no small stir among the soldiers, what was become of Peter.
19 And when Herod had sought for him, and found him not, he examined the keepers, and commanded that *they* should be put to death. And he went down from Judaea to Caesarea, and *there* abode.

God Smites Herod

20 And Herod was highly displeased with them of Tyre and Sidon: but they came with one accord to him, and, having made Blastus the king's chamberlain their friend, desired peace; because their country was nourished by the king's *country.*
21 And upon a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat upon his throne, and made an oration unto them.
22 And the people gave a shout, *saying, It is* the voice of a god, and not of a man.
23 And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost.
24 But the word of God grew and multiplied.
25 And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem, when they had fulfilled *their* ministry, and took with them John, whose surname was Mark.

Saul and Barnabas Sail to Cyprus

13 Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.
2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.
3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid *their* hands on them, they sent *them* away.
4 So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.
5 And when they were at Salamis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews: and they had also John to *their* minister.
6 And when they had gone through the isle

12:14 gladness ▸ *see Mark 4:16.*

12:20 with one accord

(Gr. *homothymadon*) (Acts 1:14; 2:46; 19:29; Rom. 15:6) G3661: A combination of *homou* (G3674), "same," and *thymos* (G2372), "passion," this word connotes unity of mind and purpose. In Acts this word refers to a joint or unanimous agreement—either by the disciples in prayer (Acts 1:14) or by an angry mob (Acts 19:29). Paul uses this word in Romans 15:6 to urge unified worship in the church: "That ye may with one mind [*homothymadon*] and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." Such worship leads naturally to harmony in relationships and unified, outward-focused ministry to the world.

12:21 throne ▸ *see Matt. 27:19.*
12:23 glory ▸ *see John 2:11.*

13:2 minister

(Gr. *leitourgeō*) (Rom. 15:27; Heb. 10:11) G3008: This is the word from which we get "liturgy." It refers to the performing of religious or charitable acts in service to God, either by prayer and fasting or through meeting the needs of others. The root word means "public minister; servant of the state." In the New Testament this word is used to describe the Aaronic priesthood (Heb. 10:11) as well as Christians serving the Lord by meeting the financial needs of other believers (Rom. 15:27). The focus is on service to God through the fulfillment of an office or ritual at one's own expense. Such acts were usually repeated over and over.

unto Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name *was* Barjesus:
7 Which was with the deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus, a prudent man; who called for Barnabas and Saul, and desired to hear the word of God.
8 But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith.
9 Then Saul, (who also *is called* Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him,
10 And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, *thou* child of the devil, *thou* enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?
11 And now, behold, the hand of the Lord *is* upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand.
12 Then the deputy, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord.

Paul and Barnabas in Antioch

13 Now when Paul and his company loosed from Paphos, they came to Perga in Pamphylia: and John departing from them returned to Jerusalem.
14 But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and sat down.
15 And after the reading of the law and the prophets the rulers of the synagogue sent unto them, saying, *Ye* men *and* brethren, if ye have any word of exhortation for the people, say on.
16 Then Paul stood up, and beckoning with *his* hand said, Men of Israel, and ye that fear God, give audience.
17 The God of this people of Israel chose our fathers, and exalted the people when they dwelt as strangers in the land of Egypt, and with an high arm brought he them out of it.
18 And about the time of forty years suffered he their manners in the wilderness.
19 And when he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Chanaan, he divided their land to them by lot.
20 And after that he gave *unto them* judges about the space of four hundred and fifty years, until Samuel the prophet.
21 And afterward they desired a king: and God gave unto them Saul the son of Cis, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, by the space of forty years.

13:6 sorcerer ▸ *see Acts 13:8.*

13:8 sorcerer

(Gr. *magos*) (Matt. 2:1, 16; Acts 13:6) G3097: Literally rendered "wise man," this word refers to Eastern (especially Persian or Babylonian) specialists in astrology, the interpretation of dreams, and occult arts—what we might call magicians. This was the office of the men who came to visit Jesus (Matt. 2:1). Here in Acts 13 is the only other use of the word in Scripture, referring to Elymas (or Bar-Jesus) who practiced some form of black magic. A cognate of this word is used in Acts 8:9, 11 to describe the work of Simon.

13:9 fill ▸ *see Acts 4:8.*

13:17 stranger

(Gr. *paroikia*) (1 Pet. 1:17) G3940: Derived from the words for "beside" (G3844—*para*) and "house" (G3624—*oikos*), this term is used for people who live in a place that is not their homeland and in which they do not have the rights of citizenship. Other renderings are "sojourner" and "foreigner." Just as the Israelites were sojourners in Egypt because their permanent homeland was Canaan, so Christians are only temporary residents on earth because our true home is in heaven. First Peter 1:17 points this out: "And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning [*paroikia*] here in fear."

13:18 suffer

(Gr. *tropophoreō*) G5159: This Greek word, which occurs only here in the New Testament, means "to bear with." But other manuscripts read "cared for" (literally "carried them as a nurse"). The two Greek words differ in only one letter: *etrophophorēsen* (meaning "nourished") and *etropophorēsen* (meaning "bore with"). *Nourished* is probably a quote from the Septuagint (Greek Old Testament) translation of Deuteronomy 1:31. With that as the reading, Paul in this sermon to Jews at Antioch was emphasizing God's great care for the Israelites in the wilderness. Otherwise, Paul was using the expression "He suffered" as a graphic portrayal of God's patience.

22 And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the *son* of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will.
23 Of this man's seed hath God according to *his* promise raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus:
24 When John had first preached before his coming the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel.
25 And as John fulfilled his course, he said, Whom think ye that I am? I am not *he.* But, behold, there cometh one after me, whose shoes of *his* feet I am not worthy to loose.
26 Men *and* brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and whosoever among you feareth God, to you is the word of this salvation sent.
27 For they that dwell at Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they knew him not, nor yet the voices of the prophets which are read every sabbath day, they have fulfilled *them* in condemning *him.*
28 And though they found no cause of death *in him,* yet desired they Pilate that he should be slain.
29 And when they had fulfilled all that was written of him, they took *him* down from the tree, and laid *him* in a sepulchre.
30 But God raised him from the dead:
31 And he was seen many days of them which came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are his witnesses unto the people.
32 And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers,
33 God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.
34 And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, *now* no more to return to corruption, he said on this wise, I will give you the sure mercies of David.
35 Wherefore he saith also in another *psalm,* Thou shalt not suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.
36 For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption:
37 But he, whom God raised again, saw no corruption.
38 Be it known unto you therefore, men *and* brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins:
39 And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.
40 Beware therefore, lest that come upon you, which is spoken of in the prophets;
41 Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and perish: for I work a work in your days, a work which ye shall in no wise believe, though a man declare it unto you.
42 And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next sabbath.
43 Now when the congregation was broken up, many of the Jews and religious proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas: who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God.
44 And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God.
45 But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming.

13:22 remove ▸ *see Luke 16:4.*

13:39 justify

(Gr. *dikaioō*) (Matt. 11:19; Rom. 8:33) G1344: The basic idea is of vindicating a person, either in a positive (Matt 11:19) or a negative sense (Luke 10:29, "to justify" one's actions). In the New Testament the word is most often a technical term for God's activity (Rom. 8:33) whereby a person is pronounced to be, and be treated as, righteous (*dikaios*, G1342). In a similar sense God may be "justified" or declared righteous (Luke 7:29; 1 Tim. 3:16). The one who is justified by God receives forgiveness for sins (as here in Acts 13:38, 39). God's activity in justifying people may be associated with various intermediary means such as God's grace (Rom. 3:24) and a person's faith (Rom. 3:28) or works (James 2:24).

13:43 proselyte ▸ *see Acts 6:5.*
13:45 blaspheme ▸ *see Matt. 9:3.*

46 Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.
47 For so hath the Lord commanded us, *saying,* I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth.
48 And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.
49 And the word of the Lord was published throughout all the region.
50 But the Jews stirred up the devout and honourable women, and the chief men of the city, and raised persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them out of their coasts.
51 But they shook off the dust of their feet against them, and came unto Iconium.
52 And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost.

Paul and Barnabas at Iconium

14 And it came to pass in Iconium, that they went both together into the synagogue of the Jews, and so spake, that a great multitude both of the Jews and also of the Greeks believed.
2 But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles, and made their minds evil affected against the brethren.
3 Long time therefore abode they speaking boldly in the Lord, which gave testimony unto the word of his grace, and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands.
4 But the multitude of the city was divided: and part held with the Jews, and part with the apostles.
5 And when there was an assault made both of the Gentiles, and also of the Jews with their rulers, to use *them* despitefully, and to stone them,
6 They were ware of *it,* and fled unto Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and unto the region that lieth round about:
7 And there they preached the gospel.

Ministry in Lystra

8 And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked:
9 The same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed,
10 Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked.
11 And when the people saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in the speech of Lycaonia, The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men.
12 And they called Barnabas, Jupiter; and Paul, Mercurius, because he was the chief speaker.
13 Then the priest of Jupiter, which was before their city, brought oxen and garlands unto the gates, and would have done sacrifice with the people.
14 *Which* when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard *of,* they rent their clothes, and ran in among the people, crying out,
15 And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein:
16 Who in times past suffered all nations to walk in their own ways.
17 Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain

14:3 grace

(Gr. *charis*) (Acts 15:11; Rom. 12:3; Gal. 1:6; Col. 4:6) G5485: To a Greek person, anything of beauty, favor, or delight in which a person could rejoice is spoken of as *charis* (cf. Col 4:6). Most often in the New Testament it designates the general favor or grace that God and Christ show to humanity (as here in Acts 14:3; cf. 15:11). The word became a formulaic way to express God's goodness (cf. Rom 1:7). This divine grace was conceived both as a state of grace in which believers live (Rom. 5:2) and as specific acts of grace that they receive (Gal. 1:6). The word is also used of specific abilities given by God ("apostleship" in Rom. 1:5; cf. 12:3) and of gratitude to God for such gifts (1 Tim. 1:12). Between persons, the word is used of finding favor (cf. Luke 1:30), of asking for a favor (Acts 25:3), or performing a favor for someone else (1 Cor. 16:3).

14:3 wonders ▸ *see Acts 2:19.*
14:5 use despitefully ▸ *see Matt. 22:6.*

from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.
18 And with these sayings scarce restrained they the people, that they had not done sacrifice unto them.

Paul Stoned and Left for Dead

19 And there came thither *certain* Jews from Antioch and Iconium, who persuaded the people, and, having stoned Paul, drew *him* out of the city, supposing he had been dead.
20 Howbeit, as the disciples stood round about him, he rose up, and came into the city: and the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe.

The Return to Antioch

21 And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra, and *to* Iconium, and Antioch,
22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, *and* exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.
23 And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.
24 And after they had passed throughout Pisidia, they came to Pamphylia.
25 And when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down into Attalia:
26 And thence sailed to Antioch, from whence they had been recommended to the grace of God for the work which they fulfilled.
27 And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles.
28 And there they abode long time with the disciples.

A Dispute Over Circumcision

15 And certain men which came down from Judaea taught the brethren, *and said,* Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved.
2 When therefore Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and disputation with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them, should go up to Jerusalem unto the apostles and elders about this question.
3 And being brought on their way by the church, they passed through Phenice and Samaria, declaring the conversion of the Gentiles: and they caused great joy unto all the brethren.
4 And when they were come to Jerusalem, they were received of the church, and *of* the apostles and elders, and they declared all things that God had done with them.
5 But there rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees which believed, saying, That it was needful to circumcise them, and to command *them* to keep the law of Moses.
6 And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter.
7 And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men *and* brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe.
8 And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as *he did* unto us;
9 And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.
10 Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?
11 But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.
12 Then all the multitude kept silence, and gave audience to Barnabas and Paul,

14:21 teach ▸ *see Matt. 27:57.*
14:23 elder ▸ *see Mark 14:53.*

15:2 disputation

(Gr. *syzētēsis*) (Acts 15:7; 28:29) G4803: The literal meaning of *syzētēsis* is "a seeking" or "an investigation." This leads to the idea of questioning, controversy, discussion, or dispute. The word is used here and in Acts 15:7 with the sense of intense debate. The related word *zētēma* (G2213) refers to the specific issue being debated; and the verb *zēteō* (G2212) means "to seek," and occurs frequently in the New Testament in a variety of senses.

15:7 dispute ▸ *see Acts 15:2.*
15:11 grace ▸ *see Acts 14:3.*

declaring what miracles and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles by them.
13 And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men *and* brethren, hearken unto me:
14 Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name.
15 And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written,
16 After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up:
17 That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.
18 Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.
19 Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turned to God:
20 But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and *from* fornication, and *from* things strangled, and *from* blood.
21 For Moses of old time hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogues every sabbath day.

Letters to the Gentile Believers

22 Then pleased it the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; *namely,* Judas surnamed Barsabas, and Silas, chief men among the brethren:
23 And they wrote *letters* by them after this manner; The apostles and elders and brethren *send* greeting unto the brethren which are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia:
24 Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, *Ye must* be circumcised, and keep the law: to whom we gave no *such* commandment:
25 It seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men unto you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,
26 Men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
27 We have sent therefore Judas and Silas, who shall also tell *you* the same things by mouth.
28 For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things;
29 That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.
30 So when they were dismissed, they came to Antioch: and when they had gathered the multitude together, they delivered the epistle:
31 *Which* when they had read, they rejoiced for the consolation.
32 And Judas and Silas, being prophets also themselves, exhorted the brethren with many words, and confirmed *them.*
33 And after they had tarried *there* a space, they were let go in peace from the brethren unto the apostles.
34 Notwithstanding it pleased Silas to abide there still.

15:13 James

(Gr. *iakōbos*) (Matt. 4:21; Mark 15:40; Luke 6:16; Gal. 1:19) G2385: The name James means "supplanter" and is used in the New Testament to refer to four individuals: (1) James the son of Zebedee and brother of John (Mark 1:19), an apostle, killed by order of Herod Agrippa I (Acts 12:2); (2) James the son of Alphaeus (Matt. 10:3), also an apostle, called James the less (Mark 15:40); (3) James the brother of Jesus (Gal. 1:19), probable author of the epistle of James; and (4) James the father of the apostle Judas (Luke 6:16).

15:24 trouble ▸ *see Luke 24:38.*

15:25 seem good

(Gr. *dokeō*) (Matt. 6:7; Luke 1:3; Acts 15:28; 1 Cor. 14:37) G1380: The Greek verb can be either active (as the meaning "to be of an opinion" or "to suppose") or intransitive (as the meaning "to seem"). The first construction is the most common, typically rendered "think" (Matt. 6:7; 1 Cor. 8:2); other renderings include "suppose" (Luke 12:51) and "pleased" (Acts 15:22). In 1 Corinthians 14:37 the sense is in terms of self-identity ("If any man think himself to be a prophet"). When used intransitively (as here; see also Acts 25:27), the word carries the sense of something being understood, as from context (e.g., 1 Cor. 3:18).

15:28 seem good ▸ *see Acts 15:25.*

35 Paul also and Barnabas continued in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also.

Paul and Barnabas Disagree

36 And some days after Paul said unto Barnabas, Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, *and see* how they do.
37 And Barnabas determined to take with them John, whose surname was Mark.
38 But Paul thought not good to take him with them, who departed from them from Pamphylia, and went not with them to the work.
39 And the contention was so sharp between them, that they departed asunder one from the other: and so Barnabas took Mark, and sailed unto Cyprus;
40 And Paul chose Silas, and departed, being recommended by the brethren unto the grace of God.
41 And he went through Syria and Cilicia, confirming the churches.

Timothy Joins Paul and Silas

16 Then came he to Derbe and Lystra: and, behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timotheus, the son of a certain woman, which was a Jewess, and believed; but his father *was* a Greek:
2 Which was well reported of by the brethren that were at Lystra and Iconium.
3 Him would Paul have to go forth with him; and took and circumcised him because of the Jews which were in those quarters: for they knew all that his father was a Greek.
4 And as they went through the cities, they delivered them the decrees for to keep, that were ordained of the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem.
5 And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily.

Paul's Macedonian Vision

6 Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia,
7 After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not.
8 And they passing by Mysia came down to Troas.
9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us.
10 And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.

Lydia Is Converted and Baptized

11 Therefore loosing from Troas, we came with a straight course to Samothracia, and the next *day* to Neapolis;
12 And from thence to Philippi, which is the chief city of that part of Macedonia, *and* a colony: and we were in that city abiding certain days.
13 And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted *thither.*
14 And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard *us:* whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.
15 And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought *us,* saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide *there.* And she constrained us.
16 And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:
17 The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation.

16:5 establish ▸ *see Acts 3:7.*
16:6 Asia ▸ *see 1 Cor. 16:19.*

16:12 colony

(Gr. *kolōnia*) G2862: This noun comes from a Latin word and is used only here, referring to Philippi, the city that was reorganized as a military colony by Augustus after the battle of Actium (31 B.C.). It was composed of veterans settled in various cities, usually along the coast. Citizens of such colonies had full Roman legal rights, were under the laws and jurisdiction of Rome, and were free from poll tax and tribute.

18 And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.
19 And when her masters saw that the hope of their gains was gone, they caught Paul and Silas, and drew *them* into the marketplace unto the rulers,

Paul and Silas Are Beaten and Jailed

20 And brought them to the magistrates, saying, These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city,
21 And teach customs, which are not lawful for us to receive, neither to observe, being Romans.
22 And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat *them*.
23 And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast *them* into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely:
24 Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.
25 And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

Conversion of the Prison Keeper

26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.
27 And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled.
28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.
29 Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas,
30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?
31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.
32 And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.
33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed *their* stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.
34 And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.
35 And when it was day, the magistrates sent the serjeants, saying, Let those men go.
36 And the keeper of the prison told this saying to Paul, The magistrates have sent to let you go: now therefore depart, and go in peace.
37 But Paul said unto them, They have beaten us openly uncondemned, being Romans, and have cast *us* into prison; and now do they thrust us out privily? nay verily;

16:18 turn ▸ *see Luke 22:32.*

16:19 marketplace

(Gr. *agora*) (Matt. 23:7; Mark 12:38; Luke 7:32) G0058: The Greek noun comes from another word meaning "to gather" and refers to a public place where people often gathered for some public event (as here; see also Mark 6:56), to seek work opportunities (Matt. 20:3), or even for children to play (Matt. 11:16). Here the marketplace was used as the location for an impromptu trial. The marketplace of Athens mentioned in Acts 17:17 was the center of public life. In extrabiblical usage the word can refer to any collection or assembly of people.

16:24 charge

(Gr. *parangelia*) (Acts 5:28; 1 Thess. 4:2; 1 Tim. 1:18) G3852: Literally "of a messenger," this word denotes a command or announcement, a direct order from a person in authority. It is sometimes rendered "charge." The connotation is of a clear instruction given by someone in a position of authority, either an earthly government or God Himself. The apostles were commanded not to preach the gospel (Acts 5:28)—a charge which they disregarded because they chose to obey God's higher command (Acts 5:29). The whole of Paul's instruction to young Timothy is called *parangelia* (1 Tim. 1:5, 18).

16:26 earthquake ▸ *see Rev. 8:5.*
16:27 flee ▸ *see Luke 21:36.*
16:28 Paul ▸ *see Acts 28:30.*
16:29 light ▸ *see John 8:12.*
16:33 wash ▸ *see John 13:10.*
16:34 meat ▸ *see Luke 19:23.*

but let them come themselves and fetch us out.
38 And the serjeants told these words unto the magistrates: and they feared, when they heard that they were Romans.
39 And they came and besought them, and brought *them* out, and desired *them* to depart out of the city.
40 And they went out of the prison, and entered into *the house of* Lydia: and when they had seen the brethren, they comforted them, and departed.

Preaching at Thessalonica

17 Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where was a synagogue of the Jews:
2 And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures,
3 Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ.
4 And some of them believed, and consorted with Paul and Silas; and of the devout Greeks a great multitude, and of the chief women not a few.

Jason's House Assaulted

5 But the Jews which believed not, moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and set all the city on an uproar, and assaulted the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people.
6 And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also;
7 Whom Jason hath received: and these all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, *one* Jesus.
8 And they troubled the people and the rulers of the city, when they heard these things.
9 And when they had taken security of Jason, and of the other, they let them go.

The Night Journey to Berea

10 And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming *thither* went into the synagogue of the Jews.
11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.
12 Therefore many of them believed; also of honourable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few.
13 But when the Jews of Thessalonica had knowledge that the word of God was preached of Paul at Berea, they came thither also, and stirred up the people.
14 And then immediately the brethren sent away Paul to go as it were to the sea: but Silas and Timotheus abode there still.
15 And they that conducted Paul brought him unto Athens: and receiving a commandment unto Silas and Timotheus for to come to him with all speed, they departed.

17:2 scripture ▸ *see John 5:39.*

17:3 suffer

(Gr. *paschō*) (Mark 8:31; Heb. 13:12; 1 Pet. 2:21; 3:18) G3958: English derivatives of this word include "passion," "passive," and "pathos." It means "to be affected, to experience a sensation." In Scripture it is used negatively, describing the experience of pain or suffering. Christ suffered on the cross on our behalf (Mark 8:31; 1 Pet. 3:18), and we share in His suffering (Phil. 1:29). When we do suffer, it should not be the deserved result of sin (1 Pet. 2:19, 20) but should be used to bring comfort to others (2 Cor. 1:6; Heb. 2:18). Scripture puts earthly suffering in perspective, reminding us that it is only temporary: "But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered [*paschō*] a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you" (1 Pet. 5:10).

17:5 of the baser sort

(Gr. *agoraios*) (Acts 19:38) G0060: In the New Testament the word *agoraios* is used to designate persons or things associated with the *agora*, "market," which was the center of Greek urban life. Here it is used in a negative sense for the rabble that would crowd the *agora* with nothing to do. In Acts 19:38 the word has a technical legal sense: *agoraioi agontai*, meaning "the courts are in session."

17:11 noble ▸ *see 1 Cor. 1:26.*

Paul Waits in Athens

16 Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry.
17 Therefore disputed he in the synagogue with the Jews, and with the devout persons, and in the market daily with them that met with him.
18 Then certain philosophers of the Epicureans, and of the Stoicks, encountered him. And some said, What will this babbler say? other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods: because he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection.
19 And they took him, and brought him unto Areopagus, saying, May we know what this new doctrine, whereof thou speakest, *is?*
20 For thou bringest certain strange things to our ears: we would know therefore what these things mean.
21 (For all the Athenians and strangers which were there spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing.)

Paul Addresses the Men of Athens

22 Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, *Ye* men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious.
23 For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you.
24 God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands;
25 Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;
26 And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;
27 That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:
28 For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.
29 Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.
30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:
31 Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by *that* man whom he hath ordained; *whereof* he hath given assurance unto all *men,* in that he hath raised him from the dead.
32 And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked: and others said, We will hear thee again of this *matter.*
33 So Paul departed from among them.
34 Howbeit certain men clave unto him, and believed: among the which *was* Dionysius the Areopagite, and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

Paul Completes His Journey

18 After these things Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth;
2 And found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla; (because that Claudius had

17:18 babbler

(Gr. *spermologos*) G4691: Literally the word *spermologos* refers to a bird that picks up seeds, such as a crow. It was applied figuratively to a person who "picks up" scraps of conversations or information, a babbler or gossip. Here it is probably used as an insult against Paul as one who seemed to his listeners to have no unified system of philosophy, but rather took bits and pieces from various systems.

17:22 perceive ▸ *see John 20:14.*
17:24 world ▸ *see 1 John 5:19.*
17:24 dwell ▸ *see James 4:5.*
17:25 worship ▸ *see Matt. 12:22.*

17:27 feel after

(Gr. *psēlaphaō*) (Luke 24:39; 1 John 1:1; Heb. 12:18) G5584: The Greek word *psēlaphaō* can mean "to touch," "to handle," "to feel about for," or "to grope after," referring here to people's efforts to "feel about for" God in hopes of finding Him. In other instances (Luke 24:39; 1 John 1:1; Heb. 12:18) the touching indicates contact with physical substance.

17:31 assurance ▸ *see Col. 1:4.*

commanded all Jews to depart from Rome:) and came unto them.
3 And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tentmakers.
4 And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks.
5 And when Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia, Paul was pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews *that* Jesus *was* Christ.
6 And when they opposed themselves, and blasphemed, he shook *his* raiment, and said unto them, Your blood *be* upon your own heads; I *am* clean: from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles.
7 And he departed thence, and entered into a certain *man's* house, named Justus, *one* that worshipped God, whose house joined hard to the synagogue.
8 And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized.
9 Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace:
10 For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city.
11 And he continued *there* a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.
12 And when Gallio was the deputy of Achaia, the Jews made insurrection with one accord against Paul, and brought him to the judgment seat,
13 Saying, This *fellow* persuadeth men to worship God contrary to the law.
14 And when Paul was now about to open *his* mouth, Gallio said unto the Jews, If it were a matter of wrong or wicked lewdness, O *ye* Jews, reason would that I should bear with you:
15 But if it be a question of words and names, and *of* your law, look ye *to it;* for I will be no judge of such *matters.*
16 And he drave them from the judgment seat.
17 Then all the Greeks took Sosthenes, the chief ruler of the synagogue, and beat *him* before the judgment seat. And Gallio cared for none of those things.
18 And Paul *after this* tarried *there* yet a good while, and then took his leave of the brethren, and sailed thence into Syria, and with him Priscilla and Aquila; having shorn *his* head in Cenchrea: for he had a vow.
19 And he came to Ephesus, and left them there: but he himself entered into the synagogue, and reasoned with the Jews.
20 When they desired *him* to tarry longer time with them, he consented not;
21 But bade them farewell, saying, I must by all means keep this feast that cometh in Jerusalem: but I will return again unto you, if God will. And he sailed from Ephesus.
22 And when he had landed at Caesarea, and gone up, and saluted the church, he went down to Antioch.
23 And after he had spent some time *there,* he departed, and went over *all* the country of Galatia and Phrygia in order, strengthening all the disciples.

Apollos Speaks in the Synagogue

24 And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, *and* mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus.
25 This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John.

18:3 tentmaker

(Gr. *skēnopoios*) G4635: Occurring only here in the New Testament, the word *skēnopoios* means "tentmaker." It is actually a compound of *skēnos* (G4636), "tent," and *poieō* (G4160), "to make" or "do." Paul's trade as a tentmaker may have derived from his rearing in Tarsus of Cilicia where the cloth of goats' hair used in making tents was a major product.

18:4 persuade ▸ *see 2 Thess. 3:4.*
18:9 Paul ▸ *see Acts 28:30.*
18:23 country ▸ *see Mark 5:1.*

18:25 be fervent

(Gr. *zeō*) (Rom. 12:11) G2204: The Greek word *zeō* literally means "to boil" but is used only twice in the New Testament, both with the figurative meaning of "be fervent." Both times it is linked with the phrase, "in spirit" or "in the Spirit," and so refers to spiritual fervor or warmth and thus to zeal (here and Rom. 12:11). A related Greek word,

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26 And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto *them,* and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.
27 And when he was disposed to pass into Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him: who, when he was come, helped them much which had believed through grace:
28 For he mightily convinced the Jews, *and that* publickly, shewing by the scriptures that Jesus was Christ.

The Baptism of John's Disciples

19 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples,
2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.
3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.
4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.
5 When they heard *this,* they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.
6 And when Paul had laid *his* hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.
7 And all the men were about twelve.
8 And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God.
9 But when divers were hardened, and believed not, but spake evil of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus.
10 And this continued by the space of two years; so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.

God's Miracles Through Paul

11 And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul:
12 So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.
13 Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth.

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zestos (G2200), means "boiling" or "hot," and is used only in Revelation 3:15, 16 of the spiritual condition that the Lord recommended to the Laodiceans.

19:4 baptism ▸ *see Matt. 21:25.*
19:6 tongue ▸ *see 1 Cor. 14:6.*

19:8 synagogue

(Gr. *synagōgē*) (Matt. 12:9; John 6:59; Acts 22:19; 26:11) G4864: The Greek word means "a bringing together" or "gathering," including an "assembly" as of people (so rendered in James 2:2) or a "congregation" (so rendered in Acts 13:43). In every other instance in the New Testament, the word is rendered "synagogue." The synagogue was the formal place for gathering in first-century Jewish society. Every Jewish town—and even many Gentile cities where a sufficient number of Jews lived—had at least one synagogue. Synagogues seem to have originated during the Babylonian exile and were used for prayer (Matt. 6:5), trials and punishments (Acts 22:19), preaching and teaching (Matt. 4:23), Sabbath and feast-day gatherings (Mark 1:21), and other assemblies.

19:9 harden ▸ *see Heb. 4:7.*

19:13 name

(Gr. *onoma*) (Mark 6:14; Acts 9:15; James 5:14; Rev. 3:4) G3686: The common New Testament noun *onoma* means name and is used most often of one's personal name. While that is the meaning here, the exorcists used Jesus' name as representing the power associated with it (cf. Acts 4:7; 16:18). The ancients took seriously the idea that one's name represented his person and/or character. Indeed *onoma* can equal "person," as in Acts 1:15 and Revelation 3:4. Especially when used of God or Christ, it suggests His identity and all that He represents; thus, one may "bear His name" (as Acts 9:15) or "call on His name" (James 5:14). The phrase "in the name of" is an idiomatic expression meaning by the authority of; thus, *onoma* may also mean reputation (as Mark 6:14).

14 And there were seven sons of *one* Sceva, a Jew, *and* chief of the priests, which did so.
15 And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?
16 And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.
17 And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.
18 And many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed their deeds.
19 Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all *men:* and they counted the price of them, and found *it* fifty thousand *pieces* of silver.
20 So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.
21 After these things were ended, Paul purposed in the spirit, when he had passed through Macedonia and Achaia, to go to Jerusalem, saying, After I have been there, I must also see Rome.
22 So he sent into Macedonia two of them that ministered unto him, Timotheus and Erastus; but he himself stayed in Asia for a season.

Confusion in Ephesus

23 And the same time there arose no small stir about that way.
24 For a certain *man* named Demetrius, a silversmith, which made silver shrines for Diana, brought no small gain unto the craftsmen;
25 Whom he called together with the workmen of like occupation, and said, Sirs, ye know that by this craft we have our wealth.
26 Moreover ye see and hear, that not alone at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they be no gods, which are made with hands:
27 So that not only this our craft is in danger to be set at nought; but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana should be despised, and her magnificence should be destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worshippeth.
28 And when they heard *these sayings,* they were full of wrath, and cried out, saying, Great *is* Diana of the Ephesians.
29 And the whole city was filled with confusion: and having caught Gaius and Aristarchus, men of Macedonia, Paul's companions in travel, they rushed with one accord into the theatre.
30 And when Paul would have entered in unto the people, the disciples suffered him not.
31 And certain of the chief of Asia, which were his friends, sent unto him, desiring *him* that he would not adventure himself into the theatre.
32 Some therefore cried one thing, and some another: for the assembly was confused; and the more part knew not wherefore they were come together.
33 And they drew Alexander out of the multitude, the Jews putting him forward. And Alexander beckoned with the hand, and would have made his defence unto the people.
34 But when they knew that he was a Jew, all with one voice about the space of two hours cried out, Great *is* Diana of the Ephesians.
35 And when the townclerk had appeased the people, he said, *Ye* men of Ephesus, what man is there that knoweth not how that the city of the Ephesians is a worshipper of the great goddess Diana, and of the *image* which fell down from Jupiter?
36 Seeing then that these things cannot be spoken against, ye ought to be quiet, and to do nothing rashly.
37 For ye have brought hither these men, which are neither robbers of churches, nor yet blasphemers of your goddess.
38 Wherefore if Demetrius, and the craftsmen which are with him, have a matter against any man, the law is open, and there are deputies: let them implead one another.
39 But if ye enquire any thing concerning

19:15 know ▸ *see John 10:27.*
19:19 book ▸ *see Matt. 1:1.*
19:24 craftsmen ▸ *see Heb. 11:10.*
19:26 turn away ▸ *see Luke 16:4.*
19:27 magnificence ▸ *see Luke 9:43.*
19:29 with one accord ▸ *see Acts 12:20.*
19:29 theatre ▸ *see 1 Cor. 4:9.*
19:31 theatre ▸ *see 1 Cor. 4:9.*
19:32 assembly ▸ *see Acts 8:3.*
19:38 law ▸ *see Acts 17:5.*

other matters, it shall be determined in a lawful assembly.
40 For we are in danger to be called in question for this day's uproar, there being no cause whereby we may give an account of this concourse.
41 And when he had thus spoken, he dismissed the assembly.

Paul Visits Macedonia and Greece

20 And after the uproar was ceased, Paul called unto *him* the disciples, and embraced *them,* and departed for to go into Macedonia.
2 And when he had gone over those parts, and had given them much exhortation, he came into Greece,
3 And *there* abode three months. And when the Jews laid wait for him, as he was about to sail into Syria, he purposed to return through Macedonia.
4 And there accompanied him into Asia Sopater of Berea; and of the Thessalonians, Aristarchus and Secundus; and Gaius of Derbe, and Timotheus; and of Asia, Tychicus and Trophimus.
5 These going before tarried for us at Troas.
6 And we sailed away from Philippi after the days of unleavened bread, and came unto them to Troas in five days; where we abode seven days.

Eutychus Is Raised from the Dead

7 And upon the first *day* of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.
8 And there were many lights in the upper chamber, where they were gathered together.
9 And there sat in a window a certain young man named Eutychus, being fallen into a deep sleep: and as Paul was long preaching, he sunk down with sleep, and fell down from the third loft, and was taken up dead.
10 And Paul went down, and fell on him, and embracing *him* said, Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in him.
11 When he therefore was come up again, and had broken bread, and eaten, and talked a long while, even till break of day, so he departed.
12 And they brought the young man alive, and were not a little comforted.

Paul Calls the Ephesian Elders

13 And we went before to ship, and sailed unto Assos, there intending to take in Paul: for so had he appointed, minding himself to go afoot.
14 And when he met with us at Assos, we took him in, and came to Mitylene.
15 And we sailed thence, and came the next *day* over against Chios; and the next *day* we arrived at Samos, and tarried at Trogyllium; and the next *day* we came to Miletus.
16 For Paul had determined to sail by Ephesus, because he would not spend the time in Asia: for he hasted, if it were possible for him, to be at Jerusalem the day of Pentecost.
17 And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church.
18 And when they were come to him, he said unto them, Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons,
19 Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews:
20 *And* how I kept back nothing that was profitable *unto you,* but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house,
21 Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.
22 And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit

20:3 purpose ▸ *see 2 Cor. 8:10.*
20:7 disciple ▸ *see Matt. 10:1.*

20:19 humility

(Gr. *tapeinophrosynē*) (Eph. 4:2; Phil. 2:3; Col. 3:12; 1 Pet. 5:5) G5012: Derived from the words *tapeinos* (G5011), "low, humble," and *phroneō* (G5426), "think." Humility is thus regarding oneself as of less importance both in the sight of God and before others. Consequently, one who is humble is willing to serve. The word is often compared to the synonym *praÿtēs* (G4240), "meekness," which indicates relating submissively toward God or others as a result of a humble view of oneself. The ancient Greeks thought humility indicated a craven or servile spirit, a sense that may be seen in Colossians 2:18, 23. Elsewhere in the New Testament, however, it is a virtue that makes possible Christian unity.

unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there:
23 Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me.
24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.
25 And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more.
26 Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I *am* pure from the blood of all *men*.
27 For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.
28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.
29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.
30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.
31 Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.
32 And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.
33 I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel.
34 Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me.
35 I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.
36 And when he had thus spoken, he kneeled down, and prayed with them all.
37 And they all wept sore, and fell on Paul's neck, and kissed him,
38 Sorrowing most of all for the words which he spake, that they should see his face no more. And they accompanied him unto the ship.

Danger in Jerusalem

21 And it came to pass, that after we were gotten from them, and had launched, we came with a straight course unto Coos, and the *day* following unto Rhodes, and from thence unto Patara:
2 And finding a ship sailing over unto Phenicia, we went aboard, and set forth.
3 Now when we had discovered Cyprus, we left it on the left hand, and sailed into Syria, and landed at Tyre: for there the ship was to unlade her burden.
4 And finding disciples, we tarried there seven days: who said to Paul through the Spirit, that he should not go up to Jerusalem.
5 And when we had accomplished those days, we departed and went our way; and they all brought us on our way, with wives and children, till *we were* out of the city: and we kneeled down on the shore, and prayed.
6 And when we had taken our leave one of another, we took ship; and they returned home again.
7 And when we had finished *our* course from Tyre, we came to Ptolemais, and saluted the brethren, and abode with them one day.
8 And the next *day* we that were of Paul's company departed, and came unto Caesarea: and we entered into the house of Philip the evangelist, which was *one* of the seven; and abode with him.

20:28 overseer ▸ *see Titus 1:7.*

20:35 give

(Gr. *didōmi*) (Matt. 5:42; 7:11; 1 Cor. 12:7; Titus 2:14; James 1:5) G1325: Appearing over 400 times in the New Testament, this word for "to give" is used in a wide variety of applications—for example, we are commanded to give a cloak to someone when he asks (Matt. 5:42), we give glory to God (Acts 12:23), Jesus gives grace (James 4:6) and the Holy Spirit (Acts 15:8; 2 Cor. 1:22) to believers, and the Holy Spirit gives gifts for the building up of the body (1 Cor. 12:7). The connotation of this word is that something of value is bestowed on another person freely, with a spirit of generosity. Christ's nature is to give, so such generosity should also characterize His followers. When we do follow His example in this area, we come away blessed.

9 And the same man had four daughters, virgins, which did prophesy.
10 And as we tarried *there* many days, there came down from Judaea a certain prophet, named Agabus.
11 And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver *him* into the hands of the Gentiles.
12 And when we heard these things, both we, and they of that place, besought him not to go up to Jerusalem.
13 Then Paul answered, What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.
14 And when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, The will of the Lord be done.
15 And after those days we took up our carriages, and went up to Jerusalem.
16 There went with us also *certain* of the disciples of Caesarea, and brought with them one Mnason of Cyprus, an old disciple, with whom we should lodge.

Paul Is Arrested and Bound

17 And when we were come to Jerusalem, the brethren received us gladly.
18 And the *day* following Paul went in with us unto James; and all the elders were present.
19 And when he had saluted them, he declared particularly what things God had wrought among the Gentiles by his ministry.
20 And when they heard *it,* they glorified the Lord, and said unto him, Thou seest, brother, how many thousands of Jews there are which believe; and they are all zealous of the law:
21 And they are informed of thee, that thou teachest all the Jews which are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, saying that they ought not to circumcise *their* children, neither to walk after the customs.
22 What is it therefore? the multitude must needs come together: for they will hear that thou art come.
23 Do therefore this that we say to thee: We have four men which have a vow on them;
24 Them take, and purify thyself with them, and be at charges with them, that they may shave *their* heads: and all may know that those things, whereof they were informed concerning thee, are nothing; but *that* thou thyself also walkest orderly, and keepest the law.
25 As touching the Gentiles which believe, we have written *and* concluded that they observe no such thing, save only that they keep themselves from *things* offered to idols, and from blood, and from strangled, and from fornication.
26 Then Paul took the men, and the next day purifying himself with them entered into the temple, to signify the accomplishment of the days of purification, until that an offering should be offered for every one of them.
27 And when the seven days were almost ended, the Jews which were of Asia, when they saw him in the temple, stirred up all the people, and laid hands on him,
28 Crying out, Men of Israel, help: This is the man, that teacheth all *men* every where against the people, and the law, and this place: and further brought Greeks also into the temple, and hath polluted this holy place.
29 (For they had seen before with him in the city Trophimus an Ephesian, whom they supposed that Paul had brought into the temple.)
30 And all the city was moved, and the people ran together: and they took Paul, and drew him out of the temple: and forthwith the doors were shut.
31 And as they went about to kill him, tidings came unto the chief captain of the band, that all Jerusalem was in an uproar.
32 Who immediately took soldiers and

21:20 zealous ▸ *see Acts 22:3.*
21:21 forsake ▸ *see 2 Thess. 2:3.*

21:26 offering

(Gr. *prosphora*) (Rom. 15:16; Eph. 5:2; Heb. 10:14) G4376: From the word meaning "to bring, present," this word means either the act of sacrificing or presenting something or the thing that is offered. Jesus perfectly fulfills this word since at the cross He both presented the ultimate sacrifice and was Himself the offering: "And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour" (Eph. 5:2). That is the example Paul took to heart when he purified himself, not to earn salvation but as an act of devotion to God that would gain him an audience with the Jews.

centurions, and ran down unto them: and when they saw the chief captain and the soldiers, they left beating of Paul.
33 Then the chief captain came near, and took him, and commanded *him* to be bound with two chains; and demanded who he was, and what he had done.
34 And some cried one thing, some another, among the multitude: and when he could not know the certainty for the tumult, he commanded him to be carried into the castle.
35 And when he came upon the stairs, so it was, that he was borne of the soldiers for the violence of the people.
36 For the multitude of the people followed after, crying, Away with him.
37 And as Paul was to be led into the castle, he said unto the chief captain, May I speak unto thee? Who said, Canst thou speak Greek?
38 Art not thou that Egyptian, which before these days madest an uproar, and leddest out into the wilderness four thousand men that were murderers?
39 But Paul said, I am a man *which am* a Jew of Tarsus, *a city* in Cilicia, a citizen of no mean city: and, I beseech thee, suffer me to speak unto the people.
40 And when he had given him licence, Paul stood on the stairs, and beckoned with the hand unto the people. And when there was made a great silence, he spake unto *them* in the Hebrew tongue, saying,

Paul's Testimony

22 Men, brethren, and fathers, hear ye my defence *which I make* now unto you.
2 (And when they heard that he spake in the Hebrew tongue to them, they kept the more silence: and he saith,)
3 I am verily a man *which am* a Jew, born in Tarsus, *a city* in Cilicia, yet brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, *and* taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers, and was zealous toward God, as ye all are this day.
4 And I persecuted this way unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women.
5 As also the high priest doth bear me witness, and all the estate of the elders: from whom also I received letters unto the brethren, and went to Damascus, to bring them which were there bound unto Jerusalem, for to be punished.

Saul Meets the Lord

6 And it came to pass, that, as I made my journey, and was come nigh unto Damascus about noon, suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about me.
7 And I fell unto the ground, and heard a voice saying unto me, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?
8 And I answered, Who art thou, Lord? And he said unto me, I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest.
9 And they that were with me saw indeed the light, and were afraid; but they heard not the voice of him that spake to me.
10 And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said unto me, Arise, and go into Damascus; and there it shall be told thee of all things which are appointed for thee to do.
11 And when I could not see for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of them that were with me, I came into Damascus.
12 And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, having a good report of all the Jews which dwelt *there,*
13 Came unto me, and stood, and said unto me, Brother Saul, receive thy sight. And the same hour I looked up upon him.

God's Choice of a Witness

14 And he said, The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know his will, and see that Just One, and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth.

22:1 defence ▸ *see 1 Pet. 3:15.*

22:3 zealous

(Gr. *zēlōtēs*) (Acts 21:20; 1 Cor. 14:12; Gal. 1:14; Titus 2:14) G2207: This word describes someone who is burning with zeal, who has a deep commitment to a cause. The picture is of someone so eagerly desiring something that he is almost burning inside. In Titus 2:14 it is combined with the phrase "for good works," referencing the way a believer should live eagerly seeking opportunities to do good. In Paul, such an attitude replaced his former Jewish zeal for the law that is described here and in Galatians 1:14.

22:5 elder ▸ *see 1 Tim. 4:14.*

15 For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard.
16 And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.
17 And it came to pass, that, when I was come again to Jerusalem, even while I prayed in the temple, I was in a trance;
18 And saw him saying unto me, Make haste, and get thee quickly out of Jerusalem: for they will not receive thy testimony concerning me.
19 And I said, Lord, they know that I imprisoned and beat in every synagogue them that believed on thee:
20 And when the blood of thy martyr Stephen was shed, I also was standing by, and consenting unto his death, and kept the raiment of them that slew him.
21 And he said unto me, Depart: for I will send thee far hence unto the Gentiles.

Paul's Citizenship

22 And they gave him audience unto this word, and *then* lifted up their voices, and said, Away with such a *fellow* from the earth: for it is not fit that he should live.
23 And as they cried out, and cast off *their* clothes, and threw dust into the air,
24 The chief captain commanded him to be brought into the castle, and bade that he should be examined by scourging; that he might know wherefore they cried so against him.
25 And as they bound him with thongs, Paul said unto the centurion that stood by, Is it lawful for you to scourge a man that is a Roman, and uncondemned?
26 When the centurion heard *that,* he went and told the chief captain, saying, Take heed what thou doest: for this man is a Roman.
27 Then the chief captain came, and said unto him, Tell me, art thou a Roman? He said, Yea.
28 And the chief captain answered, With a great sum obtained I this freedom. And Paul said, But I was *free* born.
29 Then straightway they departed from him which should have examined him: and the chief captain also was afraid, after he knew that he was a Roman, and because he had bound him.
30 On the morrow, because he would have known the certainty wherefore he was accused of the Jews, he loosed him from *his* bands, and commanded the chief priests and all their council to appear, and brought Paul down, and set him before them.

Paul Addresses the Council

23 And Paul, earnestly beholding the council, said, Men *and* brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day.
2 And the high priest Ananias commanded them that stood by him to smite him on the mouth.
3 Then said Paul unto him, God shall smite thee, *thou* whited wall: for sittest thou to judge me after the law, and commandest me to be smitten contrary to the law?
4 And they that stood by said, Revilest thou God's high priest?
5 Then said Paul, I wist not, brethren, that he was the high priest: for it is written, Thou shalt not speak evil of the ruler of thy people.
6 But when Paul perceived that the one part were Sadducees, and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, Men *and* brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee: of the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question.
7 And when he had so said, there arose a dissension between the Pharisees and the Sadducees: and the multitude was divided.
8 For the Sadducees say that there is no

22:17 trance ▸ *see Acts 10:10.*
22:19 synagogue ▸ *see Acts 19:8.*
23:1 council ▸ *see Acts 5:21.*

23:1 live

(Gr. *politeuomai*) (Phil. 1:27) G4176: Originally meaning "to live as a citizen" or "to have one's citizenship in a city-state" (the *polis*, G4172). The word also had the broader meaning: "to conduct oneself" or "to live one's life," as here and in Philippians 1:27. In these New Testament occurrences, the idea of living in a manner appropriate for a citizen of the kingdom of heaven may be implicit. For further study, consider the related words *politeuma*, commonwealth, state, (G4175—Phil. 3:20); *politeia*, citizenship, commonwealth (G4174—Acts 22:28; Eph. 2:12); and *politēs*, fellow citizen (G4177—Acts 21:39; Luke 15:15).

23:6 Sadducee ▸ *see Luke 20:27.*
23:6 hope ▸ *see Rom. 15:13.*

resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit: but the Pharisees confess both.
9 And there arose a great cry: and the scribes *that were* of the Pharisees' part arose, and strove, saying, We find no evil in this man: but if a spirit or an angel hath spoken to him, let us not fight against God.
10 And when there arose a great dissension, the chief captain, fearing lest Paul should have been pulled in pieces of them, commanded the soldiers to go down, and to take him by force from among them, and to bring *him* into the castle.
11 And the night following the Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good cheer, Paul: for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome.

A Conspiracy to Kill Paul

12 And when it was day, certain of the Jews banded together, and bound themselves under a curse, saying that they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul.
13 And they were more than forty which had made this conspiracy.
14 And they came to the chief priests and elders, and said, We have bound ourselves under a great curse, that we will eat nothing until we have slain Paul.
15 Now therefore ye with the council signify to the chief captain that he bring him down unto you to morrow, as though ye would enquire something more perfectly concerning him: and we, or ever he come near, are ready to kill him.
16 And when Paul's sister's son heard of their lying in wait, he went and entered into the castle, and told Paul.
17 Then Paul called one of the centurions unto *him,* and said, Bring this young man unto the chief captain: for he hath a certain thing to tell him.
18 So he took him, and brought *him* to the chief captain, and said, Paul the prisoner called me unto *him,* and prayed me to bring this young man unto thee, who hath something to say unto thee.
19 Then the chief captain took him by the hand, and went *with him* aside privately, and asked *him,* What is that thou hast to tell me?
20 And he said, The Jews have agreed to desire thee that thou wouldest bring down Paul to morrow into the council, as though they would enquire somewhat of him more perfectly.
21 But do not thou yield unto them: for there lie in wait for him of them more than forty men, which have bound themselves with an oath, that they will neither eat nor drink till they have killed him: and now are they ready, looking for a promise from thee.
22 So the chief captain *then* let the young man depart, and charged *him, See thou* tell no man that thou hast shewed these things to me.

Paul Taken to Caesarea

23 And he called unto *him* two centurions, saying, Make ready two hundred soldiers to go to Caesarea, and horsemen threescore and ten, and spearmen two hundred, at the third hour of the night;
24 And provide *them* beasts, that they may set Paul on, and bring *him* safe unto Felix the governor.
25 And he wrote a letter after this manner:
26 Claudius Lysias unto the most excellent governor Felix *sendeth* greeting.
27 This man was taken of the Jews, and should have been killed of them: then came I with an army, and rescued him, having understood that he was a Roman.
28 And when I would have known the cause wherefore they accused him, I brought him forth into their council:
29 Whom I perceived to be accused of questions of their law, but to have nothing laid to his charge worthy of death or of bonds.
30 And when it was told me how that the Jews laid wait for the man, I sent straightway to thee, and gave commandment to his

23:11 be of good cheer

(Gr. *tharseō*) (Matt. 9:22; Mark 10:49; John 16:33) G2293: Derived from a word meaning "courage," this Greek verb is used only eight times in the New Testament, and seven of the eight are spoken by Jesus. Twice He uses it to refute His disciples' fear (Matt. 14:27; Mark 6:50); on other occasions He uses it to comfort the sick prior to miraculous healing (Matt. 9:2) or just afterward (Luke 8:48). In John 16:33, the imperative is more general: "In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

23:14 great curse ▸ *see Rom. 9:3.*

accusers also to say before thee what *they had* against him. Farewell.
31 Then the soldiers, as it was commanded them, took Paul, and brought *him* by night to Antipatris.
32 On the morrow they left the horsemen to go with him, and returned to the castle:
33 Who, when they came to Caesarea, and delivered the epistle to the governor, presented Paul also before him.
34 And when the governor had read *the letter,* he asked of what province he was. And when he understood that *he was* of Cilicia;
35 I will hear thee, said he, when thine accusers are also come. And he commanded him to be kept in Herod's judgment hall.

Paul Speaks Before Felix

24 And after five days Ananias the high priest descended with the elders, and *with* a certain orator *named* Tertullus, who informed the governor against Paul.
2 And when he was called forth, Tertullus began to accuse *him,* saying, Seeing that by thee we enjoy great quietness, and that very worthy deeds are done unto this nation by thy providence,
3 We accept *it* always, and in all places, most noble Felix, with all thankfulness.
4 Notwithstanding, that I be not further tedious unto thee, I pray thee that thou wouldest hear us of thy clemency a few words.
5 For we have found this man *a* pestilent *fellow,* and a mover of sedition among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes:
6 Who also hath gone about to profane the temple: whom we took, and would have judged according to our law.
7 But the chief captain Lysias came *upon us,* and with great violence took *him* away out of our hands,
8 Commanding his accusers to come unto thee: by examining of whom thyself mayest take knowledge of all these things, whereof we accuse him.
9 And the Jews also assented, saying that these things were so.

Paul's Defense Before Felix

10 Then Paul, after that the governor had beckoned unto him to speak, answered, Forasmuch as I know that thou hast been of many years a judge unto this nation, I do the more cheerfully answer for myself:
11 Because that thou mayest understand, that there are yet but twelve days since I went up to Jerusalem for to worship.
12 And they neither found me in the temple disputing with any man, neither raising up the people, neither in the synagogues, nor in the city:
13 Neither can they prove the things whereof they now accuse me.
14 But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets:
15 And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.
16 And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and *toward* men.
17 Now after many years I came to bring alms to my nation, and offerings.
18 Whereupon certain Jews from Asia found me purified in the temple, neither with multitude, nor with tumult.
19 Who ought to have been here before thee, and object, if they had ought against me.
20 Or else let these same *here* say, if they

23:35 judgment hall ▸ *see John 18:28.*
24:1 inform ▸ *see John 14:21.*
24:2 providence ▸ *see Rom. 13:14.*
24:3 thankfulness ▸ *see 2 Cor. 9:11.*
24:4 tedious ▸ *see 1 Thess. 2:18.*

24:4 clemency

(Gr. *epieikeia*) (2 Cor. 10:1) G1932: Taken from the word for "suitable, fair," this word means "what is right and fair—mildness, graciousness, reasonableness, and forbearance." It is behaving in a proper and kind way toward others, respecting them as people made in the image of God. This word only appears here and in 2 Corinthians 10:1: "Now I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness and gentleness [*epieikeia*] of Christ, who in presence am base among you, but being absent am bold toward you." Jesus exemplified courtesy and grace, and we are called to display the same as we go about our lives.

24:6 go about ▸ *see John 6:6.*
24:6 temple ▸ *see Luke 24:53.*

have found any evil doing in me, while I stood before the council,
21 Except it be for this one voice, that I cried standing among them, Touching the resurrection of the dead I am called in question by you this day.
22 And when Felix heard these things, having more perfect knowledge of *that* way, he deferred them, and said, When Lysias the chief captain shall come down, I will know the uttermost of your matter.
23 And he commanded a centurion to keep Paul, and to let *him* have liberty, and that he should forbid none of his acquaintance to minister or come unto him.
24 And after certain days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, which was a Jewess, he sent for Paul, and heard him concerning the faith in Christ.
25 And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee.
26 He hoped also that money should have been given him of Paul, that he might loose him: wherefore he sent for him the oftener, and communed with him.
27 But after two years Porcius Festus came into Felix' room: and Felix, willing to shew the Jews a pleasure, left Paul bound.

Paul Appeals to Caesar

25 Now when Festus was come into the province, after three days he ascended from Caesarea to Jerusalem.
2 Then the high priest and the chief of the Jews informed him against Paul, and besought him,
3 And desired favour against him, that he would send for him to Jerusalem, laying wait in the way to kill him.
4 But Festus answered, that Paul should be kept at Caesarea, and that he himself would depart shortly *thither.*
5 Let them therefore, said he, which among you are able, go down with *me,* and accuse this man, if there be any wickedness in him.
6 And when he had tarried among them more than ten days, he went down unto Caesarea; and the next day sitting on the judgment seat commanded Paul to be brought.
7 And when he was come, the Jews which came down from Jerusalem stood round about, and laid many and grievous complaints against Paul, which they could not prove.
8 While he answered for himself, Neither against the law of the Jews, neither against the temple, nor yet against Caesar, have I offended any thing at all.
9 But Festus, willing to do the Jews a pleasure, answered Paul, and said, Wilt thou go up to Jerusalem, and there be judged of these things before me?
10 Then said Paul, I stand at Caesar's judgment seat, where I ought to be judged: to the Jews have I done no wrong, as thou very well knowest.
11 For if I be an offender, or have committed any thing worthy of death, I refuse not to die: but if there be none of these things whereof these accuse me, no man may deliver me unto them. I appeal unto Caesar.
12 Then Festus, when he had conferred with the council, answered, Hast thou appealed unto Caesar? unto Caesar shalt thou go.

King Agrippa Visits Festus

13 And after certain days king Agrippa and Bernice came unto Caesarea to salute Festus.
14 And when they had been there many days, Festus declared Paul's cause unto the king, saying, There is a certain man left in bonds by Felix:
15 About whom, when I was at Jerusalem, the chief priests and the elders of the Jews informed *me,* desiring *to have* judgment against him.

24:25 temperance ▸ *see Gal. 5:23.*
25:10 judgment seat ▸ *see Matt. 27:19.*

25:10 do wrong

(Gr. *adikeō*) (Acts 7:26; Col. 3:25; Philem. 18; Rev. 22:11) G0091: Literally rendered "without right," this word means to do injustice or to be unjust. It can refer to violating a human or divine law or to mistreating someone. This person may be a criminal or just a sinner who has violated God's laws. This word often carries a connotation of legal wrongdoing or social injustice, usually with overtones of having hurt or damaged someone in the process. In the final analysis, God will deal with those who do wrong, sometimes using human justice systems to do so: "But he that doeth wrong shall receive for that which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons" (Col. 3:25).

16 To whom I answered, It is not the manner of the Romans to deliver any man to die, before that he which is accused have the accusers face to face, and have licence to answer for himself concerning the crime laid against him.
17 Therefore, when they were come hither, without any delay on the morrow I sat on the judgment seat, and commanded the man to be brought forth.
18 Against whom when the accusers stood up, they brought none accusation of such things as I supposed:
19 But had certain questions against him of their own superstition, and of one Jesus, which was dead, whom Paul affirmed to be alive.
20 And because I doubted of such manner of questions, I asked *him* whether he would go to Jerusalem, and there be judged of these matters.
21 But when Paul had appealed to be reserved unto the hearing of Augustus, I commanded him to be kept till I might send him to Caesar.
22 Then Agrippa said unto Festus, I would also hear the man myself. To morrow, said he, thou shalt hear him.

Festus Orders a Hearing

23 And on the morrow, when Agrippa was come, and Bernice, with great pomp, and was entered into the place of hearing, with the chief captains, and principal men of the city, at Festus' commandment Paul was brought forth.
24 And Festus said, King Agrippa, and all men which are here present with us, ye see this man, about whom all the multitude of the Jews have dealt with me, both at Jerusalem, and *also* here, crying that he ought not to live any longer.
25 But when I found that he had committed nothing worthy of death, and that he himself hath appealed to Augustus, I have determined to send him.
26 Of whom I have no certain thing to write unto my lord. Wherefore I have brought him forth before you, and specially before thee, O king Agrippa, that, after examination had, I might have somewhat to write.
27 For it seemeth to me unreasonable to send a prisoner, and not withal to signify the crimes *laid* against him.

Paul Appears Before Agrippa

26 Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Thou art permitted to speak for thyself. Then Paul stretched forth the hand, and answered for himself:
2 I think myself happy, king Agrippa, because I shall answer for myself this day before thee touching all the things whereof I am accused of the Jews:
3 Especially *because I know* thee to be expert in all customs and questions which are among the Jews: wherefore I beseech thee to hear me patiently.
4 My manner of life from my youth, which was at the first among mine own nation at Jerusalem, know all the Jews;
5 Which knew me from the beginning, if they would testify, that after the most straitest sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee.
6 And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made of God unto our fathers:
7 Unto which *promise* our twelve tribes, instantly serving *God* day and night, hope to come. For which hope's sake, king Agrippa, I am accused of the Jews.
8 Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead?
9 I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth.
10 Which thing I also did in Jerusalem: and many of the saints did I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I gave my voice against *them*.
11 And I punished them oft in every synagogue, and compelled *them* to blaspheme;

25:24 deal with ▸ *see Heb. 7:25.*
26:2 happy ▸ *see Rev. 22:7.*
26:4 own nation ▸ *see Luke 2:32.*
26:5 know ▸ *see Acts 2:23.*

26:5 religion

(Gr. *thrēskeia*) (Col. 2:18; James 1:26) G2356: This noun means religion in the sense of outward duties of one's belief. Here it is used for the sect of Judaism; elsewhere it is used for the cult of angel worship (Col. 2:18). It can also refer to the essentials of true religion—the charity that is motivated by the love of God (James 1:26, 27).

26:11 synagogue ▸ *see Acts 19:8.*

and being exceedingly mad against them, I persecuted *them* even unto strange cities.

Paul Describes His Conversion

12 Whereupon as I went to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests,
13 At midday, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me.
14 And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? *it is* hard for thee to kick against the pricks.
15 And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.
16 But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee;
17 Delivering thee from the people, and *from* the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee,
18 To open their eyes, *and* to turn *them* from darkness to light, and *from* the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.
19 Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision:
20 But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and *then* to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.
21 For these causes the Jews caught me in the temple, and went about to kill *me.*
22 Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come:
23 That Christ should suffer, *and* that he should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should shew light unto the people, and to the Gentiles.

Almost Persuaded

24 And as he thus spake for himself, Festus said with a loud voice, Paul, thou art beside thyself; much learning doth make thee mad.
25 But he said, I am not mad, most noble Festus; but speak forth the words of truth and soberness.
26 For the king knoweth of these things, before whom also I speak freely: for I am persuaded that none of these things are hidden from him; for this thing was not done in a corner.
27 King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest.
28 Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.
29 And Paul said, I would to God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost, and altogether such as I am, except these bonds.
30 And when he had thus spoken, the king rose up, and the governor, and Bernice, and they that sat with them:
31 And when they were gone aside, they talked between themselves, saying, This man doeth nothing worthy of death or of bonds.
32 Then said Agrippa unto Festus, This man might have been set at liberty, if he had not appealed unto Caesar.

Paul Sent to Rome

27 And when it was determined that we should sail into Italy, they delivered Paul and certain other prisoners unto *one* named Julius, a centurion of Augustus' band.

26:18 darkness ▸ *see Luke 11:35.*
26:18 sanctify ▸ *see John 10:36.*

26:20 repent

(Gr. *metanoeō*) (Matt. 3:2; Acts 2:38) G3340: Verb compounded from *meta,* "after," and *noeō,* "perceive, think," meaning "to change one's mind," "to feel regret," or "to repent." Although associated with the idea of "turning to God" (as here), the primary meaning of *metanoeō* relates to turning away from evil (Acts 8:22; cf. Rev. 9:20, 21). It may imply not only ceasing evil acts but also beginning good ones ("fruit meet for repentance," Matt. 3:8). John the Baptist preached to Israel, "Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt. 3:2; cf. 4:17), and this call was continued in the preaching of the apostles (cf. Acts 2:38).

26:28 Christian ▸ *see Acts 11:26.*

2 And entering into a ship of Adramyttium, we launched, meaning to sail by the coasts of Asia; *one* Aristarchus, a Macedonian of Thessalonica, being with us.
3 And the next *day* we touched at Sidon. And Julius courteously entreated Paul, and gave *him* liberty to go unto his friends to refresh himself.
4 And when we had launched from thence, we sailed under Cyprus, because the winds were contrary.
5 And when we had sailed over the sea of Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came to Myra, *a city* of Lycia.
6 And there the centurion found a ship of Alexandria sailing into Italy; and he put us therein.
7 And when we had sailed slowly many days, and scarce were come over against Cnidus, the wind not suffering us, we sailed under Crete, over against Salmone;
8 And, hardly passing it, came unto a place which is called The fair havens; nigh whereunto was the city *of* Lasea.
9 Now when much time was spent, and when sailing was now dangerous, because the fast was now already past, Paul admonished *them,*
10 And said unto them, Sirs, I perceive that this voyage will be with hurt and much damage, not only of the lading and ship, but also of our lives.
11 Nevertheless the centurion believed the master and the owner of the ship, more than those things which were spoken by Paul.
12 And because the haven was not commodious to winter in, the more part advised to depart thence also, if by any means they might attain to Phenice, *and there* to winter; *which is* an haven of Crete, and lieth toward the south west and north west.

A Storm Arises

13 And when the south wind blew softly, supposing that they had obtained *their* purpose, loosing *thence,* they sailed close by Crete.
14 But not long after there arose against it a tempestuous wind, called Euroclydon.
15 And when the ship was caught, and could not bear up into the wind, we let *her* drive.
16 And running under a certain island which is called Clauda, we had much work to come by the boat:
17 Which when they had taken up, they used helps, undergirding the ship; and, fearing lest they should fall into the quicksands, strake sail, and so were driven.
18 And we being exceedingly tossed with a tempest, the next *day* they lightened the ship;
19 And the third *day* we cast out with our own hands the tackling of the ship.
20 And when neither sun nor stars in many days appeared, and no small tempest lay on *us,* all hope that we should be saved was then taken away.
21 But after long abstinence Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete, and to have gained this harm and loss.
22 And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of *any man's* life among you, but of the ship.
23 For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve,
24 Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee.
25 Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me.
26 Howbeit we must be cast upon a certain island.

The Shipwreck

27 But when the fourteenth night was come, as we were driven up and down in Adria, about midnight the shipmen deemed that they drew near to some country;
28 And sounded, and found *it* twenty fathoms: and when they had gone a little further, they sounded again, and found *it* fifteen fathoms.

27:10 hurt

(Gr. *hybris*) (Acts 27:21; 2 Cor. 12:10) G5196: This word has entered English usage in its original form—*hubris*, meaning "insolence, pride, or haughtiness." The original definition is "hurt resulting from insolence" or "damage caused by the elements, trouble." It is only used three times in Scripture, in this chapter translated "hurt" and "harm" and in 2 Corinthians 12:10 translated "reproaches." The connotation is that a hostile force is working against a person.

27:21 harm ▸ *see Acts 27:10.*

29 Then fearing lest we should have fallen upon rocks, they cast four anchors out of the stern, and wished for the day.
30 And as the shipmen were about to flee out of the ship, when they had let down the boat into the sea, under colour as though they would have cast anchors out of the foreship,
31 Paul said to the centurion and to the soldiers, Except these abide in the ship, ye cannot be saved.
32 Then the soldiers cut off the ropes of the boat, and let her fall off.
33 And while the day was coming on, Paul besought *them* all to take meat, saying, This day is the fourteenth day that ye have tarried and continued fasting, having taken nothing.
34 Wherefore I pray you to take *some* meat: for this is for your health: for there shall not an hair fall from the head of any of you.
35 And when he had thus spoken, he took bread, and gave thanks to God in presence of them all: and when he had broken *it,* he began to eat.
36 Then were they all of good cheer, and they also took *some* meat.
37 And we were in all in the ship two hundred threescore and sixteen souls.
38 And when they had eaten enough, they lightened the ship, and cast out the wheat into the sea.
39 And when it was day, they knew not the land: but they discovered a certain creek with a shore, into the which they were minded, if it were possible, to thrust in the ship.
40 And when they had taken up the anchors, they committed *themselves* unto the sea, and loosed the rudder bands, and hoised up the mainsail to the wind, and made toward shore.
41 And falling into a place where two seas met, they ran the ship aground; and the forepart stuck fast, and remained unmoveable, but the hinder part was broken with the violence of the waves.
42 And the soldiers' counsel was to kill the prisoners, lest any of them should swim out, and escape.
43 But the centurion, willing to save Paul, kept them from *their* purpose; and commanded that they which could swim should cast *themselves* first *into the sea,* and get to land:
44 And the rest, some on boards, and some on *broken pieces* of the ship. And so it came to pass, that they escaped all safe to land.

Paul's Healing Ministry on Melita

28 And when they were escaped, then they knew that the island was called Melita.
2 And the barbarous people shewed us no little kindness: for they kindled a fire, and received us every one, because of the present rain, and because of the cold.
3 And when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid *them* on the fire, there came a viper out of the heat, and fastened on his hand.
4 And when the barbarians saw the *venomous* beast hang on his hand, they said among themselves, No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped the sea, yet vengeance suffereth not to live.
5 And he shook off the beast into the fire, and felt no harm.
6 Howbeit they looked when he should have swollen, or fallen down dead suddenly: but after they had looked a great while, and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds, and said that he was a god.
7 In the same quarters were possessions of the chief man of the island, whose name was Publius; who received us, and lodged us three days courteously.
8 And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him.
9 So when this was done, others also, which had diseases in the island, came, and were healed:
10 Who also honoured us with many honours; and when we departed, they laded *us* with such things as were necessary.

27:42 counsel ▸ *see Eph. 1:11.*

28:2 kindness

(Gr. *philanthrōpia*) (Titus 3:4) G5363: The Greek word *philanthrōpia* means "kindness" or "love for humanity." It is a compound from the word *philos* (G5384), "loving, affectionate," and the noun *anthrōpos* (G0444) "man," and is the source of the English word, *philanthropy.* Here in Acts 28:2 it refers to the hospitality extended to the victims of a shipwreck. In Titus 3:4 the word appears with its earliest sense of "the love for, and kindness extended to, humanity by God." The related word *philanthrōpōs* (G5364), "kindly, benevolently," occurs in the New Testament only at Acts 27:3.

Paul Arrives at Rome

11 And after three months we departed in a ship of Alexandria, which had wintered in the isle, whose sign was Castor and Pollux.
12 And landing at Syracuse, we tarried *there* three days.
13 And from thence we fetched a compass, and came to Rhegium: and after one day the south wind blew, and we came the next day to Puteoli:
14 Where we found brethren, and were desired to tarry with them seven days: and so we went toward Rome.
15 And from thence, when the brethren heard of us, they came to meet us as far as Appii forum, and The three taverns: whom when Paul saw, he thanked God, and took courage.
16 And when we came to Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard: but Paul was suffered to dwell by himself with a soldier that kept him.

Paul Speaks to the Jews

17 And it came to pass, that after three days Paul called the chief of the Jews together: and when they were come together, he said unto them, Men *and* brethren, though I have committed nothing against the people, or customs of our fathers, yet was I delivered prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans.
18 Who, when they had examined me, would have let *me* go, because there was no cause of death in me.
19 But when the Jews spake against *it,* I was constrained to appeal unto Caesar; not that I had ought to accuse my nation of.
20 For this cause therefore have I called for you, to see *you,* and to speak with *you:* because that for the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain.
21 And they said unto him, We neither received letters out of Judaea concerning thee, neither any of the brethren that came shewed or spake any harm of thee.
22 But we desire to hear of thee what thou thinkest: for as concerning this sect, we know that every where it is spoken against.
23 And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into *his* lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and *out of* the prophets, from morning till evening.

Some Believe and Some Do Not

24 And some believed the things which were spoken, and some believed not.
25 And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Ghost by Esaias the prophet unto our fathers,
26 Saying, Go unto this people, and say, Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and not perceive:
27 For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with *their* eyes, and hear with *their* ears, and understand with *their* heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.
28 Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and *that* they will hear it.
29 And when he had said these words, the Jews departed, and had great reasoning among themselves.
30 And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him,
31 Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.

28:16 prisoner ▸ *see Philem. 1.*
28:22 sect ▸ *see 1 Cor. 11:19.*
28:23 persuade ▸ *see 2 Thess. 3:4.*
28:29 reasoning ▸ *see Acts 15:2.*

28:30 Paul

(Gr. *paulos*) (Acts 16:28; 18:9; 2 Thess. 1:1; Philem. 19) G3972: Two people in the New Testament are called by this name, which means "little": Sergius Paulus, a Roman proconsul (who is mentioned only once); and the apostle Paul. Paul's original name was Saul (Acts 7:58). He was a Pharisee (Acts 23:6), a Roman citizen by birth (Acts 22:28), and a violent opponent of the early Christians (Acts 8:3) until his miraculous conversion on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:1–6). After his conversion, he was known as Paul (Acts 13:9). Subsequently he became an indefatigable evangelist and preacher of Christ. In addition to his three missionary journeys, which were instrumental in the genesis of the early church, he is credited with having written 13 of the 21 New Testament epistles.

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE

ROMANS

ROMANS, PAUL'S GREATEST WORK, IS placed first among his 13 epistles in the New Testament. While the four Gospels present the words and works of Jesus Christ, Romans explores the significance of His sacrificial death. Using a question-and-answer format, Paul records the most systematic presentation of doctrine in the Bible. Romans is more than a book of theology; it is also a book of practical exhortation. The good news of Jesus Christ is more than facts to be believed; it is also a life to be lived—a life of righteousness befitting the person, "justified freely by [God's] grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" (3:24).

Although some manuscripts omit "in Rome" in 1:7, 15, the title *Pros Romaious,* "To the Romans," has been associated with the epistle almost from the beginning.

WATCH WORDS

- **justification** (acquittal, declaration of righteousness)—4:25 (also 5:18)
- **law** (an inward principle of action)—6:14 (also 7:21; 8:2)
- **predestinate** (mark out beforehand)—8:29
- **transform** (change form)—12:2
- **flesh** (the lower nature of a person)—13:14 (also 7:25; 8:4–9)

Paul's Salutation

1 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called *to be* an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,
2 (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,)
3 Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;
4 And declared *to be* the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:
5 By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:
6 Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ:
7 To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called *to be* saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul Longs to Visit Rome

8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.
9 For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers;

1:1 apostle ▸ *see 2 Cor. 12:12.*
1:1 gospel ▸ *see Mark 16:15.*

1:3 seed

(Gr. *sperma*) (Matt. 13:37; Mark 12:19; John 7:42; Acts 3:25; Gal. 3:16) G4690: Referring to either the seed of plants or to a person's descendants, this word is extended in Scripture to refer metaphorically to spiritual offspring (Gal. 3:29). The root word means "to sow or scatter seed." John uses this word to refer to the descendants of Abraham (John 8:33, 37). The most important uses of this word are referring to Jesus as the seed of David (John 7:42), but it is made clear throughout Romans (Rom. 4:16; 9:8) that Jesus' work on the cross made it possible for anyone to become a seed of Abraham—saved by grace through faith.

1:4 holiness ▸ *see 1 Thess. 3:13.*
1:5 obedience ▸ *see 2 Cor. 10:1.*
1:8 thank ▸ *see Luke 17:16.*

10 Making request, if by any means now at length I might have a prosperous journey by the will of God to come unto you.
11 For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established;
12 That is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.
13 Now I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that oftentimes I purposed to come unto you, (but was let hitherto,) that I might have some fruit among you also, even as among other Gentiles.
14 I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise.
15 So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also.

The Just Shall Live by Faith

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.
17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

God's Wrath Against Ungodliness

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;
19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed *it* unto them.
20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:
21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified *him* not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.
22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,
23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.
24 Wherefore God also gave them up to

1:10 will ▸ *see Eph. 1:11.*

1:11 impart

(Gr. *metadidōmi*) (Luke 3:11; Rom. 12:8; Eph. 4:28; 1 Thess. 2:8) G3330: A compound word formed from *meta* (G3326), "with, after" and *didōmi* (G1325), "to give," this word means "to give over, share, impart, distribute." Generosity and liberality in giving are implied. This is the type of giving that compels someone to work hard so he can share with someone in need (Luke 3:11; Eph. 4:28) and to share both the gospel and his very life out of love (1 Thess. 2:8).

1:11 spiritual ▸ *see 1 Cor. 2:13.*
1:14 debtor ▸ *see Luke 13:4.*
1:14 wise ▸ *see 1 Cor. 1:20.*
1:16 salvation ▸ *see Luke 1:69.*

1:17 righteousness

(Gr. *dikaiosynē*) (Matt. 5:6; Rom. 3:22; Phil. 3:9) G1343: Derived from judicial contexts—referring to the judge or to the requirements of the law—this word means "righteousness, uprightness, justice." It refers to doing the right thing, observing divine laws, or holiness. In Scripture it denotes right standing with God—a status which can only be attained through faith in Christ. Paul writes to the Romans, "But now the righteousness [*dikaiosynē*] of God without the law is manifested . . . even the righteousness [*dikaiosynē*] of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe." (Rom. 3:21, 22). The phrase "the righteousness of God" refers either to being right before God (being found guiltless) or to right standing provided by God through faith in Christ. These two meanings are closely related.

1:18 wrath ▸ *see Rev. 14:10.*
1:18 ungodliness ▸ *see Rom. 11:26.*
1:18 unrighteousness ▸ *see John 7:18.*
1:20 things that are made ▸ *see Eph. 2:10.*
1:20 power ▸ *see Acts 1:8.*
1:21 glorify ▸ *see John 17:5.*

1:21 vain

(Gr. *metaioō*) G3154: Used only here in Scripture, this word means "to make vain, empty, foolish." The root word means "useless, devoid of force, without purpose." Those who do not honor God become increasingly foolish in their thinking to the point where their thoughts lack logical coherence. In the end their thoughts, just like their lives, lack any sort of lasting purpose.

uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:
25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.
26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:
27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.
28 And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;
29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,
30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,
31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:
32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

God's Righteous Judgment

2 Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.
2 But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things.
3 And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?
4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?
5 But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;
6 Who will render to every man according to his deeds:
7 To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life:
8 But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath,
9 Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile;
10 But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile:
11 For there is no respect of persons with God.
12 For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law;
13 (For not the hearers of the law *are* just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.
14 For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in

1:26 give up ▸ *see Luke 23:25.*
1:27 receive ▸ *see 3 John 8.*
1:27 error ▸ *see Jude 11.*
1:28 reprobate ▸ *see 1 Cor 9:27.*

1:29 whisperer

(Gr. *psithyristēs*) G5588: This word appears only here in the New Testament. It is an example of onomatopoeia—a word sounding like what it represents. The "ps," "th," and "s" sounds all suggest whispering. The word has a negative connotation of whispering slander. However, it is differentiated from *katalalos*, "slanderer" (G2637—Romans 1:30), in that whispering is done behind someone's back.

1:30 proud ▸ *see Luke 1:51.*
2:3 escape ▸ *see Luke 21:36.*
2:3 judgment ▸ *see Rev. 20:4.*
2:4 goodness ▸ *see Gal. 5:22.*
2:4 goodness ▸ *see Luke 6:35.*
2:8 contentious ▸ *see Phil. 1:16.*
2:10 honour ▸ *see 1 Tim. 5:17.*
2:10 work ▸ *see John 9:4.*
2:11 respect of persons ▸ *see James 2:1.*

the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves:
15 Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and *their* thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)
16 In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.

Cautions Against Hypocrisy

17 Behold, thou art called a Jew, and restest in the law, and makest thy boast of God,
18 And knowest *his* will, and approvest the things that are more excellent, being instructed out of the law;
19 And art confident that thou thyself art a guide of the blind, a light of them which are in darkness,
20 An instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, which hast the form of knowledge and of the truth in the law.
21 Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal?
22 Thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery, dost thou commit adultery? thou that abhorrest idols, dost thou commit sacrilege?
23 Thou that makest thy boast of the law, through breaking the law dishonourest thou God?
24 For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you, as it is written.
25 For circumcision verily profiteth, if thou keep the law: but if thou be a breaker of the law, thy circumcision is made uncircumcision.
26 Therefore if the uncircumcision keep the righteousness of the law, shall not his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision?
27 And shall not uncircumcision which is by nature, if it fulfil the law, judge thee, who by the letter and circumcision dost transgress the law?
28 For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither *is that* circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:
29 But he *is* a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision *is that* of the heart, in the spirit, *and* not in the letter; whose praise *is* not of men, but of God.

God Is Faithful and Just

3 What advantage then hath the Jew? or what profit *is there* of circumcision?
2 Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God.
3 For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect?
4 God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.
5 But if our unrighteousness commend the righteousness of God, what shall we say? *Is*

2:15 heart ▸ *see Rev. 2:23.*
2:19 blind ▸ *see John 9:1.*

2:23 breaking

(Gr. *parabasis*) (Gal. 3:19; 1 Tim. 2:14; Heb. 9:15) G3847: The Greek word *parabasis* literally means "transgression." It is derived from the verb *parabainō* (G3845), which is translated "to go" or "to turn aside" (as Acts 1:25) but is used figuratively with terms such as "law" or "tradition" to mean "transgress" (Matt. 15:2). It is in this latter sense that the noun *parabasis* refers to a violation of an established, known law. As here in Romans 2:23, the "law" that is violated may be a general rather than a specific one. Those who customarily violate the law are described as "transgressors," using the related Greek word *parabatēs* (G3848—Rom. 2:25).

2:26 count ▸ *see Rom. 4:3.*
2:29 praise ▸ *see Eph. 1:6.*
3:2 oracle ▸ *see Heb. 5:12.*

3:4 true

(Gr. *alēthēs*) (John 5:32; 19:35; Phil. 4:8; 1 John 2:8) G0227: Literally rendered "not hidden," this word implies transparency. It means "genuine, real, unconcealed, true." Opposites are "false, concealed, and inconsistent." In Scripture this word is often used in conjunction with legal testimony (John 8:17)—an image that was used to confirm the deity of Christ, for Jesus was proven true based on the testimony of God Himself (John 5:31, 32). In fact, all we know about God rests on the fact that He is *alēthēs*—He is true, consistent, and faithful all the time. Believers should seek that same kind of truth and transparency in their lives, freely displaying the glory of God by the way they live.

God unrighteous who taketh vengeance? (I speak as a man)
6 God forbid: for then how shall God judge the world?
7 For if the truth of God hath more abounded through my lie unto his glory; why yet am I also judged as a sinner?
8 And not *rather,* (as we be slanderously reported, and as some affirm that we say,) Let us do evil, that good may come? whose damnation is just.

No One Is Righteous

9 What then? are we better *than they?* No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin;
10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:
11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.
12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.
13 Their throat *is* an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps *is* under their lips:
14 Whose mouth *is* full of cursing and bitterness:
15 Their feet *are* swift to shed blood:
16 Destruction and misery *are* in their ways:
17 And the way of peace have they not known:
18 There is no fear of God before their eyes.
19 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.
20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin.

God's Righteousness by Faith

21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;
22 Even the righteousness of God *which is* by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:
23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;
24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:
25 Whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;
26 To declare, *I say,* at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

3:14 bitterness ▸ *see Eph. 4:31.*
3:18 fear ▸ *see 1 John 4:18.*
3:21 prophet ▸ *see Matt. 2:5.*
3:22 righteousness ▸ *see Rom. 1:17.*
3:23 come short ▸ *see Luke 22:35.*
3:23 glory ▸ *see John 2:11.*
3:24 free ▸ *see 2 Cor. 11:7.*

3:24 redemption

(Gr. *apolytrōsis*) (Luke 21:28; Rom. 8:23; Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:14) G0629: The Greek word *apolytrōsis* refers to the buying back or freeing (of a slave) by payment of the redemption price. Its New Testament occurrences emphasize both the price (Jesus' blood in Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:14) and the resulting freedom. The use of *apolytrōsis* and its cognates in salvation contexts implies the complete liberation of those redeemed by Christ from their former slavery. The related Greek word *lytrōsis* essentially means the same thing (G3085—Luke 1:68; 2:38); and elsewhere in the New Testament different authors use the verb *lytroō*, free by paying ransom, redeem (G3084—1 Pet. 1:18); and noun *lytron*, ransom price (G3083—only in Matt. 20:28; Mark 10:45).

3:25 propitiation

(Gr. *hilastērion*) (Heb. 9:5) G2435: Used twice in the New Testament, this term is derived from the Greek verb *hilaskomai*, a word that has three meanings: (1) "to placate" or "to appease"; (2) "to be propitious and merciful"; or (3) "to make propitiation for someone." The New Testament never describes people appeasing God. Instead, as Luke 18:13 and 1 John 2:2 make clear, the New Testament describes God as being merciful to, or making propitiation, for us. God provides a merciful expiation, or atonement, of the sins of believers through the death of Christ. But since Paul also speaks of God's wrath, it must also speak of the conciliation of God's anger by means of a sacrifice—namely, the sacrifice of His Son. John states that God demonstrated His love to us by sending His Son to become "the propitiation for our sins" (1 John 4:10). Just as in the Old Testament God met His people when the blood of the sin offering was sprinkled on the altar, so Christ's death brings us into fellowship with God.

3:25 sin ▸ *see Mark 3:28.*

27 Where *is* boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.
28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.
29 *Is he* the God of the Jews only? *is he* not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also:
30 Seeing *it is* one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith.
31 Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law.

Justification Through Faith

4 What shall we say then that Abraham our father, as pertaining to the flesh, hath found?
2 For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath *whereof* to glory; but not before God.
3 For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.
4 Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt.
5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.
6 Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works,
7 *Saying,* Blessed *are* they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.
8 Blessed *is* the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.
9 *Cometh* this blessedness then upon the circumcision *only,* or upon the uncircumcision also? for we say that faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness.
10 How was it then reckoned? when he was in circumcision, or in uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision.
11 And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which *he had yet* being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also:
12 And the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which *he had* being *yet* uncircumcised.

A Father of Many Nations

13 For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, *was* not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.
14 For if they which are of the law *be* heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect:
15 Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, *there is* no transgression.
16 Therefore *it is* of faith, that *it might be* by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,
17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, *even* God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.
18 Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations,

3:28 deed ▸ *see 1 Thess. 1:3.*
4:3 believe ▸ *see Acts 10:43.*

4:3 count

(Gr. *logizomai*) (Mark 15:28; Rom. 2:26; 2 Cor. 5:19; Gal. 3:6) G3049: Used 11 times in Romans 4, this word comes from the world of accounting. From it we get words like "logistic" and "logarithm." It means "to count, impute, calculate, consider, reckon, value." It is a judgment, a combining of evidence to determine a logical outcome wherein every action is either debited against or credited toward righteousness. The thrust of this chapter is that God imputes to our account the righteousness of Christ so that His holiness and guiltlessness becomes ours. This idea goes all the way back to Genesis 15:6, where Abraham's faith was imputed or accounted as righteousness.

4:4 debt

(Gr. *opheilēma*) (Matt. 6:12) G3783: Used only twice in the New Testament, the word *opheilēma* describes what is owed or one's due, thus "debt." Here the wages for which one works are considered owed because they have been earned; they are not an undeserved favor. In the Lord's Prayer the word is used figuratively of liability for wrongdoing (Matt. 6:12; the parallel Luke 11:4 reads "sins"). The verb form of this word is *opheilō*, "to owe," or "be obligated," "sin" (G3784— 1 Cor. 7:3).

4:14 void ▸ *see 1 Cor. 9:15.*

according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.
19 And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb:
20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;
21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.
22 And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.
23 Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him;
24 But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;
25 Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

Justified by the Blood of Christ

5 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:
2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.
3 And not only *so,* but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;
4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope:
5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.
6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.
7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.
8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.
10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.
11 And not only *so,* but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

4:20 stagger ▸ *see Acts 11:12.*
4:21 promise ▸ *see Acts 7:5.*

4:25 justification

(Gr. *dikaiōsis*) (Rom. 5:18) G1347: The Greek noun for *justification* is derived from the Greek verb *dikaioō*, meaning "to acquit" or "to declare righteous" (used by Paul in Rom. 4:2, 5; 5:1). It is a legal term used of a favorable verdict in a trial. The word, used only twice in the New Testament, depicts a courtroom setting, with God presiding as the Judge, determining the faithfulness of each person to the Law. In the first section of Romans, Paul makes it clear that no one can withstand God's judgment (Rom. 3:9–20). The Law was not given to justify sinners but to expose their sin. To remedy this deplorable situation, God sent His Son to die for our sins, in our place. When we believe in Jesus, God imputes His righteousness to us, and we are declared righteous before God. In this way, God demonstrates that He is both a righteous Judge and the One who declares us righteous, our Justifier (Rom. 3:26).

5:1 peace ▸ *see Luke 2:14.*
5:3 patience ▸ *see Heb. 10:36.*
5:5 hope ▸ *see Rom. 15:13.*
5:8 love ▸ *see 1 John 2:15.*
5:8 sinner ▸ *see James 5:20.*
5:9 wrath ▸ *see Rev. 14:10.*

5:10 reconcile

(Gr. *katallassō*) (1 Cor. 7:11; 2 Cor. 5:18) G2644: A verb meaning "to reconcile," whether of husband and wife (1 Cor. 7:11) or of God and man (here and 2 Cor. 5:20). As applied to divine-human relations, the word indicates a change in relationship, the restoration of a broken relationship between God and persons at God's initiative. The related noun *katallagē*, "reconciliation," occurs only in the same contexts (G2643—Rom. 5:11; 11:15; 2 Cor. 5:18, 19). The English word "atonement" carries the same idea of "oneness."

5:11 atonement

(Gr. *katallagē*) (Rom. 11:15; 2 Cor. 5:18) G2643: The Greek word basically means "change" or "exchange." In the context of relationships between people, the term implies a change in attitude on the part of both individuals, a change from enmity to friendship. When used to describe the relationship existing between God and a person, the term implies the change of attitude on the part of both a person and God. The need to change the sinful ways of a human being is obvious; but

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The Abundant Grace of Christ

12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:
13 (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.
14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.
15 But not as the offence, so also *is* the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, *which is* by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.
16 And not as *it was* by one that sinned, *so is* the gift: for the judgment *was* by one to condemnation, but the free gift *is* of many offences unto justification.
17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)
18 Therefore as by the offence of one *judgment came* upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one *the free gift came* upon all men unto justification of life.
19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.
20 Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:
21 That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

Walk in Newness of Life

6 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?
2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?
3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?
4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.
5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also *in the likeness* of *his* resurrection:
6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with *him,* that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.
7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.
8 Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:
9 Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.

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some argue that no change is needed on the part of God. But inherent in the doctrine of justification is the changed attitude of God toward the sinner. God declares a person who was formerly His enemy to be righteous before Him.

5:15 offence ▸ *see Eph. 2:5.*
5:15 gift ▸ *see 1 Cor. 1:7.*
5:18 justification ▸ *see Rom. 4:25.*

5:19 disobedience

(Gr. *parakoē*) (2 Cor. 10:6; Heb. 2:2) G3876: The Greek word *parakoē* is derived from the verb *parakouō* (G3878), literally "overhear" or "ignore," but extended to include the sense "refuse to listen" or "disobey" (Matt. 18:17). In both the Old Testament and New Testament, disobedience is often portrayed as a refusal to listen (Jer. 35:17; Acts 7:57). Here in Romans 5:19, *parakoē* is the one man's disobedience through which sin entered the world. Paul uses the antonym *hypakoē* (G5218), "obedience," in this same verse.

5:19 righteous ▸ *see Matt. 1:19.*
6:4 baptism ▸ *see Matt. 21:25.*

6:5 planted together

(Gr. *symphytos*) G4854: The expression, which occurs only here in the New Testament, means "to grow in union" or "to plant in union." The word describes two plants that have been planted together and are growing together, closely entwined or even united. The context speaks of union, our union with Christ in His death (Rom. 6:4) and resurrection (Rom. 6:5). Our union with Christ in death is like being planted with Him. Like a seed, our sinful natures must die with Christ so that we might grow in Christ and bear spiritual fruit (John 12:24). Our union with Christ is now a loving union, in which we are growing with Him "in the likeness of his resurrection."

6:5 resurrection ▸ *see Acts 2:31.*
6:6 serve ▸ *see Rom. 14:18.*

10 For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.
11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.
12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.
13 Neither yield ye your members *as* instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness unto God.
14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

Servants of Righteousness

15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.
16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?
17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.
18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.
19 I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.
20 For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness.
21 What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things *is* death.
22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.
23 For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Deliverance from the Law

7 Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth?
2 For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to *her* husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of *her* husband.
3 So then if, while *her* husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.
4 Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, *even* to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.

6:10 once ▸ *see Heb. 10:10.*
6:13 unrighteousness ▸ *see John 7:18.*

6:14 law

(Gr. *nomos*) (Matt. 5:18; Rom. 7:21; 8:2; Gal. 2:16; 5:14; Heb. 8:4) G3551: The Greek term for *law* here means an inward principle of action—either good or evil—operating with the regularity of a law. The term also designates a standard for a person's life. The apostle Paul described three such laws. The first is called "the law of sin" which was operating through his flesh, causing him to sin. Paul, like all other believers, needed another law to overcome "the law of sin." This is "the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus," which makes us "free from the law of sin and death" (Rom. 8:2). By following this law, believers can actually fulfill the righteous requirements of God's law (Rom. 8:4)—which is the third law in this section; it is the standard for human action that corresponds to the righteous nature of God.

6:16 obedience ▸ *see 2 Cor. 10:5.*

6:17 obey

(Gr. *hypakouō*) (Matt. 8:27; Mark 1:27; Eph. 6:1; Heb. 5:9) G5219: Derived from a combination of a preposition meaning "under" and a verb meaning "to hear," this verb's literal meaning is "to be in subjection to" (i.e., to hear in submission; to obey). When Jesus spoke to the wind and waves, they obeyed Him (Matt. 8:27), as did the unclean spirits (Mark 1:27). It is used of obedience to one's parents (Eph. 6:1), a master (Eph. 6:5), a husband (1 Pet. 3:6), the Lord (Heb. 5:9), or the teaching and preaching of the gospel (as here; see also Rom. 10:16; 2 Thess. 3:14). When one obeys the truth, one submits to its authority.

6:18 made free ▸ *see Rom. 8:2.*
6:20 free ▸ *see Rev. 6:15.*
6:23 gift ▸ *see 1 Cor. 1:7.*

5 For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.
6 But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not *in* the oldness of the letter.

The Struggle Against Sin

7 What shall we say then? *Is* the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.
8 But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin *was* dead.
9 For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.
10 And the commandment, which *was ordained* to life, I found *to be* unto death.
11 For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew *me*.
12 Wherefore the law *is* holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.
13 Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful.
14 For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.
15 For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I.
16 If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that *it is* good.
17 Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.
18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but *how* to perform that which is good I find not.
19 For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.
20 Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.
21 I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.
22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:
23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.
24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?
25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

The Spirit of Life

8 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.
2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ

7:7 shall ▸ *see Matt. 13:17.*

7:13 exceeding

(Gr. *hyperbolē*) (1 Cor. 12:31; 2 Cor. 1:8; 12:7) G5236: The Greek noun means "throwing beyond" (coming from a combination of a preposition meaning "beyond" and a noun that means "throwing"); hence, the figurative sense is of excess, superiority, or excellence. The word is used just eight times in seven verses in the New Testament, and renderings range from "more excellent" (1 Cor. 12:31) to "beyond measure" (Gal. 1:13) to "abundance" (2 Cor. 12:7). As is evident from the transliteration, the Greek word is the same one from which the English word *hyperbole* (meaning "extravagant exaggeration") is derived.

7:15 would ▸ *see Matt. 8:2.*
7:20 sin ▸ *see John 9:41.*
7:21 law ▸ *see Rom. 6:14.*
7:24 deliver ▸ *see 1 Thess. 1:10.*

7:25 mind

(Gr. *nous*) (1 Cor. 1:10; Eph. 4:23; 2 Thess. 2:2) G3563: The word refers both to the intellect (the faculties of perceiving and understanding) and the empirical mind (the faculties of feeling, judging, and determining) as well as to the more spiritual capacity for perceiving divine things and recognizing goodness and hating evil. For this reason, a possible rendering is "understanding" (Luke 24:45; Phil. 4:7). The word can refer to the mind (or understanding) of a single man (as Rom. 7:23—"my mind"), all men (Rom. 14:5), the Lord (Rom. 11:34), and Christ (1 Cor. 2:16).

8:2 law ▸ *see Rom. 6:14.*

Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.
3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:
4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.
5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.
6 For to be carnally minded *is* death; but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace.
7 Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.
8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.
9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.
10 And if Christ *be* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin; but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness.
11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

Led by the Spirit

12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.
13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.
14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.
15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.
16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:
17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with *him,* that we may be also glorified together.

Anticipation of Glory

18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are* not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.
19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.
20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected *the same* in hope,
21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.
22 For we know that the whole creation

8:2 make free

(Gr. *eleutheroō*) (John 8:36; Rom. 6:18; Gal. 5:1) G1659: The verb means "to set at liberty" and is used in the New Testament only in a spiritual sense to refer to believers' being freed from sin and death (as here), corruption (Rom. 8:21), and the Mosaic law (Gal. 5:1). It can imply a freedom that is eschatological in its fullest experience (Rom. 8:21). John 8:36 speaks of being made free by Christ, suggesting that the Christian lives as a person free to perform God's will rather than as a slave either to a ritualistic law or to the flesh.

8:5 spirit ▸ *see John 3:5.*
8:11 quicken ▸ *see 1 Cor. 15:45.*
8:11 body ▸ *see Phil. 3:21.*
8:15 bondage ▸ *see Heb. 2:15.*
8:15 fear ▸ *see 1 John 4:18.*
8:15 adoption ▸ *see Gal. 4:5.*

8:15 Father

(Gr. *abba*) (Mark 14:36; Gal. 4:6) G0005: The word is of Aramaic origin and means "father." *Abba* is one of a handful of Aramaic expressions adopted by the Greek-speaking church. Originally a childhood word similar to the English *Papa* or *Daddy*, by New Testament times it had become a term of respect and endearment both for one's own father and for elders. In His agony in Gethsemane, Jesus used the term as an address to God in prayer (Mark 14:36), apparently in keeping with Jewish practice. Here, Paul uses *abba* as the natural address by the children of God to the One who has adopted them into His family. Galatians 4:6 contrasts being a slave with the intimate relationship a son or daughter has with the beloved Father.

8:16 children ▸ *see Mark 2:5.*
8:17 joint-heirs ▸ *see 1 Pet. 3:7.*
8:18 glory ▸ *see John 2:11.*
8:19 manifestation ▸ *see Rev. 1:1.*
8:20 subject ▸ *see 1 Cor. 14:32.*
8:21 bondage ▸ *see Heb. 2:15.*
8:21 liberty ▸ *see 1 Cor. 10:29.*

groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.
23 And not only *they,* but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, *to wit,* the redemption of our body.
24 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?
25 But if we hope for that we see not, *then* do we with patience wait for *it.*
26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.
27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what *is* the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to *the will of* God.

More Than Conquerors

28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.
29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.
30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.
31 What shall we then say to these things? If God *be* for us, who *can be* against us?
32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?
33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? *It is* God that justifieth.
34 Who *is* he that condemneth? *It is* Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.
35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?
36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.
37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.
38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,
39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from

8:23 firstfruits ▸ *see 1 Cor. 15:23.*
8:23 redemption ▸ *see Rom. 3:24.*
8:26 pray ▸ *see Matt. 6:6.*
8:27 make intercession ▸ *see Heb. 7:25.*
8:28 work together ▸ *see James 2:22.*
8:28 purpose ▸ *see Eph. 1:11.*

8:29 predestinate

(Gr. *proorizō*) (Acts 4:28; 1 Cor. 2:7; Eph. 1:5, 11) G4309: To *predestinate* means "to mark out beforehand," "to establish one's boundary, or one's limits, beforehand." Our English word *horizon* is a derivative of this Greek word. The Christian's ultimate destiny or horizon has been fixed by God from all eternity: to be made like His Son. Note how the words *predestinated*, *called*, *justified*, and especially *glorified* in Romans 8:29, 30 are in the past tense. That is because God, from His eternal perspective, sees this process as having been completed already. From God's perspective, we have been glorified already because He sees us righteous because of the work of Jesus on the Cross. But still, in the march of time, we must undergo the process of being conformed to the image of God's Son.

8:29 firstborn ▸ *see Heb. 1:6.*
8:30 glorify ▸ *see John 17:5.*
8:32 deliver ▸ *see Luke 23:25.*
8:32 freely give ▸ *see Col. 3:13.*
8:33 justify ▸ *see Acts 13:39.*
8:34 make intercession ▸ *see Heb. 7:25.*

8:37 more than conqueror

(Gr. *hypernikaō*) G5245: This particular combination of *hyper* (G5228), "over, in behalf of" and *nikaō* (G3528), "to conquer, overcome," is used only here in Scripture. It denotes gaining a surpassing victory, conquering over and above an ordinary victory. This is overpowering, abundant victory; Christians are "super conquerors." The confidence of such victory comes from Christ's work on the cross that conquered sin and death on our behalf and enables us to conquer the difficulties in our lives.

8:38 persuade ▸ *see 2 Thess. 3:4.*

the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Paul's Burden for Israel

9 I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost,
2 That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart.
3 For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh:
4 Who are Israelites; to whom *pertaineth* the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service *of God,* and the promises;
5 Whose *are* the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ *came,* who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.
6 Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they *are* not all Israel, which are of Israel:
7 Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, *are they* all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called.
8 That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these *are* not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.
9 For this *is* the word of promise, At this time will I come, and Sarah shall have a son.
10 And not only *this;* but when Rebecca also had conceived by one, *even* by our father Isaac;
11 (For *the children* being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;)
12 It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger.
13 As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.

God Shows Mercy as He Wills

14 What shall we say then? *Is there* unrighteousness with God? God forbid.
15 For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.
16 So then *it is* not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.
17 For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth.
18 Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will *have mercy,* and whom he will he hardeneth.
19 Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will?
20 Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed *it,* Why hast thou made me thus?
21 Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?
22 *What* if God, willing to shew *his* wrath, and to make his power known, endured

8:39 love ▸ *see 1 John 2:15.*

9:3 accursed

(Gr. *anathema*) (Acts 23:14; 1 Cor. 12:3; 16:22; Gal. 1:8) G0331: Originally the Greek noun meant "that which has been devoted to God." In the Septuagint, it carries a negative sense: "that which has been devoted to God *for destruction*" (Josh. 6:17, 18); that is, a thing accursed. In the New Testament, similarly, it is used with a negative meaning each of the six times it occurs—a thing (or person) to be cursed, destroyed. In the same vein, in Acts 23:14, the rendering is "great curse."

9:6 word ▸ *see John 1:1.*
9:9 promise ▸ *see 2 Cor. 1:20.*

9:15 have mercy

(Gr. *eleeō*) (Matt. 5:7; Rom. 11:31; 2 Cor. 4:1; 1 Pet. 2:10) G1653: This word means "to show mercy; have compassion on." It is showing kindness and offering help to someone in need, having pity on him. This is concern expressed in action, not mere emotional pity. Those who care for the sick perform this act, as well as God who cures our soul sickness. Jesus offered both physical and spiritual mercy to the blind men who begged for mercy in Matthew 9:27. God's mercy is evidence of His gracious and faithful benevolence toward us. Believers are called to imitate the mercy of God, for He promises, "Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy" (Matt. 5:7).

9:18 harden ▸ *see Heb. 4:7.*
9:21 power ▸ *see 1 Cor. 9:18.*
9:21 vessel ▸ *see Heb. 9:21.*

with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:
23 And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory,
24 Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?
25 As he saith also in Osee, I will call them my people, which were not my people; and her beloved, which was not beloved.
26 And it shall come to pass, *that* in the place where it was said unto them, Ye *are* not my people; there shall they be called the children of the living God.
27 Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved:
28 For he will finish the work, and cut *it* short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth.
29 And as Esaias said before, Except the Lord of Sabaoth had left us a seed, we had been as Sodoma, and been made like unto Gomorrha.

Israel Stumbles

30 What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith.
31 But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness.
32 Wherefore? Because *they sought it* not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumblingstone;
33 As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

Israel's Rejection of Christ

10 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.
2 For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.
3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.
4 For Christ *is* the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.
5 For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them.
6 But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart,

9:22 fitted ▸ *see Heb. 11:3.*

9:23 mercy

(Gr. *eleos*) (Matt. 9:13; Luke 1:78; Eph. 2:4; 2 John 3) G1656: The word means (and is always rendered) "mercy," a manifestation of compassion—not merely a feeling but an action—for one in distress. Mercy is different from grace, which emphasizes that favor is not deserved. Mercy, in contrast, emphasizes the misery that elicits response. The word may refer to mercy shown by people to one another (Luke 10:37), mercy shown by God to people in general (Luke 1:58), or the mercy that comes in Christ for redemption (Rom. 15:9).

9:29 Sabaoth ▸ *see James 5:4.*
9:32 stumblingstone ▸ *see 1 Cor. 8:9.*

10:2 zeal

(Gr. *zēlos*) (John 2:17; Acts 5:17; 2 Cor. 9:2; Phil. 3:6) G2205: This noun can be used either positively, meaning "ardor" or "earnestness" (thus, "zeal"), or negatively, meaning "jealousy" or "envy." Another similarly negative rendering is "indignation" (Acts 5:17; Heb. 10:27). Several of the positive uses in the New Testament have been influenced by the Jewish concept of "holy zeal" (see 2 Cor. 11:2—"godly jealousy"). When plural in the negative sense, as in 2 Corinthians 12:20, the word refers to the various manifestations of jealousy. In Galatians 5:20, the same rendering ("emulations") is used, and the word appears in a list of grievous sins including idolatry and sorcery.

10:3 ignorant

(Gr. *agnoeō*) (Rom. 11:25; 1 Cor. 12:1; 1 Thess. 4:13) G0050: The Greek verb is a joining of a negative participle with a word that means "to understand"—thus the literal meaning is "to not understand" or "to be ignorant" (to not know). In Hebrews 5:2, the word is rendered "those who are ignorant" and carries the sense of erring or sinning through mistake (ignorance of the proper behavior), as opposed to willful disobedience. In 2 Corinthians 6:9, the word refers to men who are unknown, not familiar. Similarly, in Galatians 1:22, the word describes a single man who is unknown (to the churches).

Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down *from above*:)
7 Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)
8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, *even* in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;
9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.
10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.
11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.
12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.
13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Preaching to a Disobedient People

14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?
15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!
16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?
17 So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.
18 But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.
19 But I say, Did not Israel know? First Moses saith, I will provoke you to jealousy by *them that are* no people, *and* by a foolish nation I will anger you.
20 But Esaias is very bold, and saith, I was found of them that sought me not; I was made manifest unto them that asked not after me.
21 But to Israel he saith, All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people.

A Remnant Remains

11 I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, *of* the tribe of Benjamin.
2 God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying,
3 Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life.
4 But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to *the image of* Baal.
5 Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.
6 And if by grace, then *is it* no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if *it be* of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.
7 What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded
8 (According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day.
9 And David saith, Let their table be made a snare, and a trap, and a stumblingblock, and a recompence unto them:

10:7 deep ▸ *see Rev. 9:1.*
10:15 preach ▸ *see Luke 3:3.*
10:17 word ▸ *see 1 Pet. 1:25.*
11:2 foreknow ▸ *see Acts 2:23.*
11:2 make intercession ▸ *see Heb. 7:25.*
11:7 blind ▸ *see Mark 8:17.*

11:9 recompence

(Gr. *antapodoma*) (Luke 14:12) G0468: This word appears only twice in the New Testament and literally means "the thing paid back" or "repayment"; the nuance of the word may be either positive (reward) or negative (retribution). In this verse Paul is quoting Psalm 68:23 from the Septuagint (equivalent to Psalm 69:22 in English Bibles), where the word has its negative sense, indicating that unbelieving Israelites, in contrast to the godly remnant, will be punished for their unbelief. In Luke 14:12–14, Jesus warns against inviting only people who can return your invitation so that you will get a reward. He tells His people to show charity to the unfortunate; then they will "be recompensed at the resurrection of the just."

10 Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, and bow down their back alway.

New Branches Graffed In

11 I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but *rather* through their fall salvation *is come* unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy.
12 Now if the fall of them *be* the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness?
13 For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office:
14 If by any means I may provoke to emulation *them which are* my flesh, and might save some of them.
15 For if the casting away of them *be* the reconciling of the world, what *shall* the receiving *of them be,* but life from the dead?
16 For if the firstfruit *be* holy, the lump *is* also *holy:* and if the root *be* holy, so *are* the branches.
17 And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert graffed in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree;
18 Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee.
19 Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be graffed in.
20 Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear:
21 For if God spared not the natural branches, *take heed* lest he also spare not thee.
22 Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in *his* goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.
23 And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be graffed in: for God is able to graff them in again.
24 For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert graffed contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural *branches,* be graffed into their own olive tree?

God's Covenant with Israel

25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.
26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:
27 For this *is* my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.
28 As concerning the gospel, *they are* enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, *they are* beloved for the fathers' sakes.
29 For the gifts and calling of God *are* without repentance.
30 For as ye in times past have not believed

11:15 reconciling ▸ *see Rom. 5:11.*
11:22 goodness ▸ *see Gal. 5:22.*
11:25 ignorant ▸ *see Rom. 10:3.*

11:25 blindness

(Gr. *pōrōsis*) (Mark 3:5; Eph. 4:18) G4457: Used only three times in the New Testament, this word in its original sense is a medical term, meaning "covering with a callus." It describes the way bones calcify and harden when they are broken, or a hardening of the eyes that blinds a person. Metaphorically, which is how it is used in Scripture, it means "lack of perception." It denotes a mind that has been blunted through stubbornness and obstinacy. When we rebel against God and are proud in our hearts, our minds become hardened to truth and we become spiritually blinded, as happened to the Israelites.

11:26 ungodliness

(Gr. *asebeia*) (Rom. 1:18; 2 Tim. 2:16; Titus 2:12; Jude 15) G0763: Derived from the verb *asebeō* (G0764), itself the negative of the verb *sebō* (G4576—reverence, worship), *asebeia* means to act impiously (2 Pet. 2:6) or commit impious deeds (Jude 15). The noun *asebeia* is used to describe the irreligious attitudes and conduct of unbelievers (Rom. 1:18). It designates irreligion in general (as here in Rom. 11:26). The related adjective *asebēs* (G0765) means "impious" or "ungodly" (2 Pet. 3:7), whereas the antonym *eusebeia* (G2150) means "godliness" or "religion" (2 Pet. 1:3).

11:27 covenant ▸ *see Mark 14:24.*
11:29 calling ▸ *see 2 Tim. 1:9.*

God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief:
31 Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy.
32 For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all.

Glory to God

33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable *are* his judgments, and his ways past finding out!
34 For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor?
35 Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again?
36 For of him, and through him, and to him, *are* all things: to whom *be* glory for ever. Amen.

The Perfect Will of God

12 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service.
2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.
3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.
4 For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:
5 So we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.
6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, *let us prophesy* according to the proportion of faith;
7 Or ministry, *let us wait* on *our* ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;
8 Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, *let him do it* with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

11:31 obtain mercy ▸ *see Rom. 9:15.*
11:33 wisdom ▸ *see 1 Cor. 12:8.*
11:33 judgment ▸ *see Rev. 20:4.*
11:33 way ▸ *see Heb. 10:20.*
11:36 for ever ▸ *see Matt. 28:20.*

12:2 conform

(Gr. *syschēmatizō*) (1 Pet. 1:14) G4964: Formed from the root *syn* (G4862), "with," and *schēma* (G4976), "the figure or external condition," this word refers to conforming oneself in outward appearance to a model or pattern. From this word we get "scheme" and "schematic." In both of the places it is used in Scripture, here and 1 Peter 1:14, it refers to being conformed to the ways of the world, especially its passions and lusts. We are to conform ourselves to the image of Christ, not to the pattern of the world.

12:2 transform

(Gr. *metamorphoō*) (Matt. 17:2; 2 Cor. 3:18) G3339: The Greek word means "to change form," as does the English derivative *metamorphosis*. In the New Testament, this word is used to describe an inward renewal of our mind through which our inner spirit is changed into the likeness of Christ. Paul told the Roman believers: "Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Rom. 12:2). As our Christian life progresses, we should gradually notice that our thought life is being changed from Christlessness to Christlikeness. Transformation does not happen overnight. Our regeneration is instantaneous, but our transformation is continuous. We are conformed to Christ's image gradually as we spend time in intimate fellowship with Him (2 Cor. 3:18).

12:2 renew ▸ *see Titus 3:5.*
12:2 mind ▸ *see Matt. 22:37.*
12:3 grace ▸ *see Acts 14:3.*

12:6 prophecy

(Gr. *prophēteia*) (1 Cor. 12:10; 1 Thess. 5:20; 1 Tim. 4:14; Rev. 11:6) G4394: The word *prophēteia* may imply prophetic activity (as Rev. 11:6), the prophetic utterance (as 2 Pet. 1:20), or the gift of prophesying (as here in Rom. 12:6; cf. 1 Cor. 12:10). The terms in this word group are derived from a compound of the proposition *pro* (G4253), "before," and the verb *phēmi* (G5346), "to speak." Thus the noun *prophētēs* (G4396), "prophet," is one who speaks before and for God, giving God's revealed word to others (whether for the future or for the present).

12:8 give ▸ *see Rom. 1:11.*

12:8 cheerfulness

(Gr. *hilarotēs*) G2432: As it sounds, this is the word from which we get "hilarity" and "hilarious." It is

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Overcome Evil with Good

9 *Let* love be without dissimulation. Abhor
that which is evil; cleave to that which is
good.
10 *Be* kindly affectioned one to another
with brotherly love; in honour preferring one
another;
11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit;
serving the Lord;
12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation;
continuing instant in prayer;
13 Distributing to the necessity of saints;
given to hospitality.
14 Bless them which persecute you: bless,
and curse not.
15 Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and
weep with them that weep.
16 *Be* of the same mind one toward another.
Mind not high things, but condescend to
men of low estate. Be not wise in your own
conceits.
17 Recompense to no man evil for evil.
Provide things honest in the sight of all men.
18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you,
live peaceably with all men.
19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves,
but *rather* give place unto wrath: for it is writ-
ten, Vengeance *is* mine; I will repay, saith the
Lord.
20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed
him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so
doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his
head.
21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome
evil with good.

Be Subject to Higher Powers

13 Let every soul be subject unto the
higher powers. For there is no power
but of God: the powers that be are ordained
of God.
2 Whosoever therefore resisteth the power,
resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that
resist shall receive to themselves damnation.
3 For rulers are not a terror to good works,
but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid
of the power? do that which is good, and thou
shalt have praise of the same:
4 For he is the minister of God to thee for
good. But if thou do that which is evil, be
afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain:
for he is the minister of God, a revenger to
execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.
5 Wherefore *ye* must needs be subject, not
only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.
6 For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for
they are God's ministers, attending continu-
ally upon this very thing.
7 Render therefore to all their dues: trib-
ute to whom tribute *is due;* custom to whom
custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom
honour.

Love One Another

8 Owe no man any thing, but to love one
another: for he that loveth another hath
fulfilled the law.
9 For this, Thou shalt not commit adul-
tery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not
steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou
shalt not covet; and if *there be* any other
commandment, it is briefly comprehended
in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy
neighbour as thyself.
10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour:
therefore love *is* the fulfilling of the law.
11 And that, knowing the time, that now *it
is* high time to awake out of sleep: for now *is*
our salvation nearer than when we believed.
12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand:
let us therefore cast off the works of dark-
ness, and let us put on the armour of light.
13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in
rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering
and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

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only used here in Scripture. It means "graciousness, joyfulness, gladness, merriment, affability." Elsewhere this word is used to describe the demeanor of those who are visiting the sick to cheer them up. This is someone who enters the room and lights it up with his goodwill, laughter, and cheer—thereby spreading joy to others.

12:9 without dissimulation ▸ *see 1 Pet. 1:22.*
12:10 brotherly love ▸ *see Heb. 13:1.*
12:11 fervent ▸ *see Acts 18:25.*
12:12 patient ▸ *see Matt. 24:13.*
12:12 continue instant ▸ *see Acts 2:46.*
12:13 distribute ▸ *see Phil. 4:15.*
12:15 weep ▸ *see Luke 19:41.*
12:16 of low estate ▸ *see 2 Cor. 7:6.*
12:21 overcome ▸ *see Rev. 2:7.*
13:2 resist ▸ *see Eph. 6:13.*
13:6 minister ▸ *see Heb. 1:7.*
13:7 honour ▸ *see 1 Tim. 5:17.*
13:13 chambering ▸ *see Jude 4.*

14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to *fulfil* the lusts *thereof.*

Christian Liberty

14 Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, *but* not to doubtful disputations.
2 For one believeth that he may eat all things: another, who is weak, eateth herbs.
3 Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not; and let not him which eateth not judge him that eateth: for God hath received him.
4 Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand.
5 One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day *alike.* Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind.
6 He that regardeth the day, regardeth *it* unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard *it.* He that eateth, eateth to the Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks.
7 For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.
8 For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.
9 For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living.
10 But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.
11 For it is written, *As* I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.

We Are All Accountable

12 So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.
13 Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in *his* brother's way.
14 I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that *there is* nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him *it is* unclean.
15 But if thy brother be grieved with *thy* meat, now walkest thou not charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died.
16 Let not then your good be evil spoken of:
17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.
18 For he that in these things serveth Christ *is* acceptable to God, and approved of men.

13:14 provision

(Gr. *pronoia*) (Acts 24:2) G4307: Appearing only here and in Acts 24:2, this word means "provision, forethought, providence." This is a premeditated plan, something that has been carefully prepared in advance. The root words are *pro* (G4253), "before," and *noeō* (G3539) "to think, contemplate." In our fight against the sinful desires of the flesh we must not plan for or make preparations to satisfy them. Instead, our planning should be devoted to how we can avoid sinful acts and our preparations should be devoted to how we can do the right things.

13:14 flesh

(Gr. *sarx*) (John 1:14; 3:6; 1 Cor. 15:39; Gal. 5:17; 1 Pet. 1:24) G4561: In its most literal sense, the word refers to the substance of the body, whether of animals or persons (1 Cor. 15:39; 1 Pet. 4:1). However, in its idiomatic use, the word *sarx* indicates the human race or personhood (Matt. 24:22; 1 Pet. 1:24). In an ethical and spiritual sense, *sarx* is the lower nature of a person, the seat and vehicle of sinful desires (Rom. 7:25; 8:4–9; and here; Gal. 5:16, 17).

14:6 give thanks ▸ *see Luke 17:16.*
14:10 judgment seat ▸ *see Matt. 27:19.*
14:11 confess ▸ *see Luke 10:21.*
14:13 stumblingblock ▸ *see 1 Cor. 8:9.*
14:13 occasion to fall ▸ *see Matt. 16:23.*

14:18 serve

(Gr. *douleuō*) (Matt. 6:24; Rom. 6:6; 1 Thess. 1:9; Titus 3:3) G1398: The Greek word *douleuō* literally means "to be a (bond) slave," "to perform the service of a slave," or "to serve." The related noun *doulos*, slave, bondservant, is often used in the New Testament to refer to the believer's relationship to God or Christ (Phil. 1:1; James 1:1). Christians belong to God. They happily give to Him,

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19 Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.
20 For meat destroy not the work of God. All things indeed *are* pure; but *it is* evil for that man who eateth with offence.
21 *It is* good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor *any thing* whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.
22 Hast thou faith? have *it* to thyself before God. Happy *is* he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth.
23 And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because *he eateth* not of faith: for whatsoever *is* not of faith is sin.

Be Likeminded

15 We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.
2 Let every one of us please *his* neighbour for *his* good to edification.
3 For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me.
4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.
5 Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus:

Glorify God Together

6 That ye may with one mind *and* one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
7 Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God.
8 Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises *made* unto the fathers:
9 And that the Gentiles might glorify God for *his* mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name.
10 And again he saith, Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with his people.
11 And again, Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; and laud him, all ye people.
12 And again, Esaias saith, There shall be a root of Jesse, and he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles trust.
13 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

Paul Ministers to the Gentiles

14 And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.

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their Master, unconditional obedience as His due and their obligation (cf. Luke 17:7–10). In Greco-Roman society, it was both a great honor and privileged opportunity to be slaves of an important master. Slaves gained benefits and status from the authority delegated to them. Christians are also admonished to offer such service to one another (Gal. 5:13).

14:19 edify ▸ *see Eph. 4:12.*
15:3 reproach ▸ *see James 1:5.*
15:4 scripture ▸ *see John 5:39.*
15:6 with one mind ▸ *see Acts 12:20.*
15:8 confirm ▸ *see Mark 16:20.*
15:13 abound ▸ *see Matt. 25:29.*

15:13 hope

(Gr. *elpis*) (Acts 23:6; Rom. 5:5; 1 Cor. 13:13; Col. 1:5; Titus 1:2) G1680: The Greek term denotes "confident expectation" or "anticipation," not "wishful thinking" as in common parlance. The use of the word *hope* in this context is unusual and ironic, for it suggests that the Gentiles, who knew nothing or little about the Messiah, were anticipating His coming. However, we need only think of Cornelius (Acts 10) to realize that some Gentiles had anticipated the coming of the Jewish Messiah. For Jesus was sent, not only for the salvation of the Jews, but also for the Gentiles. Since God is the Author of our salvation, we can call Him the God of hope, for He has given us hope (Rom. 15:13).

15:14 goodness

(Gr. *agathōsynē*) (Gal. 5:22; Eph. 5:9; 2 Thess. 1:11) G0019: Occurring only four times in Scripture, this word encompasses both a character trait—being good—and the action of doing good to others. It is a demeanor of kind benevolence combined with the propensity to do what is kind and right. Goodness is a fruit of the spirit (Gal. 5:22; Eph. 5:9), a virtue that naturally flows from being united with the God who perfectly exemplifies this characteristic (2 Thess. 1:11).

15 Nevertheless, brethren, I have written the more boldly unto you in some sort, as putting you in mind, because of the grace that is given to me of God,
16 That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.
17 I have therefore whereof I may glory through Jesus Christ in those things which pertain to God.
18 For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ hath not wrought by me, to make the Gentiles obedient, by word and deed,
19 Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.
20 Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation:
21 But as it is written, To whom he was not spoken of, they shall see: and they that have not heard shall understand.
22 For which cause also I have been much hindered from coming to you.

Paul Desires to Visit Rome

23 But now having no more place in these parts, and having a great desire these many years to come unto you;
24 Whensoever I take my journey into Spain, I will come to you: for I trust to see you in my journey, and to be brought on my way thitherward by you, if first I be somewhat filled with your *company*.
25 But now I go unto Jerusalem to minister unto the saints.
26 For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem.
27 It hath pleased them verily; and their debtors they are. For if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister unto them in carnal things.
28 When therefore I have performed this, and have sealed to them this fruit, I will come by you into Spain.
29 And I am sure that, when I come unto you, I shall come in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ.
30 Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in *your* prayers to God for me;
31 That I may be delivered from them that do not believe in Judaea; and that my service which *I have* for Jerusalem may be accepted of the saints;
32 That I may come unto you with joy by the will of God, and may with you be refreshed.
33 Now the God of peace *be* with you all. Amen.

Paul's Greetings

16 I commend unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea:
2 That ye receive her in the Lord, as becometh saints, and that ye assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you: for she hath been a succourer of many, and of myself also.

15:16 minister ▸ *see Heb. 1:7.*
15:16 offering ▸ *see Acts 21:26.*

15:20 strive

(Gr. *philotimeomai*) (2 Cor. 5:9; 1 Thess. 4:11) G5389: Compounded from *phileo* (G5384), "to love," and *timē* (G5092), "value or honor," this means to love honor or be ambitious. In the New Testament it is used in the positive sense of "to consider it an honor" or "to aspire." In 2 Corinthians 5:9 Paul speaks of what he strives to achieve, and in 1 Thessalonians 4:11, he urges his readers to aspire to a quiet life. Here in Romans 15:20 it may also refer to Paul's desire to preach the gospel, or it may express the idea that he considers it an honor to take the gospel to new regions.

15:21 understand ▸ *see Acts 7:25.*
15:22 hinder ▸ *see 1 Thess. 2:18.*
15:27 debtor ▸ *see Luke 13:4.*
15:27 partake ▸ *see Phil. 4:15.*
15:27 minister ▸ *see Acts 13:2.*

16:2 as becometh

(Gr. *axiōs*) (Eph. 4:1; Phil. 1:27; Col. 1:10) G0516: The adverb is derived from another Greek word that means "weight," from which comes the sense of value and the rendering "as becometh" or "worthy." The word is used only seven times, and in every instance it refers not to material worth but to living or acting in a worthy manner. Since

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3 Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus:
4 Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles.
5 Likewise *greet* the church that is in their house. Salute my wellbeloved Epaenetus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia unto Christ.
6 Greet Mary, who bestowed much labour on us.
7 Salute Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen, and my fellowprisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me.
8 Greet Amplias my beloved in the Lord.
9 Salute Urbane, our helper in Christ, and Stachys my beloved.
10 Salute Apelles approved in Christ. Salute them which are of Aristobulus' *household.*
11 Salute Herodion my kinsman. Greet them that be of the *household* of Narcissus, which are in the Lord.
12 Salute Tryphena and Tryphosa, who labour in the Lord. Salute the beloved Persis, which laboured much in the Lord.
13 Salute Rufus chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine.
14 Salute Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermas, Patrobas, Hermes, and the brethren which are with them.
15 Salute Philologus, and Julia, Nereus, and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints which are with them.
16 Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you.

Avoid Them Who Cause Divisions

17 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.
18 For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.
19 For your obedience is come abroad unto all *men*. I am glad therefore on your behalf: but yet I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil.
20 And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you. Amen.

Final Salutations

21 Timotheus my workfellow, and Lucius, and Jason, and Sosipater, my kinsmen, salute you.
22 I Tertius, who wrote *this* epistle, salute you in the Lord.
23 Gaius mine host, and of the whole church, saluteth you. Erastus the chamberlain of the city saluteth you, and Quartus a brother.
24 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. Amen.

Glory to God Only Wise

25 Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began,
26 But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:
27 To God only wise, *be* glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen.

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Christians have been rescued from their sin, it is incumbent upon them to live in a way that glorifies Christ, the divine Rescuer. This responsibility is reflected in Colossians 1:10, where Paul prays that believes "might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work."

16:4 give thanks ▸ *see Luke 17:16.*
16:16 kiss ▸ *see 1 Pet. 5:14.*

16:20 bruise

(Gr. *syntribō*) (Matt. 12:20; Mark 14:3; John 19:36) G4937: The word's literal meaning is "to break in pieces" (see Mark 5:4; Rev. 2:27), but it can also be interpreted figuratively as suffering extreme sorrow (that is, to be emotionally crushed; thus the rendering "brokenhearted" in Luke 4:18). When rendered "bruise," as here, the sense is that of being trodden underfoot (see Matt. 12:20; Luke 9:39). The word *shortly* in Romans 16:20 means "with swiftness," not "soon." God's triumph over Satan will be fast and final.

16:23 chamberlain ▸ *see 1 Pet. 4:10.*
16:25 revelation ▸ *see Rev. 1:1.*
16:26 everlasting ▸ *see Matt. 25:46.*

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE

CORINTHIANS

CORINTH, THE MOST IMPORTANT CITY in Greece during Paul's day, was a bustling hub of worldwide commerce, degraded culture, and idolatrous religion. There Paul founded a church (Acts 18:1–17), and two of his letters are addressed "unto the church of God which is at Corinth" (1:2; 2 Cor. 1:1).

First Corinthians reveals the problems, pressures, and struggles of a church called out of a pagan society. Paul addresses a variety of problems in the lifestyle of the Corinthian church: factions, lawsuits, immorality, questionable practices, abuse of the Lord's Supper, and spiritual gifts. In addition to words of discipline, Paul shares words of counsel in answer to questions raised by the Corinthian believers.

The oldest recorded title of this epistle is *Pros Korinthious A,* in effect, the "First to the Corinthians." The *A* was no doubt a later addition to distinguish this book from Second Corinthians.

WATCH WORDS

- **spiritual** (pertaining to the spirit, the opposite to what is fleshly or carnal)—2:13
- **stumblingblock** (an obstacle that could cause a person to fall or sin)—8:9
- **power** (freedom to exercise one's right)—9:18 (also 7:37; 8:9)
- **wisdom** (human spiritual or intellectual capacity)—12:8 (also 1:17, 19)
- **men** (full-grown, mature)—14:20 (also 13:10)

Grace and Peace

1 Paul, called *to be* an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes *our* brother,
2 Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called *to be* saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:
3 Grace *be* unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and *from* the Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul's Thankfulness

4 I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ;
5 That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and *in* all knowledge;
6 Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you:
7 So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:
8 Who shall also confirm you unto the end, *that ye may be* blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
9 God *is* faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

1:1 will ▸ *see Eph. 1:11.*

1:7 gift

(Gr. *charisma*) (Rom. 5:15; 6:23; 1 Cor. 12:31; 1 Pet. 4:10) G5486: This word means "unmerited favor, divine gratuity, gift of grace." In the New Testament it is only used to refer to gifts given by God, including deliverance from danger (2 Cor. 1:11), the gift of celibacy (1 Cor. 7:7), and eternal life (Rom. 6:23). Particularly in 1 Corinthians it is used in reference to spiritual gifts—the manifestations given by the Holy Spirit for the building up of the church. The root word is *charizomai* (G5483), meaning "to do a favor." English derivatives include *charismatic*.

1:9 fellowship ▸ *see Acts 2:42.*

Contentions in the Church

10 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and *that* there be no divisions among you; but *that* ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.
11 For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them *which are of the house* of Chloe, that there are contentions among you.
12 Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ.
13 Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?
14 I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius;
15 Lest any should say that I had baptized in mine own name.
16 And I baptized also the household of Stephanas: besides, I know not whether I baptized any other.
17 For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.

The Foolishness of the World's Wisdom

18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.
19 For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.
20 Where *is* the wise? where *is* the scribe? where *is* the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?
21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.
22 For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:
23 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;
24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.
25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Glory in the Lord

26 For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, *are called:*
27 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;
28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, *yea,* and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:
29 That no flesh should glory in his presence.
30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

1:10 brethren ▸ *see Mark 10:29.*
1:10 mind ▸ *see Rom. 7:25.*
1:10 judgment ▸ *see 2 Cor. 8:10.*
1:17 preach the gospel ▸ *see 1 Pet. 4:6.*
1:17 wisdom ▸ *see 1 Cor. 12:8.*
1:18 power ▸ *see Acts 1:8.*
1:19 understand ▸ *see Mark 12:33.*

1:20 wise

(Gr. *sophos*) (Matt. 11:25; Rom. 1:14; Eph. 5:15) G4680: The word means "wise" and is so rendered each of the 22 times it appears in the New Testament. The Greek word is an adjective, but it can also be used as a noun (as it is here—"the wise"). When used as an adjective, the word can refer to people (as Matt. 23:34—"wise men") or God (1 Tim. 1:17; Jude 25). Another sense of the word is "skilled" or "expert," as in 1 Corinthians 3:10, where it is used to describe a "wise masterbuilder."

1:21 please ▸ *see Luke 12:32.*
1:23 crucify ▸ *see Gal. 6:14.*
1:23 stumblingblock ▸ *see Matt. 16:23.*

1:26 noble

(Gr. *eugenēs*) (Luke 19:12; Acts 17:11) G2104: Used only three times in the New Testament, this word means "well-born, high in rank." It comes from the roots *eu* (G2095), "well" and *genos* (G1085), "family, race." Here and in Luke 19:12 it refers to a person from a noble family, and in Acts 17:11 it is more metaphorical, meaning "more noble (or open) minded."

1:27 choose ▸ *see Eph. 1:4.*
1:27 foolish ▸ *see Matt. 23:17.*
1:28 choose ▸ *see Eph. 1:4.*
1:30 sanctification ▸ *see 1 Thess. 4:3.*

31 That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

Faith in God's Power

2 And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God.
2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.
3 And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.
4 And my speech and my preaching *was* not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:
5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

The Wisdom of God

6 Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought:
7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, *even* the hidden *wisdom,* which God ordained before the world unto our glory:
8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known *it,* they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.
9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.
10 But God hath revealed *them* unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.
11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.
12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.
13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.
14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them,* because they are spiritually discerned.
15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.
16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

Labourers with God

3 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, *even* as unto babes in Christ.
2 I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able *to bear it,* neither yet now are ye able.
3 For ye are yet carnal: for whereas *there is* among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

2:1 testimony ▸ *see Matt. 8:4.*

2:6 prince

(Gr. *archōn*) (Luke 23:13; John 7:26; Acts 3:17) G0758: The literal sense of the word is a chief or commander—one who governs, as the ruler of a nation (see for example Matt. 20:25)—but it is often used in a more figurative sense to describe men of influence, whether of noble birth or not (as Acts 4:5). In Luke 23:13, the word appears to refer to the members of the Jewish Sanhedrin, and in Matthew 9:34, it refers to Satan (that is, the "ruler of the demons"). A similar usage is in John 12:31—"the prince of this world"—also referring to Satan as the ruler of the wicked.

2:7 ordain ▸ *see Rom. 8:29.*
2:9 prepare ▸ *see Rev. 21:2.*
2:10 spirit ▸ *see John 3:5.*
2:12 freely give ▸ *see Col. 3:13.*

2:13 spiritual

(Gr. *pneumatikos*) (Rom. 1:11; Eph. 5:19; 1 Pet. 2:5) G4152: The adjective is derived from the Greek word meaning "spirit" and means "pertaining to the spirit" (thus the rendering "spiritual"). It is often used in contrast to that which is fleshly or carnal (as in 1 Cor. 3:1) or that which is natural or unspiritual (as here). What is "spiritual" requires the enlightening or regenerating work (the endowment) of the Holy Spirit upon the human spirit for there to be meaning and life. In the neuter plural, the adjective may be used substantively with the special sense of spiritual gifts (as in 1 Cor. 12:1), that is, Spirit-given endowments for ministering.

2:14 natural ▸ *see 1 Cor. 15:46.*
2:14 spiritually ▸ *see Rev. 11:8.*

4 For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I *am* of Apollos; are ye not carnal?
5 Who then is Paul, and who *is* Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man?
6 I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.
7 So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.
8 Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.
9 For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, *ye are* God's building.
10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.
11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.
12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;
13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.
14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.
15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

The Temple of God

16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?
17 If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which *temple* ye are.
18 Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise.
19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.
20 And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain.
21 Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours;
22 Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours;
23 And ye are Christ's; and Christ *is* God's.

3:8 reward ▸ *see Matt. 10:41.*
3:11 other ▸ *see Gal. 1:7.*
3:12 wood ▸ *see Rev. 22:2.*
3:13 manifest ▸ *see 1 Cor. 11:19.*

3:16 temple

(Gr. *naos*) (Matt. 23:16; Mark 14:58; 1 Cor. 6:19) G3485: Though it can refer to any temple or shrine (Acts 17:24), the word is used in the New Testament most often for the temple of God in Jerusalem. It specifically means the main building. In Revelation, the word is used of the heavenly temple (see, for example, Rev. 14:15). When used figuratively, the word refers to Christians either corporately (as here, most likely) or individually (as in 1 Cor. 6:19) as a "spiritual" temple, God's true dwelling place. In John 2:21, the writer specifies that Jesus was using the word (in John 2:19) to describe His own body.

3:19 craftiness

(Gr. *panourgia*) (Luke 20:23; 2 Cor. 4:2; 11:3; Eph. 4:14) G3834: Evoking images of Satan in the garden or a wolf in sheep's clothing, this word means "cunning, specious, or false wisdom, clever trickery." This word carries with it negative connotations of deceit and arrogance. In the New Testament this term is used five times, and it refers to Satan's deceit in the Garden of Eden (2 Cor. 11:3), the Pharisees trying to trap Jesus (Luke 20:23), the deception of false teachers (2 Cor. 4:2; Eph. 4:14), and the self-deceit of the worldly wise.

3:20 thought ▸ *see Luke 6:8.*

3:20 vain

(Gr. *mataios*) (1 Cor. 15:17; Titus 3:9; James 1:26) G3152: This word means "pointless" and "purposeless." The New Testament writers, especially Paul, used it to depict the meaninglessness that pervades the thought life of fallen human beings. Paul characterizes the "thoughts of the wise" as being vain or futile (1 Cor. 3:20), and he describes the Gentiles as living "in the vanity of their mind, having the understanding darkened" because they are "alienated from the life of God" (Eph. 4:17, 18). The ideas of the unregenerate are futile and aimless because they lack divine insight; they produce a life of purposelessness and ineffectiveness. Salvation from such futility comes from the indwelling Spirit of Christ in believers (see Rom. 8:10, 11, 26, 27).

Ministers and Stewards

4 Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.
2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.
3 But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment: yea, I judge not mine own self.
4 For I know nothing by myself; yet am I not hereby justified: but he that judgeth me is the Lord.
5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.
6 And these things, brethren, I have in a figure transferred to myself and *to* Apollos for your sakes; that ye might learn in us not to think *of men* above that which is written, that no one of you be puffed up for one against another.
7 For who maketh thee to differ *from another?* and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive *it,* why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received *it?*
8 Now ye are full, now ye are rich, ye have reigned as kings without us: and I would to God ye did reign, that we also might reign with you.

Fools for Christ's Sake

9 For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men.
10 We *are* fools for Christ's sake, but ye *are* wise in Christ; we *are* weak, but ye *are* strong; ye *are* honourable, but we *are* despised.
11 Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwellingplace;
12 And labour, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it:
13 Being defamed, we intreat: we are made as the filth of the world, *and are* the offscouring of all things unto this day.

Paul's Fatherly Guidance

14 I write not these things to shame you, but as my beloved sons I warn *you*.
15 For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet *have ye* not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.
16 Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me.
17 For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church.
18 Now some are puffed up, as though I would not come to you.
19 But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord will, and will know, not the speech of them which are puffed up, but the power.
20 For the kingdom of God *is* not in word, but in power.

4:5 counsel ▸ *see Eph. 1:11.*
4:6 transfer ▸ *see 2 Cor. 11:14.*
4:6 puff up ▸ *see 1 Cor. 4:18.*

4:9 spectacle

(Gr. *theatron*) (Acts 19:29, 31) G2302: The Greek word *theatron* can refer both to an open, public theater, such as at Ephesus (Acts 19:29, 31), and also to what was seen at such a theater—a play or other spectacle. It is in this sense that Paul uses it (ironically) here at 1 Corinthians 4:9, presenting himself as a public spectacle for people to gape at. The related verb *theatrizō* (G2301) means "to put to shame" or "to expose publicly" (Heb. 10:33), just as a drama in a theater is a public performance.

4:12 labour ▸ *see John 9:4.*
4:12 persecute ▸ *see Luke 21:12.*

4:18 puff up

(Gr. *physioō*) (1 Cor. 4:6; 13:4; Col. 2:18) G5448: The word literally means to blow or inflate but is used in the New Testament only in a figurative sense, indicating arrogance. Here the sense is of foolish arrogance, as some among the Corinthian church were evidently behaving as though they didn't believe Paul would ever come to rebuke them. In 1 Corinthians 8:1, this kind of arrogance is said to be a possible result of knowledge and is contrasted with the edification that comes from love. In 1 Corinthians 13:4, Paul says that love is not "puffed up"—true love is humble and kind and "does not parade itself."

4:20 word ▸ *see John 1:1.*

21 What will ye? shall I come unto you with a rod, or in love, and *in* the spirit of meekness?

Fornication in the Church

5 It is reported commonly *that there is* fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife.
2 And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you.
3 For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, *concerning* him that hath so done this deed,
4 In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ,
5 To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.
6 Your glorying *is* not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?
7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:
8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened *bread* of sincerity and truth.

Put Away the Wicked

9 I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators:
10 Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world.
11 But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat.
12 For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within?
13 But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person.

Judgment by the Saints

6 Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints?
2 Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?
3 Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life?
4 If then ye have judgments of things pertaining to this life, set them to judge who are least esteemed in the church.
5 I speak to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you? no, not one that shall be able to judge between his brethren?

4:21 rod ▸ *see Heb. 9:4.*
4:21 meekness ▸ *see 2 Cor. 10:1.*

5:2 mourn

(Gr. *pentheō*) (Matt. 5:4; Mark 16:10; Luke 6:25; James 4:9) G3996: Meaning "to grieve," the verb is often used in contrast with gladness or joy, implying both inward sorrow and outward expression. It may refer to grieving over one's own sins (James 4:9) or the sin of others (as here; see also 1 Cor. 12:21), as well as other matters (see Mark 16:10, where Jesus' loved ones mourn His death). In Matthew 5:4, some interpreters think the mourning is over personal sin, but others contend that it is over the wicked who oppress the righteous.

5:5 destruction ▸ *see 2 Thess. 1:9.*
5:6 leaven ▸ *see Mark 8:15.*

5:8 sincerity

(Gr. *eilikrineia*) (2 Cor. 1:12; 2:17) G1505: Used only three times in the New Testament—all of them in Paul's letters to the Corinthians—this word is slightly obscure. It literally means "judged by sunlight," a reference to the Oriental bazaars where pottery was displayed in dimly-lit rooms so that patched places or defects could not be seen. Wise customers would hold the pottery up to the sun, where such deceit would be made apparent and all imperfections would be seen. Paul's use of this word is metaphorical, referring to a person who exhibits transparent honesty, purity, and sincerity. This person does not fear the time when everything is brought to light, for his motives are pure and he has nothing to hide.

5:10 covetous ▸ *see 1 Cor. 6:10.*
6:3 judge ▸ *see Matt. 7:1.*

6 But brother goeth to law with brother, and that before the unbelievers.
7 Now therefore there is utterly a fault among you, because ye go to law one with another. Why do ye not rather take wrong? why do ye not rather *suffer yourselves to* be defrauded?
8 Nay, ye do wrong, and defraud, and that *your* brethren.
9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,
10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.
11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

The Believer's Body a Temple

12 All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.
13 Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them. Now the body *is* not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body.
14 And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power.
15 Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make *them* the members of an harlot? God forbid.
16 What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh.
17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.
18 Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.
19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?
20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Paul's Teachings on Marriage

7 Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: *It is* good for a man not to touch a woman.
2 Nevertheless, *to avoid* fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.
3 Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband.
4 The wife hath not power of her own

6:9 effeminate

(Gr. *malakos*) (Matt. 11:8; Luke 7:25) G3120: The Greek word *malakos* is normally used to describe things, such as "soft garments" (Luke 7:25). Here, however, it is used to mean "effeminate ones," the passive partners in male homosexual intercourse.

6:9 abuser of oneself with mankind

(Gr. *arsenokoitēs*) (1 Tim. 1:10) G0733: Used only here and in 1 Timothy 1:10, the Greek word *arsenokoitēs* is derived from the adjective *arren* (G0730), "male," and the noun *koitē* (G2845), "bed" or "coitus" (intercourse), thus meaning a male homosexual. Specifically, it refers to the male homosexual partner who takes the active role in distinction from the *malakos* (G3120), the passive partner.

6:10 covetous

(Gr. *pleonektēs*) (1 Cor. 5:10; Eph. 5:5) G4123: From the root words *pleiōn* (G4119), "greater, more" and *echō* (G2192), "to have, to hold," this word literally means "to have more." The connotation is of a greedy, grasping person so anxious to have more and more that he cheats others. The desire for more takes over, and he will break laws and employ devious schemes at others' expense. It is arrogant self-love at its most extreme. Such an attitude not only violates the Ten Commandments, it is a form of idolatry: "For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God" (Eph. 5:5).

6:18 sin ▸ *see Mark 3:28.*
6:18 man ▸ *see Matt. 14:21.*
6:18 commit fornication ▸ *see Rev. 17:2.*
6:19 temple ▸ *see 1 Cor. 3:16.*
6:20 bought ▸ *see Rev. 5:9.*
7:2 man ▸ *see Matt. 14:21.*

body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife.
5 Defraud ye not one the other, except *it be* with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.
6 But I speak this by permission, *and* not of commandment.
7 For I would that all men were even as I myself. But every man hath his proper gift of God, one after this manner, and another after that.
8 I say therefore to the unmarried and widows, It is good for them if they abide even as I.
9 But if they cannot contain, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn.

Abide in the Same Calling

10 And unto the married I command, *yet* not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from *her* husband:
11 But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to *her* husband: and let not the husband put away *his* wife.
12 But to the rest speak I, not the Lord: If any brother hath a wife that believeth not, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away.
13 And the woman which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him.
14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy.
15 But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such *cases:* but God hath called us to peace.
16 For what knowest thou, O wife, whether thou shalt save *thy* husband? or how knowest thou, O man, whether thou shalt save *thy* wife?
17 But as God hath distributed to every man, as the Lord hath called every one, so let him walk. And so ordain I in all churches.
18 Is any man called being circumcised? let him not become uncircumcised. Is any called in uncircumcision? let him not be circumcised.
19 Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but the keeping of the commandments of God.
20 Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called.
21 Art thou called *being* a servant? care not for it: but if thou mayest be made free, use *it* rather.
22 For he that is called in the Lord, *being* a servant, is the Lord's freeman: likewise also he that is called, *being* free, is Christ's servant.
23 Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men.
24 Brethren, let every man, wherein he is called, therein abide with God.

Unmarried Men and Women

25 Now concerning virgins I have no commandment of the Lord: yet I give my judgment, as one that hath obtained mercy of the Lord to be faithful.
26 I suppose therefore that this is good for the present distress, *I say,* that *it is* good for a man so to be.
27 Art thou bound unto a wife? seek not to be loosed. Art thou loosed from a wife? seek not a wife.
28 But and if thou marry, thou hast not sinned; and if a virgin marry, she hath not sinned. Nevertheless such shall have trouble in the flesh: but I spare you.
29 But this I say, brethren, the time *is* short: it remaineth, that both they that have wives be as though they had none;
30 And they that weep, as though they wept not; and they that rejoice, as though they rejoiced not; and they that buy, as though they possessed not;
31 And they that use this world, as not abus-

7:5 incontinency

(Gr. *akrasia*) (Matt. 23:25) G0192: Formed from a negative prefix and a root meaning "take hold" or "hold fast," this word gives the sense of a lack of holding in control. Here Paul apparently refers to a lack of self-restraint that might result from unnecessary and prolonged abstinence from marital relations. In Matthew 23:25, the rendering is "excess," similarly suggesting a lack of control over one's (in this case the Pharisees') impulses and desires.

7:11 reconcile ▸ *see Rom. 5:10.*

ing *it:* for the fashion of this world passeth away.
32 But I would have you without carefulness. He that is unmarried careth for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please the Lord:
33 But he that is married careth for the things that are of the world, how he may please *his* wife.
34 There is difference *also* between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit: but she that is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please *her* husband.
35 And this I speak for your own profit; not that I may cast a snare upon you, but for that which is comely, and that ye may attend upon the Lord without distraction.
36 But if any man think that he behaveth himself uncomely toward his virgin, if she pass the flower of *her* age, and need so require, let him do what he will, he sinneth not: let them marry.
37 Nevertheless he that standeth stedfast in his heart, having no necessity, but hath power over his own will, and hath so decreed in his heart that he will keep his virgin, doeth well.
38 So then he that giveth *her* in marriage doeth well; but he that giveth *her* not in marriage doeth better.
39 The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will; only in the Lord.
40 But she is happier if she so abide, after my judgment: and I think also that I have the Spirit of God.

Food Sacrificed to Idols

8 Now as touching things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth.
2 And if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know.
3 But if any man love God, the same is known of him.
4 As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol *is* nothing in the world, and that *there is* none other God but one.
5 For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,)
6 But to us *there is but* one God, the Father, of whom *are* all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom *are* all things, and we by him.
7 Howbeit *there is* not in every man that knowledge: for some with conscience of the idol unto this hour eat *it* as a thing offered unto an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled.
8 But meat commendeth us not to God: for neither, if we eat, are we the better; neither, if we eat not, are we the worse.
9 But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumblingblock to them that are weak.
10 For if any man see thee which hast knowledge sit at meat in the idol's temple, shall not the conscience of him which is weak be emboldened to eat those things which are offered to idols;
11 And through thy knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died?
12 But when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ.
13 Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend.

7:34 virgin ▸ *see Matt. 1:23.*
7:37 power ▸ *see 1 Cor. 9:18.*
8:3 know ▸ *see John 10:10.*
8:9 liberty ▸ *see 1 Cor. 9:18.*

8:9 stumblingblock

(Gr. *proskomma*) (Rom. 9:32; 14:13; 1 Pet. 2:8) G4348: The literal sense of the word is of an obstacle that if run into will cause a person to stumble or fall. In the New Testament, however, the usage is figurative in every instance: something one's soul might "stumble" over (that is, causing a person to sin). In Romans 9:32, 33, the word is used of Jesus Christ, whose unexpected behavior so frustrated and offended the Jews that they never overcame their incorrect preconceptions about the nature of the Messiah, thus rejecting Him and bringing judgment upon themselves.

8:13 make to offend ▸ *see Luke 17:2.*

Apostles' Freedom and Power

9 Am I not an apostle? am I not free? have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? are not ye my work in the Lord?
2 If I be not an apostle unto others, yet doubtless I am to you: for the seal of mine apostleship are ye in the Lord.
3 Mine answer to them that do examine me is this,
4 Have we not power to eat and to drink?
5 Have we not power to lead about a sister, a wife, as well as other apostles, and *as* the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas?
6 Or I only and Barnabas, have not we power to forbear working?
7 Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock?
8 Say I these things as a man? or saith not the law the same also?
9 For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen?
10 Or saith he *it* altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, *this* is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope.
11 If we have sown unto you spiritual things, *is it* a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?
12 If others be partakers of *this* power over you, *are* not we rather? Nevertheless we have not used this power; but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ.
13 Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live *of the things* of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar?
14 Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.
15 But I have used none of these things: neither have I written these things, that it should be so done unto me: for *it were* better for me to die, than that any man should make my glorying void.
16 For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!
17 For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation *of the gospel* is committed unto me.
18 What is my reward then? *Verily* that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge, that I abuse not my power in the gospel.

9:3 answer ▸ *see 1 Pet. 3:15.*
9:7 vineyard ▸ *see Luke 20:9.*

9:10 be partaker

(Gr. *metechō*) (1 Cor. 10:17; Heb. 2:14; 5:13) G3348: To partake in something involves sharing closely. So a worker should share in the profit of that work (as here). Likewise, all Christians are considered as "partakers" of the same bread of communion together. Jesus Himself is even described as having "taken part" in the flesh and blood and death of our humanity, so that "through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil" (Heb. 2:14).

9:12 suffer ▸ *see 1 Cor. 13:7.*
9:13 altar ▸ *see Heb. 13:10.*

9:15 void

(Gr. *kenoō*) (Rom. 4:14; 2 Cor. 9:3; Phil. 2:7) G2758: The Greek word *kenoō* describes an emptiness of some sort. So Christ is described as emptying Himself in order to take on "the form of a bond-servant, and coming in the likeness of men" (Phil. 2:7). By extension, Paul uses the word to speak of a negation or nullification of something. So if the law could save, Paul argues, then "faith is made void" (Rom. 4:14). Likewise, Paul came to preach the gospel plainly and simply, "lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect" (1 Cor. 1:17).

9:17 dispensation ▸ *see Eph. 3:2.*

9:18 power

(Gr. *exousia*) (Matt. 7:29; Rom. 9:21; 1 Cor. 7:37; 8:9) G1849: The Greek term usually denotes "right," "authority," or even "privilege." In certain contexts, as this one, it connotes the freedom to exercise one's right. Specifically, Paul was addressing the Corinthians' right to eat meat that may have come from pagan temples. To be clear, the eating of sacrificial food—the cultic meals in pagan temples—was censured by Paul because it was understood that the participants in those meals were uniting themselves to demons (1 Cor. 10:19–21). However Paul had no problem with those who purchased food that had been left over from these events and that was later sold in the

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A Servant Unto All

19 For though I be free from all *men,* yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more.
20 And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law;
21 To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law.
22 To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all *men,* that I might by all means save some.
23 And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with *you.*
24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.
25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they *do it* to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.
26 I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:
27 But I keep under my body, and bring *it* into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

Israel's History as an Example

10 Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;
2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;
3 And did all eat the same spiritual meat;
4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.
5 But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness.
6 Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.
7 Neither be ye idolaters, as *were* some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.
8 Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.
9 Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents.
10 Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.
11 Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

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marketplace. In his judgment if they ate it at home they were not participating in idolatry. They had the liberty—or right—to eat this food in good conscience. The exception was if they would be harming a weaker believer by doing so. For the sake of such believers, one should abstain.

9:24 race ▸ *see Rev. 14:20.*
9:24 obtain ▸ *see Eph. 3:18.*
9:25 strive ▸ *see 2 Tim. 4:7.*

9:27 castaway

(Gr. *adokimos*) (Rom. 1:28; 2 Cor. 13:5; 2 Tim. 3:8) G0096: The Greek word *adokimos* is derived from *dokimos* (G1384), "tried, proved, approved," negated by the *a* prefix (G0001), thus meaning "disapproved, rejected." The idea is that one has failed in some testing and is therefore disqualified. Here, Paul uses failure in the realm of an athletic contest as an analogy for failure in the realm of Christian life and ministry. *Adokimos* may refer to things (Heb. 6:8) or people, where its sense is often extended to mean worthless, debased (Rom. 1:28).

10:5 wilderness ▸ *see Mark 6:35.*

10:6 example

(Gr. *typos*) (John 20:25; Acts 7:43; 1 Thess. 1:7; 1 Pet. 5:3) G5179: The word's literal meaning is a figure or mark formed by a blow or impression (e.g., a brand or the imprint of a nail—see John 20:25), but the figurative sense—an image, pattern, or example—is generally used in the New Testament. Here the sense is dissuasive (an example not to be followed). Acts 7:43 uses the word to indicate "figures" (that is, idols); in Acts 23:25, the sense is of a template that can be followed. Similarly, in Romans 6:17, the word indicates a pattern of behavior ("that form of doctrine") that is to be emulated.

10:9 tempt ▸ *see Luke 4:12.*

12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.
13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God *is* faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear *it*.
14 Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry.
15 I speak as to wise men; judge ye what I say.
16 The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?
17 For we *being* many are one bread, *and* one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.
18 Behold Israel after the flesh: are not they which eat of the sacrifices partakers of the altar?
19 What say I then? that the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is any thing?
20 But *I say,* that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils.
21 Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils.
22 Do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? are we stronger than he?

Do All to the Glory of God

23 All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not.
24 Let no man seek his own, but every man another's *wealth*.
25 Whatsoever is sold in the shambles, *that* eat, asking no question for conscience sake:
26 For the earth *is* the Lord's, and the fulness thereof.
27 If any of them that believe not bid you *to a feast,* and ye be disposed to go; whatsoever is set before you, eat, asking no question for conscience sake.
28 But if any man say unto you, This is offered in sacrifice unto idols, eat not for his sake that shewed it, and for conscience sake: for the earth *is* the Lord's, and the fulness thereof:
29 Conscience, I say, not thine own, but of the other: for why is my liberty judged of another *man's* conscience?
30 For if I by grace be a partaker, why am I evil spoken of for that for which I give thanks?
31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.
32 Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God:
33 Even as I please all *men* in all *things,* not

10:13 faithful ▸ *see 2 Thess. 3:3.*
10:14 idolatry ▸ *see Gal. 5:20.*
10:17 partake ▸ *see 1 Cor. 9:10.*

10:20 devil

(Gr. *daimonion*) (Matt. 12:24; Luke 11:15; James 2:19) G1140: The origin of demons (KJV "devils") is not explicitly discussed in the Bible. But the New Testament speaks of the fall and later imprisonment of a group of angels led by Satan (1 Pet. 3:19, 20; 2 Pet. 2:4; Jude 6). The fall left Satan and his angels free to contaminate the human race with wickedness (Gen. 3; Matt. 25:41; Rev. 12:9). A prime purpose of Jesus' earthly ministry was to overcome the power of Satan. This included His conquest of the demonic realm (Matt. 12:25–29; Luke 11:17–22; John 12:31; 1 John 3:8). Following the resurrection of Jesus and His return to heaven, these demonic principalities and powers have continued their warfare against those who are His followers (Rom. 8:38–39; Eph. 6:12). Yet after Christ returns, the devil and his angels will be defeated and thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone (Matt. 25:41; Rev. 20:10).

10:21 table ▸ *see Luke 19:23.*
10:27 believe not ▸ *see Mark 9:19.*

10:29 liberty

(Gr. *eleutheria*) (Rom. 8:21; 2 Cor. 3:17; Gal. 5:13; 1 Pet. 2:16) G1657: This word is most likely a form of the word for "come." In a civil sense it refers to a person freed from slavery, restraint, and obligation. This is someone who is not controlled by anyone or anything. Metaphorically, which is how Paul usually uses the word, it refers to the freedom believers have in Christ. We are no longer bound by legalistic rituals but rather are free to serve God in a variety of ways. But Paul was careful to point out that our liberty is not license to sin: "For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another" (Gal. 5:13).

seeking mine own profit, but the *profit* of many, that they may be saved.

Proper Worship

11 Be ye followers of me, even as I also *am* of Christ.
2 Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered *them* to you.
3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman *is* the man; and the head of Christ *is* God.
4 Every man praying or prophesying, having *his* head covered, dishonoureth his head.
5 But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with *her* head uncovered dishonoureth her head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven.
6 For if the woman be not covered, let her also be shorn: but if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be covered.
7 For a man indeed ought not to cover *his* head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man.
8 For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man.
9 Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man.
10 For this cause ought the woman to have power on *her* head because of the angels.
11 Nevertheless neither is the man without the woman, neither the woman without the man, in the Lord.
12 For as the woman *is* of the man, even so *is* the man also by the woman; but all things of God.
13 Judge in yourselves: is it comely that a woman pray unto God uncovered?
14 Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?
15 But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for *her* hair is given her for a covering.
16 But if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the churches of God.

Unworthy Communion

17 Now in this that I declare *unto you* I praise *you* not, that ye come together not for the better, but for the worse.
18 For first of all, when ye come together in the church, I hear that there be divisions among you; and I partly believe it.
19 For there must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you.
20 When ye come together therefore into one place, *this* is not to eat the Lord's supper.
21 For in eating every one taketh before *other* his own supper: and one is hungry, and another is drunken.
22 What? have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? or despise ye the church of God, and shame them that have not? What shall I say to you? shall I praise you in this? I praise *you* not.

The Lord's Supper

23 For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the *same* night in which he was betrayed took bread:
24 And when he had given thanks, he brake *it,* and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which

11:19 heresy

(Gr. *hairesis*) (Acts 5:17; 28:22; Gal. 5:20; 2 Pet. 2:1) G0139: Apparently the Greek word *hairesis* originally meant "a choice" or "an opinion." Over time it came to refer to a sect, faction, or party identified by distinctive views (as Acts 5:17; 15:5; 26:5) and ultimately became synonymous with a divisive (heretical) opinion or sect, heresy. Sometimes it is difficult to decide whether to translate the word as "heresy" or "sect." The Jews regarded Christians as both—a heretical sect (Acts 24:5, 14; 28:22).

11:19 manifest

(Gr. *phaneros*) (Mark 4:22; Acts 4:16; 1 Cor. 3:13; 1 John 3:10) G5318: This word means "manifest, evident, known, visible." The act or characteristic described by this word is out in the open, plain to see so that any observer can immediately recognize the truth. Jesus' words in Luke 8:17 help to define the word: "For nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest, neither anything hid, that shall not be known and come abroad [*phaneros*]." God will one day bring all things out to the light and reward us for good deeds done in secret (Matt. 6:4).

11:20 Lord's ▸ *see Rev. 1:10.*
11:23 deliver ▸ *see Luke 23:25.*

is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.
25 After the same manner also *he took* the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink *it,* in remembrance of me.
26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.
27 Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink *this* cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.
28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of *that* bread, and drink of *that* cup.
29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.
30 For this cause many *are* weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.
31 For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.
32 But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.
33 Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another.
34 And if any man hunger, let him eat at home; that ye come not together unto condemnation. And the rest will I set in order when I come.

The Diversities of Gifts

12 Now concerning spiritual *gifts,* brethren, I would not have you ignorant.
2 Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led.
3 Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and *that* no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.
4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.
5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.
6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.
7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.
8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;
9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;
10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another *divers* kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:
11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

The Body of Christ

12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also *is* Christ.
13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether *we be* Jews or Gentiles, whether *we be* bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.
14 For the body is not one member, but many.
15 If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?
16 And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?
17 If the whole body *were* an eye, where *were*

11:31 judge ▸ *see Acts 11:12.*
12:1 ignorant ▸ *see Rom. 10:3.*
12:3 accursed ▸ *see Rom. 9:3.*
12:7 given ▸ *see Acts 20:35.*

12:8 wisdom

(Gr. *sophia*) (Luke 2:52; Rom. 11:33; 1 Cor. 1:17; Eph. 1:17; Col. 2:3) G4678: The Greek word *sophia* occurs often in the New Testament, and typically refers to the spiritual or intellectual capacity of human beings (Luke 2:52) or even of God (Rom. 11:33). More abstractly, it can mean something like a body of learning or instruction (Acts 7:22) and be very practical (James 1:5; cf. 3:17). It can also be personified, perhaps reflecting the Old Testament proverbs (as Matt. 11:19). Paul often used the word to represent unspiritual, worldly wisdom that believers must reject (as 1 Cor. 1:17, 19), but here in 1 Corinthians 12:8 it refers to the wisdom that God imparts as a spiritual gift.

12:10 prophecy ▸ *see Rom. 12:6.*
12:10 tongue ▸ *see 1 Cor. 14:6.*
12:11 spirit ▸ *see John 3:5.*

the hearing? If the whole *were* hearing, where *were* the smelling?
18 But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.
19 And if they were all one member, where *were* the body?
20 But now *are they* many members, yet but one body.
21 And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.
22 Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:
23 And those *members* of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely *parts* have more abundant comeliness.
24 For our comely *parts* have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that *part* which lacked:
25 That there should be no schism in the body; but *that* the members should have the same care one for another.
26 And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.
27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.
28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.
29 *Are* all apostles? *are* all prophets? *are* all teachers? *are* all workers of miracles?
30 Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?
31 But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.

Charity Never Fails

13 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become *as* sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.
2 And though I have *the gift of* prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.
3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor,* and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.
4 Charity suffereth long, *and* is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,
5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;
6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;
7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.
8 Charity never faileth: but whether *there be* prophecies, they shall fail; whether *there be* tongues, they shall cease; whether *there be* knowledge, it shall vanish away.

12:25 care ▸ *see Matt. 6:25.*
12:26 rejoice ▸ *see Luke 15:9.*
12:28 prophet ▸ *see Matt. 2:5.*

12:28 government

(Gr. *kybernēsis*) G2941: The Greek word *kybernēsis* only appears once in the New Testament, here in 1 Corinthians 12:28. The word originally referred to the steering or piloting performed by a ship's helmsman. Here it refers metaphorically to the guidance or governance exercised by a church leader. The precise function is uncertain. The related word *kybernētēs* (G2942), "helmsman," refers to the person steering the boat (Acts 27:11).

12:31 gift ▸ *see 1 Cor. 1:7.*
12:31 excellent ▸ *see Rom. 7:13.*
13:2 remove ▸ *see Luke 16:4.*
13:4 envy ▸ *see 1 Cor. 14:1.*
13:4 puff up ▸ *see 1 Cor. 4:18.*
13:6 rejoice ▸ *see Luke 15:9.*

13:7 bear

(Gr. *stegō*) (1 Cor. 9:12; 1 Thess. 3:1, 5) G4722: This relatively seldom-used word appears only four times in the New Testament. The literal meaning is "to cover," as with a roof for protection, from which comes the figurative sense of "covering" with silence—i.e., enduring or bearing. The word is also rendered "suffer" or "forbear." Here, love is said to bear (or endure) all things—love covers over the offenses and errors of others rather than bringing them forward for embarrassment or harboring grudges.

13:7 endure ▸ *see Matt. 24:13.*

9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.
10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

Put Away Childish Things

11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.
12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.
13 And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these *is* charity.

The Gift of Tongues

14 Follow after charity, and desire spiritual *gifts,* but rather that ye may prophesy.
2 For he that speaketh in an *unknown* tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth *him;* howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.
3 But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men *to* edification, and exhortation, and comfort.
4 He that speaketh in an *unknown* tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church.
5 I would that ye all spake with tongues, but rather that ye prophesied: for greater *is* he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying.
6 Now, brethren, if I come unto you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you,

13:10 perfect ▸ *see 1 Cor. 14:20.*

13:12 see

(Gr. *blepō*) (Matt. 11:4; Mark 8:15; John 20:1; Heb. 11:1; Rev. 1:12) G0991: The word can be used literally of physical vision—that is, seeing with the bodily eye—or figuratively, as "seeing" with the mind's eye (that is, to understand—see for example Luke 8:10). A related sense is of ensuring (seeing to), as Hebrews 12:25 ("see that ye refuse not him that speaketh"). In Mark 8:15, the rendering is "beware" (that is, look with caution). Second Corinthians 12:6 uses the term to indicate perception ("that which he seeth me to be"). In Matthew 6:4, the word is used of God's all-seeing omniscience.

13:12 know ▸ *see 2 Cor. 6:9.*
13:13 faith ▸ *see Col. 1:4.*
13:13 hope ▸ *see Rom. 15:13.*
13:13 charity ▸ *see 1 John 2:15.*

14:1 desire

(Gr. *zēloō*) (1 Cor. 13:4; 2 Cor. 11:2; Gal. 4:18; Rev. 3:19) G2206: The word from which we get *zeal*, this word means "warmth of feeling, to be heated with desire." It is desire that boils over and is impossible to stifle. Such strong feelings can be positive—zeal for good works (Gal. 4:18), a husband's desire for his wife (2 Cor. 11: 2), or the desire for spiritual gifts (1 Cor. 12:31). They can also be negative, as in the case of envy or jealousy (Acts 7:9; 1 Cor. 13:4; James 4:2). Believers should strive to be zealous for the right things so that envy and jealousy for the wrong things do not take over our lives.

14:2 speak

(Gr. *laleō*) (Matt. 9:33; John 4:26; Acts 2:4; Heb. 12:24; Rev. 10:4) G2980: The Greek verb *laleō* may stress the idea of speaking as the utterance of sound, especially by the speech organs, while a synonym like *legō* (G3004), meaning "say or speak" (with which it is often interchangeable) implies that what is spoken is rational communication. Thus *laleō* is perhaps more suitable than *legō* when the speech is not understandable, as here. The verb can also be used figuratively (Heb. 12:24) or even of inanimate things (Rev. 10:4).

14:2 mystery ▸ *see Luke 8:10.*

14:6 tongue

(Gr. *glōssa*) (Acts 2:4; 10:46; 19:6; 1 Cor. 12:10) G1100: The Greek term *glōssa* means "tongue" or "language." When the believers were empowered by the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, they were given the ability to speak in many different languages, so that those visiting from all around the Roman world could hear the glories of God being uttered in their native tongues (Acts 2:4–11). The household of Cornelius also spoke in different languages when they were baptized in the Holy Spirit (Acts 10:46). And the same happened with the new disciples from Ephesus (Acts 19:6). From then on, some believers regularly spoke in different languages as a way of praying to God, and others spoke in different languages in church meetings. When these languages were spoken in private, interpretation was not needed; when they were spoken in the meetings, Paul required interpretation so that the others could understand and be edified (1 Cor. 14:2–27).

except I shall speak to you either by revelation, or by knowledge, or by prophesying, or by doctrine?
7 And even things without life giving sound, whether pipe or harp, except they give a distinction in the sounds, how shall it be known what is piped or harped?
8 For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?
9 So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air.
10 There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them *is* without signification.
11 Therefore if I know not the meaning of the voice, I shall be unto him that speaketh a barbarian, and he that speaketh *shall be* a barbarian unto me.
12 Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual *gifts,* seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church.

The Gift of Interpretation

13 Wherefore let him that speaketh in an *unknown* tongue pray that he may interpret.
14 For if I pray in an *unknown* tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.
15 What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.
16 Else when thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest?
17 For thou verily givest thanks well, but the other is not edified.
18 I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all:
19 Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that *by my voice* I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an *unknown* tongue.
20 Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men.
21 In the law it is written, With *men of* other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people; and yet for all that will they not hear me, saith the Lord.
22 Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying *serveth* not for them that believe not, but for them which believe.
23 If therefore the whole church be come together into one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in *those that are* unlearned, or unbelievers, will they not say that ye are mad?
24 But if all prophesy, and there come in one that believeth not, or *one* unlearned, he is convinced of all, he is judged of all:
25 And thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest; and so falling down on *his* face he will worship God, and report that God is in you of a truth.

The Author of Peace

26 How is it then, brethen? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying.
27 If any man speak in an *unknown* tongue, *let it be* by two, or at the most *by* three, and *that* by course; and let one interpret.
28 But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God.
29 Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge.
30 If *any thing* be revealed to another that sitteth by, let the first hold his peace.
31 For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted.

14:12 zealous ▸ *see Acts 22:3.*

14:20 men

(Gr. *teleios*) (Matt. 5:48; 1 Cor. 13:10; Col. 1:28; James 1:4) G5046: The Greek word *teleios* can also be translated "complete, perfect, mature, full-grown." It is derived from the noun *telos* (G5056), "end, goal," and so basically means reaching the intended ending. Thus, here the meaning is full-grown, adult, mature, as opposed to a child (cf. 1 Cor. 2:6). In James 1:4, the "perfect work" is the completed or finished work, and "perfect and complete" means fully developed and whole (G3648—*oloklēros*). In Matthew 5:48 *teleios* is used of both human beings and God.

32 And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.
33 For God is not *the author* of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.
34 Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but *they are commanded* to be under obedience, as also saith the law.
35 And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.
36 What? came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only?
37 If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.
38 But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant.
39 Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues.
40 Let all things be done decently and in order.

Witnesses of Christ's Resurrection

15 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;
2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.
3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;
4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:
5 And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:
6 After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.
7 After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles.
8 And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.
9 For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.
10 But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which *was bestowed* upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.
11 Therefore whether *it were* I or they, so we preach, and so ye believed.

The Resurrection Defended

12 Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?
13 But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen:
14 And if Christ be not risen, then *is* our preaching vain, and your faith *is* also vain.
15 Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not.
16 For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised:
17 And if Christ be not raised, your faith *is* vain; ye are yet in your sins.
18 Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished.
19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.
20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, *and* become the firstfruits of them that slept.
21 For since by man *came* death, by man *came* also the resurrection of the dead.
22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.
23 But every man in his own order: Christ

14:32 subject

(Gr. *hypotassō*) (Luke 2:51; Rom. 8:20; Eph. 1:22; James 4:7) G5293: A compound form of *hypo* (G5259), "under," and *tassō* (G5021) "to put in order; to station," this word is literally rendered "to station under; place under." The implication is subjection, subordination, submission, and subservience. Jesus subjected Himself to His parents in this way (Luke 2:51). Yet all things are subject to Christ (1 Cor. 15:27; Eph. 1:22) and evil spirits are subject to believers in Jesus' name (Luke 10:17, 20). In addition, we are to be subject to earthly authorities (Rom. 13:1; 1 Pet. 2:13), and wives to husbands (Eph. 5:24; 1 Pet. 3:1).

14:37 think himself ▸ *see Acts 15:25.*
15:1 preach ▸ *see 1 Pet. 4:6.*
15:6 at once ▸ *see Heb. 10:10.*
15:17 vain ▸ *see 1 Cor. 3:20.*

the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.
24 Then *cometh* the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.
25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.
26 The last enemy *that* shall be destroyed *is* death.
27 For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under *him, it is* manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him.
28 And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.
29 Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? why are they then baptized for the dead?
30 And why stand we in jeopardy every hour?
31 I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.
32 If after the manner of men I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantageth it me, if the dead rise not? let us eat and drink; for to morrow we die.
33 Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.
34 Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak *this* to your shame.

The Resurrection Body Explained

35 But some *man* will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come?
36 *Thou* fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die:
37 And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other *grain:*
38 But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body.
39 All flesh *is* not the same flesh: but *there is* one *kind of* flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, *and* another of birds.
40 *There are* also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial *is* one, and the *glory* of the terrestrial *is* another.
41 *There is* one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for *one* star differeth from *another* star in glory.
42 So also *is* the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption:
43 It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power:
44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.
45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam *was made* a quickening spirit.
46 Howbeit that *was* not first which is

15:23 firstfruits

(Gr. *aparchē*) (Rom. 8:23; 1 Cor. 16:15; Rev. 14:4) G0536: Compounded from the Greek words *apo* (G575), "from," and *arche* (G0746), "beginning, first cause." In the Septuagint and some other Greek writers, the word was a technical term for a sacrificial firstfruits that must be offered to a deity before the rest could be put to ordinary use. In the New Testament the word probably continues to bear this sense of being consecrated to God. Often, however, it also carries a sense of expectation—as here of Christ in the resurrection order, of early converts in an area (Rom. 16:5; 1 Cor. 16:15; cf. Rev. 14:4), and of the Holy Spirit regarded as the firstfruit that promises final redemption (Rom. 8:23).

15:33 good ▸ *see Luke 6:35.*
15:39 flesh ▸ *see Rom. 13:14.*
15:41 star ▸ *see Mark 13:25.*

15:45 quicken

(Gr. *zōopoieō*) (John 5:21; 6:63; Rom. 8:11; Gal. 3:21) G2227 Formed from *zōon*, "living being" and *poieō*, "to make," this word literally means "to make into a living being." It means "to bear young; cause to live; restore to life; give increase of life." Scripture draws a sharp distinction between the law, which cannot give life (Gal. 3:21) and God who gives life through His Son (John 5:21; 6:63). Romans 8:11 summarizes Scripture's teaching on the life-giving power of God: "But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you."

spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.
47 The first man *is* of the earth, earthy: the second man *is* the Lord from heaven.
48 As *is* the earthy, such *are* they also that are earthy: and as *is* the heavenly, such *are* they also that are heavenly.
49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.
50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

Victory Over Death

51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,
52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.
53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.
54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.
55 O death, where *is* thy sting? O grave, where *is* thy victory?
56 The sting of death *is* sin; and the strength of sin *is* the law.
57 But thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

A Collection for the Saints

16 Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye.
2 Upon the first *day* of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as *God* hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.
3 And when I come, whomsoever ye shall approve by *your* letters, them will I send to bring your liberality unto Jerusalem.
4 And if it be meet that I go also, they shall go with me.

Stand Fast in the Faith

5 Now I will come unto you, when I shall pass through Macedonia: for I do pass through Macedonia.
6 And it may be that I will abide, yea, and winter with you, that ye may bring me on my journey whithersoever I go.
7 For I will not see you now by the way; but I trust to tarry a while with you, if the Lord permit.
8 But I will tarry at Ephesus until Pentecost.
9 For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and *there are* many adversaries.
10 Now if Timotheus come, see that he may be with you without fear: for he worketh the work of the Lord, as I also *do*.
11 Let no man therefore despise him: but conduct him forth in peace, that he may come unto me: for I look for him with the brethren.
12 As touching *our* brother Apollos, I greatly desired him to come unto you with the brethren: but his will was not at all to come at this time; but he will come when he shall have convenient time.

15:46 natural

(Gr. *psychikos*) (1 Cor. 2:14; James 3:15; Jude 19) G5591: Closely related to the Greek word *psychē* (G5590) "soul, self," *psychikos* literally means "of (or pertaining to) the soul, life." It may be translated *natural* or *unspiritual*, even *sensual*, in contrast with the supernatural or spiritual. It generally stands in contrast (whether stated or implied) with *pneumatikos* (G4152), "spiritual," and thus indicates one who is animated solely by the natural, human psyche and not by the spirit as regenerated by the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 2:14; James 3:15; Jude 1:19).

15:52 moment

(Gr. *atomos*) G0823: This word literally means "uncut, infinitely small"—taken from the roots *a* (G0001), "un" and *tomos* (G5114) "to cut in two." Applied to time we might think of it as an "atom" of time, a flash, an instant that cannot be further divided because it is so small. Christ's coming and the events that accompany it will take place instantaneously. It is used only here in the New Testament.

15:58 abound ▸ *see Matt. 25:29.*
16:9 effectual ▸ *see Heb. 4:12.*

13 Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.
14 Let all your things be done with charity.
15 I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and *that* they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints,)
16 That ye submit yourselves unto such, and to every one that helpeth with *us,* and laboureth.
17 I am glad of the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus: for that which was lacking on your part they have supplied.
18 For they have refreshed my spirit and yours: therefore acknowledge ye them that are such.

Paul Delivers Salutations

19 The churches of Asia salute you. Aquila and Priscilla salute you much in the Lord, with the church that is in their house.
20 All the brethren greet you. Greet ye one another with an holy kiss.
21 The salutation of *me* Paul with mine own hand.
22 If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema Maranatha.
23 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you.
24 My love *be* with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

16:13 watch ▸ *see Matt. 24:42.*
16:15 firstfruits ▸ *see 1 Cor. 15:23.*
16:16 help ▸ *see James 2:22.*
16:19 church ▸ *see Acts 8:3.*

16:19 Asia

(Gr. *asia*) (Acts 2:9; 16:6; 1 Pet. 1:1) G0773: In the New Testament, Asia refers to the Roman province of Asia, not the continent as we know it today. It consisted of Mysia, Lydia, Phrygia, and Caria in modern-day Turkey. It shared borders with Bithynia to the north, Lycia to the south, and Galatia to the east. Asia was a senatorial province governed by a proconsul. The apostle Paul spent time in Asia and experienced tremendous difficulties there (2 Cor. 1:8). At another time, Paul was forbidden by the Holy Spirit from preaching the Word in Asia (Acts 16:6).

16:22 anathema ▸ *see Rom. 9:3.*

16:22 maranatha

(Gr. *marana tha*) G3134: Used only here, this is an Aramaic word that is an exclamation of the coming judgment. *Marana* means "the (or our) Lord" and *tha* means "come!" There is some disagreement among scholars about the timing implied in this phrase, whether it means "our Lord *has* come" or "our Lord *is* coming." The majority prefer the second rendering. In the second case, there is an element of a plea—"Come, Lord Jesus!" Believers await with great eagerness the second coming of Christ when all will be put right.

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE

CORINTHIANS

SINCE PAUL'S FIRST LETTER, THE Corinthian church had been swayed by false teachers who stirred the people against Paul. They claimed he was fickle, proud, unimpressive in appearance and speech, dishonest, and unqualified as an apostle of Jesus Christ. Paul sent Titus to Corinth to deal with these difficulties, and upon his return, rejoiced to hear of the Corinthians' change of heart. Paul wrote this letter to express his thanksgiving for the repentant majority and to appeal to the rebellious minority to accept his authority. Throughout the book he defends his conduct, character, and calling as an apostle of Jesus Christ.

To distinguish this epistle from First Corinthians, it was given the title *Pros Korinthious B,* the "Second to the Corinthians." The *A* and *B* were probably later additions to *Pros Korinthious*.

WATCH WORDS

- **earnest** (deposit, pledge, down payment)—1:22 (also 5:5)
- **trust** (confidence)—3:4 (also 8:22)
- **work** (operation, activity; effectively produce)—4:12
- **obedience** (submission; to do what one is told)—10:5
- **apostle** (sent one)—12:12 (also 1:1)

Greeting

1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy *our* brother, unto the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints which are in all Achaia:
2 Grace *be* to you and peace from God our Father, and *from* the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Comfort of God

3 Blessed *be* God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;
4 Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.
5 For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ.
6 And whether we be afflicted, *it is* for your consolation and salvation, which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: or whether we be comforted, *it is* for your consolation and salvation.
7 And our hope of you *is* stedfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so *shall ye be* also of the consolation.

Deliverance from Suffering and Death

8 For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life:
9 But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead:
10 Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver *us;*
11 Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift *bestowed* upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf.

Simplicity and Godly Sincerity

12 For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly

1:1 apostle ▸ *see 2 Cor. 12:12.*
1:4 able ▸ *see Jude 24.*
1:6 consolation ▸ *see Acts 9:31.*
1:8 out of measure ▸ *see Rom. 7:13.*

sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward.
13 For we write none other things unto you, than what ye read or acknowledge; and I trust ye shall acknowledge even to the end;
14 As also ye have acknowledged us in part, that we are your rejoicing, even as ye also *are* ours in the day of the Lord Jesus.
15 And in this confidence I was minded to come unto you before, that ye might have a second benefit;
16 And to pass by you into Macedonia, and to come again out of Macedonia unto you, and of you to be brought on my way toward Judaea.
17 When I therefore was thus minded, did I use lightness? or the things that I purpose, do I purpose according to the flesh, that with me there should be yea yea, and nay nay?
18 But *as* God *is* true, our word toward you was not yea and nay.
19 For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us, *even* by me and Silvanus and Timotheus, was not yea and nay, but in him was yea.
20 For all the promises of God in him *are* yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.
21 Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, *is* God;
22 Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.
23 Moreover I call God for a record upon my soul, that to spare you I came not as yet unto Corinth.
24 Not for that we have domination over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand.

Paul's Love for the Corinthian Church

2 But I determined this with myself, that I would not come again to you in heaviness.
2 For if I make you sorry, who is he then that maketh me glad, but the same which is made sorry by me?
3 And I wrote this same unto you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow from them of whom I ought to rejoice; having confidence in you all, that my joy is *the joy* of you all.
4 For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote unto you with many tears; not that ye should be grieved, but that ye might know the love which I have more abundantly unto you.

Forgiveness and Comfort

5 But if any have caused grief, he hath not grieved me, but in part: that I may not overcharge you all.

1:12 sincerity ▸ *see 1 Cor. 5:8.*

1:20 promise

(Gr. *epangelia*) (Rom. 9:9; Eph. 3:6; Heb. 7:6; 1 John 2:25) G1860: The word literally means "announcement" or "message" but the predominant rendering is "promise." It can be used of a promise given by a person (Acts 23:21), a promise of God (Acts 26:6), or a promise of the Holy Spirit (Gal. 3:14). Several verses refer to God's guarantee to His people that He would send the Messiah (see for example Acts 13:23; Rom. 15:8), or to the promise of salvation in Christ (2 Tim. 1:1).

1:21 stablish ▸ *see Mark 16:20.*
1:22 seal ▸ *see Rev. 7:3.*

1:22 earnest

(Gr. *arrabōn*) (2 Cor. 5:5; Eph. 1:14) G0728: This word means "deposit, pledge." It was the down payment or earnest money that made a contract binding and guaranteed its fulfillment. In the New Testament it is used figuratively to refer to the Holy Spirit as God's guarantee or down payment that certifies His promises to us. These promises include a resurrected body (2 Cor. 5:5) and eternal reward or inheritance (Eph. 1:14).

2:4 affliction ▸ *see John 16:33.*

2:4 abundantly

(Gr. *perissoterōs*) (Mark 15:14; 2 Cor. 7:13; 11:23; Gal. 1:14) G4056: This word is almost a redundancy, for it means "more abundantly" or even "more superabundantly." It is a word of excess and superfluity. Some places it is translated "more exceedingly." This is an overwhelming adverb, denoting an amount of emotion or desire that cannot be contained. This is the word used to describe the eager cries of the crowd to crucify Jesus (Mark 15:14). Paul uses it to describe his love for Christians and his labors for the gospel (2 Cor. 11:23).

6 Sufficient to such a man *is* this punishment, which *was inflicted* of many.
7 So that contrariwise ye *ought* rather to forgive *him,* and comfort *him,* lest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow.
8 Wherefore I beseech you that ye would confirm *your* love toward him.
9 For to this end also did I write, that I might know the proof of you, whether ye be obedient in all things.
10 To whom ye forgive any thing, I *forgive* also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave *it,* for your sakes *forgave I it* in the person of Christ;
11 Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

The Savour of Life and Death

12 Furthermore, when I came to Troas to *preach* Christ's gospel, and a door was opened unto me of the Lord,
13 I had no rest in my spirit, because I found not Titus my brother: but taking my leave of them, I went from thence into Macedonia.
14 Now thanks *be* unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.
15 For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish:
16 To the one *we are* the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life. And who *is* sufficient for these things?
17 For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ.

Ministers of the New Testament

3 Do we begin again to commend ourselves? or need we, as some *others,* epistles of commendation to you, or *letters* of commendation from you?
2 Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men:
3 *Forasmuch as ye are* manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.
4 And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward:
5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency *is* of God;
6 Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.

The Glory of the Lord

7 But if the ministration of death, written *and* engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which *glory* was to be done away:
8 How shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious?
9 For if the ministration of condemnation *be* glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory.

2:14 cause to triumph

(Gr. *thriambeuō*) (Col. 2:15) G2358: The Greek word *thriambeuō* describes an ancient custom for a victorious general returning home, leading his captives in a triumphal procession. In Colossians 2:15 (the only other New Testament occurrence) Jesus "triumphs over" the forces of evil and leads them, subjugated, in His victory march (cf. the ideas in Eph. 4:8). Here in 2 Corinthians 2:14 the same picture is apparently involved. Paul sees himself marching in Christ's triumphal procession (whether as a captive or as a participant in the victory is debated by interpreters), while the incense of the knowledge of Christ (preached by him) fills the air. Burning incense was a part of the custom of such victory parades.

2:17 sincerity ▸ *see 1 Cor. 5:8.*
3:1-3 epistle ▸ *see 1 Thess. 5:27.*

3:4 trust

(Gr. *pepoithēsis*) (2 Cor. 8:22; Eph. 3:12; Phil. 3:4) G4006: Appearing just six times in the New Testament, the word means "confidence" and is so rendered each of the other five times it occurs. Here, the rendering is *trust*, but the essential meaning is the same. Paul is writing about his trust or confidence in God's work in the lives of his readers. In Philippians 3:4, Paul writes of his "confidence in the flesh"—a different kind of trust than his confident faith in God (Eph. 3:12).

3:6 testament ▸ *see Mark 14:24.*

10 For even that which was made glorious had no glory in this respect, by reason of the glory that excelleth.
11 For if that which is done away *was* glorious, much more that which remaineth *is* glorious.
12 Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech:
13 And not as Moses, *which* put a vail over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished:
14 But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which *vail* is done away in Christ.
15 But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart.
16 Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away.
17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord *is,* there *is* liberty.
18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Preaching Christ Jesus the Lord

4 Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not;
2 But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.
3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:
4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.
5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.
6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.
7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

Cast Down but Not Destroyed

8 *We are* troubled on every side, yet not distressed; *we are* perplexed, but not in despair;
9 Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;
10 Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.
11 For we which live are alway delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.

3:10 excel

(Gr. *hyperballō*) (2 Cor. 9:14; Eph. 1:19; 2:7; 3:19) G5235: The Greek verb comes from the combination of a preposition meaning "over" (*hyper*—G5228) and a verb meaning "throw" or "scatter" (*ballō*—G0906), thus the literal meaning is "to overthrow" or "to throw beyond." In the New Testament, the word is used only five times and always figuratively, in the sense of exceeding or surpassing. Here, the rendering "excels" indicates that the glory that comes from life in the Holy Spirit is overwhelmingly greater than the glory that made Moses' face impossible for the Israelites to look at. Similarly, in Ephesians 3:19, the rendering "passeth" gives a sense of surpassing or transcending.

3:14 blind ▸ *see Mark 8:17*
3:17 liberty ▸ *see 1 Cor. 10:29.*
3:18 change ▸ *see Rom. 12:2.*
4:1 receive mercy ▸ *see Rom. 9:15.*
4:2 craftiness ▸ *see 1 Cor. 3:19.*
4:6 heart ▸ *see Rev. 2:23.*

4:7 earthen

(Gr. *ostrakinos*) (2 Tim. 2:20) G3749: This adjective is used twice in the New Testament. In both locations, the meaning is "made of earth," describing "earthen vessels." In ancient times it was a common practice to bury treasures inside clay jars. Two recent discoveries of biblical manuscripts—the Chester Beatty Papyrus and some of the Dead Sea Scrolls—reveal that these manuscripts were hidden away in jars for nearly two thousand years. As these treasures were enclosed in earthen vessels, so the indwelling Christ lives within our earthly bodies.

4:7 vessel ▸ *see Heb. 9:21.*

12 So then death worketh in us, but life in you.
13 We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;
14 Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present *us* with you.
15 For all things *are* for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.
16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward *man* is renewed day by day.
17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory;
18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen *are* temporal; but the things which are not seen *are* eternal.

An Eternal Building in the Heavens

5 For we know that if our earthly house of *this* tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.
2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:
3 If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.
4 For we that are in *this* tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.
5 Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing *is* God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.
6 Therefore *we are* always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:
7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)
8 We are confident, *I say,* and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.
9 Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.
10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things *done* in *his* body, according to that he hath done, whether *it be* good or bad.

The Constraining Love of Christ

11 Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.
12 For we commend not ourselves again unto you, but give you occasion to glory on our behalf, that ye may have somewhat to *answer* them which glory in appearance, and not in heart.
13 For whether we be beside ourselves, *it is* to God: or whether we be sober, *it is* for your cause.
14 For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:

4:12 death ▸ *see Rev. 1:18.*

4:12 work

(Gr. *energeō*) (Eph. 2:2; Phil. 2:13; Col. 1:29; 1 Thess. 2:13) G1754: Verb from the preposition *en* (G1722) "in," and the noun *ergon* (G2041), "work," meaning "to work in," "be at work," "effectively work," or "produce." The word is used often in the New Testament to describe God's working within (or among) believers to produce desired effects (as Phil. 2:13; cf. God's word in 1 Thess. 2:13), but can also be used of the working of evil spiritual beings (as Eph. 2:2) or of impersonal forces (as here in 2 Cor. 4:12). The related noun *energeia* (G1753) "working, operation, activity," is also used for the influence of God (Eph. 1:19) or Satan (2 Thess. 2:9).

4:15 thanksgiving ▸ *see 2 Cor. 9:11.*
5:5 earnest ▸ *see 2 Cor. 1:22.*
5:9 labour ▸ *see Rom. 15:20.*
5:10 judgment seat ▸ *see Matt. 27:19.*

5:14 constrain

(Gr. *synechō*) (Matt. 4:24; Luke 8:45; 22:63; Phil. 1:23) G4912: A combination of *syn*, "together" (G4862) and *echō* (G2192), "to hold," this word literally means "to hold together." We might define it as compressing or holding fast in a way that prevents escape. The implication is that the thing would fall apart without being grasped in this way. It is used of people with diseases (Matt. 4:24), being gripped by fear (Luke 8:37), the crowds crushing in on Jesus and the disciples (Luke 8:45), and being captured by enemies (Luke 19:43). When we truly understand God's great love for us, it constrains us until we have no choice but to follow Him.

15 And *that* he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.
16 Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we *him* no more.

A New Creature in Christ

17 Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.
18 And all things *are* of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;
19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.
20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech *you* by us: we pray *you* in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.
21 For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

The Day of Salvation

6 We then, *as* workers together *with him,* beseech *you* also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain.
2 (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now *is* the accepted time; behold, now *is* the day of salvation.)

Give No Offence in Any Thing

3 Giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed:
4 But in all *things* approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,
5 In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings;
6 By pureness, by knowledge, by long-suffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned,
7 By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,
8 By honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and *yet* true;
9 As unknown, and *yet* well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed;

5:16 know ▸ *see Heb. 8:11.*
5:18 reconcile ▸ *see Rom. 5:10.*
5:18 reconciliation ▸ *see Rom. 5:11.*
5:19 impute ▸ *see Rom. 4:3.*
5:19 trespass ▸ *see Eph. 2:5.*

5:20 be ambassador

(Gr. *presbeuō*) (Eph. 6:20) G4243: This verb means to serve or travel as an ambassador or emissary. This technical usage is derived from the precedence of and representative role of elders within Greek society and is used only twice in the New Testament. Paul uses the term figuratively here (cf. Eph. 6:20) to describe his missionary activity as serving as an ambassador on Christ's behalf. The cognate noun *presbeia* (G4242), "embassage," refers to the bearers of the message (Luke 14:32).

6:1 as workers together ▸ *see James 2:22.*
6:2 time ▸ *see Col. 4:5.*
6:6 kindness ▸ *see Gal. 5:22.*
6:6 unfeigned ▸ *see 1 Pet. 1:22.*

6:7 right hand

(Gr. *dexios*) (Matt. 6:3; Mark 10:37; Acts 2:25; Heb. 1:13) G1188: The Greek word indicates the hand with which one takes hold of something; thus, the meaning "right" or "right hand." The term can be used figuratively to indicate a place of honor (see for example Rom. 8:34—"the right hand of God"). The word can also mean the right-hand side more generically (as opposed to the right hand specifically), as in Matthew 5:29 ("right eye") or Matthew 5:39 ("right cheek"). In Galatians 2:9, the term is used to indicate a pledge of friendship or commitment by clasping right hands ("the right hand of fellowship").

6:9 well know

(Gr. *epiginōskō*) (Luke 24:16; 1 Cor. 13:12; Col. 1:6; 2 Pet. 2:21) G1921: The verb *epiginōskō* is common in the New Testament carrying with it a variety of meanings, especially "to know," "to understand," or, "to recognize." Here the form is intensive, suggesting "to know exactly, completely" (as also 1 Cor. 13:12). Sometimes the verb means recognize (as Luke 24:16) or acknowledge (as 1 Cor. 16:18), sometimes learn, find out (as Luke 7:37) or come to know (2 Pet. 2:21). Some interpreters have

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10 As sorrowful, yet alway rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and *yet* possessing all things.
11 O *ye* Corinthians, our mouth is open unto you, our heart is enlarged.
12 Ye are not straitened in us, but ye are straitened in your own bowels.
13 Now for a recompence in the same, (I speak as unto *my* children,) be ye also enlarged.

Be Not Unequally Yoked

14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?
15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?
16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in *them;* and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean *thing;* and I will receive you,
18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

Joyful in Tribulation

7 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.
2 Receive us; we have wronged no man, we have corrupted no man, we have defrauded no man.
3 I speak not *this* to condemn *you:* for I have said before, that ye are in our hearts to die and live with *you*.
4 Great *is* my boldness of speech toward you, great *is* my glorying of you: I am filled with comfort, I am exceeding joyful in all our tribulation.
5 For, when we were come into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but we were troubled on every side; without *were* fightings, within *were* fears.
6 Nevertheless God, that comforteth those that are cast down, comforted us by the coming of Titus;
7 And not by his coming only, but by the consolation wherewith he was comforted in you, when he told us your earnest desire, your mourning, your fervent mind toward me; so that I rejoiced the more.
8 For though I made you sorry with a letter, I do not repent, though I did repent: for I perceive that the same epistle hath made you sorry, though *it were* but for a season.

Godly Sorrow

9 Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance:

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suggested that in the Pastorals (1 Tim. 2:4; 4:3; 2 Tim. 2:25; 3:7; Titus 1:1) and 2 Peter (1:2, 3, 8; 2:20, 21) the words *epiginōskō* (to know well) and *epignōsis* (G1922—knowledge) reflect Christian reaction against incipient Gnosticism and imply the true knowledge of Christ as opposed to false claims of knowledge.

6:14 unbeliever ▸ *see Mark 9:19.*
6:14 unrighteousness ▸ *see 1 John 3:4.*
6:18 Almighty ▸ *see Rev. 11:17.*
7:1 holiness ▸ *see 1 Thess. 3:13.*
7:1 fear ▸ *see 1 John 4:18.*

7:6 cast down

(Gr. *tapeinos*) (Matt. 11:29; Luke 1:52; Rom. 12:16; 1 Pet. 5:5) G5011: This word offers us a word picture of what it feels like to be depressed or downcast. It literally means "low to the ground." In addition to describing a low emotional state, it can mean being humble or low in position. Believers are to exhibit this type of humility before God and put others first: "Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject to one another, and be clothed with humility, for 'God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble [*tapeinos*]'" (1 Pet. 5:5).

7:8 repent

(Gr. *metamelomai*) (Matt. 21:29; 27:3; Heb. 7:21) G3338: Verb meaning regret, have remorse. It may be compared to the near synonym *metanoeō* (G3340), "repent," which the New Testament always uses of repentance to salvation. Whereas *metanoeō* literally indicates a change (G3326—*meta*) in one's way of thinking (G3539—*noeō*), *metamelomai* views it more as a change in one's feelings, cares, or concerns (*melō*). The terms, however, are essentially synonymous and can just as surely indicate genuine change. Matthew uses this word to describe Judas (Matt. 21:29, 32; 27:3), and it is used once to speak of God (Heb. 7:21).

for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing.
10 For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.
11 For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, *what* clearing of yourselves, yea, *what* indignation, yea, *what* fear, yea, *what* vehement desire, yea, *what* zeal, yea, *what* revenge! In all *things* ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter.
12 Wherefore, though I wrote unto you, *I did it* not for his cause that had done the wrong, nor for his cause that suffered wrong, but that our care for you in the sight of God might appear unto you.
13 Therefore we were comforted in your comfort: yea, and exceedingly the more joyed we for the joy of Titus, because his spirit was refreshed by you all.
14 For if I have boasted any thing to him of you, I am not ashamed; but as we spake all things to you in truth, even so our boasting, which *I made* before Titus, is found a truth.
15 And his inward affection is more abundant toward you, whilst he remembereth the obedience of you all, how with fear and trembling ye received him.
16 I rejoice therefore that I have confidence in you in all *things*.

Macedonians an Example of Giving

8 Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia;
2 How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.
3 For to *their* power, I bear record, yea, and beyond *their* power *they were* willing of themselves;
4 Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and *take upon us* the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.
5 And *this they did,* not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.
6 Insomuch that we desired Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also finish in you the same grace also.
7 Therefore, as ye abound in every *thing, in* faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and *in* all diligence, and *in* your love to us, *see* that ye abound in this grace also.
8 I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love.
9 For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.
10 And herein I give *my* advice: for this is expedient for you, who have begun before, not only to do, but also to be forward a year ago.
11 Now therefore perform the doing *of it;* that as *there was* a readiness to will, so *there may be* a performance also out of that which ye have.

7:11 approve to be clear ▸ *see 1 Pet. 3:15.*
7:13 exceedingly ▸ *see 2 Cor. 2:4.*
7:13 refreshed ▸ *see Matt. 11:28.*
8:2 poverty ▸ *see Rev. 2:9.*
8:4 fellowship ▸ *see Acts 2:42.*
8:4 minister ▸ *see 2 Cor. 11:8.*

8:9 become poor

(Gr. *ptōcheuō*) G4433: This word refers to being destitute, so poor that one has to beg. It is a position of extreme poverty without any material goods. The root word means "to crouch," describing the position of a beggar. Christ's entrance into the world as a baby was an act of lowering Himself to the greatest possible degree. He completely impoverished Himself in that act, and it was done so that we who are poor beggars can receive the riches of salvation. The word is used only here in the New Testament.

8:9 poverty ▸ *see Rev. 2:9.*

8:10 advice

(Gr. *gnōmē*) (Acts 20:3; 1 Cor. 1:10; Philem. 14; Rev. 17:13) G1106: Here translated "advice," other renderings of this word include "purpose" (Acts 20:3), "judgment" (1 Cor. 1:10), and "mind" (Rev. 17:13). The Greek word indicates either that which is thought or known, or the capacity or faculty of knowing. Thus in Revelation 17:13 ("These have one mind") and Revelation 17:17 ("agree"), the sense is of a unity of thought. Here, the rendering "advice" indicates that Paul is laying out his argument based on what he knows (compare 1 Cor. 7:25).

12 For if there be first a willing mind, *it is* accepted according to that a man hath, *and* not according to that he hath not.
13 For *I mean* not that other men be eased, and ye burdened:
14 But by an equality, *that* now at this time your abundance *may be a supply* for their want, that their abundance also may be *a supply* for your want: that there may be equality:
15 As it is written, He that *had gathered* much had nothing over; and he that *had gathered* little had no lack.

Titus's Love for the Corinthian Church

16 But thanks *be* to God, which put the same earnest care into the heart of Titus for you.
17 For indeed he accepted the exhortation; but being more forward, of his own accord he went unto you.
18 And we have sent with him the brother, whose praise *is* in the gospel throughout all the churches;
19 And not *that* only, but who was also chosen of the churches to travel with us with this grace, which is administered by us to the glory of the same Lord, and *declaration of* your ready mind:
20 Avoiding this, that no man should blame us in this abundance which is administered by us:
21 Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.
22 And we have sent with them our brother, whom we have oftentimes proved diligent in many things, but now much more diligent, upon the great confidence which *I have* in you.
23 Whether *any do enquire* of Titus, *he is* my partner and fellowhelper concerning you: or our brethren *be enquired of, they are* the messengers of the churches, *and* the glory of Christ.
24 Wherefore shew ye to them, and before the churches, the proof of your love, and of our boasting on your behalf.

Ministry to the Saints

9 For as touching the ministering to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you:
2 For I know the forwardness of your mind, for which I boast of you to them of Macedonia, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal hath provoked very many.
3 Yet have I sent the brethren, lest our boasting of you should be in vain in this behalf; that, as I said, ye may be ready:
4 Lest haply if they of Macedonia come with me, and find you unprepared, we (that we say not, ye) should be ashamed in this same confident boasting.

God Loves a Cheerful Giver

5 Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren, that they would go before unto you, and make up beforehand your bounty, whereof ye had notice before, that the same might be ready, as *a matter of* bounty, and not as *of* covetousness.
6 But this *I say,* He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.
7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, *so let him give;* not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.
8 And God *is* able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all *things,* may abound to every good work:
9 (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever.
10 Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for *your* food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;)

8:22 confidence ▸ *see 2 Cor. 3:4.*
8:23 partner ▸ *see Luke 5:10.*
9:1 minister ▸ *see 2 Cor. 11:8.*
9:2 zeal ▸ *see Rom. 10:2.*
9:3 be in vain ▸ *see 1 Cor. 9:15.*
9:4 confident ▸ *see Heb. 3:14.*
9:5 covetousness ▸ *see Col. 3:5.*

9:7 cheerful

(Gr. *hilaros*) G2431: The basis for our words "hilarious" and "hilarity," this word means "cheerful, merry, joyous." It implies eagerness and good-naturedness. Our giving should be joyful and without restraint. The word is used only here in the New Testament.

9:10 minister ▸ *see 2 Pet. 1:5.*

11 Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.
12 For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God;
13 Whiles by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God for your professed subjection unto the gospel of Christ, and for *your* liberal distribution unto them, and unto all *men;*
14 And by their prayer for you, which long after you for the exceeding grace of God in you.
15 Thanks *be* unto God for his unspeakable gift.

Mighty Weapons of Warfare

10 Now I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, who in presence *am* base among you, but being absent am bold toward you:
2 But I beseech *you,* that I may not be bold when I am present with that confidence, wherewith I think to be bold against some, which think of us as if we walked according to the flesh.
3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:
4 (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)
5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;
6 And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.
7 Do ye look on things after the outward appearance? If any man trust to himself that he is Christ's, let him of himself think this again, that, as he *is* Christ's, even so *are* we Christ's.
8 For though I should boast somewhat more of our authority, which the Lord hath given us for edification, and not for your destruction, I should not be ashamed:
9 That I may not seem as if I would terrify you by letters.
10 For *his* letters, say they, *are* weighty and powerful; but *his* bodily presence *is* weak, and *his* speech contemptible.
11 Let such an one think this, that, such as we are in word by letters when we are absent, such *will we be* also in deed when we are present.

God's Rule of Measure

12 For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring

9:11 thanksgiving

(Gr. *eucharistia*) (Acts 24:3; 2 Cor. 4:15; Phil. 4:6; Col. 4:2) G2169: The word can mean either "thankfulness" or "the giving of thanks." In Acts 24:3, the word expresses thankfulness to the Roman procurator Felix for the peace and prosperity enjoyed under his rule, but in each of the other 14 instances, the word refers to thankfulness to God, either directly (as thanks given to God through prayer—see 1 Thess. 3:9) or indirectly (as a general state of gratitude—see Col. 2:7; 1 Tim. 4:3).

9:12 service ▸ *see Phil. 2:30.*
9:14 exceeding ▸ *see 2 Cor. 3:10.*

10:1 meekness

(Gr. *praotēs*) (1 Cor. 4:21; Gal. 5:23; Titus 3:2) G4236: This noun means gentleness, meekness, courtesy, perhaps even submissiveness. The basic sense is a submission to the treatment one receives, especially from God, but also from others because one is submitted to God. This virtue arises from one's "humility," a proper sense of oneself as of less importance before God. Here in 2 Corinthians 10:1 Christ is our example of "meekness and gentleness" (*epieikeia*). Indeed, we are to show meekness to all men (Titus 3:2).

10:1 gentleness ▸ *see Acts 24:4.*

10:5 obedience

(Gr. *hypakoē*) (Rom. 1:5; 6:16; Heb. 5:8; 1 Pet. 1:14) G5218: The root word means "to listen, to hearken"—as when someone knocks at the door. Literally it means "to hear under." In usage it means "attentive listening." It describes someone who earnestly listens to the Word of God with the intention and desire to do what it says. This is no mere mental agreement, for submission is implied. Jesus obeyed in this way (Rom. 5:19; Heb. 5:8). The word is usually used of believers' response in faith to God's Word—faith in Christ leads to submission to God's will.

10:6 disobedience ▸ *see Rom. 5:19.*

themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.
13 But we will not boast of things without *our* measure, but according to the measure of the rule which God hath distributed to us, a measure to reach even unto you.
14 For we stretch not ourselves beyond *our measure,* as though we reached not unto you: for we are come as far as to you also in *preaching* the gospel of Christ:
15 Not boasting of things without *our* measure, *that is,* of other men's labours; but having hope, when your faith is increased, that we shall be enlarged by you according to our rule abundantly,
16 To preach the gospel in the *regions* beyond you, *and* not to boast in another man's line of things made ready to our hand.
17 But he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.
18 For not he that commendeth himself is approved, but whom the Lord commendeth.

Guard Against False Preaching

11 Would to God ye could bear with me a little in *my* folly: and indeed bear with me.
2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present *you as* a chaste virgin to Christ.
3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.
4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or *if* ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with *him.*
5 For I suppose I was not a whit behind the very chiefest apostles.
6 But though *I be* rude in speech, yet not in knowledge; but we have been throughly made manifest among you in all things.
7 Have I committed an offence in abasing myself that ye might be exalted, because I have preached to you the gospel of God freely?
8 I robbed other churches, taking wages *of them,* to do you service.
9 And when I was present with you, and wanted, I was chargeable to no man: for that which was lacking to me the brethren which came from Macedonia supplied: and in all *things* I have kept myself from being burdensome unto you, and *so* will I keep *myself.*
10 As the truth of Christ is in me, no man shall stop me of this boasting in the regions of Achaia.
11 Wherefore? because I love you not? God knoweth.
12 But what I do, that I will do, that I may cut off occasion from them which desire occasion; that wherein they glory, they may be found even as we.
13 For such *are* false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.
14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

10:15 enlarged ▸ *see Phil. 1:20.*
11:2 jealous ▸ *see 1 Cor. 14:1.*
11:2 chaste ▸ *see 1 John 3:3.*
11:3 subtilty ▸ *see 1 Cor. 3:19.*

11:7 freely

(Gr. *dōrean*) (Matt. 10:8; Rom. 3:24; Gal. 2:21; Rev. 21:6) G1432: This adverb usually means "freely" (as Matt. 10:8; Rom. 3:24; here at 2 Cor. 11:7). The word may also have a negative nuance as in the meaning "without cause," "undeservedly" (John 15:25), "for nothing," or "for no reason" (Gal. 2:21). The related verb *dōreomai*, "(freely) give" (G1433—Mark 15:45; 2 Pet. 1:3); and the nouns *dōrea* (G1431), *dōrēma* (G1434), and *dōron* (G1435) all mean "gift, present."

11:8 service

(Gr. *diakonia*) (2 Cor. 8:4; 9:1; Heb. 1:14) G1248: The primary sense of the Greek word is service, especially service performed at the command of another, including the promotion of religion at God's command. It is used once of the office of Moses (2 Cor. 3:7—"the ministration of death"), who at God's command brought the Law. The word is also used to describe the work of the apostles (1 Tim. 1:12) who served God and the church by preaching the gospel and causing believers to be governed by the Holy Spirit, as well as the work of all who serve the Lord in various ways (1 Cor. 12:5).

11:14 marvel ▸ *see Rev. 17:6.*

11:14 transform

(Gr. *metaschēmatizō*) (1 Cor. 4:6; Phil. 3:21) G3345: The literal meaning of the verb is "to

15 Therefore *it is* no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

Suffering for the Lord's Glory

16 I say again, Let no man think me a fool; if otherwise, yet as a fool receive me, that I may boast myself a little.
17 That which I speak, I speak *it* not after the Lord, but as it were foolishly, in this confidence of boasting.
18 Seeing that many glory after the flesh, I will glory also.
19 For ye suffer fools gladly, seeing ye *yourselves* are wise.
20 For ye suffer, if a man bring you into bondage, if a man devour *you,* if a man take *of you,* if a man exalt himself, if a man smite you on the face.
21 I speak as concerning reproach, as though we had been weak. Howbeit whereinsoever any is bold, (I speak foolishly,) I am bold also.
22 Are they Hebrews? so *am* I. Are they Israelites? so *am* I. Are they the seed of Abraham? so *am* I.
23 Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I *am* more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft.
24 Of the Jews five times received I forty *stripes* save one.
25 Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep;
26 *In* journeyings often, in perils of waters, *in* perils of robbers, *in* perils by *mine own* countrymen, *in* perils by the heathen, *in* perils in the city, *in* perils in the wilderness, *in* perils in the sea, *in* perils among false brethren;
27 In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness.
28 Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches.
29 Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not?
30 If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities.
31 The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is blessed for evermore, knoweth that I lie not.
32 In Damascus the governor under Aretas the king kept the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desirous to apprehend me:
33 And through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall, and escaped his hands.

Paul's Vision of Paradise

12 It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord.
2 I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven.
3 And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;)
4 How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.
5 Of such an one will I glory: yet of myself I will not glory, but in mine infirmities.
6 For though I would desire to glory, I shall not be a fool; for I will say the truth: but *now* I forbear, lest any man should think of me above that which he seeth me *to be,* or *that* he heareth of me.

Paul's Thorn in the Flesh

7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations,

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change the figure of"; that is, to transform oneself into someone else, as is described here of Satan who "is transformed into an angel of light." Three of the five uses of the word appear in three consecutive verses in 2 Corinthians 11:13, 14, and 15, describing the transformation of what is evil (false apostles, Satan, and Satan's ministers) into what appears to be good. The word is used more positively in Philippians 3:21, describing the transformation of our earthly bodies into ones that are "fashioned like unto his glorious body."

11:17 confidence ▸ *see Heb. 3:14.*
11:20 devour ▸ *see Luke 8:5.*
11:23 abundant ▸ *see 2 Cor. 2:4.*
11:28 care ▸ *see 1 Pet. 5:7.*
11:32 keep ▸ *see Gal. 3:23.*
11:33 escape ▸ *see Luke 21:36.*
12:2 caught up ▸ *see 1 Thess. 4:17.*
12:4 paradise ▸ *see Luke 23:43.*
12:7 abundance ▸ *see Rom. 7:13.*

there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.
8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.
9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.
10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

The Signs of an Apostle

11 I am become a fool in glorying; ye have compelled me: for I ought to have been commended of you: for in nothing am I behind the very chiefest apostles, though I be nothing.
12 Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds.
13 For what is it wherein ye were inferior to other churches, except *it be* that I myself was not burdensome to you? forgive me this wrong.

Paul's Love for the Church

14 Behold, the third time I am ready to come to you; and I will not be burdensome to you: for I seek not yours, but you: for the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children.
15 And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved.
16 But be it so, I did not burden you: nevertheless, being crafty, I caught you with guile.
17 Did I make a gain of you by any of them whom I sent unto you?
18 I desired Titus, and with *him* I sent a brother. Did Titus make a gain of you? walked we not in the same spirit? *walked we* not in the same steps?
19 Again, think ye that we excuse ourselves unto you? we speak before God in Christ: but *we do* all things, dearly beloved, for your edifying.
20 For I fear, lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I would, and *that* I shall be found unto you such as ye would not: lest *there be* debates, envyings, wraths, strifes, backbitings, whisperings, swellings, tumults:
21 *And* lest, when I come again, my God will humble me among you, and *that* I shall bewail many which have sinned already, and have not repented of the uncleanness and fornication and lasciviousness which they have committed.

12:7 thorn

(Gr. *skolops*) G4647: The Greek word *skolops* originally referred to anything pointed, such as a stake, but later came to mean "a thorn" (as in Num. 33:55). The word is used only here in the New Testament. Here Paul uses the word metaphorically to describe a sharp and painful condition, probably physical (cf. Gal. 4:13). The precise nature of this malady is unknown, although physical disfigurement (cf. Acts 14:19) and eye trouble (cf. Gal. 6:11) are among the more common guesses.

12:9 strength . . . power ▸ *see Acts 1:8.*
12:10 take pleasure ▸ *see Luke 12:32.*
12:10 reproach ▸ *see Acts 27:10.*
12:10 persecution ▸ *see Acts 8:1.*
12:11 behind ▸ *see Luke 22:35.*

12:12 apostle

(Gr. *apostolos*) (Matt. 10:2; Acts 2:37; Rom. 1:1; 2 Cor. 1:1; Heb. 3:1) G0652: The Greek word simply means "sent ones." Out of Jesus' many disciples, He selected twelve to be His apostles. These were the men who were sent by Jesus to take His message to the world and then raise up churches. Paul also became an apostle by the appointment of the risen Christ, who encountered Paul on the road to Damascus (see Acts 9). Paul's apostleship was accompanied by a great deal of suffering; and then to add to it, some false teachers in the Corinthian church doubted his authority. Thus in 2 Corinthians, Paul repeatedly defended the genuineness of his apostleship.

12:16 crafty

(Gr. *panourgos*) G3835: Compound adjective from *pas* (G3956), "all, any," and *ergon* (G2041), "work," thus suggesting one who is ready and able to do anything, therefore clever, crafty, sly. The word and the related noun *panourgia* (G3834), "craftiness, deceitful cunning" (Luke 20:23; 2 Cor. 11:3) always have a negative nuance in the New Testament. Here (as often in this section of 2 Corinthians) Paul is ironically accepting what his critics have said about him. The word is used only here in the New Testament.

12:21 humble ▸ *see Luke 14:11.*

Examine Yourselves

13 This *is* the third *time* I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.
2 I told you before, and foretell you, as if I were present, the second time; and being absent now I write to them which heretofore have sinned, and to all other, that, if I come again, I will not spare:
3 Since ye seek a proof of Christ speaking in me, which to you-ward is not weak, but is mighty in you.
4 For though he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but we shall live with him by the power of God toward you.
5 Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?
6 But I trust that ye shall know that we are not reprobates.
7 Now I pray to God that ye do no evil; not that we should appear approved, but that ye should do that which is honest, though we be as reprobates.
8 For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth.
9 For we are glad, when we are weak, and ye are strong: and this also we wish, *even* your perfection.
10 Therefore I write these things being absent, lest being present I should use sharpness, according to the power which the Lord hath given me to edification, and not to destruction.

Live in Peace

11 Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.
12 Greet one another with an holy kiss.
13 All the saints salute you.
14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, *be* with you all. Amen.

13:3 be mighty

(Gr. *dynateō*) G1414: Related to our word for *dynamite*, this word means "mighty, powerful, to show oneself powerful, to be able." This particular form of the word is used only here, though its relatives appear elsewhere. The power of God lives inside believers, so the same power that raised Jesus from the dead is alive and working in us.

13:5 prove ▸ *see John 6:6.*
13:5 reprobate ▸ *see 1 Cor. 9:27.*

13:9 perfection

(Gr. *katartisis*) G2676: This word means improving, training, strengthening. It is making adjustments and repairs as needed until perfection is attained. This form of the word is only used here, but its root word describes the disciples mending their nets in Matthew 4:21 (G2675 *katartizō*). Paul longs for the Corinthians' faith to be complete or perfected, and works toward that end, even if his labors tire him.

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE

GALATIANS

THE GALATIANS, HAVING LAUNCHED THEIR Christian experience by faith, seem content to leave their voyage of faith and chart a new course based on works—a course Paul finds disturbing. His letter to the Galatians is a vigorous attack against the gospel of works and a defense of the gospel of faith.

Paul begins by setting forth his credentials as an apostle with a message from God: blessing comes from God on the basis of faith, not law. The law declares men guilty and imprisons them; faith sets men free to enjoy liberty in Christ. But liberty is not license. Freedom in Christ means freedom to produce the fruits of righteousness through a Spirit-led lifestyle.

The book is called *Pros Galatas,* "To the Galatians," and it is the only letter of Paul that is specifically addressed to a number of churches ("to the churches of Galatia," 1:2). The name *Galatians* was given to this Celtic people because they originally lived in Gaul before their migration to Asia Minor.

WATCH WORDS

- **dissimulation** (acting insincerely, pretense, hypocrisy)—2:13
- **redeem** (pay a price in order to recover someone or something from the power of another)—3:13 (also 4:5)
- **adoption of sons** (a legal technical term for a father's declaration of sonship)—4:5
- **kindness** (the outward expression of goodness)—5:22
- **self-control** (a holding oneself in; self-discipline, self-denial)—5:23

Salutation

1 Paul, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead;)
2 And all the brethren which are with me, unto the churches of Galatia:
3 Grace *be* to you and peace from God the Father, and *from* our Lord Jesus Christ,
4 Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:
5 To whom *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Pervert Not the Gospel

6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:
7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.
8 But though we, or an angel from heaven,

1:4 world ▸ *see Matt. 28:20.*

1:6 call

(Gr. *kaleō*) (Matt. 1:21; Luke 5:32; Eph. 4:1; 1 Pet. 2:9) G2564: This word means "to call aloud; to call by a name." It is also used to denote an invitation, such as to a wedding feast (Matt. 22:9; Luke 14:7). Jesus uses it both in the sense of calling out or calling by name and in the sense of an invitation when He says, "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance" (Mark 2:17). In a similar vein, the word is used to refer to the calling believers have to live in a way that honors God (Eph. 4:1).

1:6 grace ▸ *see Acts 14:3.*

1:7 another

(Gr. *allos*) (Matt. 5:39; John 4:37; 10:16; 1 Cor. 3:11) G0243: Literally "else," this word denotes something that is another of the same kind, unlike

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preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.
9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any *man* preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.
10 For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

11 But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man.
12 For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught *it,* but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.
13 For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it:
14 And profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers.
15 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called *me* by his grace,
16 To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood:
17 Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus.
18 Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode with him fifteen days.
19 But other of the apostles saw I none, save James the Lord's brother.
20 Now the things which I write unto you, behold, before God, I lie not.
21 Afterwards I came into the regions of Syria and Cilicia;
22 And was unknown by face unto the churches of Judaea which were in Christ:
23 But they had heard only, That he which persecuted us in times past now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed.
24 And they glorified God in me.

The Gospel of the Uncircumcision

2 Then fourteen years after I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, and took Titus with *me* also.
2 And I went up by revelation, and communicated unto them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but privately to them which were of reputation, lest by any means I should run, or had run, in vain.
3 But neither Titus, who was with me, being a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised:
4 And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage:
5 To whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour; that the truth of the gospel might continue with you.
6 But of these who seemed to be somewhat, (whatsoever they were, it maketh no matter to me: God accepteth no man's person:) for they who seemed *to be somewhat* in conference added nothing to me:
7 But contrariwise, when they saw that the gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me, as *the gospel* of the circumcision *was* unto Peter;
8 (For he that wrought effectually in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision, the same was mighty in me toward the Gentiles:)
9 And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we *should go* unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision.

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heteros (G2087), which is another of a different kind. These are the other sheep that Jesus will gather in (John 10:16) and the other Helper—the Holy Spirit—whom He will send (John 14:16). The Gentile believers will be like the Jewish ones, and the Holy Spirit is another helper like Christ. By contrast, the works-based gospel that the Galatians were turning to was not another of the same kind, but rather a completely different thing from the true gospel of Jesus Christ.

1:8 preach ▸ *see 1 Pet. 4:6.*
1:8 accursed ▸ *see Rom. 9:3.*
1:12 revelation ▸ *see Rev. 1:1.*
1:14 exceedingly ▸ *see 2 Cor. 2:4.*
1:14 zealous ▸ *see Acts 22:3.*
1:15 please ▸ *see Luke 12:32.*
1:19 James ▸ *see Acts 15:13.*
1:24 glorify ▸ *see John 17:5.*
2:3 circumcise ▸ *see Gal. 6:12.*

10 Only *they would* that we should remember the poor; the same which I also was forward to do.

Paul's Charge Against Peter

11 But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed.
12 For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision.
13 And the other Jews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation.
14 But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before *them* all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?
15 We *who are* Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles,
16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.
17 But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, *is* therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid.
18 For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor.
19 For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God.
20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.
21 I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness *come* by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

The Just Shall Live by Faith

3 O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?
2 This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?
3 Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?
4 Have ye suffered so many things in vain? if *it be* yet in vain.
5 He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, *doeth he it* by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?
6 Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.
7 Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.
8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, *saying,* In thee shall all nations be blessed.

2:10 be forward

(Gr. *spoudazō*) (Eph. 4:3; 2 Tim. 2:15; Heb. 4:11; 2 Pet. 1:10) G4704: With a root word meaning "haste" (*spoudē*—G4710) this word means "to use speed; to be earnest and prompt; to use diligent effort." It is related to zeal, wherein a person strains himself with eagerness. This word combines thinking with action, forming a plan with the quick carrying out of the plan. When a need is noticed, action is speedily taken. This should be our attitude toward obedience. As Paul tells Timothy, "Study [*spoudazō*] to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed" (2 Tim. 2:15).

2:13 dissimulation

(Gr. *hypokrisis*) (Matt. 23:28; Luke 12:1; 1 Tim. 4:2; 1 Pet. 2:1) G5272: Derived from the Greek word for "playacting, pretending," this word was usually associated with acting on the stage. It literally means "a reply." Eventually it was extended to mean acting insincerely, pretense, or as usually translated, hypocrisy. Jesus rebuked the Pharisees for their hypocrisy (Matt. 23:28; Luke 12:1). Paul thought it was hypocritical for Jewish believers to eat with Gentile believers sometimes, but then separate from them when disapproving Jews arrived from Jerusalem.

2:15 nature ▸ *see 2 Pet. 1:4.*
2:16 law ▸ *see Rom. 6:14.*
2:21 in vain ▸ *see 2 Cor. 11:7.*
3:5 minister ▸ *see 2 Pet. 1:5.*
3:6 account ▸ *see Rom. 4:3.*

9 So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.
10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.
11 But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, *it is* evident: for, The just shall live by faith.
12 And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them.
13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that hangeth on a tree:
14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

The Covenant Confirmed in Christ

15 Brethren, I speak after the manner of men; Though *it be* but a man's covenant, yet *if it be* confirmed, no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto.
16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.
17 And this I say, *that* the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.
18 For if the inheritance *be* of the law, *it is* no more of promise: but God gave *it* to Abraham by promise.
19 Wherefore then *serveth* the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; *and it was* ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.
20 Now a mediator is not *a mediator* of one, but God is one.
21 *Is* the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law.
22 But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.
23 But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.
24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster *to bring us* unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.
25 But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

One in Christ Jesus

26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.
27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.
29 And if ye *be* Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

3:13 redeem

(Gr. *exagorazō*) (Gal. 4:5) G1805: The primary meaning of the word, which appears only four times in the New Testament, is to pay a price in order to recover someone or something from the power of another—that is, to redeem or ransom. This is the sense here and in Galatians 4:5, though the usage is figurative, describing Christ's payment on the cross ransoming believers from the power of sin. The word can also mean "to buy up," which seems to be the sense in Ephesians 5:16 and Colossians 4:5 ("redeeming the time")—making a wise use of every opportunity for doing good as the purchase price for making the time our own.

3:16 seed ▸ *see Rom. 1:3.*
3:19 transgression ▸ *see Rom. 2:23.*
3:19 mediator ▸ *see Heb. 12:24.*
3:20 mediator ▸ *see Heb. 12:24.*
3:21 give life ▸ *see 1 Cor. 15:45.*

3:23 keep

(Gr. *phroureō*) (2 Cor. 11:32; Phil. 4:7) G5432: The Greek word *phroureō* is a military term meaning "to keep under guard," or "to garrison." In 2 Corinthians 11:32 Paul uses the word literally to describe how the governor of Damascus guarded the city to prevent his escape. Elsewhere in the New Testament *phroureō* is used figuratively of God's guarding believers by His power for salvation (1 Pet. 1:5); of God's peace guarding believers' hearts and minds (Phil. 4:7); and here in Galatians 3:23 of believers being kept in protective custody by the law until the coming of faith.

The Heirs of God's Grace

4 Now I say, *That* the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all;
2 But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father.
3 Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world:
4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,
5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.
6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.
7 Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Paul Urges Faithfulness

8 Howbeit then, when ye knew not God, ye did service unto them which by nature are no gods.
9 But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?
10 Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years.
11 I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain.
12 Brethren, I beseech you, be as I *am;* for I *am* as ye *are:* ye have not injured me at all.
13 Ye know how through infirmity of the flesh I preached the gospel unto you at the first.
14 And my temptation which was in my flesh ye despised not, nor rejected; but received me as an angel of God, *even* as Christ Jesus.
15 Where is then the blessedness ye spake of? for I bear you record, that, if *it had been* possible, ye would have plucked out your own eyes, and have given them to me.
16 Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?
17 They zealously affect you, *but* not well; yea, they would exclude you, that ye might affect them.
18 But *it is* good to be zealously affected always in *a* good *thing,* and not only when I am present with you.
19 My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,

4:2 governor ▸ *see 1 Pet. 4:10.*

4:3 element

(Gr. *stoicheion*) (Col. 2:8, 20; Heb. 5:12; 2 Pet. 3:10) G4747: This Greek word can mean (1) "elementary or rudimentary principles" or (2) "elemental spirits." The word itself means things placed in line or in a row, like an alphabet. It was used to speak of rudimentary principles (Heb. 5:12) or basic elements of the universe, whether physical (2 Pet. 3:10) or spiritual. If Paul was thinking of elementary principles, he meant that people are in bondage to the basic elements of religion (Col. 2:20); if he meant spirits, he was saying that people are in bondage to the "elemental spirits," meaning certain gods or demons. *Principles* suits the overall context of Galatians, whereas *spirits* accords with Galatians 4:8–10. In either case, Paul was saying that people were in bondage until Christ came.

4:4 fulness ▸ *see Col. 2:9.*
4:4 time ▸ *see Acts 1:7.*
4:5 redeem ▸ *see Gal. 3:13.*

4:5 adoption of sons

(Gr. *huiothesia*) (Rom. 8:15; Eph. 1:5) G5206: A compound from *huios* (G5207), "son," and *thesis* (G5087), "a placing," thus meaning adoption. The word was a legal technical term for a father's declaration that his natural born child was officially a son or daughter, with all the rights and privileges that this included. In the New Testament it is used only in a religious sense. *Huiothesia* indicates that believers are accepted by God as His sons. The Holy Spirit gives the realization that one is a son (or daughter) of God (Rom. 8:15). Completed sonship includes the future redemption of the body (Rom. 8:23). Israel as a nation is called God's "son" in the Old Testament (Ex. 4:22), and thus collectively is said to possess the adoption (Rom. 9:4).

4:6 Father ▸ *see Rom. 8:15.*
4:8 know ▸ *see Heb. 8:11.*
4:8 nature ▸ *see 2 Pet. 1:4.*
4:9 know ▸ *see Heb. 8:11.*
4:18 zealously ▸ *see 1 Cor. 14:1.*

4:19 form

(Gr. *morphoō*) G3445: Taken from the word for "external appearance, the outward form of something," this word means "to fashion, to form." It denotes the internal reality of something, not merely its outer appearance. This word only appears here in Scripture, where it is used to

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20 I desire to be present with you now, and to change my voice; for I stand in doubt of you.
21 Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law?

The Children of Promise

22 For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman.
23 But he *who was* of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman *was* by promise.
24 Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar.
25 For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children.
26 But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.
27 For it is written, Rejoice, *thou* barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband.
28 Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise.
29 But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him *that was born* after the Spirit, even so *it is* now.
30 Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman.
31 So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free.

The Hope of Righteousness

5 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.
2 Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing.
3 For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law.
4 Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.
5 For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.
6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.
7 Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?
8 This persuasion *cometh* not of him that calleth you.
9 A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.
10 I have confidence in you through the Lord, that ye will be none otherwise minded: but he that troubleth you shall bear his judgment, whosoever he be.
11 And I, brethren, if I yet preach circumcision, why do I yet suffer persecution? then is the offence of the cross ceased.
12 I would they were even cut off which trouble you.
13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only *use* not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.
14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
15 But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.

The Works of the Flesh

16 *This* I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

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emphasize the conforming of our character to Christ internally, in our heart and soul—rather than insincerely through outward rituals.

4:24 be an allegory

(Gr. *allēgoreō*) G0238: The Greek verb *allēgoreō* is used only here in the New Testament and comes from *allos* (G0243), "other," and *agoreuō*, "speak" (in the agora, or marketplace), hence meaning to allegorize, speak in a symbolic manner. The biblical allegory here does not deny the literal meaning of the Old Testament events nor the priority of history. Rather it is a literary genre that looks for deeper spiritual truth illustrated in Old Testament events.

4:31 free ▸ *see Rev. 6:15.*
5:1 make free ▸ *see Rom. 8:2.*
5:1 bondage ▸ *see Heb. 2:15.*
5:3 debtor ▸ *see Luke 13:4.*
5:6 faith ▸ *see Col. 1:4.*
5:7 hinder ▸ *see 1 Thess. 2:18.*
5:9 leaven ▸ *see Mark 8:15.*
5:13 liberty ▸ *see 1 Cor. 10:29.*
5:14 law ▸ *see Rom. 6:14.*

17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.
18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.
19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are *these;* Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,
20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,
21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told *you* in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

The Fruit of the Spirit

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,
23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.
24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.
25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.
26 Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

Bear One Another's Burdens

6 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.
2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.
3 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.
4 But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.
5 For every man shall bear his own burden.
6 Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.
7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.
8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

5:17 flesh ▸ *see Rom. 13:14.*
5:17 lust ▸ *see Matt. 13:17.*
5:19 lasciviousness ▸ *see Jude 4.*

5:20 idolatry

(Gr. *eidōlolatreia*) (1 Cor. 10:14; Col. 3:5) G1495: This word refers to the practice of worshiping idols. Related Greek words are translated "idolater" in 1 Corinthians 5:10, 11; 6:9; 10:7; "idol" in 1 Corinthians 8:4, 7; 10:19; 12:2; and "things offered unto idols" in 1 Corinthians 8:1, 4, 7; 10:19, 28. Paul had told the Corinthians not to associate with those who called themselves believers but were still idolaters (1 Cor. 5:9–11). The Corinthians must have asked Paul for clarification on this matter, for in 1 Corinthians Paul warns the believers to refrain from all forms of idol worship.

5:20 witchcraft ▸ *see Rev. 9:21.*
5:20 wrath ▸ *see Rev. 16:1.*
5:20 heresy ▸ *see 1 Cor. 11:19.*
5:22 longsuffering ▸ *see Heb. 6:12.*

5:22 gentleness

(Gr. *chrēstotēs*) (Rom. 2:4; 11:22; 2 Cor. 6:6; Eph. 2:7) G5544: Equally translated "goodness," "gentleness," and "kindness," this word denotes the outward expression of goodness. The root word means "useful, pleasant" (*chrēstos*—G5543). It is a sweet gentleness toward others that leads a person to perform kind acts. It is acting for the welfare of others, even those who are difficult to get along with. This is the character trait God displays toward us that leads us to repentance (Rom. 2:4). Such sweetness of spirit is possible for us to show others only through the working of the Holy Spirit.

5:22 goodness ▸ *see Rom. 15:14.*
5:23 meekness ▸ *see 2 Cor. 10:1.*

5:23 temperance

(Gr. *enkrateia*) (Acts 24:25; 2 Pet. 1:6) G1466: This is a noun meaning self-control, self-discipline, self-denial. The word is derived from the preposition *en* (G1722), "in," and the verb *krateō* (G2902), "hold," hence suggesting a holding oneself in. Here self-control is made possible for the Christian through the fruit of the Spirit of God. It is one of the virtues necessary for spiritual progress in the Christian life (2 Pet. 1:6). Paul also uses the related verb *enkrateuomai* (G1467), "to exercise self-control" (1 Cor. 7:9; 9:25, where the example of the athlete is instructive) and the adjective *enkratēs* (G1468), "self-controlled" (only in Titus 1:8).

9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.
10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all *men,* especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

Crucified to the World

11 Ye see how large a letter I have written unto you with mine own hand.
12 As many as desire to make a fair shew in the flesh, they constrain you to be circumcised; only lest they should suffer persecution for the cross of Christ.
13 For neither they themselves who are circumcised keep the law; but desire to have you circumcised, that they may glory in your flesh.
14 But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.
15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.
16 And as many as walk according to this rule, peace *be* on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.
17 From henceforth let no man trouble me: for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.
18 Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with your spirit. Amen.

6:10 do ▸ *see John 9:4.*

6:12 circumcise

(Gr. *peritemnō*) (Acts 7:8; Gal. 2:3) G4059: The word's literal meaning is "to cut around" but is used exclusively in the New Testament to refer to the rite of circumcision (the cutting off of the male foreskin as required by God under the Abrahamic Covenant, see Gen. 17:10). The word can refer to circumcising one's infant son according to Jewish custom (as Luke 1:59; 2:21), receiving circumcision oneself (Acts 15:24), or circumcising an adult (Acts 16:3). In Colossians 2:11, the word is used figuratively, indicating the separation of man from his sinful nature through Christ.

6:14 cross ▸ *see Mark 8:34.*

6:14 crucify

(Gr. *stauroō*) (Matt. 20:19; 1 Cor. 1:23) G4717: Originally this word meant to fence by driving stakes; then, as the *stauros* (G4716), "stake," became an instrument of execution, *stauroō* described the action of executing by affixing a person to a stake, or cross (see *stauros* at Mark 8:34). In the New Testament it is used literally of the crucifixion of Jesus (Matt. 20:19; 27:38) and of others (Matt. 23:34), and also figuratively (as here in Gal. 6:14) to consider as dead those features of life that are worldly, carnal, or Satan-inspired (cf. Gal. 5:24).

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE

EPHESIANS

EPHESIANS IS ADDRESSED TO A group of believers who are rich beyond measure in Jesus Christ, yet living as beggars, and only because they are ignorant of their wealth. Paul begins by describing in chapters 1—3 the contents of the Christian's heavenly "bank account": adoption, acceptance, redemption, forgiveness, wisdom, inheritance, the seal of the Holy Spirit, life, grace, citizenship—in short, every spiritual blessing. In chapters 4—6 the Christian learns a spiritual walk rooted in his spiritual wealth. "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus [1—3] unto good works, . . . that we should walk in them [4—6]" (2:10).

The traditional title of this epistle is *Pros Ephesious,* "To the Ephesians." Many ancient manuscripts, however, omit *en Epheso,* "in Ephesus," in 1:1. This has led a number of scholars to challenge the traditional view that this message was directed specifically to the Ephesians. The encyclical theory proposes that it was a circular letter sent by Paul to the churches of Asia. It is argued that Ephesians is really a Christian treatise designed for general use: it involves no controversy and deals with no specific problems in any particular church. Some scholars accept an ancient tradition that Ephesians is Paul's letter to the Laodiceans (Col. 4:16), but there is no way to be sure. If Ephesians began as a circular letter, it eventually became associated with Ephesus, the foremost of the Asian churches. Another plausible option is that this epistle was directly addressed to the Ephesians, but written in such a way as to make it helpful for all the churches in Asia.

WATCH WORDS

- **praise** (extol, commend, honor)—1:6 (also 1:12, 14)
- **purpose** (intention or plan; laying out beforehand)—1:11
- **dispensation** (management, administration)—3:2 (also 1:10)
- **perfecting** (making fit; preparing fully)—4:12
- **ruler** (a supernatural being that influences human affairs)—6:12

Salutation to the Saints

1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:

2 Grace *be* to you, and peace, from God our Father, and *from* the Lord Jesus Christ.

Redemption by Christ

3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly *places* in Christ:

4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

1:1 will ▸ *see Eph. 1:11.*
1:3 bless ▸ *see Luke 6:28.*

1:4 choose

(Gr. *eklegomai*) (Luke 6:13; John 15:16; 1 Cor. 1:27, 28) G1586: A combined form of *ek* (G1537), "out" and *legō* (G3004), "say, call, name," this word means "to choose, select." The voice of this term implies choosing for oneself, and in usage it is usually choosing one thing among many. This word is used when Jesus chooses His disciples, calling them out to be in His inner circle of followers (Luke 6:13; Acts 1:24). But primary use in the New Testament is to refer to the election of believers by God, in Christ, to salvation

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5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,
6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.
7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;
8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;
9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:
10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; *even* in him:
11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:
12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.
13 In whom ye also *trusted,* after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,
14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

Prayerful Thanksgiving

15 Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints,

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(John 15:16). We are called out from the world to belong to Christ.

1:5 predestinate ▸ *see Rom. 8:29.*
1:5 adoption ▸ *see Gal. 4:5.*

1:6 praise

(Gr. *epainos*) (Rom. 2:29; Phil 4:8; 1 Pet. 1:7) G1868: With root words *epi* (G1909), "upon," and *aineō*, "to praise, honor," this word means "to extol, commend, praise." It is offering praise to God, honoring both what He does and who He is—His attributes. The phrase "to the praise of His glory" denotes this (Eph. 1:12, 14). It is also used to describe commendation from God: "Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: then shall every man have praise [*epainos*] of God" (1 Cor. 4:5).

1:6 accepted ▸ *see Luke 1:28.*
1:7 redemption ▸ *see Rom. 3:24.*
1:7 blood ▸ *see 1 John 1:7.*
1:7 sin ▸ *see Eph. 2:5.*
1:9 will ▸ *see Eph. 1:11.*
1:10 dispensation ▸ *see Eph. 3:2.*
1:11 predestinate ▸ *see Rom. 8:29.*

1:11 purpose

(Gr. *prothesis*) (Acts 11:23; Rom. 8:28; Eph. 3:11) G4286: The word *prothesis* denotes an intention or a plan; it literally means "a laying out beforehand" like a blueprint. The noun is used to describe the showbread (Matt. 12:4), bread set aside for a specific purpose. As believers, we are "the called according to His purpose [*prothesis*]" (Rom. 8:28). Here, in Ephesians 1:11, Paul describes believers as "predestinated according to the purpose [*prothesis*]" of God. Clearly, our lives are not left to chance. God has a plan and is working out His purposes in His people.

1:11 counsel

(Gr. *boulē*) (Acts 27:42; 1 Cor. 4:5; Heb. 6:17) G1012: Ephesians 1:11 describes the "purpose" of God (see note at Ephesians 1:11, "purpose"). This purpose was created according to His "counsel," a translation of the Greek word *boulē*, which means the result of deliberate determination. Hebrews 6:17 puts it this way: "the immutability of His counsel." God's plan has been in place and will never change. In contrast, people make plans but often do not or cannot fulfill them (Acts 27:42; 1 Cor. 4:5).

1:11 will

(Gr. *thelēma*) (Rom. 1:10; 1 Cor. 1:1; Eph. 1:1, 9; 2:3; 5:17) G2307: This word has been used by Paul twice before in this chapter (Eph. 1:1, 9). The word conveys the idea of desire, even a heart's desire, for the word primarily expresses emotion instead of volition. Thus, while God has a plan in place that is immutable (see Eph. 1:11 notes on "purpose" and "counsel"), that plan is also His heart's desire. Behind the plan and the counsel is not just a mastermind but a heart of love.

1:13 truth ▸ *see John 4:24.*
1:13 believe ▸ *see Acts 10:43.*
1:13 seal ▸ *see Rev. 7:3.*
1:14 earnest ▸ *see 2 Cor. 1:22.*

16 Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;
17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:
18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,
19 And what *is* the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,
20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set *him* at his own right hand in the heavenly *places,*
21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:
22 And hath put all *things* under his feet, and gave him *to be* the head over all *things* to the church,
23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

Saved by Grace

2 And you *hath he quickened,* who were dead in trespasses and sins;
2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:
3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.
4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,
5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)
6 And hath raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus:
7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in *his* kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.
8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God:
9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.
10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Reconciled Unto Christ

11 Wherefore remember, that ye *being* in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;
12 That at that time ye were without Christ,

1:17 wisdom ▸ *see 1 Cor. 12:8.*
1:18 calling ▸ *see 2 Tim. 1:9.*
1:19 exceeding ▸ *see 2 Cor. 3:10.*
1:19 power ▸ *see 1 Tim. 6:16.*
1:22 put ▸ *see 1 Cor. 14:32.*
2:2 work ▸ *see 2 Cor. 4:12.*
2:3 desire ▸ *see Eph. 1:11.*
2:3 nature ▸ *see 2 Pet. 1:4.*
2:3 wrath ▸ *see Rev. 14:10.*
2:4 mercy ▸ *see Rom. 9:23.*
2:4 love ▸ *see John 3:16.*

2:5 sin

(Gr. *paraptōma*) (Matt. 6:14; Rom. 5:15; 2 Cor. 5:19; Eph. 1:7) G3900: Literally this word means "to fall beside, misstep." But in the New Testament it is used only in the figurative sense to refer to sin. In this sense it means "a lapse or deviation from truth; transgression; willful fault." Usually it refers specifically to sins against God, and it often appears in the plural. When compared to its synonym *hamartia* (G0266), it may imply unpremeditated violations of God's law. Scripture makes it clear that the heart of the gospel is God's grace to forgive our sins even though we have done nothing to deserve forgiveness and are, in fact, dead in our transgressions.

2:7 exceeding ▸ *see 2 Cor. 3:10.*
2:7 kindness ▸ *see Gal. 5:22.*
2:8 save ▸ *see Matt. 10:22.*

2:10 workmanship

(Gr. *poiēma*) (Rom. 1:20) G4161: Used twice in the New Testament the word literally means "a thing made"; it comes into English as *poem.* The word indicates a handiwork, a masterpiece. God's church is His "poem," His masterpiece, His workmanship, just as all creation is (Ps. 19:1; Rom. 1:20). As He is the Author of His handiwork, He should get all the credit (see Ps. 19:1–6).

2:10 work ▸ *see 1 Thess. 1:3.*
2:11 Gentile ▸ *see Luke 2:32.*

being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:
13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

Christ Our Peace

14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition *between us;*
15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, *even* the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, *so* making peace;
16 And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:
17 And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.
18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

Christ Our Cornerstone

19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;
20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner *stone;*
21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:
22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

The Mystery Made Known

3 For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles,
2 If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward:
3 How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words,
4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)
5 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;
6 That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:
7 Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power.

The Unsearchable Riches of Christ

8 Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;
9 And to make all *men* see what *is* the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:
10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly *places* might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

2:19 foreigner

(Gr. *paroikos*) (Acts 7:6, 29; 1 Pet. 2:11) G3941: With root words *para* (G3844), "beside," and *oikos* (G3624), "a house," this word describes someone who sojourns in a land without the rights of citizenship. They do not quite belong where they live and are viewed as outsiders. Abraham and Moses wandered in a land not their own as they awaited the Promised Land (Acts 7:6, 29). At the moment of salvation, Christians who were once *paroikos* to God and His people change their citizenship to the kingdom of heaven. From that moment, they do not quite fit in on earth because their true home is in heaven (1 Pet. 2:11).

2:20 corner ▸ *see Mark 12:10.*

3:2 dispensation

(Gr. *oikonomia*) (Luke 16:2; 1 Cor. 9:17; Eph. 1:10) G3622: The word means "household management." In ancient times, the word was often used to describe the work of a person who took care of all the financial affairs of a large household or business (Luke 16:1, 2). Paul was entrusted with the stewardship of God's economy, to dispense the riches of Christ to God's household and to preach the Good News (Eph. 3:2–11). Paul uses this same word to describe God's own administration or government of time (Eph. 1:10).

3:6 fellowheirs ▸ *see 1 Pet. 3:7.*
3:6 promise ▸ *see 2 Cor. 1:20.*

3:10 manifold

(Gr. *polypoikilos*) G4182: Used only here in Scripture, this word comes from *polys* (G1483) "many,"

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11 According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:
12 In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.
13 Wherefore I desire that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.

Praying for the Ephesians

14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
15 Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,
16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;
17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,
18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what *is* the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;
19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.
20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,
21 Unto him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Keep the Unity of the Spirit

4 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,
2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;
3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
4 *There is* one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;
5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
6 One God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all.

The Gifts of Christ

7 But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.
8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.
9 (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?
10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)
11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;
12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the

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and *poikilos* (G4164), "variegated; multicolored." God's wisdom is many-colored, containing shades and innumerable expressions that work together to form a glorious whole. God's wisdom perfectly applies in every situation and is multifaceted, offering the perfect solution to each mystery rather than a single cookie-cutter answer.

3:11 purpose ▸ *see Eph. 1:11.*
3:12 confidence ▸ *see 2 Cor. 3:4.*
3:17 dwell ▸ *see James 4:5.*

3:18 comprehend

(Gr. *katalambanō*) (John 8:3; 1 Cor. 9:24) G2638: This verb has a variety of meanings, all growing out of the basic idea "to take hold of" or "to grasp," from the preposition *kata*, down, and the verb *lambanō*, "to take" or "to receive." It may mean to make one's own or to attain (as 1 Cor. 9:24; Phil. 3:12), also to come upon, overtake, often with hostile intent (as Mark 9:18; 1 Thess. 5:4). Thus, it can also mean catch, seize, or take (as John 8:3). The word is also applied to mental activities in the sense of grasp, comprehend, understand (as here in Eph. 3:18). Commentators debate which of these meanings is predominant in John 1:5.

3:19 pass ▸ *see 2 Cor. 3:10.*
3:19 knowledge ▸ *see 2 Pet. 3:18.*
3:20 abundantly ▸ *see John 10:10.*
3:20 ask ▸ *see Matt. 7:7.*
4:1 beseech ▸ *see Luke 7:4.*
4:1 worthy ▸ *see Rom. 16:2.*
4:1 call ▸ *see Gal. 1:6.*
4:2 lowliness ▸ *see Acts 20:19.*
4:2 longsuffering ▸ *see Heb. 6:12.*
4:2 forbear ▸ *see 2 Thess. 1:4.*
4:3 endeavour ▸ *see Gal. 2:10.*
4:4 calling ▸ *see 2 Tim. 1:9.*

4:12 perfecting

(Gr. *katartismos*) G2677: The Greek word *katartismos* denotes equipping and occurs only here

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work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:
13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:
14 That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;
15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ:
16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

Put On the New Man

17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,
18 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:
19 Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.
20 But ye have not so learned Christ;
21 If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus:
22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;
23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;
24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.
25 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.
26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:
27 Neither give place to the devil.
28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with *his* hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.
29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.
30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.
31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

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in the New Testament. Other possible meanings include completion or training (and see also the related verb *katartizō*, G2675, at Heb. 11:3). The basic idea is "making fit" or "preparing fully," thus enabling someone (or something) to be what he (it) was designed to be. Consequently, the word generally carries a functional connotation, as does the related word, *katartisis*, completion (G2676—only at 2 Cor. 13:9).

4:12 edifying

(Gr. *oikodomē*) (Rom. 14:19; Eph. 4:16) G3619: The word can mean a physical building or buildings (Mark 13:1, 2) or the act of building (though this meaning does not appear in the New Testament); thus, figuratively, edifying (building up, enlightening, informing). Another figurative sense appears in 1 Corinthians 3:9, describing believers as "God's building," and in 2 Corinthians 5:1, the word describes the heavenly bodies God will give believers in heaven. When the meaning is "edify," the sense is of actively contributing to a person's spiritual betterment or enlightenment or increasing wisdom (see Rom. 15:2; 1 Cor. 14:5; 2 Cor. 12:19).

4:13 stature ▸ *see Luke 19:3.*
4:14 craftiness ▸ *see 1 Cor. 3:19.*
4:14 lie in wait ▸ *see Jude 11.*
4:16 supply ▸ *see Phil. 1:19.*
4:16 effectual working ▸ *see Col. 1:29.*
4:16 edify ▸ *see Eph. 4:12.*
4:18 understanding ▸ *see Matt. 22:37.*
4:18 blindness ▸ *see Rom. 11:25.*
4:23 mind ▸ *see Rom. 7:25.*
4:24 new ▸ *see John 13:34.*
4:26 angry ▸ *see Rev. 12:17.*
4:28 give ▸ *see Rom. 1:11.*
4:29 corrupt ▸ *see Matt. 12:33.*

4:31 bitterness

(Gr. *pikria*) (Acts 8:23; Rom. 3:14; Heb. 12:15) G4088: The literal meaning of the word is "bitter gall" (that is, bile) from which comes the

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32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Walk in Love

5 Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;
2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour.
3 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;
4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.
5 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.
6 Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.
7 Be not ye therefore partakers with them.

Walk as Children of Light

8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now *are ye* light in the Lord: walk as children of light:
9 (For the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)
10 Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.
11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove *them*.
12 For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.
13 But all things that are reproved are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light.
14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

Walk Not as Fools

15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,
16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.
17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord *is*.
18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;
19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

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metaphorical usage referring to emotional bitterness. This is a universally negative state or emotion in Scripture. Acts 8:23 likens bitterness to poison; Romans 3:14 equates it with cursing. Here, bitterness is included in a list of sins to be "put away" from the believer, including wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking. In Hebrews 12:15, a "root of bitterness" is identified as a cause by which "many be defiled."

4:31 wrath ▸ *see Rev. 16:1.*
4:32 kind ▸ *see Luke 6:35.*

5:1 follower

(Gr. *mimētēs*) (1 Thess. 2:14; Heb. 6:12) G3402: The literal meaning of the word is "imitator" or "emulator," but this Greek word does not have the negative connotation or artificial sense conveyed by the English words *imitate* or *mimic*. It suggests, basically, the repetition of a pattern already established by another (as 1 Thess. 1:6). To be an imitator of a person who is setting a positive example, then, is a good thing. Paul invited his readers to be imitators both of himself (1 Cor. 4:16; 11:1) and of God (here in Eph. 5:1).

5:2 offering ▸ *see Acts 21:26.*
5:5 covetous ▸ *see 1 Cor. 6:10.*
5:8 darkness ▸ *see Luke 11:35.*
5:8 children ▸ *see Mark 2:5.*
5:9 goodness ▸ *see Rom. 15:14.*
5:13 make manifest ▸ *see Mark 4:22.*
5:14 sleep ▸ *see 1 Thess. 5:10.*
5:15 wise ▸ *see 1 Cor. 1:20.*
5:16 evil ▸ *see Matt. 6:13.*
5:17 will ▸ *see Eph. 1:11.*

5:19 psalm

(Gr. *psalmos*) (Col. 3:16) G5568: The verb form of the Greek word means "sing praise" (or "sing a psalm"), originally implying the accompaniment of a harp. For Jews, this would mean singing an Old Testament psalm; the New Testament usage may include Christian songs of praise. The cognate noun (used here) means "song of praise" (that is, a psalm), either specifically from the Old Testament Book of Psalms (Luke 20:42; Acts 1:20; Acts 13:33) or perhaps a Christian song of praise (as here; see also 1 Cor. 14:26). It is not possible to make precise distinctions between the "psalms," "hymns," and "spiritual songs" mentioned here.

5:19 spiritual ▸ *see 1 Cor. 2:13.*

20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;
21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

Instructions for Marriage

22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.
23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.
24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands in every thing.
25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;
26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,
27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.
28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.
29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:
30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.
31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.
32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.
33 Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife *see* that she reverence *her* husband.

Instructions to Children

6 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.
2 Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise;
3 That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.
4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Servants and Masters

5 Servants, be obedient to them that are *your* masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ;
6 Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart;
7 With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men:
8 Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether *he be* bond or free.
9 And, ye masters, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening: knowing that your Master also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with him.

The Whole Armour of God

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.
11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.

5:26 washing ▸ *see Titus 3:5.*
5:26 word ▸ *see 1 Pet. 1:25.*
5:27 spot ▸ *see 2 Pet. 2:13.*
5:31 join ▸ *see Mark 10:7.*
5:32 mystery ▸ *see Luke 8:10.*
6:1 obey ▸ *see Rom. 6:17.*
6:4 nurture ▸ *see Heb. 12:5.*
6:9 respect of persons ▸ *see James 2:1.*
6:11 devil ▸ *see Rev. 20:10.*

6:12 ruler

(Gr. *kosmokratōr*) G2888: This word, which appears nowhere else in Scripture, is a compound word meaning "world-ruler." These cosmic rulers are evil forces with which believers have to contend. Here the word is associated with a variety of terms that commonly designated evil supernatural beings that influence human affairs: "powers," "principalities," and "spiritual hosts of wickedness." It is not possible to distinguish the specific nuances of these words. Although the terms have uses in the realm of human governance, such meanings are unlikely here since Paul explicitly states that the struggle is not against "flesh and blood" and locates at least some of these evil forces in heavenly places.

6:12 world ▸ *see Matt. 28:20.*

13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.
14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;
15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;
16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.
17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:
18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;
19 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,
20 For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

Final Greetings

21 But that ye also may know my affairs, *and* how I do, Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, shall make known to you all things:
22 Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that ye might know our affairs, and *that* he might comfort your hearts.
23 Peace *be* to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
24 Grace *be* with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.

6:13 withstand

(Gr. *anthistēmi*) (Matt. 5:39; Acts 6:10; Rom. 13:2; 1 Pet. 5:9) G0436: "To set against; vigorously oppose; resist; stand your ground." The root words are *anti*, "against; for," and *histēmi*, "to cause to stand." The weapons God provides and the power He gives enable us to stand against the attacks of Satan. First Peter 5:9 echoes this idea: ". . . resist [*anthistēmi*] stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world."

6:15 peace ▸ *see Luke 2:14.*
6:18 watch ▸ *see Mark 13:33.*
6:19 boldly ▸ *see John 11:14.*
6:20 ambassador ▸ *see 2 Cor. 5:20.*
6:22 comfort ▸ *see Luke 7:4.*

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE

PHILIPPIANS

PAUL WRITES A THANK-YOU NOTE to the believers at Philippi for their help in his hour of need, and he uses the occasion to send along some instruction on Christian unity. His central thought is simple: Only in Christ are real unity and joy possible. With Christ as your model of humility and service, you can enjoy a oneness of purpose, attitude, goal, and labor—a truth which Paul illustrates from his own life, and one the Philippians desperately need to hear. Within their own ranks, fellow workers in the Philippian church are at odds, hindering the work in proclaiming new life in Christ. Because of this, Paul exhorts the church to "stand fast . . . be of the same mind . . . rejoice in the Lord alway . . . in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God . . . and the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (4:1, 2, 4, 6, 7).

This epistle is called *Pros Philippesious,* "To the Philippians." The church at Philippi was the first church Paul founded in Macedonia.

WATCH WORDS

- **contention** (self-promotion)—1:16 (also 2:3)
- **form** (the way that a thing exists and appears)—2:6 (also 2:7)
- **service** (work on behalf of another)—2:30
- **body** (the physical aspect of a person)—3:21

Greetings

1 Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:
2 Grace *be* unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and *from* the Lord Jesus Christ.
3 I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,
4 Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy,
5 For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now;
6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform *it* until the day of Jesus Christ:
7 Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace.
8 For God is my record, how greatly I long after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ.
9 And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and *in* all judgment;
10 That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ;
11 Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

Paul's Bonds in Christ

12 But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things *which happened* unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel;
13 So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other *places;*
14 And many of the brethren in the Lord,

1:1 bishop ▸ *see Titus 1:7.*
1:1 deacon ▸ *see Mark 9:35.*
1:6 be confident ▸ *see 2 Thess. 3:4.*
1:9 pray ▸ *see Matt. 6:6.*
1:10 sincere ▸ *see 2 Pet. 3:1.*
1:13 palace ▸ *see John 18:28.*

waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.
15 Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will:
16 The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds:
17 But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel.
18 What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice.
19 For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

Christ Is Magnified Through Paul

20 According to my earnest expectation and *my* hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but *that* with all boldness, as always, *so* now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether *it be* by life, or by death.
21 For to me to live *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain.
22 But if I live in the flesh, this *is* the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not.
23 For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:
24 Nevertheless to abide in the flesh *is* more needful for you.
25 And having this confidence, I know that I shall abide and continue with you all for your furtherance and joy of faith;
26 That your rejoicing may be more abundant in Jesus Christ for me by my coming to you again.
27 Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;
28 And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God.
29 For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake;
30 Having the same conflict which ye saw in me, and now hear *to be* in me.

1:16 contention

(Gr. *eritheia*) (Rom. 2:8; Phil. 2:3; James 3:14, 16) G2052: Originally this word was used to refer to someone who gained political office through dishonest or unfair means. In this sense the literal definition is "intrigue." The root word means "worker; hireling." In Scripture it is used to describe someone who is so concerned with his own welfare and position that he is willing to achieve his goals by any means possible. He is self-promoting, factious, and ambitious to a fault. Such an attitude has no place in the life of a believer, and particularly in a minister of the gospel.

1:17 defence ▸ *see 1 Pet. 3:15.*

1:19 supply

(Gr. *epichorēgia*) (Eph. 4:16) G2024: The Philippians' prayer would generate the Spirit's *supply.* The Greek word was used to describe what a choir manager would provide all the members of a Greek choir who performed in Greek drama. In short, he took care of all their living expenses. The word came to mean a full supply of any kind. Paul was looking forward to getting a full supply of Jesus Christ's Spirit as a result of the Philippians' prayers.

1:20 magnify

(Gr. *megalynō*) (Luke 1:46; Acts 10:46; 2 Cor. 10:15) G3170: Literally "to enlarge." Figuratively it means "to magnify, exalt, praise, celebrate, make conspicuous." The root word, *megas*, means "great," so this form means "to make great." This was what Mary did in her *Magnificat* (Luke 1:46). When used of people it means to highly esteem (Acts 5:13). When we magnify God we are making Him greater and bigger in the eyes of those around us and even in our own hearts.

1:23 in a strait ▸ *see 2 Cor. 5:14.*
1:27 conversation ▸ *see Acts 23:1.*
1:27 become ▸ *see Rom. 16:2.*

1:27 strive together

(Gr. *sunathleō*) (Phil. 4:3) G4866: The image in Greek is drawn from athletic contests. Usually, athletes competed one against another; in Philippians 1:27 Paul asks the church at Philippi to compete together as a team of athletes to help advance the faith that comes through the preaching of the gospel. In the same epistle, he also mentions Euodias and Syntyche as those who were contending for the gospel side by side with himself (Phil. 4:2, 3).

1:29 give ▸ *see Col. 3:13.*

Be of One Accord and One Mind

2 If *there be* therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,
2 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind.
3 *Let* nothing *be done* through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.
4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.
5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:
6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:
7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:
8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.
9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:
10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth;
11 And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Shine as Lights in the World

12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.
13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure.
14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings:
15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;
16 Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.
17 Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all.
18 For the same cause also do ye joy, and rejoice with me.

2:1 consolation ▸ *see Acts 9:31.*
2:3 strife ▸ *see Phil. 1:16.*
2:3 lowliness of mind ▸ *see Acts 20:19.*

2:6 form

(Gr. *morphē*) (Mark 16:12; Phil. 2:7) G3444: The Greek word for *form* was generally used to express the way in which a thing exists and appears according to what it is in itself. Thus in the expression here in Philippians 2:6, 7, *form of God* may be correctly understood as the essential nature and character of God. To say, therefore, that Christ existed in *the form of God* is to say that apart from His human nature Christ possesses all the characteristics and qualities belonging to God because He is, in fact, God. The word is also used in Mark 16:12 where Jesus appears "in another form" to the two men on the road to Emmaus.

2:7 of no reputation ▸ *see 1 Cor. 9:15.*
2:7 form ▸ *see Phil. 2:6.*
2:8 humble ▸ *see Luke 14:11.*

2:9 highly exalt

(Gr. *hyperupsoō*) G5251: The combined form of *hyper* (G5228), "on behalf of, over" and *upsoō* (G5312), "to lift up, to exalt," this word literally means "to exalt to the highest rank; to raise to supreme majesty." It is only used here in Scripture. The word here emphasizes the contrast between Christ's obedience to death—the most humble position He could take—and the position He has in heaven where He is exalted forever.

2:11 confess ▸ *see Luke 10:21.*
2:13 work ▸ *see 2 Cor. 4:12.*
2:14 murmuring ▸ *see John 7:12.*
2:14 disputing ▸ *see Luke 6:8.*
2:15 light ▸ *see Rev. 21:11.*

2:17 offer

(Gr. *spendō*) (2 Tim. 4:6) G4689: Related to our word "spend," this word means "to offer a drink offering." In the Old Testament drink offerings were poured out on a sacrifice. In the New Testament this word is used in the passive voice and with a figurative meaning of "to be offered in sacrifice," implying a violent death for the sake of Christ. Paul viewed his upcoming death as a drink offering of dedication and gratitude to God. Compare the use here to 2 Timothy 4:6 (the only other use of this word in Scripture): "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand."

2:17 rejoice ▸ *see Luke 15:9.*

Timothy's Faithful Service

19 But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timotheus shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know your state.
20 For I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state.
21 For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's.
22 But ye know the proof of him, that, as a son with the father, he hath served with me in the gospel.
23 Him therefore I hope to send presently, so soon as I shall see how it will go with me.
24 But I trust in the Lord that I also myself shall come shortly.

Epaphroditus's Service to Paul

25 Yet I supposed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, and companion in labour, and fellowsoldier, but your messenger, and he that ministered to my wants.
26 For he longed after you all, and was full of heaviness, because that ye had heard that he had been sick.
27 For indeed he was sick nigh unto death: but God had mercy on him; and not on him only, but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.
28 I sent him therefore the more carefully, that, when ye see him again, ye may rejoice, and that I may be the less sorrowful.
29 Receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness; and hold such in reputation:
30 Because for the work of Christ he was nigh unto death, not regarding his life, to supply your lack of service toward me.

That I May Win Christ

3 Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed *is* not grievous, but for you *it is* safe.
2 Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision.
3 For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.
4 Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more:
5 Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, *of* the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee;
6 Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.
7 But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.
8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things *but* loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them *but* dung, that I may win Christ,
9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:
10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;
11 If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.
12 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

The High Calling of God

13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but *this* one thing *I do,* forgetting those things which are behind, and

2:25 minister ▸ *see Heb. 1:7.*
2:29 gladness ▸ *see Mark 4:16.*

2:30 service

(Gr. *leitourgia*) (Luke 1:23; 2 Cor. 9:12; Heb. 8:6; 9:21) G3009: This type of service is usually a public office that a person undertakes on behalf of the state. In the New Testament it has a religious nuance, a mission undertaken on behalf of the church. It can refer to the service of priests (Luke 1:23) or, as here and in 2 Corinthians 9:12, the more general service of providing for the physical needs of fellow believers. In Hebrews 8:6 it is used to refer to the ministry of mediation that Jesus provides for believers: "But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry [*leitourgia*], by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises."

3:4 confidence ▸ *see 2 Cor. 3:4.*
3:6 zeal ▸ *see Rom. 10:2.*
3:6 blameless ▸ *see Heb. 8:7.*
3:8 knowledge ▸ *see 2 Pet. 3:18.*
3:9 righteousness ▸ *see Rom. 1:17.*
3:10 resurrection ▸ *see Acts 2:31.*

reaching forth unto those things which are before,
14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.
15 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.
16 Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.
17 Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.
18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are* the enemies of the cross of Christ:
19 Whose end *is* destruction, whose God *is their* belly, and *whose* glory *is* in their shame, who mind earthly things.)
20 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:
21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

The God of Peace

4 Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, *my* dearly beloved.
2 I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord.
3 And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and *with* other my fellowlabourers, whose names *are* in the book of life.
4 Rejoice in the Lord alway: *and* again I say, Rejoice.
5 Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord *is* at hand.
6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.
7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.
8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things *are* honest, whatsoever things *are* just, whatsoever things *are* pure, whatsoever things *are* lovely, whatsoever things *are* of good report; if *there be* any virtue, and if *there be* any praise, think on these things.
9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

An Acceptable Sacrifice

10 But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity.
11 Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, *therewith* to be content.
12 I know both how to be abased, and I

3:19 destruction ▸ *see Matt. 7:13.*
3:21 change ▸ *see 2 Cor. 11:14.*

3:21 body

(Gr. *sōma*) (Matt. 5:29; 26:26; Rom. 8:11; Col. 1:18) G4983: This can refer to either a person or an animal, denoting its physical aspect or body. This is contrasted with the spirit or soul essence of a person. In Romans 6–8, Paul makes a sharp distinction between living according to the flesh or body—to satisfy earthly passions—and living according to the spirit to please God. Our lowly physical body is destined for death, but the glorious resurrection body will live forever. Metaphorically this word is also used to refer to the community of believers, the body of Christ of which He is the head (Col. 1:18).

3:21 working ▸ *see Col. 1:29.*
4:3 labour ▸ *see Phil. 1:27.*
4:5 moderation ▸ *see James 3:17.*
4:6 careful ▸ *see Matt. 6:25.*
4:6 thanksgiving ▸ *see 2 Cor. 9:11.*
4:7 keep ▸ *see Gal. 3:23.*
4:8 true ▸ *see Rom. 3:4.*
4:8 honest ▸ *see 1 Tim. 3:11.*
4:8 pure ▸ *see 1 John 3:3.*

4:8 good report

(Gr. *euphēmos*) G2163: Appearing only here, this word is related to our word "euphemism." It means "sounding well; speaking graciously." The root words are *eu* (G2095), "well," and *phēmē* (G5345), "a saying." This is gracious, praiseworthy, reputable, and good speech. It implies words that have a good outcome.

4:8 virtue ▸ *see 1 Pet. 2:9.*
4:8 praise ▸ *see Eph. 1:6.*

know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.
13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.
14 Notwithstanding ye have well done, that ye did communicate with my affliction.
15 Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only.
16 For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity.
17 Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account.
18 But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things *which were sent* from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God.
19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.
20 Now unto God and our Father *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.

A Salute to the Saints

21 Salute every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren which are with me greet you.
22 All the saints salute you, chiefly they that are of Caesar's household.
23 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. Amen.

4:12 full ▸ *see Matt. 15:33.*

4:15 communicate

(Gr. *koinōneō*) (Rom. 12:13; 15:27; Heb. 2:14; 1 Pet. 4:13) G2841: This word means "to have a share in, enter into fellowship with." The root word means "partner." Negatively this word is used to refer to sharing in sins (1 Tim. 5:22) or evil deeds (2 John 11). In this sense it means participating in and sharing equal responsibility for those actions. It is also used of sharing the needs of others and participating in meeting those needs (Rom. 12:13). First Peter 4:13 tells us we share (*koinōneō*) in Christ's sufferings and in His glory.

4:18 have ▸ *see Luke 6:24.*
4:18 full ▸ *see Luke 4:21.*

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE

COLOSSIANS

IF EPHESIANS CAN BE LABELED the epistle portraying the "church of Christ," then Colossians must surely be the "Christ of the church." Ephesians focuses on the body; Colossians focuses on the Head. Like Ephesians, the little Book of Colossians divides neatly in half with the first portion doctrinal (1 and 2) and the second practical (3 and 4). Paul's purpose is to show that Christ is preeminent—first and foremost in everything—and the Christian's life should reflect that priority. Because believers are rooted in Him, alive in Him, hidden in Him, and complete in Him, it is utterly inconsistent for them to live life without Him. Clothed in His love, with His peace ruling in their hearts, they are equipped to make Christ first in every area of life.

This epistle became known as *Pros Kolossaeis,* "To the Colossians," because of 1:2. Paul also wanted it to be read in the neighboring church at Laodicea (4:16).

WATCH WORDS

- **faith** (trusting in God, whom one is convinced is trustworthy)—1:4
- **working** (operation, action, activity)—1:29
- **Godhead** (the totality of God's nature and personality)—2:9
- **forgive** (act graciously toward a person)—3:13

Walk Worthy of the Lord

1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timotheus *our* brother,
2 To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are at Colosse: Grace *be* unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
3 We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,
4 Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love *which ye have* to all the saints,
5 For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;
6 Which is come unto you, as *it is* in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as *it doth* also in you, since the day ye heard *of it,* and knew the grace of God in truth:
7 As ye also learned of Epaphras our dear fellowservant, who is for you a faithful minister of Christ;
8 Who also declared unto us your love in the Spirit.
9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard *it,* do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;
10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

1:4 faith

(Gr. *pistis*) (Acts 17:31; 1 Cor. 13:13; Gal. 5:6; 2 Tim. 4:7) G4102: In the New Testament, this term is always used with reference to religious matters. Basically, faith is trusting in the God whom one is convinced is trustworthy. The Bible declares, "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Heb. 11:1). True faith is the means of obtaining a right relationship with God (Rom. 1:17; Eph. 2:8; James 2:14). On several occasions, this term can mean "faithfulness, trustworthiness"—especially when used in connection with other virtues (Matt. 23:23; Rom. 3:3; Gal. 5:22). The expression "the faith" may be used to denote Christianity (Gal. 1:23; 1 Tim. 4:1; Jude 3).

1:5 hope ▸ *see Rom. 15:13.*
1:6 know ▸ *see 2 Cor. 6:9.*
1:10 worthy ▸ *see Rom. 16:2.*

11 Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;
12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:
13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated *us* into the kingdom of his dear Son:
14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins:

The Preeminence of Christ

15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:
16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:
17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.
18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all *things* he might have the preeminence.
19 For it pleased *the Father* that in him should all fulness dwell;
20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, *I say,* whether *they be* things in earth, or things in heaven.

Christ the Hope of Glory

21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in *your* mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled
22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in his sight:
23 If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and *be* not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, *and* which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;
24 Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church:
25 Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God;
26 *Even* the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:
27 To whom God would make known what *is* the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:
28 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:

1:11 strengthen

(Gr. *dynamoō*) G1412: This verb is one of many terms in the New Testament that falls within the broad domain of power language. It can be translated "to strengthen, enable, endow." This word is in the passive voice with God as the agent strengthening His people. It is paired with other power words (might and power). In the Septuagint, the man who strengthens himself and does not make God his strength is the object of laughter (Ps. 52:6, 7). Two passages of the Septuagint employ this verb to denote the strengthening of things—one time by God (Ps. 68:28; Dan. 9:27).

1:11 power ▸ *see 1 Tim. 6:16.*
1:13 translate ▸ *see Luke 16:4.*
1:14 redemption ▸ *see Rom. 3:24.*
1:15 firstborn ▸ *see Heb. 1:6.*

1:15 creature

(Gr. *ktisis*) (Col. 1:23; Heb. 9:11; Rev. 3:14) G2937: In biblical Greek, this term primarily refers to the divine act of creation or to the thing(s) created (Rom. 1:20, 25; 8:19–22, 39; Heb. 4:13). Creation marks the beginning of this present age—a fact acknowledged even by the last-days scoffers of the Second Coming (Mark 10:6; 13:19; 2 Pet. 3:4). Twice, the Pauline epistles employ this term in the rabbinical sense of someone being designated a "new creature" upon coming to God (2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 6:15). In an unusual biblical use of the term (but in keeping with secular usage), Peter refers to a humanly produced governing authority (1 Pet. 2:13).

1:16 throne ▸ *see Rev. 8:3.*
1:18 body ▸ *see Phil. 3:21.*
1:20 blood ▸ *see 1 John 1:7.*
1:23 creature ▸ *see Col. 1:15.*
1:26 mystery ▸ *see Luke 8:10.*
1:27 Gentile ▸ *see Luke 2:32.*
1:28 perfect ▸ *see 1 Cor. 14:20.*

29 Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.

Present in the Spirit

2 For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and *for* them at Laodicea, and *for* as many as have not seen my face in the flesh;
2 That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;
3 In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.
4 And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words.
5 For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the stedfastness of your faith in Christ.

Rooted in Christ Jesus

6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, *so* walk ye in him:
7 Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.
8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.
9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.
10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:
11 In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:
12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with *him* through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

Dead to the World Yet Alive

13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;
14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary

1:29 working

(Gr. *energeia*) (Eph. 4:16; Phil. 3:21; 2 Thess. 2:9) G1753: This word, related to the English word "energy," can be translated "working, operation, action, activity." It occurs only in the Pauline epistles where it is used only of superhuman beings and is always accompanied by other "power terms." The working of God includes His empowering Paul for ministry and His raising Christ from the dead (Eph. 1:19; 3:7; Col. 1:29; 2:12). Moreover, by His own working, Christ is able to subdue all things to Himself (Phil. 3:21). This term can also be used for the working of Satan in his deluding those who perish by using power, signs, and lying wonders (2 Thess. 2:9, 11).

1:29 work ▸ *see 2 Cor. 4:12.*
2:3 wisdom ▸ *see 1 Cor. 12:8.*
2:3 knowledge ▸ *see 2 Pet. 3:18.*
2:8 rudiments ▸ *see Gal. 4:3.*

2:9 fulness

(Gr. *plērōma*) (Matt. 9:16; John 1:16; Gal. 4:4) G4138: The Greek word *plērōma* indicates "plenitude" and "totality." It can also refer to a "patch," as in Matthew 9:16 in Jesus' parable about the new patch that tears an old garment or the fullness of time (Gal. 4:4). John says of Jesus, "Of his fulness have all we received" (John 1:16). Both Paul and John used the word to describe Christ, who is the fullness, the plenitude of God, for all the fullness of the Godhead dwells in Him bodily (Col. 1:19; 2:9).

2:9 Godhead

(Gr. *theotētos*) G2320: In this letter to the Colossians, Paul was specifically battling the Gnostic heresy. The Gnostics spoke of the "fullness of the Godhead" to describe the totality of all deities. However, Paul used it to point to God alone as that fullness. The Greek word *theotētos* for *Godhead* is used only here in the New Testament and designates the totality of God's nature and person. Since all of God's fullness resides in Christ, every spiritual reality is found in Christ. In Him, we lack nothing. All the fullness of the Godhead "dwells" or "permanently resides" in the body of Jesus, the God-man.

2:14 blot out ▸ *see Rev. 3:5.*

2:14 handwriting

(Gr. *cheirographon*) G5498: In secular Greek, while it can refer to any handwritten note, this word is typically used as a technical business

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to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;
15 *And* having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.
16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath *days:*
17 Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body *is* of Christ.
18 Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,
19 And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God.
20 Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances,
21 (Touch not; taste not; handle not;
22 Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men?
23 Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body; not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh.

Seek the Things Which Are Above

3 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.
2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.
3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.
4 When Christ, *who is* our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.
5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:
6 For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:
7 In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.
8 But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.
9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;

Put on the New Man

10 And have put on the new *man,* which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:
11 Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond *nor* free: but Christ *is* all, and in all.
12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

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term. It usually designates a financial record of account that acknowledges an amount deposited or borrowed that must be repaid to the note's bearer. It refers to a certificate of indebtedness, a bond, a promissory note, a formal IOU, or an invoice. There is an implied emphasis on the debtor's authenticating signature. This term occurs only once in the New Testament.

2:15 triumph ▸ *see 2 Cor. 2:14.*
2:18 worship ▸ *see Acts 26:5.*
2:18 puff up ▸ *see 1 Cor. 4:18.*
2:19 nourishment ▸ *see 2 Pet. 1:5.*
2:20 rudiments ▸ *see Gal. 4:3.*
3:4 appear ▸ *see Mark 4:22.*
3:5 fornication ▸ *see Matt. 15:19.*

3:5 covetousness

(Gr. *pleonexia*) (Luke 12:15; 2 Cor. 9:5; 1 Thess. 2:5) G4124: This term denotes "avarice, greed, cupidity" and, in plural forms, acts inspired by such. These attitudes and actions stem from an arrogant self-centeredness that is insatiable, excessive, aggressive, and all too willing to harm others to get what it craves. Within the New Testament, this term is always negative, showing up in vice lists (Mark 7:2; Col. 3:5). While usually referring to immoral desire for material possessions, it can also refer to immoral sexual desire (Eph. 4:19). *Pleonexia* is ascribed to the godless and should not be named as a characteristic of God's people (Rom. 1:29; Eph. 5:3; 2 Pet. 2:3, 14).

3:5 idolatry ▸ *see Gal. 5:20.*
3:11 free ▸ *see Rev. 6:15.*
3:12 humbleness of mind ▸ *see Acts 20:19.*
3:12 longsuffering ▸ *see Heb. 6:12.*

13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also *do* ye.
14 And above all these things *put on* charity, which is the bond of perfectness.
15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.
16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.
17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

Husbands and Wives

18 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.
19 Husbands, love *your* wives, and be not bitter against them.
20 Children, obey *your* parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.
21 Fathers, provoke not your children *to anger,* lest they be discouraged.
22 Servants, obey in all things *your* masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God:
23 And whatsoever ye do, do *it* heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;
24 Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.
25 But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.

Walk in Wisdom

4 Masters, give unto *your* servants that which is just and equal; knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven.
2 Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;
3 Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds:
4 That I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.
5 Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time.

3:13 forbear ▸ *see 2 Thess. 1:4.*

3:13 forgive

(Gr. *charizomai*) (Luke 7:21; Rom. 8:32; 1 Cor. 2:12; Phil. 1:29) G5483: Used only by Paul and Luke, this verb is related to the noun commonly translated "grace." It denotes acting graciously toward a person by performing an act of kindness. These acts include bestowing forgiveness (Luke 7:42, 43; 2 Cor. 12:13; Col. 2:13), favors (Luke 7:21; Acts 27:24; Philem. 22), and gifts (Gal. 3:18; Phil. 2:9). In the New Testament, God or Jesus is usually the agent performing this action. Exceptions include the judicial handing over of someone (Acts 3:14; 25:11, 16) and the semi-judicial forgiving of a repentant offender disciplined by the church (2 Cor. 2:7, 10). Twice, the divine and human act of forgiveness is linked together using this term (Eph. 4:32; Col. 3:13).

3:15 rule

(Gr. *brabeuō*) G1018: In the New Testament, this verb occurs only here. In secular Greek, it referred to rewarding a prize, and then generally to the arbitrating of an umpire, judge, or election official. This term, belonging to the legal and athletic arenas, means to judge, rule, determine, decide, control, direct. The Book of Colossians contains the lone biblical use of a derived compound verb meaning to disqualify, to judge unfavorably and/or unfairly thus depriving someone of victory, to hinder someone from victory (Col. 2:18— *katabrabeuō*, G2603). In the current passage, the peace of God is to arbitrate in the hearts of Christians, who together constitute one body.

3:16 psalm ▸ *see Eph. 5:19.*
3:24 receive ▸ *see 3 John 8.*
3:25 do wrong ▸ *see Acts 25:10.*
3:25 respect of persons ▸ *see James 2:1.*
4:2 continue ▸ *see Acts 2:46.*
4:2 thanksgiving ▸ *see 2 Cor. 9:11.*

4:5 time

(Gr. *kairos*) (Mark 1:15; 2 Cor. 6:2; 1 Pet. 1:11; Rev. 12:12) G2540: This is one of two major New Testament terms meaning "time." The other one is *chronos* (G5550, see Acts 1:7). These words sometimes occur together, and their usages overlap to some extent (Acts 1:7; 1 Thess. 5:1). This term is used for a measure of time—sometimes fixed, like a season (Matt. 21:34, 41; Mark 11:13; Gal. 4:10) or specifically a year (Rev. 12:14), and sometimes indefinite (Luke 21:36; Eph. 6:18). It can be used with reference to an opportune or

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6 Let your speech *be* alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

Greetings from Believers

7 All my state shall Tychicus declare unto you, *who is* a beloved brother, and a faithful minister and fellowservant in the Lord:
8 Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that he might know your estate, and comfort your hearts;
9 With Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, who is *one* of you. They shall make known unto you all things which *are done* here.
10 Aristarchus my fellowprisoner saluteth you, and Marcus, sister's son to Barnabas, (touching whom ye received commandments: if he come unto you, receive him;)
11 And Jesus, which is called Justus, who are of the circumcision. These only *are my* fellowworkers unto the kingdom of God, which have been a comfort unto me.
12 Epaphras, who is *one* of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.
13 For I bear him record, that he hath a great zeal for you, and them *that are* in Laodicea, and them in Hierapolis.
14 Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas, greet you.
15 Salute the brethren which are in Laodicea, and Nymphas, and the church which is in his house.

Grace Be with You

16 And when this epistle is read among you, cause that it be read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and that ye likewise read the *epistle* from Laodicea.
17 And say to Archippus, Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it.
18 The salutation by the hand of me Paul. Remember my bonds. Grace *be* with you. Amen.

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appropriate time (Matt. 24:45; Luke 4:13; Rom. 5:6; Gal. 6:9). This word occurs in various expressions including "this time," "latter times," and "last time" (Rom. 3:26; 1 Tim. 4:1; 1 Pet. 1:5).

4:6 grace ▸ *see Acts 14:3.*
4:6 salt ▸ *see Luke 14:34.*

4:14 physician

(Gr. *iatros*) (Matt. 9:12; Mark 2:17) G2395: Within the New Testament, this term is used only in the literal sense. Luke—and Luke alone—cites both of the New Testament's physician proverbs: "Physician, heal thyself" and "They that are whole need not a physician, but they that are sick" (Luke 4:23; 5:31). The Gospels record the story of a woman who spent all she had on physicians, enduring their "remedies" in vain (Mark 5:26; Luke 8:43). In the Greco-Roman world, the level of esteem doctors were held in varied widely: some doctors were highly regarded, some were unknown slaves, some were folk-healers, and some were simply quacks.

4:16 read ▸ *see Acts 8:28.*
4:17 fulfil ▸ *see Luke 4:21.*

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE

THESSALONIANS

PAUL HAS MANY PLEASANT MEMORIES of the days he spent with the infant Thessalonian church. Their faith, hope, love, and perseverance in the face of persecution are exemplary. Paul's labors as a spiritual parent to the fledgling church have been richly rewarded, and his affection is visible in every line of his letter.

Paul encourages them to excel in their newfound faith, to increase in their love for one another, and to rejoice, pray, and give thanks always. He closes his letter with instruction regarding the return of the Lord, whose advent signifies hope and comfort for believers both living and dead.

Because this is the first of Paul's two canonical letters to the church at Thessalonica, it received the title *Pros Thessalonikeis A,* the "First to the Thessalonians."

WATCH WORDS

- **holiness** (majesty and moral perfection)—3:13
- **coming** (presence; visitation of royalty)—3:13 (also 4:15; 5:23)
- **sanctification** (the process of being set apart or consecrated to God)—4:3
- **sleep** (die—here; or spiritual carelessness or indifference)—5:10 (also 5:6)
- **epistle** (written letter)—5:27

The Thessalonians' Work of Faith

1 Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians *which is* in God the Father and *in* the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace *be* unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers;

3 Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father;

4 Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God.

5 For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.

6 And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost:

7 So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia.

8 For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing.

9 For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;

10 And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, *even* Jesus,

1:3 work

(Gr. *ergon*) (Matt. 5:16; John 6:29; Rom. 3:28; Eph. 2:10) G2041: This word refers to business, employment, or anything with which one is occupied. Both the labor or toil of work and the product that results from the work are described by this term. It is often used to simply mean "deeds" or the actions that characterize a person's life. The works of a believer are to draw others to faith (Matt. 5:16), yet such works cannot save anyone—salvation is by faith alone through grace (Rom. 3:20, 28; Gal. 2:16). Works of the flesh are contrasted with works of the spirit (Gal. 5:19).

1:7 ensample ▸ *see 1 Cor. 10:6.*
1:9 serve ▸ *see Rom. 14:18.*

which delivered us from the wrath to come.

Paul Recalls His Conduct

2 For yourselves, brethren, know our entrance in unto you, that it was not in vain:
2 But even after that we had suffered before, and were shamefully entreated, as ye know, at Philippi, we were bold in our God to speak unto you the gospel of God with much contention.
3 For our exhortation *was* not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile:
4 But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts.
5 For neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloak of covetousness; God *is* witness:
6 Nor of men sought we glory, neither of you, nor *yet* of others, when we might have been burdensome, as the apostles of Christ.
7 But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children:
8 So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us.
9 For ye remember, brethren, our labour and travail: for labouring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God.
10 Ye *are* witnesses, and God *also,* how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe:
11 As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father *doth* his children,
12 That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.

Paul's Glory and Joy

13 For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received *it* not *as* the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.
14 For ye, brethren, became followers of the churches of God which in Judaea are in Christ Jesus: for ye also have suffered like things of your own countrymen, even as they *have* of the Jews:
15 Who both killed the Lord Jesus, and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they please not God, and are contrary to all men:
16 Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sins alway: for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost.
17 But we, brethren, being taken from you for a short time in presence, not in heart, endeavoured the more abundantly to see your face with great desire.
18 Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; but Satan hindered us.
19 For what *is* our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? *Are* not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?
20 For ye are our glory and joy.

1:10 deliver

(Gr. *rhyomai*) (Matt. 6:13; 27:43; Rom. 7:24; 2 Pet. 2:9) G4506: This verb has a variety of meanings, including "to draw to oneself, rescue, deliver, preserve, and save." It is not the most common word for "save" in the New Testament, and it is used in only 16 verses. It often refers to deliverance from someone or something, and about half of the New Testament occurrences are quotations from the Old Testament. God is our rescuer, both from our sins at salvation (2 Cor. 1:10; Col. 1:13) and for a glorious future (Rom. 11:26). Second Corinthians 1:10 references deliverance for past, present, and future: "[God] delivered [*rhyomai*] us from so great a death, and doth deliver [*rhyomai*]: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver [*rhyomai*] us."

2:5 covetousness ▸ *see Col. 3:5.*
2:8 impart ▸ *see Rom. 1:11.*
2:13 work ▸ *see 2 Cor. 4:12.*
2:14 follower ▸ *see Eph. 5:1.*

2:18 hinder

(Gr. *enkoptō*) (Acts 24:4; Rom. 15:22; Gal. 5:7) G1465: This verb means "hinder, restrain, impede, cut into, or cut off one's way"—particularly describing an obstacle that must be overcome. The root words mean literally "to cut in." Here and in Romans 15:22 it refers to Satan or other forces preventing Paul from traveling where he wished. In Galatians 5:7 it is used figuratively to refer to hindrances in one's spiritual growth. In Acts 24:4, it means either "weary" or "delay."

Timothy's Good Report

3 Wherefore when we could no longer forbear, we thought it good to be left at Athens alone;
2 And sent Timotheus, our brother, and minister of God, and our fellowlabourer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you, and to comfort you concerning your faith:
3 That no man should be moved by these afflictions: for yourselves know that we are appointed thereunto.
4 For verily, when we were with you, we told you before that we should suffer tribulation; even as it came to pass, and ye know.
5 For this cause, when I could no longer forbear, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter have tempted you, and our labour be in vain.
6 But now when Timotheus came from you unto us, and brought us good tidings of your faith and charity, and that ye have good remembrance of us always, desiring greatly to see us, as we also *to see* you:

Stand Fast in the Lord

7 Therefore, brethren, we were comforted over you in all our affliction and distress by your faith:
8 For now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord.
9 For what thanks can we render to God again for you, for all the joy wherewith we joy for your sakes before our God;
10 Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith?
11 Now God himself and our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way unto you.
12 And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all *men,* even as we *do* toward you:
13 To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

Called to Holiness

4 Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort *you* by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, *so* ye would abound more and more.
2 For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus.
3 For this is the will of God, *even* your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:
4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;

3:1 forbear ▸ *see 1 Cor. 13:7.*
3:5 forbear ▸ *see 1 Cor. 13:7.*
3:7 affliction ▸ *see John 16:33.*
3:10 exceedingly ▸ *see John 10:10.*
3:13 unblameable ▸ *see Heb. 8:7.*

3:13 holiness

(Gr. *hagiōsynē*) (Rom. 1:4; 2 Cor. 7:1) G0042: This word, denoting majesty and moral perfection, is only used three times in the New Testament. In each case it describes a sacredness and set-apart quality to a person's life and conduct. Believers are consecrated to God and should live lives of moral purity and godly character that will cause them not to feel ashamed at the coming of Christ. God has declared us holy through the work of Christ on the Cross, and we are to live that out in our lives.

3:13 coming

(Gr. *parousia*) (1 Thess. 4:15; 5:23; 2 Thess. 2:1; 2 Pet. 1:16) G3952: The Greek word *parousia* literally means "presence." The word was commonly used in New Testament times to describe the visitation of royalty or of some other important person. Thus the word signals no ordinary "coming." The New Testament writers use the word to describe Christ's second coming, when He will return to earth in His ultimate, glorious visitation as the King over all.

4:2 commandment ▸ *see Acts 16:24.*

4:3 sanctification

(Gr. *hagiasmos*) (1 Cor. 1:30; 1 Pet. 1:2) G0038: The Greek noun may refer to sanctification as the active work that brings about holiness (2 Thess. 2:13) or to the result of that work, in which case it might be translated "holiness" (Heb. 12:14). Interpreters debate which of these senses is found in particular occurrences in the New Testament. At its root (as that of related words rendered "holy," "sanctify," "consecrate," etc.) is the idea of being set apart or consecrated to God and thus His. This implies separation from moral defilement.

4:3 fornication ▸ *see Matt. 15:19.*

5 Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:
6 That no *man* go beyond and defraud his brother in *any* matter: because that the Lord *is* the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified.
7 For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.
8 He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit.
9 But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.
10 And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia: but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more;
11 And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;
12 That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and *that* ye may have lack of nothing.

The Dead in Christ Shall Rise

13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.
14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.
15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.
16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:
17 Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.
18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

Concluding Exhortations

5 But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.
2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.
3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.
4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.
5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.
6 Therefore let us not sleep, as *do* others; but let us watch and be sober.
7 For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.
8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.
9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,
10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.

4:9 brotherly love ▸ *see Heb. 13:1.*
4:11 study ▸ *see Rom. 15:20.*
4:13 ignorant ▸ *see Rom. 10:3.*
4:15 coming ▸ *see 1 Thess. 3:13.*

4:17 be caught up

(Gr. *harpazō*) (2 Cor. 12:2; Rev. 12:5) G0726: The verb's primary meaning is "to snatch" or "to seize" (compare Jude 23, where the rendering is "pulling," as rescuing); a secondary meaning is "to steal" or "to plunder." This secondary concept of taking something by force is reflected in Matthew 11:12. The word generally carries with it the idea of force (though not necessarily violence) and often implies suddenness so that there is no question of resistance (as here; see also Acts 8:39—"caught away"). The typical usage in the New Testament refers to a person being suddenly taken away, as to heaven (2 Cor. 12:4).

5:1 time ▸ *see Acts 1:7.*
5:3 destruction ▸ *see 2 Thess. 1:9.*

5:10 sleep

(Gr. *katheudō*) (Mark 4:27; Luke 22:46; Eph. 5:14) G2518: The word means "to sleep" and usually refers to natural sleep (as Matt. 13:25) but is used figuratively in 1 Thessalonians 5:6, 7 to indicate spiritual carelessness and indifference (similarly in Eph. 5:14). That translation can be problematic. Most interpreters favor the euphemistic meaning

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11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.
12 And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;
13 And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. *And* be at peace among yourselves.
14 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all *men*.
15 See that none render evil for evil unto any *man;* but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all *men*.
16 Rejoice evermore.
17 Pray without ceasing.
18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.
19 Quench not the Spirit.
20 Despise not prophesyings.
21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.
22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.
23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and *I pray God* your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
24 Faithful *is* he that calleth you, who also will do *it*.
25 Brethren, pray for us.
26 Greet all the brethren with an holy kiss.
27 I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read unto all the holy brethren.
28 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you. Amen.

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"die" (possibly also in Mark 5:39 and parallels). Thus, "whether we wake or sleep" figuratively expresses the idea "whether we live or die."

5:11 edify ▸ *see Acts 9:31.*
5:20 prophesyings ▸ *see Rom. 12:6.*
5:23 sanctify ▸ *see John 10:36.*
5:23 coming ▸ *see 1 Thess. 3:13.*
5:24 faithful ▸ *see 2 Thess. 3:3.*

5:27 epistle

(Gr. *epistolē*) (2 Cor. 3:1–3; 2 Thess. 2:2, 15; 2 Pet. 3:1, 16) G1992: This Greek word has come into English as *epistle*. It signifies a written letter, whether personal correspondence (such as 2 and 3 John; see 2 John 12; 3 John 13), or official correspondence (such as Acts 15:23–29; 23:26–30), or a formal treatise (such as Romans; see Rom. 16:22). Sometimes letters of recommendation were sent along with emissaries in order to establish their credentials among those they were visiting. In 2 Corinthians, Paul called the believers in Corinth his "epistles," or his living letters of recommendation from God (2 Cor. 3:1–3). Here Paul exhorts the Thessalonians to read his letter to the entire church so that everyone could profit from its teaching.

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE

THESSALONIANS

SINCE PAUL'S FIRST LETTER, THE seeds of false doctrine have been sown among the Thessalonians, causing them to waver in their faith. Paul removes these destructive seeds and again plants the seeds of truth. He begins by commending the believers on their faithfulness in the midst of persecution and encouraging them that present suffering will be repaid with future glory. Therefore, in the midst of persecution, expectation can be high.

Paul then deals with the central matter of his letter: a misunderstanding spawned by false teachers regarding the coming day of the Lord. Despite reports to the contrary, that Day has not yet come, and Paul recounts the events that must first take place. Laboring for the gospel, rather than lazy resignation, is the proper response.

As the second letter in Paul's Thessalonian correspondence, this was entitled *Pros Thessalonikeis B,* the "Second to the Thessalonians."

WATCH WORDS

- **endure** (bear up under the strain of suffering; persevere)—1:4
- **falling away** (sliding back, away from the faith)—2:3
- **faithful** (believing in God or Christ; reliable; dependable)—3:3

Patience and Faith in Persecutions

1 Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
2 Grace unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
3 We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth;
4 So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure:
5 *Which is* a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer:
6 Seeing *it is* a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you;
7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,
8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

1:1 Paul ▸ *see Acts 28:30.*
1:4 persecution ▸ *see Acts 8:1.*

1:4 endure

(Gr. *anechomai*) (Mark 9:19; Eph. 4:2; Col. 3:13; 2 Tim. 4:3) G0430: This word is formed from the preposition *ana* (G0303), "up," and the verb *echō* (G2192), "to hold." Put together it means "to bear up" under the strain of suffering, to persevere. People who exhibit this characteristic maintain their courage even in the face of great tribulation. In Scripture this is often used to describe bearing with someone in love, putting up with another person's irritating or hurtful behaviors.

1:5 righteous ▸ *see Matt. 1:19.*
1:5 judgment ▸ *see John 3:19.*
1:6 tribulation ▸ *see John 16:33.*

9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;
10 When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.

Counted Worthy of God's Calling

11 Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of *this* calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of *his* goodness, and the work of faith with power:
12 That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Mystery of Iniquity

2 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and *by* our gathering together unto him,
2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.
3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come,* except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;
4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.
5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?
6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.
7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth *will let,* until he be taken out of the way.
8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:
9 *Even him,* whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,
10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

1:9 destruction

(Gr. *olethros*) (1 Cor. 5:5; 1 Thess. 5:3; 1 Tim. 6:9) G3639: This word summarizes bad outcomes: destruction, ruin, and death. These are the external ills that subdue the lusts of the flesh. Typically in the New Testament this word carries eschatological and spiritual implications, such as here where eternal destruction is in view. Interpreters debate its usage in 1 Corinthians 5:5, whether it refers to physical death or some other bodily judgment.

1:11 goodness ▸ *see Rom. 15:14.*
2:1 coming ▸ *see 1 Thess. 3:13.*
2:2 mind ▸ *see Rom. 7:25.*
2:2 letter ▸ *see 1 Thess. 5:27.*

2:3 falling away

(Gr. *apostasia*) (Acts 21:21) G0646: The meaning here is a falling away from the faith; the word is used twice in the New Testament. The nation of Israel fell into repeated backslidings (Jer. 5:6). The prophet Jeremiah predicted the judgment of God upon such disloyalty: "Thine own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee" (Jer. 2:19). In the New Testament, apostasy is generally defined as the determined, willful rejection of Christ and His teachings by a Christian believer (John 15:22; Heb. 10:26–29). This is different from false belief, or error, which is the result of ignorance. The Day of Christ will not come unless the "falling away" comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, "the son of perdition" (2 Thess. 2:3). Some teach that falling away is impossible for those persons who have truly accepted Jesus as Savior and Lord.

2:7 mystery ▸ *see Luke 8:10.*

2:8 wicked

(Gr. *anomos*) (Mark 15:28; 1 Tim. 1:9; 2 Pet. 2:8) G0459: The Greek word *anomos* literally means "without law." Thus the phrase here in this verse, "that Wicked," is depicting the "man of rebellion." Just as Christ embodies righteousness, so that "Wicked" will embody rebellion against God's righteous law. This figure is probably the same person described by John as "the Antichrist" (1 John 4:2, 3) and "the beast" (Rev. 13:1). With his open defiance of the sovereign Ruler of the universe, this man is the embodiment of evil and the great opponent of Christ and His kingdom.

2:8 brightness ▸ *see 2 Tim. 4:8.*
2:9 working ▸ *see Col. 1:29.*

11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:
12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Called to the Obtaining of Christ's Glory

13 But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:
14 Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
15 Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.
16 Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given *us* everlasting consolation and good hope through grace,
17 Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.

The Lord Is Faithful

3 Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have *free* course, and be glorified, even as *it is* with you:
2 And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all *men* have not faith.
3 But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep *you* from evil.
4 And we have confidence in the Lord touching you, that ye both do and will do the things which we command you.
5 And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.

Be Not Weary in Well Doing

6 Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.
7 For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you;
8 Neither did we eat any man's bread for nought; but wrought with labour and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you:
9 Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us.
10 For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.
11 For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies.
12 Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.
13 But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing.
14 And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.

2:11 delusion ▸ *see Jude 11.*
2:15 epistle ▸ *see 1 Thess. 5:27.*

3:3 faithful

(Gr. *pistos*) (1 Cor. 10:13; 1 Thess. 5:24; 1 Tim. 1:15; Heb. 11:11) G4103: This word originally comes from *peithō* (G3982), "to convince" (see 2 Thess. 3:4). It is used in an active sense to mean "one who believes in God or Christ" and in the passive sense to mean "one who is dependable." It is used to describe those who are reliable and honest in business dealings (Matt. 24:45; Luke 16:11) or in relationships (1 Cor. 4:17). When used in the phrase "a faithful saying," this word means reliable or trustworthy (2 Tim. 2:11; cf. Rev. 21:5). Because God is utterly faithful to us, we can have confidence in the complete trustworthiness of all His promises.

3:4 have confidence

(Gr. *peithō*) (Acts 18:4; 28:23; Rom. 8:38; Phil. 1:6) G3982: This word is used in two ways. As an intransitive verb it means "to be convinced, to be persuaded." In this sense it is used to describe being convinced of truth by an argument (Acts 28:23, 24). As a transitive verb it means "to convince, to pacify, to persuade." We read, for example, of Paul's confidence that God will keep His promises (Phil. 1:6; 2 Tim. 1:12). In both uses a change of mind is implied, resulting in an inward certainty and trust.

3:6 brethren ▸ *see Mark 10:29.*
3:8 wrought ▸ *see John 9:4.*

15 Yet count *him* not as an enemy, but admonish *him* as a brother.

Peace By All Means

16 Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord *be* with you all.
17 The salutation of Paul with mine own hand, which is the token in every epistle: so I write.
18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

3:17 token ▸ *see John 6:26.*

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO

TIMOTHY

PAUL, THE AGED AND EXPERIENCED apostle, writes to the young pastor Timothy who is facing a heavy burden of responsibility in the church at Ephesus. The task is challenging: false doctrine must be erased, public worship safeguarded, and mature leadership developed. In addition to the conduct of the church, Paul talks pointedly about the conduct of the minister. Timothy must be on his guard lest his youthfulness become a liability, rather than an asset, to the gospel. He must be careful to avoid false teachers and greedy motives, pursuing instead righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance, and the gentleness that befits a man of God.

The Greek title for this letter is *Pros Timotheon A,* the "First to Timothy." *Timothy* means "honoring God" or "honored by God," and probably was given to him by his mother Eunice.

WATCH WORDS

- **be sound** (be healthy or correct in doctrine)—1:10
- **intercession** (the act of petitioning God or praying on behalf of another person or group)—2:1
- **presbytery** (the body of elders or the ruling council of a church)—4:14
- **master** (absolute ruler or lord)—6:1 (also 6:2)

Greeting

1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ, *which is* our hope;
2 Unto Timothy, *my* own son in the faith: Grace, mercy, *and* peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.

Teach No Other Doctrine

3 As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine,
4 Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: *so do.*
5 Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and *of* a good conscience, and *of* faith unfeigned:
6 From which some having swerved have turned aside unto vain jangling;
7 Desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm.
8 But we know that the law *is* good, if a man use it lawfully;
9 Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,
10 For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers,

1:1 Saviour ▸ *see Titus 2:10.*
1:5 unfeigned ▸ *see 1 Pet. 1:22.*

1:6 vain jangling

(Gr. *mataiologia*) G3150: From *mataios* (G3152), "devoid of force; useless" and *logos* (G3056), "word." This word means "an idle talker, one who utters empty, senseless things." It is only used here in Scripture. Senseless babble and empty prattle characterize false teachers. They talk more for the purpose of hearing themselves talk than to edify those who listen.

1:9 lawless ▸ *see 2 Thess. 2:8.*
1:10 them that defile themselves with mankind ▸ *see 1 Cor. 6:9.*

for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;
11 According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust.

God's Mercy Toward Paul

12 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry;
13 Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did *it* ignorantly in unbelief.
14 And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.
15 This *is* a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.
16 Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.
17 Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, *be* honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.
18 This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare;
19 Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:
20 Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.

Prayers for All Men

2 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks, be made for all men;
2 For kings, and *for* all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.
3 For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;
4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.
5 For *there is* one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;
6 Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

1:10 be sound

(Gr. *hygiainō*) (Luke 5:31; 2 Tim. 1:13; 4:3; Titus 2:1) G5198: This word refers to being healthy, of sound body, whole. The root of this word, *hygiēs* (G5199), which means "sound, whole," is used to translate the Hebrew *shalom* (H7965) in the Septuagint. This word appears mainly in the pastoral epistles, where it is used figuratively for being sound in faith, love, and endurance (Titus 1:13; 2:2) and for being correct or sound in doctrine, described as healthy teaching and words (1 Tim. 6:3; 2 Tim. 1:13).

1:11 blessed ▸ *see Rev. 22:7.*
1:13 blasphemer ▸ *see Acts 6:11.*
1:15 faithful ▸ *see 2 Thess. 3:3.*
1:15 save ▸ *see Matt. 10:22.*
1:18 charge ▸ *see Acts 16:24.*

2:1 intercession

(Gr. *enteuxis*) (1 Tim. 4:5) G1783: Intercession is the act of petitioning God or praying on behalf of another person or group. The sinful nature of this world separates human beings from God. It has always been necessary, therefore, for righteous individuals to go before God to seek reconciliation between Him and His fallen creation. The sacrifices and prayers of Old Testament priests (Ex. 29:42; 30:7) were acts of intercession that point forward to the work of Christ. Christ is, of course, the greatest intercessor. He prayed on behalf of Peter (Luke 22:32) and His disciples (John 17). Then in the most selfless intercession of all, He petitioned God on behalf of those who crucified Him (Luke 23:34). In heaven He intercedes for His church (Heb. 7:25). Finally, because of their unique relationship to God through Christ, Christians are urged to intercede for all people (1 Tim. 2:1).

2:3 Saviour ▸ *see Titus 2:10.*
2:5 mediator ▸ *see Heb. 12:24.*

2:6 ransom

(Gr. *antilutron*) G0487: Used only here, the word *ransom* in Greek is *antilutron* made up of *anti* (signifying substitution) and *lutron* (the word used for the ransom of a slave or prisoner). The *antilutron* is a payment given instead of a slave or prisoner—that is, in substitution for him. The person holding the slave accepts the payment as a substitute. According to Galatians 3:13, Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law. The law held us captive in its condemnation, and no one but Christ could pay the price to release us from this bondage.

7 Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, *and* lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity.
8 I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

Women's Adornment and Behaviour

9 In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;
10 But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.
11 Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection.
12 But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.
13 For Adam was first formed, then Eve.
14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.
15 Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.

Qualifications for Bishops

3 This *is* a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.
2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;
3 Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;
4 One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;
5 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)
6 Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.
7 Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

Qualifications for Deacons

8 Likewise *must* the deacons *be* grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre;
9 Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.
10 And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being *found* blameless.
11 Even so *must their* wives *be* grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things.
12 Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well.
13 For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.
14 These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly:
15 But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself

2:9 adorn ▸ *see Matt. 25:7.*
2:14 transgression ▸ *see Rom. 2:23.*
3:1 office of a bishop ▸ *see Acts 1:20.*
3:2 bishop ▸ *see Titus 1:7.*
3:3 patient ▸ *see James 3:17.*
3:8 deacon ▸ *see Mark 9:35.*
3:8 grave ▸ *see 1 Tim. 3:11.*

3:8 greedy of filthy lucre

(Gr. *aischrokerdēs*) (Titus 1:7) G0146: This word, which appears only twice in the New Testament, means "fond of," referring specifically to money or material gain—especially gain by dishonest means. It is a general synonym of *pleonexia* (G4124), rendered "covetous" (see Col. 3:5). The word is always negative; all instances in Scripture use it in a list of attributes that church leaders must not exemplify. A related word is used in 1 Peter 5:2 (G0147 *aischrokerdōs*, also rendered "filthy lucre").

3:11 grave

(Gr. *semnos*) (Phil. 4:8; 1 Tim. 3:8; Titus 2:2) G4586: From the root word meaning "to revere, to worship," this word means "dignified, honorable, decent, respectable." Such people exhibit behavior that befits every occasion and is respectful of others. This word appears four times in Scripture, three of them in a list of character traits that are expected in church leaders. In this verse and a few verses earlier (1 Tim. 3:8), we are told that both deacons and their wives must exhibit this characteristic. The other use is in Philippians 4:8, where it describes proper conversation.

in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.
16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

Paul's Warnings of False Teachers

4 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;
2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;
3 Forbidding to marry, *and commanding* to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.
4 For every creature of God *is* good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving:
5 For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.
6 If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained.
7 But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself *rather* unto godliness.
8 For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.
9 This *is* a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation.
10 For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.
11 These things command and teach.

Be an Example

12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.
13 Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.
14 Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.
15 Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.
16 Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

Provisions for Widows

5 Rebuke not an elder, but intreat *him* as a father; *and* the younger men as brethren;
2 The elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, with all purity.
3 Honour widows that are widows indeed.
4 But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to shew piety at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God.
5 Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day.

4:2 hypocrisy ▸ *see Gal. 2:13.*
4:4 creature ▸ *see Rev. 5:13.*
4:5 prayer ▸ *see 1 Tim. 2:1.*

4:7 exercise

(Gr. *gymnazō*) (Heb. 5:14; 12:11; 2 Pet. 2:14) G1128: The verb (the origin of the English word *gymnasium*) is derived from another word meaning "naked" or "bare" and literally means "to exercise naked," following the Greek practice of exercising in the nude. It then came to mean simply "to train," either physically, mentally, or spiritually. It appears only four times in the New Testament. Here it refers to training oneself in godliness. In Hebrews 5:14, the word is used to describe training one's senses to differentiate between good and evil. In contrast, the false teachers in 2 Peter 2:14 had trained their hearts in greed.

4:13 give attendance ▸ *see Luke 20:46.*
4:14 prophecy ▸ *see Rom. 12:6.*

4:14 presbytery

(Gr. *prebyterion*) (Luke 22:66; Acts 22:5) G4244: Derived from the word for "elder," this word refers to the body of elders or the ruling council, either of Jews or of Christians. The literal meaning is "aged men," those who exhibit wisdom and maturity. These leaders in the church blessed Timothy and prophesied over him.

5:2 sister ▸ *see Mark 10:29.*
5:3 widow ▸ *see 1 Tim. 5:11.*

6 But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth.
7 And these things give in charge, that they may be blameless.
8 But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.
9 Let not a widow be taken into the number under threescore years old, having been the wife of one man,
10 Well reported of for good works; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the saints' feet, if she have relieved the afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work.

Counsel for Younger Widows

11 But the younger widows refuse: for when they have begun to wax wanton against Christ, they will marry;
12 Having damnation, because they have cast off their first faith.
13 And withal they learn *to be* idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not.
14 I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully.
15 For some are already turned aside after Satan.
16 If any man or woman that believeth have widows, let them relieve them, and let not the church be charged; that it may relieve them that are widows indeed.

Honour the Elders

17 Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.
18 For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer *is* worthy of his reward.
19 Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses.
20 Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear.
21 I charge *thee* before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality.
22 Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure.
23 Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities.
24 Some men's sins are open beforehand, going before to judgment; and some *men* they follow after.
25 Likewise also the good works *of some* are manifest beforehand; and they that are otherwise cannot be hid.

Honour Your Masters

6 Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and *his* doctrine be not blasphemed.

5:10 wash ▸ *see John 13:5.*

5:11 widow

(Gr. *chēra*) (Matt. 23:14; Luke 4:25; 1 Tim. 5:3, 16; James 1:27) G5503: In a world with few social safety nets, the position of women whose husbands had died was precarious. Extreme poverty and desperation was often their fate. Jesus excoriated religious leaders who preyed on these vulnerable women instead of helping them (Mark 12:40), then exclaimed over the faith and generosity of the widow who gave out of her poverty (Mark 12:41–44). Here in an extended teaching on widows, Paul acknowledges not only special needs but also their particular responsibilities and ministry.

5:16 widow ▸ *see 1 Tim. 5:11.*

5:17 honour

(Gr. *timē*) (Rom. 2:10; 13:7; Heb. 2:7) G5092: This common noun can be rendered "price" (i.e., what something is worth monetarily, as Acts 19:19), the money, goods, or services paid for an item (as Acts 5:2; 1 Cor. 7:23), or, as here, "honour" (that is, respect—John 4:44; Rom. 2:7—or a position of honor, as Heb. 5:4). The word generally includes the recognition of the dignity or value of a given position or item. Here it may designate a monetary expression of honor or value—an honorarium.

6:1 master

(Gr. *despotēs*) (1 Tim. 6:2; Titus 2:9; 1 Pet. 2:18) G1203: The word is the basis for the English word *despot* and literally means "absolute ruler" or "lord." Originally it referred to the head of a household in his position as owner of its property (as 2 Tim. 2:21, metaphorically of God) and slaves (as here). The Greeks used the word to refer to

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2 And they that have believing masters, let them not despise *them,* because they are brethren; but rather do *them* service, because they are faithful and beloved, partakers of the benefit. These things teach and exhort.
3 If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, *even* the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness;
4 He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings,
5 Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.

The Root of All Evil

6 But godliness with contentment is great gain.
7 For we brought nothing into *this* world, *and it is* certain we can carry nothing out.
8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.
9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and *into* many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.
10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

Fight the Good Fight of Faith

11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.
12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.
13 I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and *before* Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession;
14 That thou keep *this* commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:
15 Which in his times he shall shew, *who is* the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;
16 Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom *be* honour and power everlasting. Amen.

Be Trustworthy

17 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;
18 That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate;
19 Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.
20 O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane *and* vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:

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their gods' absolute power (compare the Christian use of the title, rendered "Lord," for God in Jude 4 and Acts 4:24). A person who used this word would be admitting his total dependence upon God's majesty and power.

6:2 master ▸ *see 1 Tim. 6:1.*
6:7 world ▸ *see 1 John 5:19.*
6:9 lust ▸ *see 1 Pet. 1:14.*
6:9 destruction ▸ *see 2 Thess. 1:9.*
6:9 perdition ▸ *see Matt. 7:13.*
6:12 witness ▸ *see Rev. 1:5.*
6:14 appearing ▸ *see 2 Tim. 4:8.*
6:15 potentate ▸ *see Acts 8:27.*

6:16 power

(Gr. *kratos*) (Eph. 1:19; Col. 1:11; Jude 25; Rev. 1:6) G2904: This word means "force, strength" and particularly refers to proper and effectively executed authority. Sometimes it is translated "dominion." We find this word in our words "theocracy," "aristocracy," and "democracy." In Scripture *kratos* usually refers to God's kingdom authority, often in a doxology or utterance of worship: "And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power [*kratos*] be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever" (Rev. 5:13).

6:20 vain babblings

(Gr. *kenophōnia*) (2 Tim. 2:16) G2757: This Greek word literally means "empty words." In

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21 Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace *be* with thee. Amen.

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Paul's writings, the Greek word *kenos* expresses the ultimate emptiness of all that is not filled with spiritual meaning. In other words, human achievement amounts to nothing if it does not come from the will of God. Nothing comes from this nothingness; it is futility. Paul uses a derivative of this word to describe the hollow words (1 Tim. 6:20; 2 Tim. 2:16) spoken by Judaizers trying to entice the believers with their foolish philosophies (Eph. 5:6; Col. 2:8). But the teaching committed to Paul and the apostles was not futile; it would last throughout eternity because it originated in God's unchanging will (Matt. 5:18; 1 Cor. 15:12–15).

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO

TIMOTHY

PRISON IS THE LAST PLACE from which to expect a letter of encouragement, but that is where Paul's second letter to Timothy originates. He begins by assuring Timothy of his continuing love and prayers, and reminds him of his spiritual heritage and responsibilities. Only the one who perseveres, whether as a soldier, athlete, farmer, or minister of Jesus Christ, will reap the reward. Paul warns Timothy that his teaching will come under attack as men desert the truth for ear-scratching words (4:3). But Timothy has Paul's example to guide him and God's Word to fortify him as he faces growing opposition and glowing opportunities in the last days.

Paul's last epistle received the title *Pros Timotheon B,* the "Second to Timothy." When Paul's epistles were collected together the *B* was probably added to distinguish this letter from the first letter he wrote to Timothy.

WATCH WORDS

- **sound mind** (moderation, self-control, reason)—1:7
- **rightly dividing** (cutting straight, correct, and right)—2:15
- **inspiration of God** (that which is God-breathed)—3:16
- **fight** (compete, strive, work toward a goal)—4:7

Timothy's Unfeigned Faith

1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus,
2 To Timothy, *my* dearly beloved son: Grace, mercy, *and* peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.
3 I thank God, whom I serve from *my* forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day;
4 Greatly desiring to see thee, being mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled with joy;
5 When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.
6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.
7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

The Lord's Testimony

8 Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;
9 Who hath saved us, and called *us* with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace,

1:7 power ▸ *see Acts 1:8.*

1:7 sound mind

(Gr. *sōphronismos*) G4995: Used only here in Scripture, this word means "soundness of mind," with self-discipline as the result. The word is one of a large group of cognates including the noun *sōphrosynē* (G4997), "moderation, self-control, reason" (Acts 26:25; 1 Tim. 2:9, 15). The root word is *sōphronizō* (G4994), "to restore to one's senses, to moderate, to discipline, to admonish." Moderation and self-discipline are here placed in contrast to fear.

1:9 calling

(Gr. *klēsis*) (Rom. 11:29; Eph. 1:18; 4:4; Heb. 3:1; 2 Pet. 1:10) G2821: Used in the sense of commission, role, privilege, or responsibility. The word emphasizes a place or position given by another;

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which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,
10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:
11 Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.
12 For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.
13 Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.
14 That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.
15 This thou knowest, that all they which are in Asia be turned away from me; of whom are Phygellus and Hermogenes.
16 The Lord give mercy unto the house of Onesiphorus; for he oft refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain:
17 But, when he was in Rome, he sought me out very diligently, and found *me.*
18 The Lord grant unto him that he may find mercy of the Lord in that day: and in how many things he ministered unto me at Ephesus, thou knowest very well.

Be Strong in the Grace of Christ

2 Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.
2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.
3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.
4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of *this* life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.
5 And if a man also strive for masteries, *yet* is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully.
6 The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits.
7 Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.

The Word of God Is Not Bound

8 Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel:
9 Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, *even* unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound.
10 Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.
11 *It is* a faithful saying: For if we be dead with *him,* we shall also live with *him:*
12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with *him:* if we deny *him,* he also will deny us:
13 If we believe not, *yet* he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.

Work for God's Approval

14 Of these things put *them* in remembrance, charging *them* before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, *but* to the subverting of the hearers.
15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God,

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throughout the New Testament the caller is God. *Calling* is synonymous with *vocation* (Eph. 4:1), a word related to the Latin word for calling (*vocatio*). Here Paul uses both the verb form (*kaleomai*) and this noun to emphasize God's sovereignty in determining the purpose (calling) of our lives and in positioning (calling) us for that role.

1:10 appearing ▸ *see 2 Tim. 4:8.*
1:13 sound ▸ *see 1 Tim. 1:10.*
2:5 crown ▸ *see Heb. 2:9.*
2:7 understanding ▸ *see Mark 12:33.*

2:9 evil doer

(Gr. *kakourgos*) (Luke 23:32, 39) G2557: A compound word derived from *kakos* (G2556), "evil," and *ergon* (G2041), "deed," this word literally means "evildoer." The other use of this word in Scripture is to describe the men crucified with Jesus—there it is translated "criminal." Compared with its synonyms, this word implies criminal actions rather than simply immoral ones. It is implied that such actions are committed habitually. Paul was treated as a common criminal in return for his preaching of the gospel.

2:10 elect ▸ *see 1 Pet. 2:9.*
2:15 study ▸ *see Gal. 2:10.*

a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.
16 But shun profane *and* vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.
17 And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus;
18 Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some.
19 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.
20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.
21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, *and* prepared unto every good work.

Flee Youthful Lusts

22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.
23 But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes.
24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all *men,* apt to teach, patient,
25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;
26 And *that* they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

Perilous Times Shall Come

3 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.
2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,
3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,
4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;
5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.
6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,
7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.
8 Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.
9 But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all *men,* as theirs also was.

All Scripture Is Inspired

10 But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,
11 Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of *them* all the Lord delivered me.
12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

2:15 rightly dividing

(Gr. *orthotomeō*) G3718: Paul uses this word to mean "teach correctly." The root words are *orthos* (G3717), "straight" and *tomos* (G5114), "sharp," so a literal rendering is "to cut straight." *Tomos* is used in Hebrews 4:12 to describe the sharp sword of God's Word. This word is used in the Septuagint in Proverbs 3:6 and 11:5 to mean "cut a line in a straight path," with the emphasis on "straight" rather than "cut." The way God's Word is handled and taught must be correct and right, resulting in conduct that is in line with God's Word so we can be unashamed before God.

2:16 vain babblings ▸ *see 1 Tim. 6:20.*
2:16 ungodliness ▸ *see Rom. 11:26.*
2:20 earth ▸ *see 2 Cor. 4:7.*
2:22 pure ▸ *see Matt. 5:8.*

3:1 perilous

(Gr. *chalepos*) (Matt. 8:28) G5467: This word means "hard to take, hard to bear, troublesome, dangerous, harsh, savage." In its other New Testament occurrence this word is translated "fierce" (Matt. 8:28). Here in 2 Timothy the word describes a society that is devoid of virtue and full of licentiousness and corruption.

3:2 proud ▸ *see Luke 1:51.*
3:2 blasphemers ▸ *see Acts 6:11.*
3:8 reprobate ▸ *see 1 Cor. 9:27.*

13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.
14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned *them;*
15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.
16 All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:
17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

Preach the Word

4 I charge *thee* therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;
2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.
3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;
4 And they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.
5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.
6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.
7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished *my* course, I have kept the faith:
8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

Personal Requests

9 Do thy diligence to come shortly unto me:
10 For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia.
11 Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry.

3:16 scripture ▸ *see John 5:39.*

3:16 inspiration of God

(Gr. *theopneustos*) G2315: The Greek word means "God-breathed," from *theos* (God) and *pneō* (to breathe). Although it is difficult to fully recreate the thought of this Greek expression in English, we are fairly sure that Paul meant to say that all Scripture was breathed out from God. This is the primary meaning. But the expression could also mean that the Word was "inbreathed," or inspired, by God. The first definition affirms the Bible's divine origin; the second speaks of God's spiritual presence in the Word. Thus God not only inspired the authors who wrote the words of the Bible, but He also inspires those who read it with a heart of faith.

3:16 instruction ▸ *see Heb. 12:5.*
4:3 endure ▸ *see 2 Thess. 1:4.*
4:3 sound ▸ *see 1 Tim. 1:10.*
4:6 offer ▸ *see Phil. 2:17.*

4:7 fight

(Gr. *agōnizomai*) (Luke 13:24; 1 Cor. 9:25) G0075: This uncommon word is variously translated "fight," "compete," "strive," and "labor." It typically carries the sense of working toward a goal, and is often used metaphorically ("strive to enter in at the strait gate"— Luke 13:24; "Epaphras [is] . . . always labouring fervently for you in prayers"—Col. 4:12). Following Jesus is compared to competing in sports or fighting a battle: "And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible" (1 Cor. 9:25; cf. 2 Tim. 4:7). It is used when Jesus says that if His kingdom were an earthly one, His followers would "fight, that [He] should not be delivered to the Jews" (John 18:36).

4:7 faith ▸ *see Col. 1:4.*
4:8 give ▸ *see Matt. 22:21.*

4:8 appearing

(Gr. *epiphaneia*) (2 Thess. 2:8; 1 Tim. 6:14; 2 Tim. 1:10; Titus 2:13) G2015: This word literally means "a shining forth" and was used in Greek literature to denote a divine appearance. The English word *epiphany* is a close equivalent. The New Testament writers use the word to refer to Jesus' first coming, the time when He entered this world as a man (see 2 Tim. 1:10). They also use the word to speak of Jesus' second coming, specifically to His appearance to all the world (see Matt. 24:27).

12 And Tychicus have I sent to Ephesus.
13 The cloke that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest, bring *with thee,* and the books, *but* especially the parchments.
14 Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil: the Lord reward him according to his works:
15 Of whom be thou ware also; for he hath greatly withstood our words.

The Lord Shall Deliver

16 At my first answer no man stood with me, but all *men* forsook me: *I pray God* that it may not be laid to their charge.
17 Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and *that* all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.
18 And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve *me* unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.
19 Salute Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus.
20 Erastus abode at Corinth: but Trophimus have I left at Miletum sick.
21 Do thy diligence to come before winter. Eubulus greeteth thee, and Pudens, and Linus, and Claudia, and all the brethren.
22 The Lord Jesus Christ *be* with thy spirit. Grace *be* with you. Amen.

4:17 lion ▸ *see Rev. 10:3.*

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO

TITUS

TITUS, A YOUNG PASTOR, FACES the unenviable assignment of setting in order the church at Crete. Paul writes advising him to appoint elders, men of proven spiritual character in their homes and businesses, to oversee the work of the church. But elders are not the only individuals in the church who are required to excel spiritually. Men and women, young and old, each have their vital functions to fulfill in the church if they are to be living examples of the doctrine they profess. Throughout his letter to Titus, Paul stresses the necessary, practical working out of salvation in the daily lives of both the elders and the congregation. Good works are desirable and profitable for all believers.

This third Pastoral Epistle is simply titled *Pros Titon,* "To Titus." Ironically, this was also the name of the Roman general who destroyed Jerusalem in A.D. 70 and succeeded his father Vespasian as emperor.

WATCH WORDS

- **vain talker** (someone who speaks empty, senseless words)—1:10
- **Saviour** (one who saves; God and Jesus)—2:10 (also 1:3; 3:4)
- **regeneration** (the process of being made anew; being born again)—3:5
- **renewing** (transforming; renovating)—3:5

Paul's Son in the Faith

1 Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness;
2 In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;
3 But hath in due times manifested his word through preaching, which is committed unto me according to the commandment of God our Saviour;
4 To Titus, *mine* own son after the common faith: Grace, mercy, *and* peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Qualifications for Leaders

5 For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee:
6 If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly.
7 For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;
8 But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate;
9 Holding fast the faithful word as he hath

1:1 servant ▸ *see Rev. 11:18.*
1:2 hope ▸ *see Rom. 15:13.*
1:2 life ▸ *see John 5:24.*
1:2 promise ▸ *see Acts 7:5.*
1:3 Saviour ▸ *see Titus 2:10.*
1:4 common ▸ *see Acts 4:32.*

1:7 bishop

(Gr. *episkopos*) (Acts 20:28; Phil. 1:1; 1 Tim. 3:2; 1 Pet. 2:25) G1985: This word for "overseer" or "bishop" is a compound form of *epi* (G1909), "upon, over," and *skopos* (G4649), "one who watches or looks out." This person is a guardian who watches over and protects members of the church. In the New Testament it usually refers to someone who holds a particular office or position of leadership in the church, but in 1 Peter 2:25 it refers to Christ: "For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop [*episkopos*] of your souls."

1:7 steward ▸ *see 1 Pet. 4:10.*
1:7 given to filthy lucre ▸ *see 1 Tim. 3:8.*
1:9 word ▸ *see John 1:1.*

been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

Rebuke the Vain Talkers

10 For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision:
11 Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.
12 One of themselves, *even* a prophet of their own, said, The Cretians *are* alway liars, evil beasts, slow bellies.
13 This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith;
14 Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth.
15 Unto the pure all things *are* pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving *is* nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.
16 They profess that they know God; but in works they deny *him,* being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

Teach Sound Doctrine

2 But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:
2 That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.
3 The aged women likewise, that *they be* in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;
4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,
5 *To be* discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.
6 Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded.
7 In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine *shewing* uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,
8 Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.
9 *Exhort* servants to be obedient unto their own masters, *and* to please *them* well in all *things;* not answering again;
10 Not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

Teachings of the Grace of God

11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,
12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

1:10 vain talker

(Gr. *mataiologos*) G3151: Used only here in Scripture, this compound word is formed from *maitaios* (G3152), "vain, idle," and *legō* (G3004), "to say, speak." It refers to someone who speaks empty, senseless words. Such useless talk results from an undisciplined lifestyle and is contrasted with those who exhort with sound doctrine (Titus 1:9).

1:12 beast ▸ *see Rev. 6:8.*
1:15 pure ▸ *see Matt. 5:8.*
2:1 sound ▸ *see 1 Tim. 1:10.*
2:2 grave ▸ *see 1 Tim. 3:11.*
2:9 master ▸ *see 1 Tim. 6:1.*

2:10 Saviour

(Gr. *sōtēr*) (Luke 1:47; 2:11; 1 Tim. 1:1; 2:3; Titus 1:3; 3:4) G4990: The word is used by Mary and by the angel who proclaimed the good news to the shepherds that the Savior had come (Luke 1:47; 2:11). In the Pastoral Epistles, the expression "God our Saviour" and similar ones appear often. In these verses, the appellation seems to describe God the Father. The Old Testament writers speak of God as Savior (see Ps. 24:5; Is. 12:2; 45:15, 21) and so do a few other New Testament writers (Luke 1:47; Jude 25). The Son is also called Savior in the Pastoral Epistles (2 Tim. 1:10; Titus 1:4; 2:13; 3:6;), and in Titus 2:13 the Son is called "our God and Saviour," thus clearly identifying Jesus as God.

2:12 ungodliness ▸ *see Rom. 11:26.*

2:12 worldly

(Gr. *kosmikos*) (Heb. 9:1) G2886: The word, used only twice in the New Testament, means "worldly" in an ethical sense or "pertaining to the earth" (i.e., "earthly") in a morally neutral sense.

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13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;
14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.
15 These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

Justified by God's Grace

3 Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work,
2 To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, *but* gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.
3 For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, *and* hating one another.
4 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,
5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;
6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;
7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Maintain Good Works

8 *This is* a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.

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Here it describes the "lusts" or strong desires we are taught to deny because they are opposed to God's desires. In Hebrews 9:1, it describes the earthly sanctuary as opposed to the perfect and true heavenly sanctuary. The English word *cosmic* is a derivative.

2:12 soberly

(Gr. *sōphronōs*) G4996: This word means "with sound mind, soberly, discreetly, temperately." It is used only here in Scripture. The root words are *sōzō* (G4982), "to save," and *phrēn* (G5424), "the mind," so the sense of the word is that this person acts in a sensible manner, thinking carefully before he takes action. Such a person is prudent and self-controlled, living for the future hope rather than immediate gratification. Sober living is contrasted here with living to satisfy worldly lusts.

2:13 appearing ▸ *see 2 Tim. 4:8.*
2:14 give ▸ *see Acts 20:35.*
2:14 iniquity ▸ *see 1 John 3:4.*
2:14 zealous ▸ *see Acts 22:3.*
3:2 gentle ▸ *see James 3:17.*
3:2 meekness ▸ *see 2 Cor. 10:1.*
3:3 serve ▸ *see Rom. 14:18.*
3:4 kindness ▸ *see Acts 28:2.*
3:4 Saviour ▸ *see Titus 2:10.*

3:5 washing

(Gr. *loutron*) (Eph. 5:26) G3067: The Greek word for *washing* can signify the receptacle of washing (the basin) or the act of washing itself. In Ephesians 5:26, the only other New Testament occurrence of this word, the natural meaning is washing. Here also the action of washing is presented. Quite simply, the text says that "regeneration" is characterized by or accompanied by the action of washing.

3:5 regeneration

(Gr. *palingenesias*) (Matt. 19:28) G3824: This word is used twice in the New Testament. The regenerative activity of the Holy Spirit is characterized elsewhere in Scripture as cleansing and purifying (see Ezek. 36:25–27; John 3:5). The Greek term for *regeneration* literally means "being born again"—indicating a new birth effected by the Holy Spirit (Matt. 19:28; cf. John 3:6; Rom. 8:16; Gal. 4:6). Thus God saved us through one process with two aspects: the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Spirit.

3:5 renewing

(Gr. *anakainōsis*) (Rom. 12:2) G0342: This word implies a transformed and restored heart that results in a renovated life. It is a change from the inside out. The root words are *ana*, "again," and *kainos*, "new." The Holy Spirit changes us and makes us "new again." The only other use of this word in Scripture is in Romans 12:2: "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing [*anakainōsis*] of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

9 But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain.
10 A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject;
11 Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself.

Closing Remarks

12 When I shall send Artemas unto thee, or Tychicus, be diligent to come unto me to Nicopolis: for I have determined there to winter.
13 Bring Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey diligently, that nothing be wanting unto them.
14 And let ours also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful.
15 All that are with me salute thee. Greet them that love us in the faith. Grace *be* with you all. Amen.

3:9 vain ▸ *see 1 Cor. 3:20.*

3:10 heretick

(Gr. *hairetikos*) G0141: This word appears nowhere else in the New Testament. The literal meaning is "fitted" or "able to choose" (it is derived from a verb meaning "to choose") but figuratively "factious" or "schismatic." It was used to describe persons who associated with groups that were considered divisive. These groups were usually identified by their distinctive teachings. The word is therefore translated here as "heretick."

3:13 lawyer ▸ *see Luke 11:45.*

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO

PHILEMON

DOES CHRISTIAN BROTHERLY LOVE REALLY work, even in situations of extraordinary tension and difficulty? Will it work, for example, between a prominent slave owner and one of his runaway slaves? Paul has no doubt! He writes a "postcard" to Philemon, his beloved brother and fellow worker, on behalf of Onesimus—a deserter, thief, and formerly worthless slave, but now Philemon's brother in Christ. With much tact and tenderness, Paul asks Philemon to receive Onesimus back with the same gentleness with which he would receive Paul himself. Any debt Onesimus owes, Paul promises to make good. Knowing Philemon, Paul is confident that brotherly love and forgiveness will carry the day.

Since this letter is addressed to Philemon in verse 1, it becomes known as *Pros Philemona,* "To Philemon." Like First and Second Timothy and Titus, it is addressed to an individual, but unlike the Pastoral Epistles, Philemon is also addressed to a family and a church (v. 2).

WATCH WORD

- **prisoner** (one who is bound as a captive)—1 (also 9)

Philemon's Faith

1 Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ, and Timothy *our* brother, unto Philemon our dearly beloved, and fellowlabourer,
2 And to *our* beloved Apphia, and Archippus our fellowsoldier, and to the church in thy house:
3 Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
4 I thank my God, making mention of thee always in my prayers,
5 Hearing of thy love and faith, which thou hast toward the Lord Jesus, and toward all saints;
6 That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.
7 For we have great joy and consolation in thy love, because the bowels of the saints are refreshed by thee, brother.

Paul's Intercession for Onesimus

8 Wherefore, though I might be much bold in Christ to enjoin thee that which is convenient,
9 Yet for love's sake I rather beseech *thee,* being such an one as Paul the aged, and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ.
10 I beseech thee for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten in my bonds:
11 Which in time past was to thee unprofitable, but now profitable to thee and to me:
12 Whom I have sent again: thou therefore receive him, that is, mine own bowels:
13 Whom I would have retained with me, that in thy stead he might have ministered unto me in the bonds of the gospel:
14 But without thy mind would I do noth-

1 prisoner

(Gr. *desmios*) (Matt. 27:15; Acts 28:16; Heb. 13:3) G1198: This term refers to one who is bound as a captive or prisoner. It is related to words meaning "to bind," "bonds, fetters, chains," and "imprisonment." Several times it is used of Paul, who describes himself as a prisoner of Christ Jesus and a prisoner in the Lord (Eph. 3:1; 4:1; 2 Tim. 1:8; Philem. 1, 9). During one of Paul's imprisonments, other prisoners heard him (and Silas) praying and singing hymns to God at midnight (Acts 16:25–27).

6 effectual ▸ *see Heb. 4:12.*
14 mind ▸ *see 2 Cor. 8:10.*

ing; that thy benefit should not be as it were of necessity, but willingly.
15 For perhaps he therefore departed for a season, that thou shouldest receive him for ever;
16 Not now as a servant, but above a servant, a brother beloved, specially to me, but how much more unto thee, both in the flesh, and in the Lord?
17 If thou count me therefore a partner, receive him as myself.
18 If he hath wronged thee, or oweth *thee* ought, put that on mine account;
19 I Paul have written *it* with mine own hand, I will repay *it:* albeit I do not say to thee how thou owest unto me even thine own self besides.

Paul Encourages Philemon's Obedience

20 Yea, brother, let me have joy of thee in the Lord: refresh my bowels in the Lord.
21 Having confidence in thy obedience I wrote unto thee, knowing that thou wilt also do more than I say.
22 But withal prepare me also a lodging: for I trust that through your prayers I shall be given unto you.
23 There salute thee Epaphras, my fellow-prisoner in Christ Jesus;
24 Marcus, Aristarchus, Demas, Lucas, my fellowlabourers.
25 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with your spirit. Amen.

15 receive ▸ *see Luke 6:24.*
18 wrong ▸ *see Acts 25:10.*
19 Paul ▸ *see Acts 28:30.*

THE EPISTLE TO THE

HEBREWS

MANY JEWISH BELIEVERS, HAVING STEPPED out of Judaism into Christianity, want to reverse their course in order to escape persecution by their countrymen. The writer of Hebrews exhorts them to "go on unto perfection" (6:1). His appeal is based on the superiority of Christ over the Judaic system. Christ is better than the angels, for they worship Him. He is better than Moses, for He created him. He is better than the Aaronic priesthood, for His sacrifice was once for all time. He is better than the law, for He mediates a better covenant. In short, there is more to be gained in Christ than to be lost in Judaism. Pressing on in Christ produces tested faith, self-discipline, and a visible love seen in good works.

Although the King James Version uses the title "The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Hebrews," there is no early manuscript evidence to support it. The oldest and most reliable title is simply *Pros Ebraious,* "To Hebrews."

WATCH WORDS

- **express image** (exact representation)—1:3
- **make intercession** (plead with someone on behalf of another)—7:25
- **remission** (sending a person away forgiven, pardoned, with all punishment, obligation, or debt canceled by divine decision)—9:22
- **once for all** (finished; final and ultimate)—10:10 (also 7:27)
- **make perfect** (complete, fulfill, achieve the end goal)—12:23 (also 5:9)

God's Son Better than Angels

1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,
2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by *his* Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;
3 Who being the brightness of *his* glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;
4 Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.
5 For unto which of the angels said he at

1:3 brightness

(Gr. *apaugasma*) G0541: This word occurs only here in the New Testament. The Greek word for *brightness* expresses the brilliance emanating from a glorious source of light, such as the beams of the sun. Christ, as the effulgence of God's glory, is the radiance of God, revealing God's glory to humanity. This word can also signify reflected brightness. The idea would be similar to that expressed in John 12:45: "And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me."

1:3 express image

(Gr. *charaktēr*) G5481: Used only here in the New Testament, this word means "exact copy." The root word means "to sharpen." Literally, this word refers to a tool used for stamping or engraving, a mark imprinted or burned into something that would be the exact copy of the stamp's likeness. We might think of an impression made on a coin or seal. Paul uses this word metaphorically to express the complete similarity of the Son of God to the Father. In this context, the word means that Christ is the exact representation of God's nature. Since God's essence, nature, and being are invisible, the Son reveals God to us, for He is an exact visible likeness of God.

1:3 person ▸ *see Heb. 3:14.*
1:3 word ▸ *see 1 Pet. 1:25.*

any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?
6 And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.
7 And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.

A Sceptre of Righteousness

8 But unto the Son *he saith,* Thy throne, O God, *is* for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness *is* the sceptre of thy kingdom.
9 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, *even* thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.
10 And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:
11 They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment;
12 And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.
13 But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?
14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

Give Earnest Heed to Salvation

2 Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let *them* slip.
2 For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward;
3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard *him;*
4 God also bearing *them* witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?
5 For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak.
6 But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him?
7 Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands:
8 Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing *that is* not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him.

1:6 firstbegotten

(Gr. *prōtotokos*) (Luke 2:7; Rom. 8:29; Col. 1:15; Rev. 1:5) G4416: The first part of this word (*prōtos*) can indicate "first in time" (temporal priority) or "first in place" (preeminence). In this context, preeminence is in the forefront. Thus the Son of Man is the "chiefborn" among all God's creatures. See Exodus 4:22; Deuteronomy 21:16, 17; Psalm 89:23, where in the Greek Old Testament *prōtotokos* is used to express the idea of preeminence. Understood as a second, separate description of Christ's human nature, this title indicates that the Son in His humanity is now the foremost creature of all creation. But the designation in no way indicates that Christ Himself was created by God, for the next verse asserts that all things were created in, through, and for Christ. As a participant in the creation of all things, Christ cannot be a created being. Instead He is the Son of God, the Second Person of the Godhead, who has existed from eternity.

1:7 minister

(Gr. *leitourgos*) (Rom. 13:6; 15:16; Phil 2:25; Heb. 8:2) G3011: Derived from *laos* (G2992), "people," and *ergon* (G2041), "work," this refers to workers for the people, such as public ministers or servants of the state. Originally it referred to someone who rendered service at his own expense. In Scripture it is used to refer to both government workers and public servants and to ministers of the gospel. Used metaphorically it refers to angels (here) and Christ Himself (Heb. 8:2). In these instances it emphasizes God's work for us, His care shown to us.

1:9 fellow ▸ *see Heb. 3:1.*
1:13 right hand ▸ *see 2 Cor. 6:7.*
1:14 minister ▸ *see 2 Cor. 11:8.*
2:2 disobedience ▸ *see Rom. 5:19.*
2:2 recompence of reward ▸ *see Heb. 11:26.*
2:3 escape ▸ *see Luke 21:36.*
2:4 wonder ▸ *see Acts 2:19.*
2:7 crown ▸ *see Heb. 2:9.*
2:7 honour ▸ *see 1 Tim. 5:17.*

A Crown of Glory and Honour

9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.
10 For it became him, for whom *are* all things, and by whom *are* all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.
11 For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified *are* all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,
12 Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.
13 And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me.

A Merciful High Priest

14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;
15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.
16 For verily he took not on *him the nature of* angels; but he took on *him* the seed of Abraham.
17 Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto *his* brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things *pertaining* to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.
18 For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

The House of Christ

3 Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;
2 Who was faithful to him that appointed him, as also Moses *was faithful* in all his house.
3 For this *man* was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as he who hath builded the house hath more honour than the house.

2:9 crown

(Gr. *stephanoō*) (2 Tim. 2:5; Heb. 2:7) G4737: This verb, used only three times in the New Testament, means "to encircle with a crown," as the victor in a contest. Here it is used figuratively to refer to the bestowing of some honor or reward. This word is similar but not identical to other words rendered "crown" in noun form—see for example the royal crowns of Revelation 19:12, the military crown of Revelation 6:2, the crown given to a victorious athlete in 1 Corinthians 9:25, and the metaphorical crowns of 2 Timothy 4:8 ("crown of righteousness"), 1 Peter 5:4 ("crown of glory"), and James 1:12 ("crown of life").

2:10 captain ▸ *see Acts 3:15.*
2:14 partake ▸ *see Phil. 4:15.*
2:14 blood ▸ *see 1 John 1:7.*
2:14 take part ▸ *see 1 Cor. 9:10.*
2:14 death ▸ *see Rev. 1:18.*

2:15 bondage

(Gr. *douleia*) (Rom. 8:15, 21; Gal. 5:1) G1397: This word is derived from the term *doulos* (G1401), which means slave or servant (Mark 10:44; Matt. 8:9; 10:24, 25). In the New Testament this word uses the helplessness and dehumanization of slavery as a metaphor for spiritual servitude. Jesus Himself makes this connection in John 8:34: "Whoever committeth sin is the servant [*doulos*] of sin" or in bondage to sin. Here the writer of Hebrews is pointing to the evidence of bondage to sin found in the fear of death from which Christ frees us by defeating both death and the devil (1 Cor. 15:20–28).

2:17 merciful ▸ *see Matt. 5:7.*
2:17 make reconciliation ▸ *see Luke 18:13.*

3:1 partaker

(Gr. *metochos*) (Heb. 1:9; 3:14; 6:4; 12:8) G3353: The Greek word is an adjective meaning "having a share in," "being a participant or partner with," or "being a companion of." Used substantively it means "fellow" or "companion" (see Heb. 1:9). The sense is on the fact of sharing (rather than having in common, a subtle but important distinction). The writer of Hebrews views his readers as sharing in the heavenly calling (as here), Christ (Heb. 3:14), the Holy Spirit (Heb. 6:4), and the discipline that identifies them as children of God (Heb. 12:8).

3:1 calling ▸ *see 2 Tim. 1:9.*
3:1 apostle ▸ *see 2 Cor. 12:12.*

4 For every house is builded by some *man;* but he that built all things *is* God.
5 And Moses verily *was* faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after;
6 But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.

The Evil Heart of Unbelief

7 Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice,
8 Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness:
9 When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years.
10 Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do alway err in *their* heart; and they have not known my ways.
11 So I sware in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.)
12 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.
13 But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.
14 For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;
15 While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.

The Unheeding Israelites

16 For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses.
17 But with whom was he grieved forty years? *was it* not with them that had sinned, whose carcases fell in the wilderness?
18 And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not?
19 So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

Labour to Enter God's Rest

4 Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left *us* of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.
2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard *it*.
3 For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.
4 For he spake in a certain place of the seventh *day* on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works.
5 And in this *place* again, If they shall enter into my rest.

Harden Not Your Hearts

6 Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief:
7 Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

3:8 harden ▸ *see Heb. 4:7.*
3:13 harden ▸ *see Heb. 4:7.*
3:13 sin ▸ *see John 9:41.*
3:14 partaker ▸ *see Heb. 3:1.*

3:14 confidence

(Gr. *hypostasis*) (2 Cor. 9:4; 11:17; Heb. 1:3; 11:1) G5287: Used just five times in the New Testament, the noun literally means "a setting or placing under"; that is, a support. The figurative meaning is "essence" or "reality" (as in Hebrews 1:3, where Jesus represents the essence of God) or "assurance" ("confidence," as here). In 2 Corinthians 9:4, it is used of Paul's "confident boasting" (see also 2 Cor. 11:17—"confidence of boasting"). In Hebrews 11:1 ("substance") either meaning might fit: Faith could be described as the assurance and confidence of things hoped for or as the substantial nature and reality of those things.

3:15 harden ▸ *see Heb. 4:7.*
4:1 come short ▸ *see Luke 22:35.*

4:7 harden

(Gr. *sklērynō*) (Acts 19:9; Rom. 9:18; Heb. 3:8, 13, 15) G4645: A word from which we derive our medical term *sclerosis*, referring to an unusual hardening of bodily tissue causing it to malfunction. The term, used interpersonally, conveys settled opposition or rejection. The writer of Hebrews

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8 For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day.
9 There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.
10 For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God *did* from his.
11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.
12 For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.
13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things *are* naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

A Great High Priest

14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* profession.
15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as *we are, yet* without sin.
16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

The Priesthood of Jesus Christ

5 For every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things *pertaining* to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins:
2 Who can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way; for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity.
3 And by reason hereof he ought, as for the people, so also for himself, to offer for sins.
4 And no man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as *was* Aaron.
5 So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee.
6 As he saith also in another *place,* Thou *art* a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.
7 Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;
8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;
9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;
10 Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.

Milk and Strong Meat

11 Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing.
12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which *be* the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

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here and throughout chapter 3 employs the history of God's people's resistance to His direction. In the Old Testament, Psalm 95 pictures defiance as stiffening or hardening of the heart.

4:11 labour ▸ *see Gal. 2:10.*

4:12 powerful

(Gr. *energēs*) (1 Cor. 16:9; Philem. 6) G1756: Related to our word *energetic*, this word means "active and effectual." The root words are *en* (G1722), "in," and *ergon* (G2041), "work." The emphasis of this word is on the outcome—the work brings about the desired effect. Opposites include "idle," "inactive," and "ineffective." It is used only two other times in Scripture, once in reference to effective open doors to the gospel (1 Cor. 16:9) and once to personal gospel witness that results in conversion (Philem. 6).

5:2 out of the way ▸ *see Rev. 12:9.*
5:8 obedience ▸ *see 2 Cor. 10:5.*
5:9 perfect ▸ *see Heb. 12:23.*
5:9 obey ▸ *see Rom. 6:17.*
5:12 principle ▸ *see Gal. 4:3.*

5:12 oracle

(Gr. *logion*) (Acts 7:38; Rom. 3:2; 1 Pet. 4:11) G3051: The Greek term *logion* is a diminutive of the word *logos* (in 5:13). Here it is not "the Word of

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13 For every one that useth milk *is* unskilful
in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.
14 But strong meat belongeth to them that
are of full age, *even* those who by reason of
use have their senses exercised to discern
both good and evil.

Striving for Perfection

6 Therefore leaving the principles of the
doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto
perfection; not laying again the foundation
of repentance from dead works, and of faith
toward God,
2 Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying
on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead,
and of eternal judgment.
3 And this will we do, if God permit.
4 For *it is* impossible for those who were
once enlightened, and have tasted of the
heavenly gift, and were made partakers of
the Holy Ghost,
5 And have tasted the good word of God,
and the powers of the world to come,
6 If they shall fall away, to renew them
again unto repentance; seeing they crucify
to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put
him to an open shame.
7 For the earth which drinketh in the rain
that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth
herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed,
receiveth blessing from God:
8 But that which beareth thorns and briers
is rejected, and *is* nigh unto cursing; whose
end *is* to be burned.
9 But, beloved, we are persuaded better
things of you, and things that accompany
salvation, though we thus speak.
10 For God *is* not unrighteous to forget
your work and labour of love, which ye have
shewed toward his name, in that ye have
ministered to the saints, and do minister.
11 And we desire that every one of you do
shew the same diligence to the full assurance
of hope unto the end:
12 That ye be not slothful, but followers of
them who through faith and patience inherit
the promises.

The Promise of God

13 For when God made promise to Abra-
ham, because he could swear by no greater,
he sware by himself,
14 Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee,
and multiplying I will multiply thee.
15 And so, after he had patiently endured, he
obtained the promise.
16 For men verily swear by the greater: and
an oath for confirmation *is* to them an end of
all strife.
17 Wherein God, willing more abundantly

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God," but "words from God" or "divine communications." Peter uses this word for the teaching of Christian preachers (1 Pet. 4:11), while Paul employs it to refer to the writings of the Old Testament prophets (Rom. 3:2). Stephen uses this word to speak of God's utterances on Mount Sinai and His promises concerning the coming of the Messiah. The author of Hebrews uses it for the basics of Christian doctrine, perhaps consciously contrasting this word to the *logos*, "the word of righteousness," which is for the mature Christian (Heb. 5:13).

5:13 use ▸ *see 1 Cor. 9:10.*
5:14 exercise ▸ *see 1 Tim. 4:7.*
6:4 partaker ▸ *see Heb. 3:1.*

6:5 taste

(Gr. *geuomai*) (Matt. 27:34; John 2:9; 1 Pet. 2:3) G1089: The word can mean "taste" in a literal (Luke 14:24) or metaphorical sense (Luke 9:27). It can also mean "eat" (as Acts 20:11) or "partake of" (in the sense of experiencing something—see 1 Pet. 2:3). The word emphasizes the sensation of taste and thus the experience. It is this nuance of experience in the sense of coming to know fully and personally that determines its meaning in such figurative uses as "taste death" (Heb. 2:9) and "[having] tasted of the heavenly gift" (Heb. 6:4).

6:12 follower ▸ *see Eph. 5:1.*

6:12 patience

(Gr. *makrothumia*) (Gal. 5:22; Eph. 4:2; Col. 3:12; 2 Pet. 3:15) G3115: This word means "fortitude, forbearance, longsuffering, and patience." The root words are *makros* (G3117), "long," and *thumos* (G2372), "temper." This is offering lenience to someone who offends, willingly enduring persecution and ill-treatment. It is implied that the longsuffering person has the power to exercise revenge but instead exercises restraint out of love. God bears with us in this way (Rom. 2:4), and we are to show love by offering this same type of patience toward others (2 Cor. 6:6; Eph. 4:2). The Holy Spirit empowers us to have this virtue (Gal. 5:22).

to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed *it* by an oath:
18 That by two immutable things, in which *it was* impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:
19 Which *hope* we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;
20 Whither the forerunner is for us entered, *even* Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

The King of Righteousness

7 For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him;
2 To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace;
3 Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually.
4 Now consider how great this man *was,* unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils.
5 And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham:
6 But he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises.
7 And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better.
8 And here men that die receive tithes; but there he *receiveth them,* of whom it is witnessed that he liveth.
9 And as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham.
10 For he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met him.

A Surety of a Better Testament

11 If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need *was there* that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron?
12 For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law.
13 For he of whom these things are spoken pertaineth to another tribe, of which no man gave attendance at the altar.
14 For *it is* evident that our Lord sprang out of Juda; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood.
15 And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest,
16 Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life.
17 For he testifieth, Thou *art* a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.
18 For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof.
19 For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope *did;* by the which we draw nigh unto God.
20 And inasmuch as not without an oath *he was made priest:*
21 (For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him, The Lord sware and will not repent, Thou *art* a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec:)
22 By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament.

An Unchangeable Priesthood

23 And they truly were many priests,

6:17 counsel ▸ *see Eph. 1:11.*
6:18 consolation ▸ *see Acts 9:31.*

7:3 make like

(Gr. *aphomoioō*) G0871: Used only here in the New Testament, this Greek word literally means "to make a facsimile," or "to produce a model or copy." Thus the author of Hebrews was highlighting the similarities between the Son of God and the way Scripture presents Melchizedek. In other words, the ancient priest-king of Salem was a copy of Jesus.

7:6 promise ▸ *see 2 Cor. 1:20.*
7:15 another ▸ *see Acts 4:12.*
7:21 repent ▸ *see 2 Cor. 7:8.*

because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death:
24 But this *man,* because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood.
25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.
26 For such an high priest became us, *who is* holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;
27 Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself.
28 For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was since the law, *maketh* the Son, who is consecrated for evermore.

A More Excellent Ministry

8 Now of the things which we have spoken *this is* the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens;
2 A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.
3 For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices: wherefore *it is* of necessity that this man have somewhat also to offer.
4 For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law:
5 Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, *that* thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount.
6 But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.

The Need for a New Covenant

7 For if that first *covenant* had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second.
8 For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:
9 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord.

Laws Written in Their Hearts

10 For this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

7:24 ever ▸ *see Matt. 28:20.*

7:25 make intercession

(Gr. *entunchanō*) (Acts 25:24; Rom. 8:27, 34; 11:2) G1793: Literally this word means to meet with someone in order to talk. By implication it means to entreat or plead with someone. The root words are *en* (G1722), "in," and *tunchanō* (G5177), "to obtain." It is used to describe the way the ruling Jews petitioned Festus to put Paul to death (Acts 25:24) and the description of the way Elijah pleaded with God in prayer (Rom. 11:2). More important to believers, we are told that the Holy Spirit and Christ intercede with God on our behalf, obtaining our salvation and sanctification in this way (Rom. 8:27, 34).

7:27 once ▸ *see Heb. 10:10.*
8:2 minister ▸ *see Heb. 1:7.*
8:4 law ▸ *see Rom. 6:14.*
8:6 ministry ▸ *see Phil. 2:30.*
8:6 mediator ▸ *see Heb. 12:24.*

8:7 faultless

(Gr. *amemptos*) (Luke 1:6; Phil. 3:6; 1 Thess. 3:13) G0273: More often rendered "blameless" (Luke 1:6; Phil. 2:15), the word can be applied to a thing (as here—a faultless covenant) or to persons (as in 1 Thess. 3:13, albeit indirectly) to indicate a condition in which others cannot legitimately find reason to cast blame for moral failure. The word is used five times in five verses of the New Testament and is the result of the combination of a negative participle and a verb meaning "to find fault with."

8:8 new ▸ *see John 13:34.*
8:8 covenant ▸ *see Mark 14:24.*

11 And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.
12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.
13 In that he saith, A new *covenant,* he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old *is* ready to vanish away.

A Worldly Sanctuary

9 Then verily the first *covenant* had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary.
2 For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein *was* the candlestick, and the table, and the shewbread; which is called the sanctuary.
3 And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all;
4 Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein *was* the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant;
5 And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercyseat; of which we cannot now speak particularly.
6 Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service *of God.*
7 But into the second *went* the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and *for* the errors of the people:
8 The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing:
9 Which *was* a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience;
10 *Which stood* only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed *on them* until the time of reformation.

A More Perfect Tabernacle

11 But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;
12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption *for us.*
13 For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh:
14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

The Mediator of the New Testament

15 And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions *that*

8:11 know

(Gr. *eidō*) (John 21:15–17; 2 Cor. 5:16; Gal. 4:8, 9) G1492: In the statement "know the Lord, for all shall know me," there are two different Greek words for *know.* The first word (*ginōskō*, G1097) means "to come to know" or "to know personally." It can designate ongoing, personal knowledge, which implies a relationship between the knower and the person who is known. The second word (*eidō*) is derived from the Greek verb meaning "to see." Thus *eidō* means "to perceive" or "to know absolutely." It suggests complete knowledge, while *ginōskō* means a growing knowledge.

9:1 worldly ▸ *see Titus 2:12.*
9:2 table ▸ *see Luke 19:23.*

9:4 rod

(Gr. *rhabdos*) (Matt. 10:10; 1 Cor. 4:21; Rev. 2:27) G4464: The Greek word can refer to a staff or walking stick (Matt. 10:10), a twig or branch (as here, where Aaron's staff budded like a live tree), a rod with which a person is beaten (see 1 Cor. 4:21), or symbolically of any firm or severe governance (as Rev. 2:27—"rule them with a rod of iron"). In Roman times, officers similar in role to modern policemen were called "lictors" and carried bundles of sticks for meting out punishment to criminals or as a deterrent to would-be miscreants.

9:5 mercyseat ▸ *see Rom. 3:25.*
9:9 figure ▸ *see Matt. 13:3.*
9:11 building ▸ *see Col. 1:15.*
9:15 mediator ▸ *see Heb. 12:24.*
9:15 transgression ▸ *see Rom. 2:23.*

were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.
16 For where a testament *is,* there must also of necessity be the death of the testator.
17 For a testament *is* of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth.
18 Whereupon neither the first *testament* was dedicated without blood.

The Blood of the Testament

19 For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people,
20 Saying, This *is* the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you.
21 Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry.
22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.
23 *It was* therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.
24 For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, *which are* the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:
25 Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others;
26 For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.
27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:
28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

Christ the Perfect Sacrifice

10 For the law having a shadow of good things to come, *and* not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.

9:21 vessel

(Gr. *skeuos*) (Luke 8:16; Rom. 9:21; 2 Cor. 4:7) G4632: This word can be used as a general term for any object, thing, household good, or equipment (see Matt. 12:29). More specifically, it can refer to any container, such as a jar or dish. It also has a broad range of figurative senses including that of an instrument (as Acts 9:15) and of the human body (2 Cor. 4:7). In 1 Thessalonians 4:4 ("every one of you should know how to possess his vessel"), the meaning could be "control his body" with particular reference to its sexual practices. However, in keeping with the rabbinic usage of referring to a wife as a "vessel," another possible meaning is "acquire a wife" (see 1 Pet. 3:7—"the weaker vessel").

9:21 ministry ▸ *see Phil. 2:30.*

9:22 remission

(Gr. *aphesis*) (Matt. 26:28; Luke 1:77; 4:18; Acts 2:38) G0859: This word carries the weight of important theological doctrine. The root word, *aphiēmi* (G0863), means "to leave, to forgive, to send away." This form of the word signifies releasing from bondage or imprisonment. It further implies sending a person away forgiven, with all punishment, obligation, or debt canceled by divine judgment. God pardons sins as if they had never been committed and releases the sinner from all obligation. Jesus' sacrifice accomplished this for us, thereby ushering in the New Covenant (Matt. 26:28). The famous gospel summary of Ephesians 1:7 uses this term: "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness [*aphesis*] of sins, according to the riches of his grace."

9:26 appear ▸ *see Mark 4:22.*

9:28 offer

(Gr. *prospherō*) (Matt. 8:16; Mark 10:13; Luke 12:11; Heb. 10:12) G4374: This word means "to bring to, lead to, present to." The root words are *pros* (G4314), "unto; toward," and *pherō* (G5342), "to bring." It refers to presenting gifts (Matt. 2:11), money (Matt. 22:19), or offerings (Matt. 5:23). In the case of the latter, the offering might be a gift, a prayer, or a sacrifice. When people were brought to Jesus to be healed, this word is used (Matt. 8:16; 9:2). It is also used for people being arrested and brought before the authorities (Luke 12:11). In a sense, Jesus was offered up on our behalf in all of these ways—arrested and offered up as a gift or sacrifice in order that we might be healed.

2 For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins.
3 But in those *sacrifices there is* a remembrance again *made* of sins every year.
4 For *it is* not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.
5 Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me:
6 In burnt offerings and *sacrifices* for sin thou hast had no pleasure.
7 Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.
8 Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and *offering* for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure *therein;* which are offered by the law;
9 Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.
10 By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once *for all*.
11 And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins:
12 But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;
13 From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.
14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.
15 *Whereof* the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before,
16 This *is* the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;
17 And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.
18 Now where remission of these *is, there is* no more offering for sin.

Hold Fast the Faith

19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,
20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;
21 And *having* an high priest over the house of God;
22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.
23 Let us hold fast the profession of *our* faith without wavering; (for he *is* faithful that promised;)
24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:
25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is;* but exhorting *one another:* and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Punishment for Wilful Sin

26 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,
27 But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.

10:10 once for all

(Gr. *ephapax*) (Rom. 6:10; 1 Cor. 15:6; Heb. 7:27) G2178: The term can mean either "at once" (i.e., all at the same time—see 1 Cor. 15:6), "once" (that is, one time, as Rom. 6:10), or "once for all" in the sense of accomplishing something that completes an ongoing work (as here; an alternate translation could be "once for all time"). This last sense is used here to describe Jesus' death and self-sacrifice for our sins as final and ultimate, concluding the redemptive work of Christ.

10:11 minister ▸ *see Acts 13:2.*
10:12 offer ▸ *see Heb. 9:28.*
10:14 offering ▸ *see Acts 21:26.*

10:20 way

(Gr. *hodos*) (Matt. 3:3; John 14:6; Rom. 11:33; Rev. 15:3) G3598: This noun refers to a way, road, journey, or path. Thus the wise men left Jerusalem and returned to their own country "another way" (Matt. 2:12); John the Baptist prepared "the way of the LORD" (Matt. 3:3); Jesus explains that He is "the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6). This is the living way, for this way leads to our source of spiritual life, namely God Himself. Therefore, this way, prepared by Jesus' death, leads to eternal life.

10:22 wash ▸ *see John 13:10.*
10:22 pure ▸ *see Matt. 5:8.*
10:23 promise ▸ *see Acts 7:5.*

28 He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:
29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?
30 For we know him that hath said, Vengeance *belongeth* unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people.
31 *It is* a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

A Call to Remember the Former Days

32 But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were illuminated, ye endured a great fight of afflictions;
33 Partly, whilst ye were made a gazingstock both by reproaches and afflictions; and partly, whilst ye became companions of them that were so used.
34 For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance.
35 Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward.
36 For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.
37 For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.
38 Now the just shall live by faith: but if *any man* draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.
39 But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

Faith Before the Flood

11 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
2 For by it the elders obtained a good report.
3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.
4 By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.
5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.
6 But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him:* for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.
7 By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear,

10:29 covenant ▸ *see Mark 14:24.*
10:33 companion ▸ *see Luke 5:10.*
10:35 reward ▸ *see Heb. 11:26.*

10:36 patience

(Gr. *hypomonē*) (Luke 8:15; Rom. 5:3; Heb. 12:1; James 1:4) G5281: This word is formed from *hypo*, "under," (G5259) and *menō*, "to remain" (G3306). It means "endurance, perseverance, bearing up and standing firm in the face of difficulties." This is not passive complacency but an active hope that resists defeat and stands up courageously during times of trial. Believers are to "remain under" their trials, trusting that God loves them and is doing what is best. James puts it this way: "Count it all joy when ye fall into divers tempations, knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience [*hypomonē*]. But let patience [*hypomonē*] have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing" (James 1:2–4).

11:1 substance ▸ *see Heb. 3:14.*
11:1 see ▸ *see 1 Cor. 13:12.*

11:3 frame

(Gr. *katartizō*) (Luke 6:40; Rom. 9:22; 1 Pet. 5:10) G2675: This word has many possible translations, most of them having to do with restoring or attaining perfection or completeness. For example, it can refer to nets being mended (Matt. 4:21), the church becoming unified in thought (1 Cor. 1:10), students completing their training (Rom. 9:22), believers helping restore someone lost in sin (Gal. 6:1), and Jesus perfecting our faith (1 Thess. 3:10). First Peter 5:10 contains a prayer that God will, "after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you." It occasionally seems to refer to an act of creation, as here and in Hebrews 10:5.

prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

The Faith of the Patriarchs

8 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.
9 By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as *in* a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:
10 For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker *is* God.
11 Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.
12 Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, *so many* as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable.
13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of *them,* and embraced *them,* and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.
14 For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.
15 And truly, if they had been mindful of that *country* from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.
16 But now they desire a better *country,* that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.
17 By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten *son,*
18 Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called:
19 Accounting that God *was* able to raise *him* up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.
20 By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.
21 By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, *leaning* upon the top of his staff.
22 By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones.

Moses and Other Faithful Servants

23 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw *he was* a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.
24 By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;
25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;
26 Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.

11:9 heirs with ▸ *see 1 Pet. 3:7.*

11:10 builder

(Gr. *technitēs*) (Acts 19:24; Rev. 18:22) G5079: This word, also translated "craftsman," refers to one who works with his hands, plying a certain trade. A group of craftsmen who specialized in making shrines or similar idol-worship paraphernalia honoring the goddess Diana once led an attack on Paul and his companions because they feared Paul's preaching was bad for their business (Acts 19:24, 27). In Hebrews 11:10, God is compared to an architect or city planner. Revelation 18:21, 22 says that when the "great city Babylon" is thrown down, "no craftsmen, of whatsoever craft he be, shall be found any more in [the city] anymore."

11:11 faithful ▸ *see 2 Thess. 3:3.*
11:14 declare plainly ▸ *see John 14:21.*
11:14 country ▸ *see Mark 6:1.*
11:17 only begotten ▸ *see John 3:16.*
11:19 able ▸ *see Matt. 19:26.*
11:22 departing ▸ *see Luke 9:31.*

11:26 have respect

(Gr. *apoblepō*) G0578: From the root words *apo* (G0575), "from," and *blepō* (G0991), "to see," this word literally means "to look away from." Used only here in the New Testament, the word implies looking away from everything else in order to stare intently at or fix one's focus on one object. Moses had to turn his eyes away from the treasures of Egypt and gaze at the promises of God in order to fulfill God's command to lead the people to the Promised Land.

27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.
28 Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them.
29 By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry *land:* which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.
30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days.
31 By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace.
32 And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell *of* Gedeon, and *of* Barak, and *of* Samson, and *of* Jephthae; *of* David also, and Samuel, and *of* the prophets:
33 Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,
34 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.
35 Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:
36 And others had trial of *cruel* mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:
37 They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;
38 (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and *in* mountains, and *in* dens and caves of the earth.
39 And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:
40 God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

The Author and Finisher of Our Faith

12 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset *us,* and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,
2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.
3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.
4 Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.
5 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of

11:26 recompence of reward

(Gr. *misthapodosia*) (Heb. 2:2; 10:35) G3405: Much like its root word *misthos* (G3408), translated "reward," this refers to the wages or consequences earned by one's actions. *Misthapodosia*, however, appears only in Hebrews, and only three times at that. It has a more specific meaning: the payment of wages. As with *misthos*, these wages can be positive or negative, depending on the actions that earned them. The negative sense is exemplified in Hebrews 2:2, "Every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward." The positive is found in this passage and in Hebrews 10:35, in which confidence in God's faithfulness is spoken of as having "great recompence of reward."

11:27 wrath ▸ *see Rev. 16:1.*
11:33 lion ▸ *see Rev. 10:3.*
11:37 tempted ▸ *see John 6:6.*
12:1 witness ▸ *see Rev. 1:5.*
12:1 patience ▸ *see Heb. 10:36.*

12:2 look

(Gr. *aphoraō*) G0872: Used only here, this word is a compound form of *apo* (G0575), "from," and *horaō* (G3708), "to see." A literal rendering is "to look away from," but the implication is that one's undivided attention is fixed on something. The person has turned away from all other things in order to gaze intently at an object. A believer's whole vision should be filled with Jesus, fixed on Him rather than being filled with distractions.

12:2 author ▸ *see Acts 3:15.*
12:2 endure ▸ *see Matt. 24:13.*

12:5 chastening

(Gr. *paideia*) (Eph. 6:4; 2 Tim. 3:16; Heb. 12:11) G3809: Translated "discipline," "training," and

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the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:
6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

Endure Chastening

7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?
8 But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.
9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected *us,* and we gave *them* reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?
10 For they verily for a few days chastened *us* after their own pleasure; but he for *our* profit, that *we* might be partakers of his holiness.
11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.
12 Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees;
13 And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.

Peace with All Men

14 Follow peace with all *men,* and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:
15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble *you,* and thereby many be defiled;
16 Lest there *be* any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.
17 For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.

Not the Terrible Mountain

18 For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest,
19 And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which *voice* they that heard intreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more:
20 (For they could not endure that which was commanded, And if so much as a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a dart:
21 And so terrible was the sight, *that* Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake:)

The City of the Living God

22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,
23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

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"instruction," *paideia* involves teaching or correction with the intent of improving the recipient. While chastening may be unpleasant, ultimately "it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness" (Heb. 12:11). It is used particularly of the way parents teach their children. "If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?" (Heb. 12:7). Parents are instructed to "but bring [their children] up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4).

12:6 scourge ▸ *see Matt. 20:19.*
12:8 partaker ▸ *see Heb. 3:1.*
12:11 chastening ▸ *see Heb. 12:5.*
12:11 yield ▸ *see Matt. 22:21.*
12:11 exercise ▸ *see 1 Tim. 4:7.*
12:15 bitterness ▸ *see Eph. 4:31.*
12:18 be touched ▸ *see Acts 17:27.*
12:20 beast ▸ *see Rev. 6:8.*

12:23 make perfect

(Gr. *teleioō*) (John 19:28; Heb. 5:9; 1 John 2:5) G5048: This word means "to make perfect, complete, fulfill or achieve the end goal." Jesus spoke of finishing the work of salvation assigned Him by God (John 17:4) and acted to fulfill prophecies (John 19:28). He is Himself perfect (Luke 13:32; Heb. 7:28). While under the Law people can never achieve perfection (Heb. 7:19; 10:1), through Jesus' help they can (John 17:23; Hebrews 10:14). Other things are spoken of as being made perfect as well, including God's love in us (1 John 2:5; 4:12, 17, 18). One of the more well-known and encouraging usages is found in 2 Corinthians 12:9: "And he said to me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness."

24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than *that of* Abel.

The Unmoveable Kingdom

25 See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more *shall not* we *escape,* if we turn away from him that *speaketh* from heaven:
26 Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.
27 And this *word,* Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.
28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:
29 For our God *is* a consuming fire.

The Lord Is My Helper

13 Let brotherly love continue.
2 Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.
3 Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; *and* them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body.
4 Marriage *is* honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.
5 *Let your* conversation *be* without covetousness; *and be* content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.
6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord *is* my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.
7 Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of *their* conversation.
8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

Beware of Strange Doctrines

9 Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For *it is* a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein.
10 We have an altar, whereof they have no right to eat which serve the tabernacle.

12:24 mediator

(Gr. *mesitēs*) (Gal. 3:19, 20; 1 Tim. 2:5; Heb. 8:6; 9:15) G3316: This Greek word means "a go-between," an intermediary between two parties. Paul describes Moses as a mediator of the first covenant: he acted as a liaison between God and the Israelites, communicating the obligations of the covenant to Israel and pleading the Israelites' case before God (see Gal. 3:19, 20). In a similar way, Jesus is the Mediator of the New Covenant. He established it through His own death, commissioning His disciples to preach the Good News. Now He sits at the right hand of God interceding for us (Heb. 7:25).

12:24 speak ▸ *see 1 Cor. 14:2.*

13:1 brotherly love

(Gr. *philadelphia*) (Rom. 12:10; 1 Thess. 4:9; 1 Pet. 1:22; 2 Pet. 1:7) G5360: With the root words *phileō* (G5368), "to love," and *adelphos* (G0080), "brother," this word signifies loving someone like a brother or sister. We might think of it as fraternal affection. This is not the love God has for us (*agapē*—G0026), but rather love between equals—love between brothers and sisters in Christ. It implies that a familial bond between people who would not otherwise share affection is possible through Christ.

13:3 in bonds ▸ *see Philem. 1.*
13:4 judge ▸ *see Matt. 7:1.*

13:6 helper

(Gr. *boēthos*) G0998: This word is used only here and means "a helper." The root words are *boē,* "to cry" (G0095) and *theō,* "to run." This is the person who comes running to help when he hears someone cry out in distress or grief. He rushes to a person's aid in a moment of crisis. God is eager to help us; He is poised to bring relief to His children the moment they cry out to Him for help.

13:10 altar

(Gr. *thysiastērion*) (Matt. 23:20; 1 Cor. 9:13; James 2:21) G2379: The altar is a place for making offerings to God. More than one altar is mentioned in the New Testament. One, located in the temple in Jerusalem, is the place for making whole burnt

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11 For the bodies of those beasts, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned without the camp.
12 Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.
13 Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach.
14 For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.
15 By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of *our* lips giving thanks to his name.
16 But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Obey Your Rulers

17 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that *is* unprofitable for you.
18 Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly.
19 But I beseech *you* the rather to do this, that I may be restored to you the sooner.
20 Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,
21 Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Closing Words

22 And I beseech you, brethren, suffer the word of exhortation: for I have written a letter unto you in few words.
23 Know ye that *our* brother Timothy is set at liberty; with whom, if he come shortly, I will see you.
24 Salute all them that have the rule over you, and all the saints. They of Italy salute you.
25 Grace *be* with you all. Amen.

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offerings such as doves or lambs. "They which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar" (1 Cor. 9:13). Another is specifically the altar for burning incense, located in the holy place (Luke 1:11; Rev. 8:3). Jesus instructed people to wait to offer gifts at the altar until they had made peace with anyone they had a dispute with (Matt. 5:23, 24). In this verse, the Cross is also considered an altar, because Jesus was sacrificed on it for the forgiveness of sins (Heb. 13:10).

13:11 beast ▸ *see Rev. 4:6.*
13:12 suffer ▸ *see Acts 17:3.*
13:17 watch ▸ *see Mark 13:33.*
13:20 shepherd ▸ *see John 10:2.*

THE GENERAL EPISTLE OF

JAMES

FAITH WITHOUT WORKS CANNOT BE called faith. "Faith without works is dead" (2:26), and a dead faith is worse than no faith at all. Faith must work; it must produce; it must be visible. Verbal faith is not enough; mental faith is insufficient. Faith must be there, but it must be more. It must inspire action. Throughout his epistle to Jewish believers, James integrates true faith and everyday practical experience by stressing that true faith must manifest itself in works of faith.

Faith endures trials. Trials come and go, but a strong faith will face them head-on and develop endurance. Faith understands temptations. It will not allow us to consent to our lust and slide into sin. Faith obeys the Word. It will not merely hear and not do. Faith produces doers. Faith harbors no prejudice. For James, faith and favoritism cannot coexist. Faith displays itself in works. Faith is more than mere words; it is more than knowledge; it is demonstrated by obedience; and it overtly responds to the promises of God. Faith controls the tongue. This small but immensely powerful part of the body must be held in check. Faith can do it. Faith acts wisely. It gives us the ability to choose wisdom that is heavenly and to shun wisdom that is earthly. Faith produces separation from the world and submission to God. It provides us with the ability to resist the Devil and humbly draw near to God. Finally, faith waits patiently for the coming of the Lord. Through trouble and trial it stifles complaining.

The name *Iakobos* (James) in 1:1 is the basis for the early title *Iakobou Epistole,* "Epistle of James." *Iakobos* is the Greek form of the Hebrew name Jacob, a Jewish name common in the first century.

WATCH WORDS

- **respect of persons** (favoring one person over another)—2:1
- **similitude** (the exact likeness)—3:9
- **anoint** (dab or smear a substance, usually oil, on a person)—5:14

Greetings to the Twelve Tribes

1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.

Trials Make Patience

2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;
3 Knowing *this,* that the trying of your faith worketh patience.
4 But let patience have *her* perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.
5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all *men* liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

1:1 scattered ▸ *see John 7:35.*
1:4 patience ▸ *see Heb. 10:36.*
1:4 perfect ▸ *see 1 Cor. 14:20.*
1:5 give ▸ *see Acts 20:35.*

1:5 upbraid

(Gr. *oneidizō*) (Matt. 5:11; Mark 16:14; Rom. 15:3; 1 Pet. 4:14) G3679: This word means "to defame, reproach, or revile." It can be used both for someone who is deserving of rebuke and for someone who is unjustly reviled. Originally the word denoted behaving in an immature way, such as young people who taunt and make fun of one another. Later it came to mean mocking in an angry or sarcastic tone. The Bible tells us that we

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6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the
sea driven with the wind and tossed.
7 For let not that man think that he shall
receive any thing of the Lord.
8 A double minded man *is* unstable in all
his ways.
9 Let the brother of low degree rejoice in
that he is exalted:
10 But the rich, in that he is made low:
because as the flower of the grass he shall
pass away.
11 For the sun is no sooner risen with a
burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and
the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of
the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the
rich man fade away in his ways.
12 Blessed *is* the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the
crown of life, which the Lord hath promised
to them that love him.
13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am
tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted
with evil, neither tempteth he any man:
14 But every man is tempted, when he is
drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.
15 Then when lust hath conceived, it
bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is
finished, bringeth forth death.
16 Do not err, my beloved brethren.
17 Every good gift and every perfect gift
is from above, and cometh down from the
Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.
18 Of his own will begat he us with the word
of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

Hearers and Doers of the Word

19 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let
every man be swift to hear, slow to speak,
slow to wrath:
20 For the wrath of man worketh not the
righteousness of God.
21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and
superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with
meekness the engrafted word, which is able
to save your souls.
22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.
23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not
a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his
natural face in a glass:
24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth
his way, and straightway forgetteth what
manner of man he was.
25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of
liberty, and continueth *therein,* he being not
a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this
man shall be blessed in his deed.
26 If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but
deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion
is vain.
27 Pure religion and undefiled before God
and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless
and widows in their affliction, *and* to keep
himself unspotted from the world.

Favouritism Condemned

2 My brethren, have not the faith of our
Lord Jesus Christ, *the Lord* of glory, with
respect of persons.

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are blessed if we share in the mocking that Christ endured, provided we are innocent of wrongdoing (Luke 6:22).

1:6 waver ▸ *see Acts 11:12.*
1:12 crown ▸ *see Mark 15:17.*
1:14 lust ▸ *see 1 Pet. 1:14.*

1:17 turning

(Gr. *tropē*) G5157: This word occurs only here in the New Testament. Here, God is described as the "Father of lights," as in the stars and planets set in the sky during the creation: "God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also" (Gen. 1:16). However, unlike the flickering stars and shadowed moon or the planets *turning* through space, God never changes.

1:18 creature ▸ *see Rev. 5:13.*
1:21 soul ▸ *see Luke 21:19.*
1:24 straightway ▸ *see John 6:21.*
1:26 religion ▸ *see Acts 26:5.*
1:26 vain ▸ *see 1 Cor. 3:20.*
1:27 widow ▸ *see 1 Tim. 5:11.*

2:1 respect of persons

(Gr. *prosōpolēmpsia*) (Rom. 2:11; Eph. 6:9; Col. 3:25) G4382: *Prosōpolēmpsia* refers to favoritism; that is, favoring one person over another and treating each accordingly. It is very rarely used in the New Testament. Three of its four occurrences are in reference to God, stating that He shows no

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2 For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment;
3 And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool:
4 Are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts?
5 Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?
6 But ye have despised the poor. Do not rich men oppress you, and draw you before the judgment seats?
7 Do not they blaspheme that worthy name by the which ye are called?
8 If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:
9 But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors.
10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one *point,* he is guilty of all.
11 For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law.
12 So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty.
13 For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment.

Faith Without Works

14 What *doth it* profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?
15 If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,
16 And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be *ye* warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what *doth it* profit?
17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.
18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.
19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.
20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?
21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?
22 Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?
23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was

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partiality toward anyone in meting out final judgments (Rom. 2:11), in whom He punishes (Col. 3:25), or in whom He rewards (Eph. 6:9). "Whatever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free" (Eph. 6:8). Here in James, the word urges believers not to show favoritism toward one potential brother in Christ over another based on status or wealth (James 2:1).

2:2 poor ▸ *see Matt. 26:11.*

2:9 have respect to persons

(Gr. *prosōpolēpteō*) G4380: To give preferential treatment, making distinctions based on rank, influence, or other worldly divisions. This word is used only here, and is a verbal form of nouns used in Acts 10:34 and James 2:1. The root words are *prosōpon* (G4383), "face," and *lambanō* (G2983), "to lay hold of." God does not show partiality, for He loves all people equally and each person equally carries His image.

2:15 sister ▸ *see Mark 10:29.*
2:19 devil ▸ *see 1 Cor. 10:20.*
2:21 altar ▸ *see Heb. 13:10.*

2:22 work with

(Gr. *synergeō*) (Mark 16:20; Rom. 8:28; 1 Cor. 16:16; 2 Cor. 6:1) G4903: We recognize our word *synergy* in this word. It is formed from the words *syn* (G4862), "together," and *ergō*, "to work" and means "to cooperate, collaborate, help." It denotes a partnership in which parties work toward one goal. Here it emphasizes the harmony between faith in God and the practical outworking of our faith to help a world in need. The two complete one another. In Romans 8:28 this word demonstrates the synergistic cooperation between all of the events in the life of a believer to work out God's good plan.

imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.
24 Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.
25 Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent *them* out another way?
26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

The Unruly Tongue

3 My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation.
2 For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same *is* a perfect man, *and* able also to bridle the whole body.
3 Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body.
4 Behold also the ships, which though *they be* so great, and *are* driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth.
5 Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!
6 And the tongue *is* a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.
7 For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind:
8 But the tongue can no man tame; *it is* an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.
9 Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God.
10 Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.
11 Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet *water* and bitter?
12 Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so *can* no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.

Earthly and Heavenly Wisdom

13 Who *is* a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.
14 But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.
15 This wisdom descendeth not from above, but *is* earthly, sensual, devilish.
16 For where envying and strife *is,* there *is* confusion and every evil work.
17 But the wisdom that is from above is first

2:23 friend ▸ *see John 15:14.*

3:6 hell

(Gr. *geenna*) (Matt. 10:28; 23:15; Mark 9:43; Luke 12:5) G1067: While translated hell, *geenna* originally referred to a specific place outside Jerusalem, the Valley of Hinnom (H2011), where trash and animal carcasses were burned. This horrid, unclean place came to represent an equally horrifying place of future punishment. "Hell fire" threatens sinners, even those who so much as speak angrily to their siblings without cause (Matt. 5:22), and Jesus offers hyperbolically extreme suggestions for avoiding it. "If thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire" (Mark 9:47). We are told not to fear mere men, who can only harm the body, but to "fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell" (Luke 12:5).

3:9 bless ▸ *see Luke 6:28.*

3:9 similitude

(Gr. *homoiōsis*) G3669: The Greek word appears only here in the New Testament. The expression that people are "made in the similitude of God" means "in God's likeness." Although human beings have lost much of Godlikeness, there is still enough in our make-up to hint at what we once were like and what we can become again through the work of Christ. It is interesting how the ancient Alexandrian Christians understood Genesis 1:26, where man and woman are created in the "image" and "likeness" of God. The "image" was that Godlike part of us that we never lost in the Fall, while the "likeness" was that Godlike part of humanness that we have yet to acquire. By "image" they meant a person's physical and intellectual nature; by "likeness" they meant a person's moral being.

3:11 fountain ▸ *see John 4:14.*
3:12 vine ▸ *see John 15:1.*
3:14 strife ▸ *see Phil. 1:16.*
3:15 sensual ▸ *see 1 Cor. 15:46.*
3:16 strife ▸ *see Phil. 1:16.*
3:17 from above ▸ *see John 19:11.*

pure, then peaceable, gentle, *and* easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.
18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

Draw Near to God

4 From whence *come* wars and fightings among you? *come they* not hence, *even* of your lusts that war in your members?
2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.
3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume *it* upon your lusts.
4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.
5 Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?
6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.
7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *ye* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *ye* double minded.
9 Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and *your* joy to heaviness.
10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.
11 Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of *his* brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge.
12 There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou that judgest another?

Rejoicing in Boastings Is Evil

13 Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain:
14 Whereas ye know not what *shall be* on the morrow. For what *is* your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

3:17 pure ▸ *see 1 John 3:3.*

3:17 gentle

(Gr. *epieikēs*) (Phil. 4:5; 1 Tim. 3:3; Titus 3:2; 1 Pet. 2:18) G1933: This word appears in only five verses in the New Testament. Believers are encouraged to be gentle (Phil. 4:5), and indeed it is listed as a required trait for bishops (1 Tim. 3:2, 3). Servants must submit to their masters, both the gentle and the harsh (1 Pet. 2:18). "Wisdom that is from above" is described as "peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy" (James 3:17).

3:17 without hypocrisy ▸ *see 1 Pet. 1:22.*

4:5 dwell

(Gr. *katoikeō*) (Matt. 4:13; Luke 11:26; Acts 17:24; Eph. 3:17) G2730: A word that reflects a settled-down lifestyle, making oneself at home. The phrase "dwell on the earth" is used repeatedly in Revelation (3:10; 6:10; 11:10; 13:8, 12, 14) to refer to those suffering the tribulation of the last times. A powerful prayer in Ephesians depicts Jesus dwelling in our hearts by faith (Eph. 3:17). Contrast this with the reality of God's fullness dwelling in Jesus (Col. 1:19; 2:9). Here, James raises concern over the indwelling Spirit's response when followers of Jesus persist in being friends with the world.

4:6 proud ▸ *see Luke 1:51.*
4:7 submit ▸ *see 1 Cor. 14:32.*
4:8 sinner ▸ *see James 5:20.*
4:9 mourn ▸ *see 1 Cor. 5:2.*
4:10 humble ▸ *see Luke 14:11.*
4:10 lift up ▸ *see John 8:28.*

4:11 speak evil

(Gr. *katalaleō*) (1 Pet. 2:12; 3:16) G2635: This word, appearing in only three verses in the New Testament, means to slander, defame, or speak against someone. Believers are encouraged to live godly lives, keeping good consciences and doing good works, so that when anyone ("Gentiles") tries to defame them, the slanderers will be brought to shame (1 Pet. 2:12; 3:16). Defamation is expected. Believers are also told not to speak evil of and pass judgment on each other.

4:12 another ▸ *see Acts 4:12.*
4:14 life ▸ *see John 5:24.*

15 For that ye *ought* to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.
16 But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil.
17 Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth *it* not, to him it is sin.

Rich Oppressors Rebuked

5 Go to now, *ye* rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon *you*.
2 Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are motheaten.
3 Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days.
4 Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth.
5 Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter.
6 Ye have condemned *and* killed the just; *and* he doth not resist you.

The Value of Patience and Prayer

7 Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.
8 Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.
9 Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door.
10 Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience.
11 Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.
12 But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and *your* nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation.
13 Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.
14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:
15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.
16 Confess *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.
17 Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.
18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

4:16 evil ▸ *see Matt. 6:13.*
4:17 sin ▸ *see John 9:41.*
5:3 witness ▸ *see Matt. 8:4.*

5:4 sabaoth

(Gr. *sabaōth*) (Rom. 9:29) G4519: Not to be confused with *Sabbath*, the day of rest, this word comes from the Hebrew *tsaba'* (H6635), meaning army or host. It forms part of a title of God: Lord of Sabaoth (Hosts). This name highlights God's role as the leader of the armies of Israel and protector of His people. It is only used twice in the New Testament. The first is in a quote from Isaiah: "Except the Lord of Sabaoth had left us a seed, we had been as Sodoma, and been made like unto Gomorrha" (Rom. 9:29; cf. Is. 1:9). The second, in this passage, refers to the cries of the oppressed peoples reaching God's ears; in His role of protector, He will come to save them from injustices done to them (James 5:4).

5:14 anoint

(Gr. *aleiphō*) (Matt. 6:17; Mark 6:13; Luke 7:38; John 11:2; 12:3) G0218: The Greek word *aleiphō* was commonly used in Greek literature to describe a medicinal anointing. Another Greek word, *chriō*, was used to describe a sacramental anointing. The distinction is still observed in modern Greek, with *aleiphō* meaning "to daub" or "to smear," and *chriō* meaning "to anoint." Furthermore, oil was one of the most common medicines of biblical times. Thus James was prescribing both prayer and medicine in this verse.

5:14 name ▸ *see Acts 19:13.*
5:16 confess ▸ *see Luke 10:21.*

19 Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him;
20 Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

5:20 sinner

(Gr. *hamartōlos*) (Matt. 9:11, 13; Rom. 5:8; James 4:8) G0268: This is a commonly used word for "sinner." It means "missing the mark" and was used in archery to denote missing the target. It also described losing one's way while traveling. When used of sin, this word describes someone who is devoted to sin, bent on living contrary to God's laws. The Pharisees used this word derisively to describe the tax collectors and other disreputable people with whom Jesus dined (Matt. 9:11), but Jesus responded by saying that the sinners are the people He came to save (Matt. 9:13).

THE FIRST EPISTLE GENERAL OF

PETER

PERSECUTION CAN CAUSE EITHER GROWTH or bitterness in the Christian life. Response determines the result. In writing to Jewish believers struggling in the midst of persecution, Peter encourages them to conduct themselves courageously for the Person and program of Christ. Both their character and conduct must be above reproach. Having been born again to a living hope, they are to imitate the Holy One who has called them. The fruit of that character will be conduct rooted in submission: citizens to government, servants to masters, wives to husbands, husbands to wives, and Christians to one another. Only after submission is fully understood does Peter deal with the difficult area of suffering. The Christians are not to think it "strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you" (4:12), but are to rejoice as partakers of the suffering of Christ. That response to life is truly the climax of one's submission to the good hand of God.

This epistle begins with the phrase *Petros apostolos Iesou Christou,* "Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ." This is the basis of the early title *Petrou A,* the "First of Peter."

WATCH WORDS

- **lust** (strong craving; desire)—1:14
- **word** (the gospel preached and proclaimed)—1:25
- **chosen** (selected)—2:9
- **answer** (argument against a specific charge)—3:15

Salutation to Scattered Strangers

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,
2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

An Incorruptible Inheritance

3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,
5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:
7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:
8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see *him* not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:
9 Receiving the end of your faith, *even* the salvation of *your* souls.
10 Of which salvation the prophets have

1:1 scatter ▸ *see John 7:35.*
1:1 Asia ▸ *see 1 Cor. 16:19.*
1:2 foreknowledge ▸ *see Acts 2:23.*
1:2 sanctification ▸ *see 1 Thess. 4:3.*
1:7 praise ▸ *see Eph. 1:6.*
1:9 salvation ▸ *see Luke 1:69.*

enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace *that should come* unto you:
11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.
12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

Without Spot or Blemish

13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;
14 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:
15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;
16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.
17 And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning *here* in fear:
18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, *as* silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers;
19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:
20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,
21 Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.

The Word of the Lord Endures Forever

22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, *see that ye* love one another with a pure heart fervently:
23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.
24 For all flesh *is* as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:
25 But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

1:11 time ▸ *see Col. 4:5.*
1:12 desire ▸ *see Matt. 13:17.*
1:13 mind ▸ *see Matt. 22:37.*
1:14 obedient ▸ *see 2 Cor. 10:5.*
1:14 fashion ▸ *see Rom. 12:2.*

1:14 lust

(Gr. *epithymia*) (John 8:44; 1 Tim. 6:9; James 1:14; 1 John 2:16) G1939: This noun denotes a "strong desire, longing, craving, lusting." In the New Testament (but not the Septuagint), it is almost always used in a bad sense—especially when it appears with words for passion (Gal. 5:24; 1 Thess. 4:5) and in vice lists (Col. 3:5; 1 Pet. 4:3). There are only three clearly nonnegative uses of this term (Luke 22:15; Phil. 1:23; 1 Thess. 2:17). The New Testament identifies various kinds of lusts: of the flesh (Eph. 2:3; 1 Pet. 2:11), of the body (Rom. 6:12), of the eyes (1 John 2:16), of the heart (Rom. 1:24), of the world (Titus 2:12; 1 John 2:17), and of deceit (Eph. 4:22).

1:16 holy ▸ *see Rev. 11:2.*
1:17 sojourning ▸ *see Acts 13:17.*
1:19 lamb ▸ *see Acts 8:32.*

1:22 unfeigned

(Gr. *anypokritos*) (Rom. 12:9; 2 Cor. 6:6; 1 Tim. 1:5; James 3:17) G0505: This Greek word has been translated "without hypocrisy, without dissimulation, unfeigned, sincere, genuine, authentic, upright." Originally, it was a theatrical term describing an inexperienced actor who was not competent in performing on stage. It came to describe things devoid of play acting, show, or pretense. In the New Testament, this term modifies love (Rom. 12:9; 2 Cor. 6:6), faith (1 Tim. 1:5; 2 Tim. 1:5), and godly wisdom (James 3:17).

1:22 love of the brethren ▸ *see Heb. 13:1.*
1:24 flesh ▸ *see Rom. 13:14.*

1:25 word

(Gr. *rhēma*) (Luke 1:38; Rom. 10:17; Eph. 5:26; Heb. 1:3) G4487: In 1 Peter 1:23 the Greek expression for *word* is *logos*, referring primarily to the idea. Here in 1 Peter 1:25 the Greek term is *rhēma*, referring primarily to the spoken word.

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Lay Aside All Evil

2 Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,
2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:
3 If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

An Holy Priesthood

4 To whom coming, *as unto* a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, *and* precious,
5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.
6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.
7 Unto you therefore which believe *he is* precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,
8 And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, *even to them* which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.
9 But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:
10 Which in time past *were* not a people, but *are* now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.
11 Dearly beloved, I beseech *you* as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;
12 Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by *your* good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

Submission to Rulers

13 Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme;
14 Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well.
15 For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men:
16 As free, and not using *your* liberty for a cloak of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.

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The spoken word is the gospel preached and proclaimed (see the use of *rhēma* in Rom. 10:17, 18). "The word of the Lord" is the gospel message about the Lord Jesus Christ. This word can regenerate men and women. Peter adapted the Old Testament text (which says "the word of our God" in Is. 40:6–8) to its New Testament context.

2:1 hypocrisy ▸ *see Gal. 2:13.*
2:3 taste ▸ *see Heb. 6:5.*
2:5 spiritual ▸ *see 1 Cor. 2:13.*
2:6 corner ▸ *see Mark 12:10.*
2:7 corner ▸ *see Mark 12:10.*
2:8 stumbling ▸ *see 1 Cor. 8:9.*
2:8 offence ▸ *see Matt. 16:23.*

2:9 chosen

(Gr. *eklektos*) (Matt. 20:16; Mark 13:20; 2 Tim. 2:10; 2 John 13) G1588: This adjective describes someone as chosen or selected—sometimes based upon one's intrinsic worth (Rom. 16:13; 1 Pet. 2:4, 6), but principally with no reason specified or even directly implied (Luke 18:7; Col. 3:12; Rev. 17:14). In the New Testament, all of its 23 occurrences are spiritual in nature and all describe personal beings: Jesus (Luke 23:35; 1 Pet. 2:4, 6), angels (1 Tim. 5:21), and especially Christians (Rom. 8:33; Titus 1:1; 1 Pet. 1:2).

2:9 praise

(Gr. *aretē*) (Phil. 4:8; 2 Pet. 1:3, 5) G0703: A very important term in classical Greek originally denoting excellence of almost any kind, this noun occurs only rarely in the New Testament and in the Septuagint (largely the Apocrypha). It is used of virtue and moral excellence—especially in virtue lists (Phil. 4:8; 2 Pet. 1:5). With reference to God, in the singular it denotes His power or perhaps His virtue (2 Pet. 1:3).

2:9 call ▸ *see Gal. 1:6.*
2:9 marvellous ▸ *see Rev. 15:3.*
2:10 obtain mercy ▸ *see Rom. 9:15.*
2:11 stranger ▸ *see Eph. 2:19.*
2:12 speak against ▸ *see James 4:11.*
2:12 visitation ▸ *see Acts 1:20.*
2:16 liberty ▸ *see 1 Cor. 10:29.*

17 Honour all *men.* Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.
18 Servants, *be* subject to *your* masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward.
19 For this *is* thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully.
20 For what glory *is it,* if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer *for it,* ye take it patiently, this *is* acceptable with God.
21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:
22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:
23 Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed *himself* to him that judgeth righteously:
24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.
25 For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

Subjection in Marriage

3 Likewise, ye wives, *be* in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;
2 While they behold your chaste conversation *coupled* with fear.
3 Whose adorning let it not be that outward *adorning* of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;
4 But *let it be* the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, *even the ornament* of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.
5 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:
6 Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.
7 Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with *them* according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

Inheritance of a Blessing

8 Finally, *be ye* all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, *be* pitiful, *be* courteous:
9 Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.
10 For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile:

2:18 master ▸ *see 1 Tim. 6:1.*
2:18 gentle ▸ *see James 3:17.*
2:21 suffer ▸ *see Acts 17:3.*

2:21 example

(Gr. *hypogrammos*) G5261: This term designates an example, model, pattern, paradigm, or outline. It occurs once in the New Testament. Rare in Classical Greek, it originally referred to the faint examples of letters that were given to beginning learners to trace or the fully written letters that they were to copy repeatedly (much in the way young children today trace letters in workbooks). Later, the term came to be used for patterns or models in general, but especially for examples of behavior to be copied. In early Christian literature, Christ (most often) and Paul were identified as such role models.

2:24 sin ▸ *see John 9:41.*
2:24 tree ▸ *see Rev. 22:2.*
2:25 return ▸ *see Luke 22:32.*
2:25 shepherd ▸ *see John 10:2.*
2:25 bishop ▸ *see Titus 1:7.*
3:2 chaste ▸ *see 1 John 3:3.*
3:3 adorning ▸ *see 1 John 5:19.*
3:4 meek ▸ *see Matt. 21:5.*

3:7 heirs together

(Gr. *synklēronomos*) (Rom. 8:17; Eph. 3:6; Heb. 11:9) G4789: The Greek word means "joint-heirs" or "coheirs." For Christian couples to be "joint-heirs" is for them to have an equal share and joint-participation in the Father's kingdom. The concept of inheritance is prominent both in the Old and New Testaments (see Num. 26:56; Ps. 25:13; Is. 60:21; Matt. 5:5; Gal. 3:29). For believers, Jesus promises an eternal inheritance in His kingdom. Paul uses the same Greek word to describe Christians' participation with Christ in glory (see Eph. 3:6).

11 Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it.
12 For the eyes of the Lord *are* over the righteous, and his ears *are open* unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord *is* against them that do evil.
13 And who *is* he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?
14 But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy *are ye:* and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;
15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and *be* ready always to *give* an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:
16 Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.
17 For *it is* better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing.
18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:
19 By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison;
20 Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.
21 The like figure whereunto *even* baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:
22 Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

Charity Among Yourselves

4 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;
2 That he no longer should live the rest of *his* time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.
3 For the time past of *our* life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries:
4 Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with *them* to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of *you:*
5 Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead.
6 For for this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.
7 But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.
8 And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.

3:14 trouble ▸ *see Luke 24:38.*

3:15 answer

(Gr. *apologia*) (Acts 22:1; 1 Cor. 9:3; 2 Cor. 7:11; Phil. 1:17) G0627: This is primarily a technical term referring to a legal defense against a specific charge or accusation. Plato's *Apology* gives an account of Socrates's legal defense of himself against charges that included corrupting the young people of Athens. Paul gave legal defenses of himself (Acts 25:16; 2 Tim. 4:16) and asserted that in his legal affairs he was defending the very gospel itself (Phil. 1:7, 16). While defenses were normally oral speeches, on at least one occasion Paul defended himself in writing against charges leveled by his critics within the church at Corinth (1 Cor. 9:3).

3:16 speak evil ▸ *see James 4:11.*
3:18 suffer ▸ *see Acts 17:3.*
4:4 speak evil ▸ *see Matt. 9:3.*

4:6 preach the gospel

(Gr. *euaggelizō*) (Luke 2:10; Acts 8:12; 1 Cor. 1:17; 15:1; Gal. 1:8) G2097: This verb means "to proclaim good news, to announce glad tidings." These proclamations were intended to produce joy (Luke 2:10). In the New Testament, this term is almost always used for preaching Jesus Christ with various aspects of the gospel sometimes highlighted, e.g., the kingdom of God (Luke 4:43; 16:16; Acts 8:12) and peace with God (Acts 10:36; Rom. 10:15; Eph. 2:17). Other good news includes the birth of John the Baptist, the forerunner of Jesus (Luke 1:19), and the Christian faith and love of the Thessalonians (1 Thess. 3:6). While humans are normally the agents of proclamation, on occasion, angels are the agents (Luke 1:19; 2:10; Rev. 14:6).

9 Use hospitality one to another without grudging.
10 As every man hath received the gift, *even so* minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.
11 If any man speak, *let him speak* as the oracles of God; if any man minister, *let him do it* as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Partakers of Christ's Sufferings

12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:
13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.
14 If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy *are ye;* for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.
15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or *as* a thief, or *as* an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters.
16 Yet if *any man suffer* as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.
17 For the time *is come* that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if *it* first *begin* at us, what shall the end *be* of them that obey not the gospel of God?
18 And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?
19 Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls *to him* in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

Be Subject One to Another

5 The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:
2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight *thereof,* not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;
3 Neither as being lords over *God's* heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.
4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.
5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all *of you* be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.
6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:
7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

4:9 grudging ▸ *see John 7:12.*
4:10 gift ▸ *see 1 Cor. 1:7.*

4:10 steward

(Gr. *oikonomos*) (Luke 12:42; Rom. 16:23; Gal. 4:2; Titus 1:7) G3623: This term is based (in part) upon a word usually translated "house." It denoted either a household steward, an administrator, or a government official who had oversight involving financial matters. A household steward managed financial affairs for a wealthy individual for whom he worked or, as was usually the case, to whom he was or had been enslaved (Luke 12:42; 16:1, 3, 8). The term came to be applied to Christian ministers and even Christians in general, who are all slaves of Christ (1 Cor. 4:1; Titus 1:7; 1 Pet. 4:10). Because the position entailed great trust, good stewards needed to be faithful, honest, and wise (Luke 12:42; 1 Cor. 4:2; Titus 1:7).

4:11 oracle ▸ *see Heb. 5:12.*
4:13 partake ▸ *see Phil. 4:15.*
4:14 reproach ▸ *see James 1:5.*
4:16 Christian ▸ *see Acts 11:26.*
4:17 gospel ▸ *see Mark 16:15.*
5:1 partaker ▸ *see Luke 5:10.*
5:2 feed ▸ *see John 21:16.*
5:3 ensample ▸ *see 1 Cor. 10:6.*
5:5 humility ▸ *see Acts 20:19.*
5:5 proud ▸ *see Luke 1:51.*
5:5 humble ▸ *see 2 Cor. 7:6.*
5:6 humble ▸ *see Luke 14:11.*

5:7 care

(Gr. *merimna*) (Matt. 13:22; Luke 8:14; 2 Cor. 11:28) G3308: This noun refers positively to cares and concerns and negatively to anxieties and worries—and, concretely, to things that cause these sentiments. Sometimes the sentiments are warranted and at other times they are not. According to Jesus, the cares of this worldly life help choke

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8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:
9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.
10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle *you*.
11 To him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Peace in Jesus Christ

12 By Silvanus, a faithful brother unto you, as I suppose, I have written briefly, exhorting, and testifying that this is the true grace of God wherein ye stand.
13 The *church that is* at Babylon, elected together with *you*, saluteth you; and *so doth* Marcus my son.
14 Greet ye one another with a kiss of charity. Peace *be* with you all that are in Christ Jesus. Amen.

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the Word and also weigh down one's heart (Mark 4:19; Luke 21:34). On the other hand, concern for all the churches weighed heavily upon the apostle Paul (2 Cor. 11:28). A derived adjective with a negating prefix occurs twice in the New Testament to describe someone as "free from care or worry" (*amerimnos*, G0275, Matt. 28:14; 1 Cor. 7:32).

5:8 devil ▸ *see Rev. 20:10.*
5:9 resist ▸ *see Eph. 6:13.*
5:10 perfect ▸ *see Heb. 11:3.*

5:14 kiss

(Gr. *philēma*) (Luke 7:45; 22:48; Rom. 16:16) G5370: This noun derives from a verb that means "to love or regard with affection." In the New Testament, it most usually refers to the customary greeting ritual within the Christian community—a holy kiss (Rom. 16:16; 1 Cor. 16:20; 2 Cor. 13:12; 1 Thess. 5:26). As such, it has been correlated to a handshake and a hug—two customary American greetings. The most famous kiss of all time gave rise to our expression "Judas kiss," which marks an act of betrayal disguised as a token of affection (Luke 22:48). In the New Testament, this word never refers to romantic kisses.

THE SECOND EPISTLE GENERAL OF

PETER

FIRST PETER DEALS WITH PROBLEMS from the outside; Second Peter deals with problems from the inside. Peter writes to warn the believers about the false teachers who are peddling damaging doctrine. He begins by urging them to keep close watch on their personal lives. The Christian life demands diligence in pursuing moral excellence, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, and selfless love. By contrast, the false teachers are sensual, arrogant, greedy, and covetous. They scoff at the thought of future judgment and live their lives as if the present would be the pattern for the future. Peter reminds them that although God may be longsuffering in sending judgment, ultimately it will come. In view of that fact, believers should live lives of godliness, blamelessness, and steadfastness.

The statement of authorship in 1:1 is very clear: "Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ." To distinguish this epistle from the first by Peter it was given the Greek title *Petrou B,* the "Second of Peter."

WATCH WORDS

- **nature** (one's inherent characteristics by origin or birth)—1:4
- **add** (provide, furnish, or support)—1:5
- **interpretation** (explanation; meaning)—1:20
- **pure** (unsullied by foreign substances; free from falsehood; sincere)—3:1

Grace and Peace

1 Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:

2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,

Fruitful in the Knowledge of Christ

3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that *pertain* unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

1:3 virtue ▸ *see 1 Pet. 2:9.*
1:4 promise ▸ *see 2 Pet. 3:13.*
1:4 partaker ▸ *see Luke 5:10.*

1:4 nature

(Gr. *phusis*) (Gal. 2:15; 4:8; Eph. 2:3) G5449: This word refers to one's inherent nature, origin, or birth. Before Christ made us alive, we once followed all manner of evil and "were by nature the children of wrath" (Eph. 2:3) and "did service unto them which by nature are no gods" (Gal. 4:8). The contrast is that through Christ, we have become "partakers of the divine nature," the nature that characterizes God, the nature that is expressed in holiness, virtue, righteousness, love, and grace (see 2 Pet. 1:5–7). By being regenerated with the divine nature, believers can exhibit the same characteristics.

1:5 add

(Gr. *epichorēgeō*) (2 Cor. 9:10; Gal. 3:5; Col. 2:19) G2023: Often translated "add" or "minister," this

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6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;
7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.
8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make *you that ye shall* neither *be* barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.
10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:
11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Eyewitnesses of His Majesty

12 Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know *them,* and be established in the present truth.
13 Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting *you* in remembrance;
14 Knowing that shortly I must put off *this* my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me.
15 Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance.
16 For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.
17 For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.
18 And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.
19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:
20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.
21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake *as they were* moved by the Holy Ghost.

Destruction for False Teachers

2 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false

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word denotes lavishly providing, furnishing, or supporting someone and sparing no expense in the endeavor. We are to generously add to our faith a complement of Christian graces. In so doing we assure that an entrance into Christ's kingdom will be furnished for or granted to us (2 Pet. 1:11). Paul uses the verb in its general sense of providing or giving what is needed—"seed" in 2 Corinthians 9:10 and "the Spirit" in Galatians 3:5. In Colossians 2:19 this word is used figuratively, either referring to the structural support of the body by ligaments or to what is provided to make growth possible.

1:5 virtue ▸ *see 1 Pet. 2:9.*
1:6 temperance ▸ *see Gal. 5:23.*
1:7 brotherly kindness ▸ *see Heb. 13:1.*
1:9 blind ▸ *see John 9:1.*
1:10 diligent ▸ *see Gal. 2:10.*
1:10 calling ▸ *see 2 Tim. 1:9.*
1:15 decease ▸ *see Luke 9:31.*
1:16 coming ▸ *see 1 Thess. 3:13.*
1:16 majesty ▸ *see Luke 9:43.*

1:19 day star

(Gr. *phōsphoros*) G5459: Used only here, this Greek term means "light-bearer" or "light-bringer." Christ is the morning star, as elsewhere He is called the bright and morning star (Rev. 22:16) and the dayspring, that is, the rising sun (Luke 1:78). Presently, Christ shines in our hearts; when He returns, He will arise in our hearts and bring us into a perfect day. His outward coming will be matched by an inward rising, "an illuminating transformation" of our spirits.

1:20 interpretation

(Gr. *epilysis*) G1955: Used only here, this word is translated "interpretation." It's used to make it clear that no prophecy in the Scriptures was made up by its author or comes from the prophet's own interpretation of the world. Rather, as the next verse explains, prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit (2 Pet. 1:21). In other words, Scripture, while assembled and written down by men, ultimately comes from God, and is therefore inerrant.

teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.
2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.
3 And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.
4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast *them* down to hell, and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;
5 And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth *person,* a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;
6 And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned *them* with an overthrow, making *them* an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly;
7 And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:
8 (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed *his* righteous soul from day to day with *their* unlawful deeds;)
9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:
10 But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous *are they,* self-willed, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.
11 Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord.
12 But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption;
13 And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, *as* they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots *they are* and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you;
14 Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children:
15 Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam *the son* of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;
16 But was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with man's voice forbad the madness of the prophet.
17 These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever.
18 For when they speak great swelling *words* of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, *through much* wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error.
19 While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.
20 For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.
21 For it had been better for them not to have

2:1 heresy ▸ *see 1 Cor. 11:19.*
2:1 buy ▸ *see Rev. 5:9.*
2:8 unlawful ▸ *see 2 Thess. 2:8.*
2:9 deliver ▸ *see 1 Thess. 1:10.*
2:9 judgment ▸ *see John 3:19.*
2:11 railing ▸ *see Acts 6:11.*

2:13 spot

(Gr. *spilos*) (Eph. 5:27) G4696: This word refers to a stain or flaw, as on a garment. It appears only here and in Ephesians 5:27. Ephesians talks of how Christ, out of His great love, sacrificed Himself to make the church holy and free from any blemish. This mirrors the Old Testament requirement that lambs offered in the temple be free from spots or blemishes (Ex. 12:5). In 2 Peter, the morally flawed lovers of pleasure who follow the desires of the flesh (2 Pet. 2:10) and "speak evil of the things that they understand not" (2 Pet. 2:12) are themselves compared to "spots and blemishes" (2 Pet. 2:13).

2:13 sport ▸ *see Luke 7:25.*
2:14 exercise ▸ *see 1 Tim. 4:7.*
2:15 astray ▸ *see Rev. 12:9.*
2:17 well ▸ *see John 4:14.*
2:18 wantonness ▸ *see Jude 4.*
2:18 error ▸ *see Jude 11.*

known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known *it,* to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.
22 But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog *is* turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

Unwilling for Any to Perish

3 This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in *both* which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:
2 That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:
3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,
4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of the creation.
5 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:
6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:
7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.
8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day *is* with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.
9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.
10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.
11 *Seeing* then *that* all these things shall be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought ye to be in *all* holy conversation and godliness,
12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?
13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.
14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

2:21 know ▸ *see 2 Cor. 6:9.*
2:22 proverb ▸ *see John 16:25.*
2:22 turn ▸ *see Luke 22:32.*
2:22 wash ▸ *see John 13:10.*
3:1 epistle ▸ *see 1 Thess. 5:27.*

3:1 pure

(Gr. *eilikrinēs*) (Phil. 1:10) G1506: Taken from *heilē*, "sun," and *krinō* (G2919), "to judge," this word describes the process of holding something up to the sunlight to expose any imperfections. It was used to describe metals or liquids that were unsullied by foreign substances. In the New Testament this word is used twice, both times to denote a person who is free from falsehood, pure, and sincere. In Philippians 1:10 Paul urges believers to be morally pure in this way: "That ye may approve the things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere [*eilikrinēs*] and without offence till the day of Christ."

3:10 heaven ▸ *see Rev. 21:1.*

3:10 with great noise

(Gr. *rhoizēdon*) G4500: Used only here in the New Testament, the Greek word *rhoizēdon* means "with (loud) hissing" or "with roaring speed," perhaps suddenly. The word may suggest the noise and speed with which a rapidly thrown object flies through the air, or the roaring and crackling of devouring flames. Some interpreters think Peter chose the word to emphasize power and speed.

3:10 element ▸ *see Gal. 4:3.*

3:13 promise

(Gr. *epangelma*) (2 Pet. 1:4) G1862: Like its relative, *epangelia* (G1860), this word describes both the thing promised and the promise itself. Synonyms include "announcement," "pledge," and "offer." Self-committal is implied. This form of the word is used in the New Testament only here and in 2 Peter 1:4, "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises [*epangelma*]: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."

Grow in Grace

15 And account *that* the longsuffering of our
Lord *is* salvation; even as our beloved brother
Paul also according to the wisdom given
unto him hath written unto you;
16 As also in all *his* epistles, speaking in
them of these things; in which are some
things hard to be understood, which they
that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as
they do also the other scriptures, unto their
own destruction.
17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know
these things before, beware lest ye also, being
led away with the error of the wicked, fall
from your own stedfastness.
18 But grow in grace, and *in* the knowledge
of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him
be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

3:15 longsuffering ▸ *see Heb. 6:12.*
3:16 epistle ▸ *see 1 Thess. 5:27.*
3:17 know before ▸ *see Acts 2:23.*

3:18 knowledge

(Gr. *gnōsis*) (Eph. 3:19; Phil. 3:8; Col. 2:3) G1108: This Greek word for *knowledge* usually connotes progressive, experiential, and personal knowledge; it is knowledge that can grow. We need to grow in our actual, personal knowledge of Jesus Christ; such knowledge is the greatest protection against false teachings. One of the prominent themes in this epistle is Peter's exhortation to the believers to attain a fuller, more thorough knowledge of Jesus Christ (2 Pet. 1:8; 2:20; 3:18).

THE FIRST EPISTLE GENERAL OF

JOHN

GOD IS LIGHT, GOD IS love, and God is life. John is enjoying a delightful fellowship with the God of light, love, and life, and he desperately desires that his spiritual children enjoy the same fellowship.

God is light. Therefore, to engage in fellowship with Him we must walk in light and not in darkness. As we walk in the light, we will regularly confess our sins, allowing the blood of Christ to continually cleanse us. Two major roadblocks to hinder this walk will be falling in love with the world and falling for the alluring lies of false teachers.

God is love. Since we are His children we must walk in love. In fact, John says that if we do not love, we do not know God. Love is more than just words; it is actions. Love is giving, not getting. Biblical love is unconditional in its nature. Christ's love fulfilled those qualities, and when that brand of love characterizes us, we will be free of self-condemnation and experience confidence before God.

WATCH WORDS

- **blood** (substance signifying life)—1:7
- **love** (unselfish, self-giving purpose)—2:15
- **propitiation** (redeeming sacrifice; sacrificial atonement)—4:10 (also 2:2)
- **world** (all the aspects of the created order that are hostile to God and His purposes)—5:19

Be Full of Joy

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;

2 (For the life was manifested, and we have seen *it,* and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)

3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

4 And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.

Walk in the Light

5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

1:1 see ▸ *see John 1:38.*
1:1 handle ▸ *see Acts 17:27.*
1:2 manifest ▸ *see Mark 4:22.*
1:5 light ▸ *see John 8:12.*
1:6 fellowship ▸ *see Acts 2:42.*

1:7 blood

(Gr. *haima*) (Matt. 26:28; Eph. 1:7; Col 1:20; Heb. 2:14) G0129: This is a technical word for the blood of animals or of people, but in the New Testament it is used to refer to the atoning blood of Christ. Blood was known even in the ancient world to be the seat of life—similar to what is communicated by our word *lifeblood*. Scripture draws a distinction between "flesh and blood"—the physical being—and the spirit (Matt. 16:17; 1 Cor. 15:50).

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8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Our Advocate with the Father

2 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:
2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for *the sins of* the whole world.
3 And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.
4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.
5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.
6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.
7 Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which ye have heard from the beginning.
8 Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth.
9 He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now.
10 He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.
11 But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.
12 I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake.
13 I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known him *that is* from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one. I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father.
14 I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him *that is* from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.

Love the Father, Not the World

15 Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

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The most important use of this word is to describe the work of Christ on the Cross whereby we are saved. This is the "new testament in his blood" (Matt. 26:28; Heb. 12:24), for "by the law almost all things are purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission" (Heb. 9:22).

1:9 sin ▸ *see John 9:41.*
1:9 unrighteousness ▸ *see John 7:18.*

2:1 advocate

(Gr. *paraklētos*) (John 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7) G3875: The Greek word *paraklētos* is derived from the preposition *para* (G3844), "beside," and the verb *kaleō* (G2564), "call"; hence it originally meant in a passive sense one who is called beside (to offer support). This passive sense was gradually replaced by the more active meaning of mediator, intercessor. Here in 1 John 2:1 Christ takes the role of an intercessor for the sinner. In John 14:16, 17 the Holy Spirit is called the *paraklētos,* there meaning Helper.

2:2 propitiation ▸ *see 1 John 4:10.*
2:5 perfected ▸ *see Heb. 12:23.*
2:8 true ▸ *see Rom. 3:4.*
2:11 darkness ▸ *see John 12:46.*

2:15 love

(Gr. *agapē*) (John 13:35; 15:13; Rom. 5:8; 8:39; 1 Cor. 13:13) G0026: Although common in both the Septuagint and the New Testament, the word rarely occurs in existing secular Greek manuscripts of the period. Like its synonym *philia* (G5373) (see *philos*, G5384, at John 15:14), it designates love between persons (John 13:35), of people for God (as here in 1 John 2:15), of God for humanity (Rom. 5:8), and of God for Christ (John 17:26). Whereas *philia* emphasizes the idea of love arising from personal relationships, *agapē* is founded upon deep appreciation and high regard. It is perhaps for this reason that *agapē* is the love which God commands (cf. the use of the verb *agapaō*, G0025, in John 13:34, 35).

16 For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.
17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

Beware of Antichrists

18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.
19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would *no doubt* have continued with us: but *they went out,* that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.
20 But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.
21 I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth.
22 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.
23 Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: *[but] he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.*

Abide in Christ

24 Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father.
25 And this is the promise that he hath promised us, *even* eternal life.
26 These *things* have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you.
27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.
28 And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.
29 If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.

Let No Man Deceive You

3 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.
2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.
3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

2:16 lust ▸ *see 1 Pet. 1:14.*
2:18 time ▸ *see Luke 22:53.*
2:18 antichrist ▸ *see 2 John 7.*

2:20 unction

(Gr. *chrisma*) (1 John 2:27) G5545: The Greek term *chrisma* is related to the title Christ, which means "Anointed One," and is used in the Greek Old Testament (the Septuagint) for the anointing of a high priest (see Ex. 29:17). The *unction* (anointing) here depicts the impartation of the Holy Spirit to a person (see also Is. 61:1). As Christians, now indwelt by the Holy Spirit, we are joined to the Anointed One and share in His anointing (see 2 Cor. 1:21, 22). Therefore we can know all things with respect to truth and falsehood. Because the Spirit lives within us, we know all that we need to know in order to resist the temptations of false teachers and to live godly lives in this world.

2:22 antichrist ▸ *see 2 John 7.*
2:25 promise ▸ *see 2 Cor. 1:20.*
2:25 promise ▸ *see Acts 7:5.*
2:27 anointing ▸ *see 1 John 2:20.*
2:28 confidence ▸ *see John 11:14.*

3:3 pure

(Gr. *hagnos*) (2 Cor. 11:2; Phil. 4:8; James 3:17; 1 Pet. 3:2) G0053: From the root word *hagios* (G0040), "holy," this word denotes a person who is clean, modest, pure, and morally innocent. Synonyms include chaste and immaculate. This word is used to describe the chaste behavior of godly wives (Titus 2:5; 1 Pet. 3:2), God's wisdom (James 3:17), and the proper behavior of believers (1 Tim. 5:22). Because of Christ's sinless life and His sacrificial death on the Cross, we can be pure in the same way He is pure. His perfection is imputed to us, and we are presented as a pure bride (2 Cor. 11:2).

4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth
also the law: for sin is the transgression of the
law.
5 And ye know that he was manifested to
take away our sins; and in him is no sin.
6 Whosoever abideth in him sinneth
not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him,
neither known him.
7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he
that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as
he is righteous.
8 He that committeth sin is of the devil;
for the devil sinneth from the beginning.
For this purpose the Son of God was mani-
fested, that he might destroy the works of
the devil.
9 Whosoever is born of God doth not
commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him:
and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.
10 In this the children of God are mani-
fest, and the children of the devil: whoso-
ever doeth not righteousness is not of God,
neither he that loveth not his brother.

Love in Deed and in Truth

11 For this is the message that ye heard
from the beginning, that we should love one
another.
12 Not as Cain, *who* was of that wicked one,
and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he
him? Because his own works were evil, and
his brother's righteous.
13 Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate
you.
14 We know that we have passed from death
unto life, because we love the brethren. He
that loveth not *his* brother abideth in death.
15 Whosoever hateth his brother is a
murderer: and ye know that no murderer
hath eternal life abiding in him.
16 Hereby perceive we the love *of God,*
because he laid down his life for us: and we
ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren.
17 But whoso hath this world's good, and
seeth his brother have need, and shutteth
up his bowels *of compassion* from him, how
dwelleth the love of God in him?
18 My little children, let us not love in word,
neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.
19 And hereby we know that we are of the
truth, and shall assure our hearts before him.
20 For if our heart condemn us, God is
greater than our heart, and knoweth all
things.
21 Beloved, if our heart condemn us not,
then have we confidence toward God.
22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of
him, because we keep his commandments,
and do those things that are pleasing in his
sight.
23 And this is his commandment, That we
should believe on the name of his Son Jesus
Christ, and love one another, as he gave us
commandment.
24 And he that keepeth his commandments
dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby
we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit
which he hath given us.

Be Sure the Spirits Are of God

4 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but
try the spirits whether they are of God:
because many false prophets are gone out
into the world.
2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every
spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is
come in the flesh is of God:
3 And every spirit that confesseth not that
Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God:
and this is that *spirit* of antichrist, whereof ye
have heard that it should come; and even now
already is it in the world.
4 Ye are of God, little children, and have
overcome them: because greater is he that is
in you, than he that is in the world.
5 They are of the world: therefore speak
they of the world, and the world heareth
them.
6 We are of God: he that knoweth God
heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not
us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and
the spirit of error.

3:4 transgression of the law

(Gr. *anomia*) (Matt. 24:12; 2 Cor. 6:14; Titus 2:14) G0458: The Greek word *anomia* means lawlessness, and comes from the *a-* prefix (G0001, negative) and the noun *nomos* (G3551), "law." Thus here sin is seen essentially as transgression of law, especially of the law of God as His revealed will. The related adjective *anomos* (G0459) means lawless, unlawful (as Luke 22:37, lawless ones = transgressors); and the similar word *anomōs* means without the law (as twice in Rom. 2:12, its only New Testament usages).

3:10 manifest ▸ *see 1 Cor. 11:19.*
4:3 antichrist ▸ *see 2 John 7.*

Love One Another

7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.
8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.
9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.
10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.
11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.
12 No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.
13 Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.
14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son *to be* the Saviour of the world.
15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.
16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.
17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.
18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.
19 We love him, because he first loved us.
20 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?
21 And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

Love God and Keep His Commandments

5 Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.
2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.
3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.
4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, *even* our faith.

4:9 only begotten ▸ *see John 3:16.*
4:10 sent ▸ *see John 20:21.*

4:10 propitiation

(Gr. *hilasmos*) (1 John 2:2) G2434: Used only here and in 1 John 2:2 in the New Testament, the Greek word *hilasmos* means propitiation, expiation, and perhaps (indirectly) sin offering. The basic idea (though some interpreters disagree) is to appease wrath for an offense by means of sacrificial atonement. Thus Jesus satisfied the requirements of God's justice, His wrath, by giving Himself for our sins. The related word *hilastērion* (G2435) means "that which expiates or propitiates" (Rom. 3:25), as well as "the place of expiation or propitiation," in other words, the mercy seat (Heb. 9:5).

4:14 testify ▸ *see John 5:31.*

4:18 fear

(Gr. *phobos*) (Luke 2:9; Rom. 3:18; 8:15; 2 Cor. 7:1) G5401: Our word *phobia* is a transliteration of this word. In its original use this word meant "flight," but it later came to refer to something that causes flight—feelings of fear, terror, or dread. It describes extreme fear such as one feels in the presence of angels (Luke 2:9) or death (Heb. 2:15). It is also used to convey a sense of awe or reverence for God (Rom. 3:18; 2 Cor. 7:1). This verse uses both definitions of the word to denote God's love and care as an antidote for fear and the way our reverential fear of God is the basis for our salvation and sanctification.

4:18 fear ▸ *see Matt. 10:26.*

5:3 keep

(Gr. *tēreō*) (Matt. 19:17; John 8:51; 17:11; Rev. 3:10) G5083: The word *tēreō* appears frequently in the New Testament in a variety of closely related senses. It is used with respect to persons or things with the meanings to watch over and guard (Matt. 27:36, 54); protect, keep safe (John 17:11, 15; Rev. 3:10); and hold, reserve, preserve (John 2:10; 1 Pet. 1:4). It has the specialized meaning "observe" when its object is some aspect of law or teaching (John 9:16; here in 1 John 5:3).

5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?
6 This is he that came by water and blood, *even* Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.
7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.
8 And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.
9 If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son.
10 He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.
11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.
12 He that hath the Son hath life; *and* he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

We Know God Hears Us

13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.
14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:
15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.
16 If any man see his brother sin a sin *which is* not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it.
17 All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.
18 We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.
19 *And* we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.
20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, *even* in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.
21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

5:9 witness ▸ *see John 19:35.*
5:9 testify ▸ *see John 5:31.*
5:15 ask ▸ *see Matt. 7:7.*

5:19 world

(Gr. *kosmos*) (John 3:16; 16:28; Acts 17:24; 1 Tim. 6:7; 1 Pet. 3:3) G2889: The Greek word *kosmos* can mean "adornment" (1 Pet. 3:3) or "order," and by common extension "the ordered universe" or "world" (John 17:5; Acts 17:24). It is used in the New Testament almost exclusively in this latter sense but with a wide range of nuances. It may refer to the planet Earth generally (Matt. 26:13), specifically in contrast to heaven (John 16:28), or as the place where humans live (1 Tim. 6:7). It is used of humanity generally (John 4:42) or with specific reference to believers (John 3:16, 17). Here in 1 John 5:19 *kosmos* represents all the aspects of the created order that are hostile to God and His purposes, all organized evil that the devil controls and directs (cf. 1 John 2:15).

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF

JOHN

"LET HIM THAT THINKETH HE standeth take heed lest he fall" (1 Cor. 10:12). These words of the apostle Paul could well stand as a subtitle for John's little epistle. The recipients, a chosen lady and her children, were obviously standing. They were walking in truth, remaining faithful to the commandments they had received from the Father. John is deeply pleased to be able to commend them. But he takes nothing for granted. Realizing that standing is just one step removed from falling, he hesitates not at all to issue a reminder: "love one another" (v. 5). The apostle admits that this is not a new revelation, but he views it sufficiently important to repeat. Loving one another, he stresses, is equivalent to walking according to God's commandments.

John indicates, however, that this love must be discerning. It is not a naive, unthinking, open to anything and anyone kind of love. Biblical love is a matter of choice; it is dangerous and foolish to float through life with undiscerning love. False teachers abound who do not acknowledge Christ as having come in the flesh. It is false charity to open the door to false teaching. We must have fellowship with God. We must have fellowship with Christians. But we must not have fellowship with false teachers.

The "Elder" of verse 1 has been traditionally identified with the apostle John, resulting in the Greek title *Ioannou B,* the "Second of John."

WATCH WORD

- **antichrist** (one opposed to or the opposite of Christ)—7

The Elect Lady and Her Children

1 The elder unto the elect lady and her children, whom I love in the truth; and not I only, but also all they that have known the truth;

2 For the truth's sake, which dwelleth in us, and shall be with us for ever.

3 Grace be with you, mercy, *and* peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

4 I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth, as we have received a commandment from the Father.

5 And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another.

6 And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it.

7 For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

1 lady

(Gr. *kyria*) (2 John 5) G2959: Used only in 2 John, this is a formal and respectful title for "lady." The root word, *kyrios*, means "lord or master." Possibly this is the proper name Cyria ("Martha" is the Aramaic name with the same meaning). Another possibility is that it is a figure of speech personifying the church rather than an individual woman. This option is borne out by the New Testament metaphor of the church being presented as the bride of Christ.

3 mercy ▸ *see Rom. 9:23.*
4 commandment ▸ *see John 4:24.*
5 lady ▸ *see 2 John 1.*

7 antichrist

(Gr. *antichristos*) (1 John 2:18, 22; 4:3) G0500: *Christ* is the Greek word for *Messiah*, or *anointed*

Continued

8 Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.

Abide in the Doctrine of Christ

9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.
10 If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into *your* house, neither bid him God speed:
11 For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.
12 Having many things to write unto you, I would not *write* with paper and ink: but I trust to come unto you, and speak face to face, that our joy may be full.
13 The children of thy elect sister greet thee. Amen.

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one (Matt. 16:16; 27:22). The addition of the prefix *anti* conveys the idea of one opposed to or the opposite from Christ. Only John uses this term here and in his first letter. He makes it clear there is a specific Antichrist in mind (1 John 2:18) but also an attitude or mind-set capable of producing multiple antichrists (1 John 2:18), which he calls the spirit of antichrist. This mind-set is revealed by denial of the Father and the Son (1 John 2:22). Here antichrist refers to anyone who deceives in word and intent.

8 lose ▸ *see Luke 9:56.*
9 transgress ▸ *see Acts 1:25.*
13 elect ▸ *see 1 Pet. 2:9.*

THE THIRD EPISTLE OF

JOHN

IN THIRD JOHN THE APOSTLE encourages fellowship with Christian brothers. Following his expression of love for Gaius, John assures him of his prayers for his health and voices his joy over Gaius's persistent walk in truth and for the manner in which he shows hospitality and support for missionaries who have come to his church.

But not everyone in the church feels the same way. Diotrephes's heart is one hundred and eighty degrees removed from Gaius's heart. He is no longer living in love. Pride has taken precedence in his life. He has refused a letter John has written for the church, fearing that his authority might be superseded by that of the apostle. He also has accused John of evil words and refused to accept missionaries. He forbids others to do so and even expels them from the church if they disobey him. John uses this negative example as an opportunity to encourage Gaius to continue his hospitality. Demetrius has a good testimony and may even be one of those turned away by Diotrephes. He is widely known for his good character and his loyalty to the truth. Here he is well commended by John and stands as a positive example for Gaius.

The Greek titles of First, Second, and Third John are *Ioannou A, B,* and *G.* The *G* is gamma, the third letter of the Greek alphabet; *Ioannou G* means the "Third of John."

WATCH WORD

- **receive** (accept, welcome)—8

Greeting

1 The elder unto the wellbeloved Gaius, whom I love in the truth.
2 Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.
3 For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth.
4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

Gaius's Generosity Commended

5 Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to strangers;
6 Which have borne witness of thy charity before the church: whom if thou bring forward on their journey after a godly sort, thou shalt do well:
7 Because that for his name's sake they went forth, taking nothing of the Gentiles.
8 We therefore ought to receive such, that we might be fellowhelpers to the truth.
9 I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not.

8 receive

(Gr. *apolambanō*) (Luke 6:34; 15:27; 18:30; Rom. 1:27; Col. 3:24) G0618: One of numerous terms for acceptance, welcome, and receiving, this one carries the sense of hosting and supporting. In the Gospels, only Luke uses the term, including the confession of the thief on the cross, "for we receive the due reward of our deeds" (Luke 23:41). The other Gospels settle for *lambanō* (G2983), the simple form of "receive" (Matt. 7:8; Mark 4:16; John 1:12). Perhaps a modern use of this term would be "to own someone," to stand with them. Here John uses the term to convey support in contrast with "receive" in 3 John 9, 10 (G1926—*epidechomai*), which implies welcome.

10 Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with malicious words: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth *them* out of the church.
11 Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God.
12 Demetrius hath good report of all *men,* and of the truth itself: yea, and we *also* bear record; and ye know that our record is true.
13 I had many things to write, but I will not with ink and pen write unto thee:
14 But I trust I shall shortly see thee, and we shall speak face to face. Peace *be* to thee. *Our* friends salute thee. Greet the friends by name.

10 prate against

(Gr. *phlyareō*) G5396: This verb is used only here in the New Testament. It means "to talk nonsense or bring justified charges against." The root word is *phlyaros* (G5397) meaning "babble, tattle." The implication is that the accusations made are gossipy or foolish, and that those who make such accusations are idle or mischievous.

THE GENERAL EPISTLE OF

JUDE

FIGHT! CONTEND! DO BATTLE! WHEN apostasy arises, when false teachers emerge, when the truth of God is attacked, it is time to fight for the faith. Only believers who are spiritually "in shape" can answer the summons. At the beginning of his letter Jude focuses on the believers' common salvation, but then feels compelled to challenge them to contend for the faith. The danger is real. False teachers have crept into the church turning God's grace into unbounded license to do as they please. Jude reminds such men of God's past dealings with unbelieving Israel, disobedient angels, and wicked Sodom and Gomorrah. In the face of such danger Christians should not be caught off guard. The challenge is great, but so is the God who is able to keep them from stumbling.

The Greek title *Iouda,* "Of Jude," comes from the name *Ioudas* which appears in verse 1. This name, which can be translated Jude or Judas, was popular in the first century because of Judas Maccabaeus (died 160 B.C.), a leader of the Jewish resistance against Syria during the Maccabean revolt.

WATCH WORDS

- **Lord** (owner or master)—9
- **able** (having both the inherent strength or capacity to do something and the willingness or disposition to do it)—24

Loved by God the Father

1 Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, *and* called:

2 Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied.

Earnest Contention for the Faith

3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort *you* that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

4 For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

5 I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.

6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

8 Likewise also these *filthy* dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.

1 servant ▸ *see Rev. 11:18.*
3 common ▸ *see Acts 4:32.*

4 lasciviousness

(Gr. *aselgeia*) (Rom. 13:13; Gal. 5:19; 2 Pet. 2:18) G0766: Along with other words for sexual immorality (adultery, orgies, and fornication), this word shows up frequently on lists of "works of the flesh" or vices. It means "debauchery, sensuality" and is a comprehensive term for evil and perversion. Specifically, sexual licentiousness is implied. As it is used here, its meaning may include a scoffer's insolence.

9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.
10 But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves.
11 Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core.
12 These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds *they are* without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots;
13 Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever.
14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,
15 To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard *speeches* which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.
16 These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling *words,* having men's persons in admiration because of advantage.

Keep Yourselves in God's Love

17 But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ;
18 How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.
19 These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.
20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,
21 Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.
22 And of some have compassion, making a difference:
23 And others save with fear, pulling *them* out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.
24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present *you* faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,
25 To the only wise God our Saviour, *be* glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

9 Lord

(Gr. *kyrios*) (Matt. 1:20; Luke 6:46; John 20:28; Acts 9:5) G2962: In secular usage *kyrios* meant owner or master and was particularly used of slaveholders (as Eph. 6:5; Col. 4:1). It was also a common term of respectful address ("sir," John 12:21; see *kyria,* "lady," at 2 John 1—G2959). In the Septuagint, *kyrios* translates the Hebrew *'Adonai*, Lord, and also stands for the personal name of God, *Yahweh*. The word is used of both God and Christ within the New Testament as a designation of deity (sometimes the specific reference is unclear, as in Acts 9:31). It is not always possible in the Gospels to know how a speaker intends the word as an address for Jesus. It sometimes clearly means "Lord" (John 20:28), sometimes clearly means "sir" (John 4:11), and other times is ambiguous (Matt. 8:2; cf. Acts 9:5).

11 error

(Gr. *planē*) (Rom. 1:27; Eph. 4:14; 2 Thess. 2:11; 2 Pet. 2:18) G4106: Originally this word meant "a wandering," which is the origin of the English word *planet*. It denotes straying or being led astray from the right path. It implies being purposely led away from right morals or doctrine, by deception or intentional trickery. Indeed, in many cases this word is translated "deceit." The root word is *planos* (G4108), "deceiving."

15 ungodly ▸ *see Rom. 11:26.*
19 sensual ▸ *see 1 Cor. 15:46.*

24 able

(Gr. *dynamai*) (Matt. 3:9; 7:18; John 14:17; 2 Cor. 1:4) G1410: This word for "to be able" is full of power. It is the root of our word *dynamite*, and it implies having both the inherent strength or ability to do something and the willingness or disposition to do it. Uses in Scripture are varied, and include being able to do something by virtue of: one's own abilities or resources (Eph. 6:11), a state of mind (Heb. 4:15), favorable circumstances (2 Cor. 1:4), or permission of law or custom (1 Cor. 12:3).

25 power ▸ *see 1 Tim. 6:16.*
25 amen ▸ *see Rev. 22:20.*

THE REVELATION
OF JESUS CHRIST

JUST AS GENESIS IS THE book of beginnings, Revelation is the book of consummation. In it, the divine program of redemption is brought to fruition, and the holy name of God is vindicated before all creation. Although there are numerous prophecies in the Gospels and Epistles, Revelation is the only New Testament book that focuses primarily on prophetic events. Its title means "unveiling" or "disclosure." Thus, the book is an unveiling of the character and program of God. Penned by John during his exile on the island of Patmos, Revelation centers around visions and symbols of the resurrected Christ, who alone has authority to judge the earth, to remake it, and to rule it in righteousness.

The title of this book in the Greek text is *Apokalypsis Ioannou,* "Revelation of John." It is also known as the Apocalypse, a transliteration of the word *apokalypsis,* meaning "unveiling," "disclosure," or "revelation." Thus, the book is an unveiling of that which otherwise could not be known. A better title comes from the first verse: *Apokalypsis Iesou Christou,* "Revelation of Jesus Christ." This could be taken as a revelation which came from Christ or as a revelation which is about Christ—both are appropriate. Because of the unified contents of this book, it should not be called Revelations.

WATCH WORDS

- **revelation** (a disclosure of what has been previously hidden)—1:1
- **seven** (a number representing completeness)—5:6 (also 1:20; 4:5; 5:5; 8:2; 10:3; 16:1)
- **Lamb** (Jesus Christ, the perfect sacrifice for sin)—6:1 (also 5:6, 12; 7:10)
- **wrath** (God's anger directed against sin)—14:10 (also 6:16)
- **blessed** (having received special favor from God)—22:7

Greeting to the Seven Churches

1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified *it* by his angel unto his servant John:

2 Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.

3 Blessed *is* he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time *is* at hand.

4 JOHN to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace *be* unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;

5 And from Jesus Christ, *who is* the faithful

1:1 revelation

(Gr. *apokalypsis*) (Luke 2:32; Rom. 8:19; 16:25; Gal. 1:12) G0602: Using the root words *apo* (G0575), "from, away," and *kalypto* (G2572), "covering, veil," this word means "an uncovering, revelation, disclosure, laying bare." It is implied that what is being disclosed was previously hidden. In the New Testament this word is typically used of spiritual things, such as visions (2 Cor. 12:1), spiritual truth (Luke 2:32), or eschatological events (Rom. 8:19; 2 Thess. 1:7; 1 Pet. 1:13). In these cases what is revealed could be known only through supernatural disclosure. The entire Bible is God's progressive revelation of who He is and how He is saving His people, and the Book of Revelation focuses on His final revelation when He returns to establish His eternal kingdom.

1:2 testimony ▸ *see John 19:35.*
1:4 throne ▸ *see Rev. 8:3.*

witness, *and* the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,
6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.
7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they *also* which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.
8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

The Alpha and Omega

9 I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.
10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,
11 Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send *it* unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

The First and the Last

12 And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;
13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks *one* like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.
14 His head and *his* hairs *were* white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes *were* as a flame of fire;
15 And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.
16 And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance *was* as the sun shineth in his strength.
17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:
18 I *am* he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

1:5 witness

(Gr. *martys*) (Matt. 18:16; Acts 1:8; 1 Tim. 6:12; Heb. 12:1) G3144: Transliterated almost directly into English as *martyr*, this word describes someone who testifies to the truth he has experienced. This type of witness has direct knowledge of something and can offer information about it. Legally this is someone who saw something firsthand and testifies about it in court. The word itself does not imply death, although because so many first-century witnesses of the gospel were killed, it became associated with the death penalty. Believers are called to witness to the truth about Jesus that they have known and experienced through the grace of God (Acts 1:8).

1:5 first begotten ▸ *see Heb. 1:6.*
1:6 dominion ▸ *see 1 Tim. 6:16.*
1:7 eye ▸ *see Rev. 4:8.*
1:8 Omega ▸ *see Rev. 22:13.*

1:10 Lord's

(Gr. *kyriakos*) (1 Cor. 11:20) G2960: The Greek word *kyriakos* is derived from the word *kyrios* (G2962), meaning "belonging to the Lord." The word therefore designates something as particularly belonging to or pertaining to the Lord. Here it refers to Sunday as the Lord's Day. It is used in 1 Corinthians 11:20 to describe the Lord's Supper as the central act of Christian worship.

1:12 see ▸ *see 1 Cor. 13:12.*
1:14 eye ▸ *see Rev. 4:8.*

1:15 fine brass

(Gr. *chalkolibanon*) (Rev. 2:18) G5474: The Greek word *chalkolibanon* represents the name of a metal or an alloy. Since the word does not occur outside of the Book of Revelation (here and Rev. 2:18), it is impossible to know exactly what type of metal is being described, but the context suggests something like fine brass. Other suggested translations are gold ore or bronze.

1:16 star ▸ *see Mark 13:25.*
1:16 sword ▸ *see Rev. 19:15.*
1:18 hell ▸ *see Luke 16:23.*

1:18 death

(Gr. *thanatos*) (Mark 9:1; John 11:4; 2 Cor. 4:12; Heb. 2:14) G2288: The Bible speaks of death in

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19 Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;
20 The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

The Church in Ephesus

2 Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;
2 I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:
3 And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted.
4 Nevertheless I have *somewhat* against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.
5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.
6 But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitanes, which I also hate.
7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

The Church in Smyrna

8 And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive;
9 I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and *I know* the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but *are* the synagogue of Satan.
10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast *some* of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.
11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

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a threefold way: physical, spiritual, and eternal. The ancient Hebrews regarded physical death as entrance into *Sheol*, where they were cut off from everything dear in life, including God and loved ones. Because "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23), all people are spiritually dead—separated from God who is the Source of spiritual life (Luke 15:32; Eph. 2:1–3; Col. 2:13). The Bible also speaks of "the second death" (Rev. 2:11), which is eternal death, the everlasting separation of the lost from God in hell (Rev. 20:14; 21:8). In His resurrection, Jesus conquered death—physical, spiritual, and eternal. Through fear of death, people are subject to bondage (Heb. 2:15); but "our Saviour Jesus Christ . . . hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel" (2 Tim. 1:10).

1:20 seven ▸ *see Rev. 5:6.*
2:1 star ▸ *see Mark 13:25.*
2:4 left ▸ *see Mark 1:20.*

2:7 overcome

(Gr. *nikaō*) (John 16:33; Rom. 12:21; Rev. 2:26; 3:5) G3528: A word meaning to gain victory or get beyond. It is used by Jesus to set the standard of life for believers in John 16:33: "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." Here and six more times in Revelation, Jesus urges believers and churches to remain faithful to the end. Overcoming is the ultimate demonstration of the reality of one's faith in Christ and the way to His promised rewards.

2:7 tree ▸ *see Rev. 22:2.*
2:7 paradise ▸ *see Luke 23:43.*

2:9 poverty

(Gr. *ptōcheia*) (2 Cor. 8:2, 9) G4432: This word for indigence or poverty is used three times in the New Testament. The root word means "to cower," describing the posture of a beggar. It refers to someone who is destitute and in affliction. Second Corinthians 8:9 tells us that Jesus willingly took on this plight—in every sense of the word, both literally and figuratively—to save us: "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich."

The Church in Pergamos

12 And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges;
13 I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, *even* where Satan's seat *is:* and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas *was* my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth.
14 But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.
15 So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes, which thing I hate.
16 Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.
17 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth *it*.

The Church in Thyatira

18 And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet *are* like fine brass;
19 I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last *to be* more than the first.
20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.
21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.
22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.
23 And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.
24 But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden.
25 But that which ye have *already* hold fast till I come.
26 And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:
27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.
28 And I will give him the morning star.
29 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

The Church in Sardis

3 And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.
2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.
3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

2:12 sword ▸ *see Rev. 19:15.*
2:14 commit fornication ▸ *see Rev. 17:2.*
2:18 eye ▸ *see Rev. 4:8.*
2:18 fine brass ▸ *see Rev. 1:15.*

2:23 heart

(Gr. *kardia*) (Matt. 6:21; Luke 2:19; Rom. 2:15; 2 Cor. 4:6) G2588: The original form of this word means "to quiver" or "to palpitate," denoting the action of the heart muscle. Our word *cardiac* has its origins here. This word refers specifically to the heart organ but more generally to the center of life and the seat of thoughts, morality, and emotion. *Kardia* makes no separation between the physical body and the soul—both are encapsulated in one word. All the actions of one's inner life take place in the heart, including personality, mental activity, feelings, understanding, and will. The Lord sees the thoughts and intentions of the heart, and He dwells within our hearts through faith.

2:26 overcome ▸ *see Rev. 2:7.*
2:27 rod ▸ *see Heb. 9:4.*

4 Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.
5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.
6 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

The Church in Philadelphia

7 And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;
8 I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.
9 Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.
10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.
11 Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.
12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, *which is* new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and *I will write upon him* my new name.
13 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

The Church in Laodicea

14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;
15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.
16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.
17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:
18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and *that* the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.
19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.
20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.
21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.
22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

The Throne Set in Heaven

4 After this I looked, and, behold, a door *was* opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard *was* as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up

3:4 name ▸ *see Acts 19:13.*
3:5 overcome ▸ *see Rev. 2:7.*

3:5 blot out

(Gr. *exaleiphō*) (Acts 3:19; Col. 2:14; Rev. 7:17; 21:4) G1813: The Greek verb *exaleiphō* means "to wipe away," "erase," "remove," or "obliterate." In Revelation 7:17 and 21:4, tears are wiped away as a metaphor for the end of human sorrow. Elsewhere in the New Testament, its usage reflects the practice of blotting out or erasing writing in legal documents to end their effects. Such "wiping out" is applied to our sins (as recorded against us; Acts 3:19), names in the Lamb's Book of Life (here in Rev. 3:5), and the signed bill of indebtedness to God for sin (Col. 2:14).

3:5 book ▸ *see Matt. 1:1.*
3:10 keep ▸ *see 1 John 5:3.*
3:11 quickly ▸ *see Rev. 22:20.*
3:14 amen ▸ *see Rev. 22:20.*
3:14 creation ▸ *see Col. 1:15.*
3:17 blind ▸ *see John 9:1.*
3:18 eye ▸ *see Rev. 4:8.*
3:19 zealous ▸ *see 1 Cor. 14:1.*
3:21 throne ▸ *see Rev. 8:3.*

hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.
2 And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and *one* sat on the throne.
3 And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and *there was* a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.
4 And round about the throne *were* four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.
5 And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and *there were* seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.
6 And before the throne *there was* a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, *were* four beasts full of eyes before and behind.
7 And the first beast *was* like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast *was* like a flying eagle.
8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about *him;* and *they were* full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.
9 And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,
10 The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,
11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

The Book Sealed with Seven Seals

5 And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.
2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?
3 And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.
4 And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.
5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.
6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven

4:5 seven ▸ *see Rev. 5:6.*

4:6 beast

(Gr. *zōon*) (Heb. 13:11; Rev. 5:6; 6:1; 14:3) G2226: The Greek noun *zōon* is derived from the verb *zaō*, "live," thus meaning living thing or creature. The normal use of the word in Hellenistic Greek was to refer to animals (Heb. 13:11; 2 Pet. 2:12). Here in Revelation 4:6 and throughout Revelation the "beasts" (from *zōon*) are neither genuinely animals nor human but special beings who stand before God's throne to glorify Him (reminiscent of the cherubim in Ezek. 1:5). See the near synonym *thērion* (G2342), "wild beast," at Revelation 6:8.

4:7 lion ▸ *see Rev. 10:3.*

4:8 eye

(Gr. *ophthalmos*) (Matt. 5:29; 7:3; Rev. 1:7, 14; 2:18; 3:18) G3788: This term is the source for *ophthalmology*, treating matters concerning vision and the eyes. Usually referring to the physical organ of sight, the word can also represent outlook or attitude (Matt. 6:22, 23; Rom. 3:18). Paul uses the eye to represent one of the members of the body of Christ which must acknowledge both its role and dependence on others (1 Cor. 12:16, 17, 21). Here and in Revelation 4:6, the picture is of multiple eyes, but the implication is that nothing escapes their sight.

4:8 Almighty ▸ *see Rev. 11:17.*
4:10 fall ▸ *see Rev. 7:11.*
5:5 seven ▸ *see Rev. 5:6.*
5:6 beast ▸ *see Rev. 4:6.*
5:6 Lamb ▸ *see Rev. 6:1.*

5:6 seven

(Gr. *hepta*) (Rev. 1:20; 4:5; 5:5; 8:2) G2033: The number *seven* often has a figurative meaning in Scripture, representing completeness. Thus, in

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eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent
forth into all the earth.
7 And he came and took the book out of the
right hand of him that sat upon the throne.
8 And when he had taken the book, the
four beasts and four *and* twenty elders fell
down before the Lamb, having every one of
them harps, and golden vials full of odours,
which are the prayers of saints.
9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou
art worthy to take the book, and to open the
seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast
redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every
kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;
10 And hast made us unto our God kings
and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

Worthy Is the Lamb

11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of
many angels round about the throne and
the beasts and the elders: and the number of
them was ten thousand times ten thousand,
and thousands of thousands;
12 Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is
the Lamb that was slain to receive power,
and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and
honour, and glory, and blessing.
13 And every creature which is in heaven,
and on the earth, and under the earth, and
such as are in the sea, and all that are in
them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour,
and glory, and power, *be* unto him that
sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb
for ever and ever.
14 And the four beasts said, Amen. And
the four *and* twenty elders fell down and
worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.

The First Seal Opened

6 And I saw when the Lamb opened one of
the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise
of thunder, one of the four beasts saying,
Come and see.
2 And I saw, and behold a white horse: and
he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown
was given unto him: and he went forth
conquering, and to conquer.

The Second Seal Opened

3 And when he had opened the second seal,
I heard the second beast say, Come and see.
4 And there went out another horse *that*
was red: and *power* was given to him that sat
thereon to take peace from the earth, and

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Revelation there are seven churches (Rev. 1:20), seven Spirits of God (Rev. 4:5), seven seals (Rev. 5:5), seven trumpets (Rev. 8:2), seven thunders (Rev. 10:3), and seven bowls (Rev. 16:1). The phrase "seven Spirits of God" depicts the sevenfold energy of the Holy Spirit, His perfect, complete, and universal energy. The Spirit of God is one in His essence but numerous in His gracious influences.

5:8 fall ▸ *see Rev. 7:11.*

5:9 redeem

(Gr. *agorazō*) (Matt. 13:44; 1 Cor. 6:20; 2 Pet. 2:1; Rev. 13:17) G0059: Frequently used in the New Testament, this verb means "buy, purchase." It may be used literally for buying merchandise of any kind, as a field (Matt. 13:44) or food (Mark 6:37). More interesting is the figurative use represented here in Revelation 5:9, probably based on the analogy with the slave market. Jesus Christ has purchased or redeemed people from enslavement to sin by the blood of His Cross and made them to belong to God (1 Cor. 6:20; 2 Pet. 2:1). See the related noun *agora* (G0058) at Acts 16:19.

5:12 Lamb ▸ *see Rev. 6:1.*

5:13 creature

(Gr. *ktisma*) (1 Tim. 4:4; James 1:18; Rev. 8:9) G2938: This word refers to a created thing, an original formulation by the creator. The root word is *ktizō* (G2936), "to create, to build." Extrabiblical sources use this word to describe founding a town, building it, and colonizing it. God the Creator called each individual part of creation into existence, and each exists to glorify Him. Most of all, believers are to glorify Him, for "of his own will begat he us by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures" (James 1:18).

6:1 Lamb

(Gr. *arnion*) (John 21:15; Rev. 5:6, 12; 7:10) G0721: In literal use this word means "little lamb." In the New Testament it is used in two ways. Lambs are a metaphor for God's people—His little, defenseless lambs who are loved by the Great Shepherd and are tended to by shepherds of the church (John 21:15). The other 29 uses of this word occur in the Book of Revelation and refer to the Lamb of God—Jesus Christ the perfect sacrifice for sin. *Arnion* is contrasted with the Beast—a savage and cruel force of evil bent on destruction. Jesus the exalted Lamb is good, gentle, compassionate, and innocent.

6:1 beast ▸ *see Rev. 4:6.*

that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.

The Third Seal Opened

5 And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand.
6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and *see* thou hurt not the oil and the wine.

The Fourth Seal Opened

7 And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see.
8 And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.

The Fifth Seal Opened

9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:
10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?
11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they *were,* should be fulfilled.

The Sixth Seal Opened

12 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;
13 And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.
14 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.
15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;
16 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:
17 For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

Twelve Thousand Sealed from Each Tribe

7 And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.
2 And I saw another angel ascending from

6:8 beast

(Gr. *thērion*) (Mark 1:13; Titus 1:12; Heb. 12:20; Rev. 13:1) G2342: The Greek word *thērion* usually means wild animal or beast (as Heb. 12:20) or more specifically four-legged animals (as James 3:7), especially dangerous ones (as here in Rev. 6:8). The word is also applied to the visionary "beasts" John sees later in Revelation that represent the two anti-Christian, evil powers (Rev. 13:1, 11), especially "the beast" who is the personification of Satan (Rev. 14:9; 20:10). While the near synonym *zōon* (G2226) emphasizes the element of life, *thērion* emphasizes the bestial nature, making it a better word to represent evil. Mark 1:13 does not mean Jesus was living in direct contact with wild animals but emphasizes His separation from human society.

6:12 earthquake ▸ *see Rev. 8:5.*

6:15 free

(Gr. *eleutheros*) (John 8:36; Rom. 6:20; Gal. 4:31; Col. 3:11) G1658: The opposite of someone who is a slave, *eleutheros* means "free born." This person is free from obligation and control. The root word is *eleuthomai*, "to come, go." Here the word refers to social designations of slaves and free men, denoting that every class of society is hiding from God's wrath. Elsewhere in Scripture this word is usually used to describe the freedom believers have in Christ, for we are no longer bound by the law because Jesus fulfilled the law on our behalf.

6:16 wrath ▸ *see Rev. 14:10.*

the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,
3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.
4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: *and there were* sealed an hundred *and* forty *and* four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.
5 Of the tribe of Juda *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad *were* sealed twelve thousand.
6 Of the tribe of Aser *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nephthalim *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses *were* sealed twelve thousand.
7 Of the tribe of Simeon *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar *were* sealed twelve thousand.
8 Of the tribe of Zabulon *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin *were* sealed twelve thousand.

A Multitude in White Robes

9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;
10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.
11 And all the angels stood round about the throne, and *about* the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,
12 Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, *be* unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.
13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?
14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.
16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.
17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them

7:3 seal

(Gr. *sphragizō*) (Matt. 27:66; John 3:33; 6:27; 2 Cor. 1:22; Eph. 1:13) G4972: As is clear in this context, a seal is more like that of a notary public than a sealing of an envelope, in that it signifies a mark of identification or authentication. The word *sphragizō* was commonly used of the "impression" of an official's signet ring made in wax. The legal custom led to a variety of specific nuances for the term: protection (as here), secrecy (Rev. 10:4), official security (Matt. 27:66), and attestation (John 3:33). The Holy Spirit's indwelling serves to officially identify and certify the believer as God's child (2 Cor. 1:22; Eph. 1:13; 4:30).

7:10 Lamb ▸ *see Rev. 6:1.*

7:11 fall

(Gr. *piptō*) (Matt. 2:11; John 11:32; Acts 10:25; Rev. 4:10; 5:8) G4098: Though the word means to collapse or tip over, it is used almost exclusively in the New Testament to indicate falling prostrate or kneeling. It pictures quickly adopting a posture of humility and worship. Acts 15:16 and Hebrews 11:30 refer to structures falling down, and Acts 20:9 describes the fall of a sleeping young man out a third-story window. Here and throughout Revelation, the word pictures the wholehearted worship by those who are in God's presence, leading to the point all will fall in worship before God.

7:14 tribulation ▸ *see John 16:33.*

7:14 wash

(Gr. *plynō*) G4150: Found only here and a variant reading of Revelation 22:14, this term has the effect of *plunging.* A parallel for this idea is found in Isaiah 1:18: "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (see also Zech. 3:3–5). In a stunning picture of cleansing and forgiveness, dirty robes are washed in the blood of the Lamb and come out white.

7:15 dwell ▸ *see John 1:14.*
7:17 feed ▸ *see John 21:16.*

unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

The Seventh Seal Opened

8 And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.
2 And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.

An Angel Offers Incense

3 And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer *it* with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.
4 And the smoke of the incense, *which came* with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.
5 And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast *it* into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake.
6 And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

The First Trumpet

7 The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

The Second Trumpet

8 And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood;
9 And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed.

The Third Trumpet

10 And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters;
11 And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.

The Fourth Trumpet

12 And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.
13 And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabiters of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!

The Fifth Trumpet

9 And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth:

7:17 fountain ▸ *see John 4:14.*
7:17 wipe away ▸ *see Rev. 3:5.*
8:2 seven ▸ *see Rev. 5:6.*

8:3 throne

(Gr. *thronos*) (Matt. 5:34; 19:28; Acts 2:30; Col. 1:16; Rev. 1:4; 3:21) G2362: Our word is simply a transliteration of Greek, indicating the seating place of royalty or important people. From an Old Testament view, all thrones derive their power from God's ultimate sovereignty and permission (Ps. 47:7) as King over all. Thrones are mentioned more than 35 times in Revelation, all except 2:13 and 13:2 (Satan's limited and temporary throne) referring to God's rightful reign. Revelation 22:1–3 closes the book with a picture of the river of life flowing from God's seat of power shared with the Lamb.

8:5 earthquake

(Gr. *seismos*) (Matt. 24:7; 27:54; 28:2; Acts 16:26; Rev. 6:12; 11:13) G4578: All things *seismic* get their identity from this Greek word. The original means "shaking," an apt description of familiar events in the ancient world. There was an earthquake at Jesus' death and another that accompanied His resurrection. Paul's prison in Philippi was cracked open by a seismic event. The visions of end times shared by Jesus in the Gospels and John in Revelation have earthquakes as a prominent feature of this age and this earth coming to a conclusion.

8:9 creature ▸ *see Rev. 5:13.*

and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.
2 And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.
3 And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.
4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.
5 And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment *was* as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man.
6 And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.
7 And the shapes of the locusts *were* like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads *were* as it were crowns like gold, and their faces *were* as the faces of men.
8 And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as *the teeth* of lions.
9 And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings *was* as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle.
10 And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power *was* to hurt men five months.
11 And they had a king over them, *which is* the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue *is* Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath *his* name Apollyon.
12 One woe is past; *and,* behold, there come two woes more hereafter.

The Sixth Trumpet

13 And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God,
14 Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.
15 And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men.
16 And the number of the army of the horsemen *were* two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them.
17 And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses *were* as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone.
18 By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths.
19 For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails *were* like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt.
20 And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:
21 Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

9:1 bottomless pit

(Gr. *abyssos*) (Luke 8:31; Rom. 10:7; Rev. 11:7; 20:3) G0012: The noun means "depths, underworld." It is derived from the *a-* intensive prefix (G0001) and the Ionic form of *bythos* (G1037), "depth," thus meaning a bottomless pit. The word is used to designate the realm of the dead (Rom. 10:7, paraphrasing Deut. 30:12). Most often in the New Testament it designates the dwelling place of evil supernatural beings, such as demons (here in Rev. 9:1; cf. Luke 8:31), Satan (Rev. 20:3), the "beast" (Rev. 11:7), and Abaddon who rules over the underworld (Rev. 9:11).

9:5 torment ▸ *see Rev. 18:7.*
9:15 hour ▸ *see Luke 22:53.*

9:21 sorcery

(Gr. *pharmakeia*) (Gal. 5:20; Rev. 18:23) G5331: The word *pharmakeia* is derived from the noun *pharmakon* (G5332), which ranges in meaning from poison or magic potion to medicine, drug (this latter sense is the source of English *pharmacy*). It is distinguished from the near synonym

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An Angel and Seven Thunders

10 And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow *was* upon his head, and his face *was* as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:
2 And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and *his* left *foot* on the earth,
3 And cried with a loud voice, as *when* a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices.
4 And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not.
5 And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven,
6 And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer:
7 But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

The Sweet and Bitter Book

8 And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go *and* take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth.
9 And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take *it,* and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey.
10 And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter.
11 And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.

The Prophecy of the Two Witnesses

11 And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.
2 But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty *and* two months.

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mageia (G3095), "magic," in that *pharmakeia* emphasizes the mixing and use of such potions, especially with incantations and charms in the practice of witchcraft.

10:3 lion

(Gr. *leōn*) (2 Tim. 4:17; Heb. 11:33; Rev. 4:7) G3023: Lions were the most feared carnivores of ancient Palestine, but in the New Testament were more often a symbol of victory (Rev. 9:17), of destructive wickedness—as exemplified in the devil (1 Pet. 5:8), or of great power, as evidenced in Christ (Rev. 5:5). The Old Testament prophecies of lions acting peacefully (Is. 11:6, 7) are, curiously, not repeated in the New Testament.

10:4 utter ▸ *see 1 Cor. 14:2.*
10:9 honey ▸ *see Rev. 10:10.*

10:10 honey

(Gr. *meli*) (Matt. 3:4; Mark 1:6; Rev. 10:9) G3192: A Greek noun used only four times in the New Testament, this refers to the sweet sticky substance produced by bees from floral sources. Since honey was regarded as both a delicacy and a delight, wise King Solomon warned against overindulgence (Prov. 25:16, 27). Honey was a staple in the austere diet of John the Baptist (Mark 1:6). Here and elsewhere the word is used metaphorically to suggest something desirable (cf. Ps. 19:10).

11:2 holy

(Gr. *hagios*) (Matt. 1:18; John 17:11; Acts 4:27; 1 Pet. 1:16) G0040: The fundamental idea of the Greek word *hagios* is "separation," and thus, "to be consecrated and dedicated to God and to His service." It may describe both things (the "holy city" here; the temple as the "holy place," Matt. 24:15) or people. Christians are to be dedicated to God and thus holy (1 Pet. 1:16). Describing deity, it is used of the Holy Spirit (Matt 1:18), Holy Father (John 17:11), and of the holy Servant Jesus (Acts 4:27). The word also occurs as a noun. In the masculine singular it designates God (1 John 2:20) or Christ (Mark 1:24) as the Holy One. The plural *hagioi* is used for Christians as saints (Phil. 1:1). The neuter form *to hagion* is used of the sanctuary (Heb. 9:1) and of sacrificial meat (Matt. 7:6).

3 And I will give *power* unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred *and* threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.
4 These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.
5 And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.
6 These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.

The Beast of the Bottomless Pit

7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.
8 And their dead bodies *shall lie* in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.
9 And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.
10 And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.
11 And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.
12 And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.
13 And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.
14 The second woe is past; *and,* behold, the third woe cometh quickly.

The Seventh Trumpet

15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become *the kingdoms* of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.
16 And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God,
17 Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.
18 And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the

11:5 devour ▸ *see Luke 8:5.*
11:6 prophecy ▸ *see Rom. 12:6.*
11:7 bottomless pit ▸ *see Rev. 9:1.*

11:8 spiritually

(Gr. *pneumatikōs*) (1 Cor. 2:14) G4153: This form of the word is used only twice in Scripture, but its root word *pneuma*, "spirit," is much more common. This adverb refers to the symbolic or spiritual aspect of something. First Corinthians 2:14 uses this word to differentiate between natural reasoning and spiritual reasoning, asserting that spiritual truth can only be discerned through the help of the Holy Spirit. Here the word is used to denote the spiritual perversity and rebellion of Jerusalem. Symbolically, Jerusalem is a type of Sodom and Egypt.

11:13 earthquake ▸ *see Rev. 8:5.*

11:17 Almighty

(Gr. *pantokratōr*) (2 Cor. 6:18; Rev. 4:8; 15:3; 16:7; 19:6; 21:22) G3841: The Greek word means "one who has power over everything"—in other words, the One in total control. God commands all the hosts of powers in heaven and earth, and He is able to overcome all His foes. The title Almighty occurs often in Revelation as this book unveils God's awesome control over all the universe and throughout all history.

11:18 angry ▸ *see Rev. 12:17.*
11:18 reward ▸ *see Matt. 10:41.*

11:18 servant

(Gr. *doulos*) (Matt. 18:23; Luke 7:2; Titus 1:1; Jude 1) G1401: The Greek word *doulos* is a very common noun meaning servant, bondservant,

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prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.
19 And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.

The Woman with Child

12 And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:
2 And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.
3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.
4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.
5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and *to* his throne.
6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred *and* threescore days.

War Against the Dragon

7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,
8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.
9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.
10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.
11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.
12 Therefore rejoice, *ye* heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabiters of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

The Dragon's Persecution of the Woman

13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man *child.*
14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.
15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.
16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed

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slave. It is derived from the verb *deō* (G1210), "bind," and is frequently used of literal servitude, especially in the Gospels. The word is commonly used to express metaphorically that one's will is determined by some other person or thing whom or which one serves, such as Christ (Jude 1), God (Titus 1:1), sin (Rom. 6:17), or corruption (2 Pet. 2:19).

12:3 crown ▸ *see Rev. 19:12.*
12:5 caught up ▸ *see 1 Thess. 4:17.*
12:6 wilderness ▸ *see Mark 6:35.*

12:9 deceive

(Gr. *planaō*) (Matt. 18:12; 24:24; Heb. 5:2; 2 Pet. 2:15) G4105: The Greek verb *planaō* means to lead astray, implying the misleading of another, causing someone to wander or err from the truth (cf. James 5:19). Here in Revelation 12:9 Satan is the one who has led the world astray. The passive means "go astray, wander, err, be misled" and can be literal (as Matt. 18:12, of straying sheep) or figurative (as 2 Pet. 2:15). The idea of an agent of deception may be present (as Matt. 24:24) or may not (as Heb. 5:2). The related noun *planē* (G4106) means "wandering, error, deception." The unbeliever lives in such error (Rom 1:27; Eph. 4:14).

12:12 wrath ▸ *see Rev. 16:1.*
12:12 time ▸ *see Col. 4:5.*
12:13 persecute ▸ *see Luke 21:12.*

up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.
17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

The Beast of the Sea

13 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.
2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as *the feet* of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.
3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.
4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who *is* like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?
5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty *and* two months.
6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.
7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.
8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.
9 If any man have an ear, let him hear.
10 He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

The Beast of the Earth

11 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.
12 And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.
13 And he doeth great wonders, so that he

12:17 be wroth

(Gr. *orgizō*) (Matt. 5:22; Luke 14:21; Eph. 4:26; Rev. 11:18) G3710: This word describes fierce and overpowering rage, a furious passion that desires revenge. The logical end of these intense feelings is murder. In the New Testament this word is used passively, "to be provoked to anger." Jesus taught in the Sermon on the Mount that "whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment" (Matt. 5:22).

13:1 sea

(Gr. *thalassa*) (Matt. 4:18; Luke 17:2; John 6:18) G2281: The word is used in connection with specific bodies of water—the Sea of Galilee (Mark 1:16), the Red Sea (Heb. 11:29), and the Mediterranean Sea (Acts 27:30). Throughout the Bible, the word also has a symbolic connotation, referring to those restless, rebellious forces that are opposed to the plan and people of God and that God will subdue (Matt. 8:24). When John announces in Revelation 21:1 that "there was no more sea," it is a declaration of God's ultimate victory over all His unseen enemies.

13:1 beast ▸ *see Rev. 6:8.*
13:1 crown ▸ *see Rev. 19:12.*
13:4 worship ▸ *see Matt. 9:18.*

13:6 blasphemy

(Gr. *blasphēmia*) (Matt. 12:31; Mark 3:28; Luke 12:10) G0988: Blasphemy is the act of cursing, slandering, reviling, or showing contempt or lack of reverence for God. In the Old Testament, blaspheming God was a serious crime punishable by death (Lev. 24:15, 16). It was a violation of the third Commandment, which required that the name and reputation of the Lord be upheld (Ex. 20:7). The unbelieving Jews of Jesus' day charged Him with blasphemy because they thought of Him only as a man while He claimed to be God's Son (Matt. 9:3). Actually, the lawlessness of the Jews themselves was causing God's name to be blasphemed among the Gentiles (Rom. 2:24). By their bitter opposition to Jesus and His gospel, they themselves were guilty of blasphemy (Acts 18:6). Jesus condemned as blasphemy their attributing the work of the Holy Spirit to Satan (Matt. 12:31, 32). Christians are commanded to avoid behavior that blasphemes the Lord's name and teaching (1 Tim. 6:1).

maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,
14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by *the means of* those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.
15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.
16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:
17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.
18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number *is* Six hundred threescore *and* six.

The Redeemed with the Lamb

14 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty *and* four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.
2 And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:
3 And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred *and* forty *and* four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.
4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, *being* the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.
5 And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

The Angels' Messages

6 And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,
7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.
8 And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.
9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive *his* mark in his forehead, or in his hand,
10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:
11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

13:17 buy ▸ *see Rev. 5:9.*
14:3 beast ▸ *see Rev. 4:6.*
14:4 virgin ▸ *see Matt. 1:23.*
14:4 follow ▸ *see John 12:26.*
14:4 firstfruits ▸ *see 1 Cor. 15:23.*
14:8 wrath ▸ *see Rev. 16:1.*

14:10 wrath

(Gr. *orgē*) (John 3:36; Rom. 1:18; 5:9; Eph. 2:3; Rev. 6:16) G3709: God's wrath is His holy indignation—His anger directed against sin. The Bible declares that all people are "by nature the children of wrath" (Eph. 2:3) and that "the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness" (Rom. 1:18). Since Christians have been "justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him" (Rom. 5:9). The magnitude of God's love is manifested in the Cross, where God's only Son experienced wrath on our behalf. "The day of the LORD's wrath" (Zeph. 1:18) is identical with "the great day of the LORD" (Zeph. 1:14). These terms refer to "the wrath of the Lamb" (Rev. 6:16), Jesus Christ, that will fall on the ungodly at His Second Coming.

14:11 torment ▸ *see Rev. 18:7.*

12 Here is the patience of the saints: here *are* they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.
13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed *are* the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

The Ripe Harvest

14 And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud *one* sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.
15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.
16 And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.
17 And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.
18 And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe.
19 And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast *it* into the great winepress of the wrath of God.
20 And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand *and* six hundred furlongs.

The Seven Last Plagues

15 And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.
2 And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, *and* over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.
3 And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous *are* thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true *are* thy ways, thou King of saints.
4 Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for *thou* only *art* holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.

The Tabernacle of the Testimony

5 And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened:
6 And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles.
7 And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever.

14:13 rest ▸ *see Matt. 11:28.*
14:18 vine ▸ *see John 15:1.*

14:20 furlong

(Gr. *stadion*) (Luke 24:13; John 11:18; 1 Cor. 9:24; Rev. 21:16) G4712: This noun means a *stade*, a measure of distance equal to about 200 yards or 185 meters (Luke 24:13). It was the length of the running course at Mount Olympia, and the word came to be used for the arena or stadium where footraces and other athletic events were held. The emphasis of the word, however, was always on the competition itself and not on the physical structure. Thus, Paul uses the metaphor in 1 Corinthians 9:24 of the Christian life as running in a race.

15:1 marvellous ▸ *see Rev. 15:3.*

15:3 marvellous

(Gr. *thaumastos*) (Matt. 21:42; John 9:30; 1 Pet. 2:9; Rev. 15:1) G2298: This adjective means wonderful, excellent, or worthy of reverent admiration. It is primarily attached to references to the miraculous power or nature of God. It stems from a verb that means to be amazed or awestruck (*thaumazō*, G2296, Matt. 9:8; Acts 7:31). Jesus did such astonishing works (Matt. 21:15) that even His enemies had to acknowledge their remarkable nature. Such wonder is negative when it is descriptive of Jesus marveling at human unbelief (Mark 6:6).

15:3 Almighty ▸ *see Rev. 11:17.*
15:3 way ▸ *see Heb. 10:20.*
15:4 fear ▸ *see Matt. 10:26.*

8 And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.

The Seven Vials of God's Wrath

16 And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.

The First Vial

2 And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and *upon* them which worshipped his image.

The Second Vial

3 And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead *man:* and every living soul died in the sea.

The Third Vial

4 And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood.

5 And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus.

6 For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.

7 And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous *are* thy judgments.

The Fourth Vial

8 And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.

9 And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.

The Fifth Vial

10 And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain,

11 And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.

The Sixth Vial

12 And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.

13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs *come* out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

14 For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, *which* go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed *is* he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

The Seventh Vial

17 And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.

18 And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon

16:1 wrath

(Gr. *thymos*) (Gal. 5:20; Eph. 4:31; Heb. 11:27; Rev. 12:12; 14:8) G2372: Compared with the near synonym *orgē* (G3709), "anger," the Greek word *thymos*, "wrath," stresses more the various manifestations of anger. *Thymos* implies the underlying and abiding passion involved in wrath. Both words can be used of the holy and just wrath or anger of God against wickedness, which is the basis for judgment of sinners (as here and elsewhere in Revelation). The word is also used for the wrath of Satan (Rev. 12:12) and of men (Heb. 11:27). The plural in 2 Corinthians 12:20 and Galatians 5:20 probably refers to particular outbursts of wrath. The related verb *thymoō* (G2373) means "to make angry" or, in the passive voice, "to become angry" (only in Matt. 2:16).

16:5 angel ▸ *see Matt. 4:11.*
16:6 shed ▸ *see Matt. 26:28.*
16:7 Almighty ▸ *see Rev. 11:17.*
16:13 unclean ▸ *see Acts 5:16.*

the earth, so mighty an earthquake, *and* so great.
19 And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.
20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.
21 And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, *every stone* about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

The Woman and the Scarlet Beast

17 And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:
2 With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.
3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.
4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:
5 And upon her forehead *was* a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.
6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.

The Mystery of the Woman and the Beast

7 And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.
8 The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.
9 And here *is* the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.
10 And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, *and* the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.
11 And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.
12 And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.
13 These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.
14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him *are* called, and chosen, and faithful.
15 And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

17:2 commit fornication

(Gr. *porneuō*) (1 Cor. 6:18; Rev. 2:14; 18:3) G4203: In general, this is the verb for engaging in sexual immorality (i.e., any sexual activity except that between a husband and wife). It is God's declared will for those who name the name of Christ to abstain from all such immoral behavior (1 Thess. 4:3). The Bible (especially the Old Testament prophets) compares idolatry (i.e., spiritual unfaithfulness to God by His covenant people) to marital unfaithfulness/fornication (Hos. 4:12).

17:6 admiration

(Gr. *thauma*) (2 Cor. 11:14) G2295: In 2 Corinthians 11:14 the word *thaumastos* (G2298) more generally refers to an object or idea that causes wonder; here in Revelation 17:6 it refers to the wonder or amazement itself. The related verb *thaumazō* (G2296), meaning "wonder, marvel, be amazed," occurs often.

17:8 perdition ▸ *see Matt. 7:13.*
17:11 perdition ▸ *see Matt. 7:13.*
17:13 mind ▸ *see 2 Cor. 8:10.*

16 And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.
17 For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.
18 And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kingdoms of the earth.

Babylon Is Fallen

18 And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.
2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.
3 For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

Babylon's Iniquities

4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.
5 For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.
6 Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double.
7 How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.
8 Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong *is* the Lord God who judgeth her.

Babylon's Destruction

9 And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning,
10 Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come.
11 And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more:
12 The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble,
13 And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men.
14 And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all.
15 The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing,
16 And saying, Alas, alas that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls!
17 For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off,
18 And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What *city is* like unto this great city!

18:3 commit fornication ▸ *see Rev. 17:2.*

18:7 torment

(Gr. *basanismos*) (Rev. 9:5; 14:11; 18:10) G0929: This noun, found only in Revelation, means agony—the torment that comes from torture. The verb form, *basanizō* (G0928), is used in Matthew 14:24 to speak of a boat being battered by the waves, and in Mark 6:48 of the disciples straining to row in such conditions. In the Gospels, evil spirits beg Jesus not to torment them (Mark 5:7), presumably in a non-physical way.

18:10 torment ▸ *see Rev. 18:7.*
18:10 judgment ▸ *see John 3:19.*

19 And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate.
20 Rejoice over her, *thou* heaven, and *ye* holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her.

Babylon Will Be Thrown Down

21 And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast *it* into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.
22 And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft *he be,* shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee;
23 And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.
24 And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.

The Judgment of the Great Whore

19 And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God:
2 For true and righteous *are* his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.
3 And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever.

The Elders and the Four Beasts

4 And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia.
5 And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.
6 And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.
7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.
8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

The Marriage Supper of the Lamb

9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed *are* they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.
10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See *thou do it* not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

18:19 dust

(Gr. *chous*) (Mark 6:11) G5522: This noun appears only here and in Mark 6:11. The derivative word, *choïkos* (G5517), which means "made of dust or soil," is used to refer to the creation of Adam—his physical make-up (1 Cor. 15:47). Because of Adam's imputed sin, all men are now destined to die and return to dust after this fleeting life (Gen. 3:19; Job 34:15; Eccl. 3:20). However, the promise of the gospel message is that just as God originally breathed life into Adam and he "became a living soul" (Gen. 2:7), so the Holy Spirit can breathe new life into sinners so that they are "quickened" (Eph. 2:1) or "born again" (John 3:3).

18:22 craftsman ▸ *see Heb. 11:10.*
18:23 sorcery ▸ *see Rev. 9:21.*

19:1 alleluia

(Gr. *allēlouia*) (Rev. 19:3, 6) G0239: This word is a transliteration of the Hebrew *hallu yah*, meaning "praise Yah" (Yah being the poetic form for Yahweh). Since Greek manuscripts added accents where the initial "h" sound occurs, it is likely that even in Greek *allēlouia* was originally pronounced "hallēlouia," at least by Hebrew Christians. The spelling *alleluia* found in many hymns is the Latin spelling.

19:3 alleluia ▸ *see Rev. 19:1.*
19:6 alleluia ▸ *see Rev. 19:1.*
19:6 omnipotent ▸ *see Rev. 11:17.*

The Righteous Judge

11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.
12 His eyes *were* as a flame of fire, and on his head *were* many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.
13 And he *was* clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.
14 And the armies *which were* in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.
15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.
16 And he hath on *his* vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.
17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;
18 That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all *men, both* free and bond, both small and great.

The Capture of the Beast

19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.
20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.
21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which *sword* proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

Satan Bound for a Thousand Years

20 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.
2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,
3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.
4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I *saw* the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the

19:12 crown

(Gr. *diadēma*) (Rev. 12:3; 13:1) G1238: A compound of *dia* (G1223), "by, through," and *deō* (G1210), "bind," this word originally referred to the band that a king wore to bind his turban around his head. It was a sign and symbol of sovereign authority. In this case, Christ has many crowns because He is King over all things. This is contrasted with the seven crowns (one per head) of the dragon in Revelation 12:3.

19:15 sword

(Gr. *rhomphaia*) (Luke 2:35; Rev. 1:16; 2:12) G4501: The Greek word *rhomphaia* refers to a large, broad Thracian sword or spear. The *rhomphaia* is generally distinguished from the *makaira*, a short sword or dagger, used both literally and symbolically in the New Testament. However, *rhomphaia* is used only in figurative contexts within the New Testament. In most instances in Revelation (including here at 19:15), it refers to an act of divine judgment. In Revelation 6:8 it describes deaths resulting from military conflict. The idiom "a sword shall pierce through thy own soul" in Luke 2:35 signifies deep personal anguish and sorrow.

20:3 bottomless pit ▸ *see Rev. 9:1.*

20:4 judgment

(Gr. *krima*) (Matt. 7:2; John 9:39; Rom. 2:3; 11:33) G2917: This legal term describes the process by which the accused is determined to be guilty or innocent. It primarily refers to the verdict itself and is the word from which we get the English word "crime." Judgments made by God and man are both referred to by this term. Men should be careful in their judgments against one another (Matt. 7:2; 1 Cor. 6:7; James 3:1). By contrast, God's judgments are perfect (Rom. 11:33), and He has the authority to render a verdict for all men at the final judgment (Rom. 2:3).

word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received *his* mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.
5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This *is* the first resurrection.
6 Blessed and holy *is* he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

The Lake of Fire and Brimstone

7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,
8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom *is* as the sand of the sea.
9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.
10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *are,* and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

The Book of Life

11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.
12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.
13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.
14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.
15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

A New Heaven and New Earth

21 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.
2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

20:10 devil

(Gr. *diabolos*) (Matt. 4:1; Eph. 6:11; 1 Pet. 5:8) G1228: The Greek word *diabolos* means "slanderous" and is derived from the verb *diaballō* (G1225), "to throw across" or "to defame, slander." This use of the term is applied to both men and women in certain vice lists within the Pastoral Epistles (cf. 1 Tim. 3:11; 2 Tim. 3:3). Most New Testament examples of *diabolos* refer to Satan as the devil. In the Greek translation of the Old Testament, *diabolos* is used to translate the Hebrew word *satan*, adversary. Satan is the adversary and accuser of the brothers (Rev. 12:10–12) who is opposed to God and His plans. The Christian's defense against the devil is "the whole armour of God" (Eph. 6:10–17). Jesus calls Judas a *diabolos* because his betrayal of Jesus was motivated by Satan (cf. John 6:70; cf. John 13:2).

20:13 hell ▸ *see Luke 16:23.*
21:1 new ▸ *see John 13:34.*

21:1 heaven

(Gr. *ouranos*) (Matt. 3:16; Luke 16:17; Acts 7:56; 2 Pet. 3:10) G3772: Possibly derived from the word *oros* (G3735), meaning "mountain," this word refers to the regions above the earth. It means both the sky and the celestial bodies we can see and the otherworldly place where God dwells. It carries majestic and happy connotations, especially when contrasted with the place of the dead or hell. In biblical thought, heaven is a real place where God lives in glory along with His angels and where those who trust in Him will go when they die.

21:2 prepare

(Gr. *hetoimazō*) (Matt. 3:3; 22:4; John 14:2; 1 Cor. 2:9) G2090: Drawn from the Eastern custom of preparing the way for a king by having people go before him and level the road to allow for easier passage, this word means "to make ready, prepare, make arrangements." The most important uses in Scripture are more figurative than literal: to describe preparations made by John the Baptist

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3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, *and be* their God.
4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.
5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

The Fountain of Life

6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.
7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.
8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.
9 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.
10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,
11 Having the glory of God: and her light *was* like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;
12 And had a wall great and high, *and* had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are *the names* of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:
13 On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.
14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

The Golden Reed

15 And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof.
16 And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.
17 And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred *and* forty *and* four cubits, *according to* the measure of a man, that is, of the angel.
18 And the building of the wall of it was *of* jasper: and the city *was* pure gold, like unto clear glass.
19 And the foundations of the wall of the city *were* garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation *was* jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald;
20 The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolyte; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst.
21 And the twelve gates *were* twelve pearls;

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for people to receive Jesus (Matt. 3:3; Mark 1:3; Luke 1:76) and in reference to God preparing a place in heaven for those who believe in Him (John 14:2, 3; Heb. 11:16).

21:2 adorn ▸ *see Matt. 25:7.*
21:3 dwell ▸ *see John 1:14.*
21:4 wipe away ▸ *see Rev. 3:5.*
21:6 Omega ▸ *see Rev. 22:13.*
21:6 fountain ▸ *see John 4:14.*
21:6 free ▸ *see 2 Cor. 11:7.*

21:11 light

(Gr. *phōstēr*) (Phil. 2:15) G5458: Used only twice in the New Testament, this word is derived from *phōs* (G5457), "light," the Greek word *phōstēr* means "light-bearing body" or "luminary" (see *phōs* at John 8:12). In Philippians 2:15, it is used figuratively of Christians as yielding light in the spiritual darkness of the world. Here in Revelation 21:11 it apparently has the sense of radiance, shining, and brightness, referring to the New Jerusalem as reflecting the glory of God. It is related to the verb *phōtizō* (G5461), to shine, give light, or illuminate (as Rev. 21:23; 22:5), enlighten (John 1:9; Heb. 6:4), bring to light, or reveal (1 Cor. 4:5; Eph. 3:9).

21:16 furlong ▸ *see Rev. 14:20.*
21:19 garnish ▸ *see Matt. 25:7.*

every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city *was* pure gold, as it were transparent glass.

The City's Light and Glory

22 And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.
23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb *is* the light thereof.
24 And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.
25 And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.
26 And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.
27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither *whatsoever* worketh abomination, or *maketh* a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

The Pure River of Life

22 And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.
2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, *was there* the tree of life, which bare twelve *manner of* fruits, *and* yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nations.
3 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:
4 And they shall see his face; and his name *shall be* in their foreheads.
5 And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.
6 And he said unto me, These sayings *are* faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.

Jesus Will Come Quickly

7 Behold, I come quickly: blessed *is* he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.
8 And I John saw these things, and heard *them*. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things.
9 Then saith he unto me, See *thou do it* not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.
10 And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.
11 He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.

The Bright and Morning Star

12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my

21:22 Almighty ▸ *see Rev. 11:17.*

22:2 tree

(Gr. *xulon*) (Acts 5:30; 1 Cor. 3:12; 1 Pet. 2:24; Rev. 2:7; 22:14) G3586: The noun can refer to a staff, a cross, or anything made of wood. Here in Revelation 22:2, the phrase is referring to the "tree of life," a tree that gives life—that is, eternal life (see John 20:31). This tree symbolizes the eternal life God has made available to humankind. The tree of life was present in the Garden of Eden, but its fruit was not eaten because Adam and Eve had fallen into sin (Gen. 2:9; 3:24). Jesus came to earth to restore humankind and to again offer them the tree of life (Rev. 2:7). Those who are in the new paradise, the New Jerusalem, will partake of the tree of life forever (Rev. 22:2).

22:7 quickly ▸ *see Rev. 22:20.*

22:7 blessed

(Gr. *makarios*) (Matt. 5:3; Luke 10:23; Acts 26:2; 1 Tim. 1:11) G3107: This adjective is typically translated "blessed," as here and in the Beatitudes of Matthew 5, expressing the religious nuance of the word in most of its New Testament occurrences. In contexts where a religious setting is not emphasized, some translators prefer "happy," "fortunate," perhaps "favored" (cf. Paul's considering himself "happy, favored" to defend himself before Agrippa in Acts 26:2). The word can also be used of God (1 Tim. 1:11; 6:15) and of impersonal things, such as the "eyes" of those who receive special favor from God (Matt. 13:16; Luke 10:23).

22:11 he that is unjust ▸ *see Acts 25:10.*

reward *is* with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.
13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.
14 Blessed *are* they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.
15 For without *are* dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.
16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, *and* the bright and morning star.
17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

Come, Lord Jesus

18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:
19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and *from* the things which are written in this book.
20 He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.
21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. Amen.

22:13 Omega

(Gr. *Ō*) (Rev. 1:8; 21:6) G5598: Alpha and omega are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. In every context this phrase is used, it is difficult to tell whether the title applies to the Father or to Christ or to both. Most likely it can be attributed to both. God in Christ comprises everything, all that goes between the Alpha and the Omega, as well as being the First and the Last. This expresses God's fullness, comprehensiveness, and all-inclusiveness. He is the Source of all things and will bring all things to their appointed end.

22:14 tree ▸ *see Rev. 22:2.*
22:15 love ▸ *see John 21:15.*
22:19 book ▸ *see Matt. 1:1.*

22:20 quickly

(Gr. *tachu*) (Matt. 28:7; Mark 16:8; Rev. 3:11; 22:7) G5035: This word means "soon, without delay, suddenly, or readily." In Scripture it is used to describe the women's haste to leave the empty tomb and tell the disciples what they had seen (Matt. 28:7; Mark 16:8). The Book of Revelation contains more than half of the word's 13 appearances in Scripture, all of them referring to Christ's imminent return.

22:20 amen

(Gr. *amēn*) (Matt. 6:13; John 5:24; Jude 25; Rev. 3:14) G0281: The Greek word *amēn* is actually just a transliteration of the Hebrew adverb *'amen*, which means "truly." Following Old Testament usage, the Greek *amēn* also serves as an exclamation of response: to the promise of the coming Christ (as here in Rev. 22:20); to a prayer (Matt. 6:13); to a doxology (Rev. 1:6); to a blessing at the closing of a letter (Gal. 6:18; Jude 25). The response of affirmation in these cases could be translated, "So be it!" Two uses of *amēn* are unique to the New Testament. It is a title of Christ in Revelation 3:14. The other New Testament use is found in the Gospels where Jesus introduces His own sayings with either *amēn* (Matt. 5:18) or the double *amēn amēn* (John 5:24). Both stress the importance of His words and can be translated by "assuredly" or (the double) by "most assuredly."

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2 Kin. 1:4 H4296 *mittah* bed
2 Kin. 2:9 H8147 *shenayim* double
2 Kin. 3:19 H4013 *mibtsar* fence
2 Kin. 4:7 H5386 *neshi* debt
2 Kin. 5:26 H4818 *merkabah* chariot
2 Kin. 6:10 H2094 *zahar* warn
2 Kin. 7:5 H7097 *qatseh* uttermost part
2 Kin. 8:9 H2898 *tub* good thing
2 Kin. 9:22 H3785 *kesheph* witchcraft
2 Kin. 10:24 H3027 *yad* hand
2 Kin. 11:20 H8055 *samach* rejoice
2 Kin. 12:8 H0919 *bedeq* breach
2 Kin. 13:3 H0639 *'aph* anger
2 Kin. 14:4 H1116 *bamah* high place
2 Kin. 15:20 H3701 *keseph* silver
2 Kin. 16:5 H0758 *'aram* Syria
2 Kin. 17:20 H8154 *shasah* spoiler
2 Kin. 18:14 H2398 *chata'* offend
2 Kin. 19:14 H6566 *paras* spread
2 Kin. 20:7 H8384 *te'en* fig
2 Kin. 21:18 H1588 *gan* garden
2 Kin. 22:6 H1443 *gadar* mason
2 Kin. 23:6 H0842 *'asherah* grove
2 Kin. 24:12 H8269 *sar* prince
2 Kin. 25:5 H6327 *puts* scatter
1 Chr. 1:5 H3315 *yepheth* Japheth
1 Chr. 1:48 H5104 *nahar* river
1 Chr. 2:23 H2333 *chavvah* town
1 Chr. 3:1 H2275 *chebron* Hebron
1 Chr. 4:1 H1121 *ben* son
1 Chr. 5:7 H8435 *toledoth* generations
1 Chr. 6:31 H4494 *manoach* rest
1 Chr. 7:5 H3187 *yachas* genealogy
1 Chr. 8:1 H1144 *binyamin* Benjamin
1 Chr. 9:3 H3063 *yehudah* Judah
1 Chr. 10:13 H0178 *'ob* familiar spirit
1 Chr. 11:8 H4407 *millo* Millo
1 Chr. 12:18 H7965 *shalom* peace
1 Chr. 13:7 H5090 *nahag* drive
1 Chr. 14:11 H6555 *parats* break
1 Chr. 15:26 H6499 *par* bullock
1 Chr. 16:4 H8334 *sharat* minister
1 Chr. 17:12 H3678 *kisse'* throne
1 Chr. 18:4 H6131 *`aqar* hough
1 Chr. 19:9 H6186 *`arak* array
1 Chr. 20:1 H7843 *shachath* waste
1 Chr. 21:1 H7854 *satan* Satan
1 Chr. 22:7 H3824 *lebab* mind
1 Chr. 23:26 H3881 *levi* Levite
1 Chr. 24:4 H4672 *matsa'* find
1 Chr. 25:7 H4557 *mispar* number
1 Chr. 26:12 H7778 *sho`er* porter
1 Chr. 27:1 H3967 *me'ah* hundred
1 Chr. 28:2 H3559 *kun* make ready
1 Chr. 29:11 H1935 *hod* majesty
2 Chr. 1:16 H5483 *sus* horse
2 Chr. 2:7 H5178 *nechosheth* brass
2 Chr. 3:16 H8333 *sharaherah* chain
2 Chr. 4:2 H3220 *yam* sea
2 Chr. 5:6 H3259 *ya`ad* assemble

2 Chr. 6:3 H6951 *qahal* congregation
2 Chr. 6:20 H8605 *tephillah* prayer
2 Chr. 7:10 H8056 *sameach* glad
2 Chr. 7:14 H6419 *palal* pray
2 Chr. 8:13 H7620 *shabua`* week
2 Chr. 9:6 H3254 *yasaph* exceed
2 Chr. 10:14 H6137 *`aqrab* scorpion
2 Chr. 11:12 H6793 *tsinnah* shield
2 Chr. 12:2 H4603 *ma`al* transgress
2 Chr. 13:7 H7386 *req* vain
2 Chr. 14:13 H7998 *shalal* spoil
2 Chr. 15:6 H2000 *hamam* vex
2 Chr. 16:7 H8172 *sha`an* rely
2 Chr. 17:6 H1870 *derek* way
2 Chr. 18:29 H2664 *chaphas* disguise
2 Chr. 19:9 H8003 *shalem* perfect
2 Chr. 20:32 H3477 *yashar* right
2 Chr. 21:7 H5216 *nir* light
2 Chr. 22:8 H2026 *harag* slay
2 Chr. 23:5 H2691 *chatser* court
2 Chr. 24:11 H7230 *rob* abundance
2 Chr. 25:5 H7420 *romach* spear
2 Chr. 26:9 H1516 *gay'* valley
2 Chr. 27:5 H3603 *kikkar* talent
2 Chr. 28:9 H2197 *za`aph* rage
2 Chr. 29:16 H2891 *taher* cleanse
2 Chr. 30:18 H4768 *marbith* multitude
2 Chr. 31:5 H4643 *ma`aser* tithe
2 Chr. 32:1 H5576 *sancherib* Sennacherib
2 Chr. 33:15 H5236 *nekar* strange
2 Chr. 34:9 H7611 *she'erith* remnant
2 Chr. 35:1 H6453 *pesach* passover
2 Chr. 36:17 H0970 *bachur* young man
Ezra 1:6 H0929 *behemah* beast
Ezra 2:62 H3791 *kathab* register
Ezra 3:11 H8643 *teru`ah* shout
Ezra 4:8 H0104 *'iggera'* letter
Ezra 5:1 H3062 *yehudaiy* Jews
Ezra 6:8 H2942 *te`em* decree
Ezra 7:6 H1246 *baqqashah* request
Ezra 8:22 H6571 *parash* horseman
Ezra 9:8 H7604 *sha'ar* leave
Ezra 10:8 H7399 *rekush* substance
Neh. 1:10 H6299 *padah* redeem
Neh. 2:5 H6913 *qeber* sepulchre
Neh. 3:32 H5944 *`aliyah* going up
Neh. 4:14 H3372 *yare'* terrible
Neh. 5:5 H3533 *kabash* bondage
Neh. 6:15 H2346 *chomah* wall
Neh. 7:3 H2527 *chom* hot
Neh. 8:8 H0995 *bin* understand
Neh. 9:8 H3669 *kena`ani* Canaanite
Neh. 10:30 H1323 *bath* daughter
Neh. 11:25 H7704 *sadeh* field
Neh. 12:27 H4700 *metseleth* cymbals
Neh. 13:12 H8492 *tirosh* new wine
Esth. 1:8 H1881 *dath* law
Esth. 2:3 H5631 *saris* chamberlain
Esth. 3:6 H0959 *bazah* scorn
Esth. 4:16 H6684 *tsum* fast
Esth. 5:9 H2111 *zuwa`* move
Esth. 6:6 H3366 *yeqar* honour
Esth. 7:8 H5307 *naphal* fall
Esth. 8:5 H4284 *machashabah* devise
Esth. 9:24 H6332 *pur* Pur
Esth. 9:28 H1755 *dor* generation
Esth. 10:1 H4522 *mas* tribute
Job 1:1 H8535 *tam* perfect
Job 2:8 H0665 *'epher* ash
Job 3:10 H0990 *beten* womb
Job 4:17 H0582 *'enosh* mortal
Job 5:5 H6782 *tsammim* robber
Job 6:11 H0748 *'arak* prolong
Job 7:20 H4645 *miphga`* mark
Job 8:13 H2611 *chaneph* hypocrite
Job 9:13 H7293 *rahab* proud
Job 10:12 H8104 *shamar* preserve
Job 11:6 H8587 *ta`alummah* secret
Job 12:12 H0753 *'orek* length
Job 13:21 H0367 *'eymah* dread
Job 14:11 H0235 *'azal* fail
Job 15:15 H2141 *zakak* clean
Job 16:9 H2786 *charaq* gnash
Job 17:8 H5355 *naqi* innocent
Job 18:9 H6341 *pach* gin
Job 19:27 H7200 *ra'ah* behold
Job 20:19 H1497 *gazal* take away
Job 21:27 H2554 *chamas* wrongfully
Job 22:9 H3490 *yathom* fatherless
Job 23:17 H6789 *tsamath* cut off
Job 24:8 H2230 *zerem* showers
Job 25:5 H3556 *kobab* star
Job 26:6 H7585 *she'ol* hell
Job 27:5 H8538 *tummah* integrity
Job 28:25 H8505 *takan* weigh
Job 29:11 H5749 *`ud* give witness
Job 30:16 H6040 *`oni* affliction
Job 31:12 H0011 *'abaddon* destruction
Job 32:11 H2713 *chaqar* search out
Job 33:24 H7845 *shachath* pit
Job 34:17 H2280 *chabash* govern
Job 35:3 H5532 *sakan* advantage
Job 36:13 H7760 *sum* heap up
Job 37:10 H4164 *mutsaq* straiten
Job 38:7 H7321 *rua`* shout
Job 39:13 H3671 *kanaph* wing
Job 40:16 H4975 *mothen* loins
Job 41:31 H7570 *rathach* boil

Job 42:11 H5110 *nud* bemoan
Ps. 1:2 H1897 *hagah* meditate
Ps. 2:1 H1471 *goy* heathen
Ps. 3:title H4210 *mizmor* psalm
Ps. 4:8 H3462 *yashen* sleep
Ps. 5:6 H8581 *ta`ab* abhor
Ps. 6:6 H3021 *yaga`* weary
Ps. 7:9 H3826 *libbah* heart
Ps. 8:5 H1926 *hadar* honour
Ps. 9:16 H4941 *mishpat* judgment
Ps. 10:10 H2426 *chel* poor
Ps. 11:3 H8356 *shathah* foundation
Ps. 12:6 H0565 *'imrah* word
Ps. 13:3 H4194 *maveth* death
Ps. 14:3 H0444 *'alach* filthy
Ps. 15:3 H2781 *cherpah* reproach
Ps. 16:11 H8057 *simchah* joy
Ps. 17:9 H7703 *shadad* oppress
Ps. 18:30 H4043 *magen* buckler
Ps. 19:8 H1249 *bar* pure
Ps. 20:7 H7393 *rekeb* chariot
Ps. 21:9 H1104 *bala`* swallow
Ps. 22:11 H7368 *rachaq* be far
Ps. 23:4 H5162 *nacham* comfort
Ps. 24:7 H6607 *pethach* door
Ps. 25:6 H2142 *zakar* remember
Ps. 26:8 H4583 *ma`on* habitation
Ps. 27:14 H0553 *'amats* strengthen
Ps. 28:5 H4639 *ma`aseh* operation
Ps. 29:5 H0730 *'erez* cedar
Ps. 30:5 H7440 *rinnah* joy
Ps. 31:8 H4800 *merchab* large room
Ps. 31:19 H7227 *rab* great
Ps. 32:8 H3384 *yarah* teach
Ps. 33:7 H0214 *'otsar* storehouse
Ps. 34:8 H2938 *ta`am* taste
Ps. 35:8 H7722 *sho'* destruction
Ps. 35:26 H1322 *bosheth* shame
Ps. 36:9 H4726 *maqor* fountain
Ps. 37:12 H2161 *zamam* plot
Ps. 37:28 H2623 *chasid* saint
Ps. 38:15 H3176 *yachal* hope
Ps. 39:5 H2947 *tephach* handbreadth
Ps. 40:17 H6041 *`ani* poor
Ps. 41:7 H3907 *lachash* whisper
Ps. 42:4 H1995 *hamon* multitude
Ps. 43:2 H3906 *lachats* oppression
Ps. 44:6 H7198 *qesheth* bow
Ps. 45:14 H1330 *betulah* virgin
Ps. 46:8 H8047 *shammah* desolation
Ps. 47:1 H8628 *taqa`* clap
Ps. 48:3 H4869 *misgab* refuge
Ps. 48:7 H8659 *tarshish* Tarshish
Ps. 49:10 H3684 *kesil* fool
Ps. 50:10 H3293 *ya`ar* forest
Ps. 51:10 H3820 *leb* heart
Ps. 52:7 H0982 *batach* trust
Ps. 53:5 H6106 *`etsem* bone
Ps. 54:7 H6869 *tsarah* trouble
Ps. 55:22 H3557 *kul* sustain
Ps. 55:23 H4820 *mirmah* deceitful
Ps. 56:5 H6087 *`atsab* wrest
Ps. 57:4 H3857 *lahat* set on fire
Ps. 58:7 H2671 *chets* arrow
Ps. 59:6 H3611 *keleb* dog
Ps. 60:6 H2505 *chalaq* divide
Ps. 61:5 H3425 *yerushah* heritage
Ps. 62:9 H3976 *mo'zen* balance
Ps. 63:3 H7623 *shabach* praise
Ps. 64:8 H5074 *nadad* flee away
Ps. 65:8 H6153 *`ereb* evening
Ps. 66:15 H1241 *baqar* bullock
Ps. 67:4 H5148 *nachah* govern
Ps. 68:5 H0001 *'ab* father
Ps. 68:13 H3123 *yonah* dove
Ps. 69:7 H3639 *kelimmah* shame
Ps. 69:30 H7892 *shir* song
Ps. 70:5 H0034 *'ebyon* needy
Ps. 71:17 H6381 *pala'* wondrous works
Ps. 71:24 H2659 *chapher* bring unto shame
Ps. 72:8 H7287 *radah* dominion
Ps. 73:7 H4906 *maskith* wish
Ps. 74:8 H3238 *yanah* destroy
Ps. 75:8 H3196 *yayin* wine
Ps. 76:4 H0215 *'or* glorious
Ps. 77:12 H7878 *siach* talk
Ps. 78:7 H3689 *kesel* hope
Ps. 78:41 H5254 *nasah* tempt
Ps. 78:49 H2195 *za`am* indignation
Ps. 79:11 H0603 *'anaqah* sighing
Ps. 80:6 H3932 *la`ag* laugh
Ps. 81:7 H7482 *ra`am* thunder
Ps. 82:4 H1800 *dal* poor
Ps. 83:15 H5591 *sa`ar* tempest
Ps. 84:11 H8121 *shemesh* sun
Ps. 85:13 H6471 *pa`am* steps
Ps. 86:11 H0571 *'emet* truth
Ps. 87:3 H3513 *kabad* glorious thing
Ps. 88:6 H0953 *bor* pit
Ps. 89:7 H6206 *`arats* fear
Ps. 89:23 H5062 *nagaph* plague
Ps. 89:45 H0955 *bushah* shame
Ps. 90:7 H3615 *kalah* consume
Ps. 91:2 H4686 *matsud* fortress
Ps. 92:10 H8081 *shemen* oil
Ps. 93:5 H4998 *na'ah* become
Ps. 94:8 H1197 *ba`ar* brutish
Ps. 94:19 H8575 *tanchum* comfort

Ps. 95:2 H8426 *todah* thanksgiving
Ps. 96:6 H8597 *tiph'arah* beauty
Ps. 97:10 H0157 *'ahab* love
Ps. 98:3 H0657 *'ephes* end
Ps. 99:8 H5949 *`alilah* invention
Ps. 100:2 H5647 *`abad* serve
Ps. 100:4 H8416 *tehillah* praise
Ps. 101:5 H3960 *lashan* slander
Ps. 102:12 H2143 *zeker* remembrance
Ps. 103:1 H5315 *nephesh* soul
Ps. 103:3 H5545 *salach* forgive
Ps. 104:5 H4349 *makon* foundation
Ps. 105:1 H3034 *yadah* give thanks
Ps. 105:29 H1710 *dagah* fish
Ps. 106:5 H0972 *bachir* chosen
Ps. 106:38 H2610 *chaneph* pollute
Ps. 107:9 H8264 *shaqaq* longing
Ps. 107:25 H1530 *gal* wave
Ps. 108:7 H5937 *`alaz* rejoice
Ps. 109:5 H8135 *sin'ah* hatred
Ps. 110:1 H1916 *hadom* footstool
Ps. 111:9 H6304 *peduth* redemption
Ps. 112:1 H2654 *chaphets* delight
Ps. 113:7 H6965 *qum* raise
Ps. 114:2 H4475 *memshalah* dominion
Ps. 115:4 H6091 *`atsab* idol
Ps. 116:8 H1832 *dim`ah* tear
Ps. 117:1 H0523 *'ummah* people
Ps. 118:4 H3373 *yare'* fear
Ps. 118:17 H5608 *saphar* declare
Ps. 119:15 H6490 *piqud* precept
Ps. 119:35 H4687 *mitsvah* commandment
Ps. 119:63 H2270 *chaber* companion
Ps. 119:97 H8451 *torah* law
Ps. 119:100 H2205 *zaqen* ancient
Ps. 119:115 H7489 *ra`a`* evildoer
Ps. 119:143 H8191 *sha`shua`* delight
Ps. 119:161 H2600 *chinnam* without a cause
Ps. 120:4 H8150 *shanan* sharp
Ps. 121:6 H3394 *yareach* moon
Ps. 122:6 H7951 *shalah* prosper
Ps. 123:2 H2603 *chanan* mercy
Ps. 124:3 H2734 *charah* kindle
Ps. 124:5 H2121 *zedon* proud
Ps. 125:5 H6128 *`aqalqal* crooked ways
Ps. 126:1 H7870 *shibah* captivity
Ps. 127:5 H0835 *'esher* happy
Ps. 128:5 H6726 *tsiyon* Zion
Ps. 129:3 H4618 *ma`anah* furrow
Ps. 130:3 H5771 *`avon* iniquity
Ps. 131:2 H1580 *gamal* wean
Ps. 132:9 H7442 *ranan* shout for joy
Ps. 133:1 H0251 *'ach* brother
Ps. 134:1 H3915 *layil* night
Ps. 135:10 H6099 *`atsum* mighty
Ps. 136:13 H1504 *gazar* divide
Ps. 137:3 H8437 *tolal* waste
Ps. 138:8 H1584 *gamar* perfect
Ps. 139:14 H6395 *palah* wonderfully made
Ps. 140:5 H7568 *resheth* net
Ps. 141:6 H0561 *'emer* word
Ps. 142:6 H7181 *qashab* attend
Ps. 143:7 H4118 *maher* speedily
Ps. 144:7 H7971 *shalach* send
Ps. 145:1 H7311 *rum* extol
Ps. 145:2 H1288 *baruch* bless
Ps. 146:7 H7457 *ra`eb* hungry
Ps. 147:9 H6158 *`oreb* raven
Ps. 148:1 H4791 *marom* height
Ps. 149:1 H7891 *shir* sing
Ps. 150:1 H1984 *halal* praise
Ps. 150:6 H5397 *neshamah* breath
Prov. 1:8 H5203 *natash* forsake
Prov. 2:9 H4339 *meshar* equity
Prov. 3:6 H3474 *yashar* direct
Prov. 3:13 H2451 *chokmah* wisdom
Prov. 4:9 H5850 *`atarah* crown
Prov. 5:12 H8433 *tokechah* reproof
Prov. 6:9 H6102 *`atsel* sluggard
Prov. 7:7 H6612 *pethi* simple
Prov. 8:10 H4148 *musar* instruction
Prov. 9:12 H3887 *luts* scorn
Prov. 10:1 H4912 *mashal* proverb
Prov. 10:16 H7563 *rasha`* wicked
Prov. 11:13 H5475 *sod* secret
Prov. 12:25 H1674 *de'agah* heaviness
Prov. 13:6 H5557 *salaph* overthrow
Prov. 14:1 H0200 *'ivvelet* foolish
Prov. 14:26 H4268 *machseh* refuge
Prov. 15:15 H4960 *mishteh* feast
Prov. 16:3 H1556 *galal* commit
Prov. 17:12 H1677 *dob* bear
Prov. 18:24 H7453 *rea`* friend
Prov. 19:23 H3374 *yir'ah* fear
Prov. 20:4 H7105 *qatsir* harvest
Prov. 21:11 H2450 *chakam* wise
Prov. 22:8 H0205 *'aven* vanity
Prov. 23:23 H0998 *binah* understanding
Prov. 24:13 H5317 *nopheth* honeycomb
Prov. 25:3 H2714 *cheqer* unsearchable
Prov. 26:9 H2336 *chowach* thorn
Prov. 27:13 H0899 *beged* garment
Prov. 28:20 H0530 *'emunah* faithful
Prov. 29:8 H7151 *qiryah* city
Prov. 30:11 H0517 *'em* mother
Prov. 31:28 H0833 *'ashar* blessed
Eccl. 1:1 H6953 *qoheleth* preacher
Eccl. 2:1 H1892 *hebel* vanity

Eccl. 2:13 H5531 *sikluth* folly
Eccl. 3:4 H7832 *sachaq* laugh
Eccl. 4:4 H7068 *qin'ah* envy
Eccl. 5:18 H5999 *`amal* labour
Eccl. 6:12 H6738 *tsel* shadow
Eccl. 7:8 H0750 *'arek* patient
Eccl. 8:9 H7980 *shalat* rule
Eccl. 9:5 H7911 *shakach* forget
Eccl. 10:11 H3956 *lashon* babbler
Eccl. 11:6 H3787 *chashar* prosper
Eccl. 12:9 H0239 *'azan* give good heed
Song 1:4 H7323 *ruts* run
Song 2:8 H1801 *dalag* leap
Song 3:6 H4753 *mor* myrrh
Song 4:16 H1730 *dod* beloved
Song 5:6 H2559 *chamaq* withdraw
Song 6:4 H3303 *yapheh* beautiful
Song 7:6 H5276 *na`em* pleasant
Song 8:1 H5401 *nashaq* kiss
Is. 1:7 H8077 *shemamah* desolate
Is. 2:5 H0216 *'or* light
Is. 3:9 H5046 *nagad* declare
Is. 4:3 H3498 *yathar* remain
Is. 5:17 H3532 *kebes* lamb
Is. 6:2 H8314 *saraph* seraph
Is. 7:14 H5959 *`almah* virgin
Is. 8:9 H4801 *merchaq* far
Is. 9:6 H4951 *misrah* government
Is. 10:16 H6635 *tsaba'* host
Is. 11:1 H5342 *netser* branch
Is. 12:2 H3050 *yah* JEHOVAH
Is. 13:6 H7701 *shod* destruction
Is. 14:6 H5678 *`ebrah* wrath
Is. 15:5 H1280 *beriyach* fugitive
Is. 16:10 H3759 *karmel* plentiful field
Is. 17:9 H2793 *choresh* bough
Is. 17:12 H1993 *hamah* noise
Is. 18:7 H7862 *shay* present
Is. 19:24 H1293 *berakah* blessing
Is. 20:3 H6174 *`arom* naked
Is. 21:1 H5492 *cuphah* whirlwind
Is. 22:8 H4539 *masak* covering
Is. 23:1 H4853 *massa'* burden
Is. 24:7 H0584 *'anach* sigh
Is. 25:7 H4541 *massekah* vail
Is. 26:15 H7099 *qetsev* end
Is. 27:5 H4581 *ma`oz* strength
Is. 28:12 H4496 *menuchah* rest
Is. 28:27 H1758 *dush* thresh
Is. 29:5 H0080 *'abaq* dust
Is. 30:6 H6695 *tsoq* anguish
Is. 31:4 H0559 *'amar* speak
Is. 31:5 H6833 *tsippor* bird
Is. 32:2 H0376 *'ish* man
Is. 33:6 H6256 *`et* time
Is. 34:3 H4549 *masas* melt
Is. 35:6 H5158 *nachal* stream
Is. 36:14 H5377 *natsal* deceive
Is. 37:22 H5128 *nua`* shake
Is. 37:32 H6413 *peletah* escape
Is. 38:9 H2470 *chalah* be sick
Is. 39:6 H0686 *'atsar* lay up in store
Is. 40:3 H6437 *panah* prepare
Is. 40:25 H1819 *damah* liken
Is. 41:10 H8551 *tamak* uphold
Is. 42:1 H5650 *`ebed* servant
Is. 42:19 H5787 *`ivver* blind
Is. 43:2 H4325 *mayim* waters
Is. 44:25 H7080 *qasam* diviner
Is. 45:9 H1945 *hoy* woe
Is. 45:18 H8414 *tohu* in vain
Is. 46:9 H7223 *ri'shon* former things
Is. 47:5 H1748 *dumam* silent
Is. 48:17 H3925 *lamad* teach
Is. 49:6 H3444 *yeshu`ah* salvation
Is. 50:3 H8242 *saq* sackcloth
Is. 51:2 H8283 *sarah* Sarah
Is. 51:13 H6693 *tsuq* oppressor
Is. 52:1 H3847 *labash* put on
Is. 53:5 H2250 *chabburah* stripe
Is. 54:3 H3423 *yarash* inherit
Is. 55:13 H0226 *'ot* sign
Is. 56:8 H1760 *dachah* outcast
Is. 57:8 H1817 *deleth* door
Is. 58:9 H4133 *motah* yoke
Is. 59:7 H7667 *sheber* destruction
Is. 60:19 H5769 *`olam* everlasting
Is. 61:1 H1319 *basar* preach good tidings
Is. 62:1 H6664 *tsedeq* righteousness
Is. 63:7 H7356 *racham* mercy
Is. 64:5 H7797 *sus* rejoice
Is. 65:7 H1389 *gib`ah* hill
Is. 66:14 H6524 *parach* flourish
Jer. 1:10 H1129 *banah* build
Jer. 1:12 H8245 *shaqad* hasten
Jer. 2:19 H4751 *mar* bitter
Jer. 3:4 H0441 *'alluph* guide
Jer. 3:15 H7919 *sakal* understanding
Jer. 4:28 H0056 *'abal* mourn
Jer. 5:6 H4878 *meshubah* backsliding
Jer. 6:26 H6428 *palash* wallow
Jer. 7:26 H5186 *natah* incline
Jer. 8:8 H8267 *sheqer* vain
Jer. 8:11 H7043 *qalal* slightly
Jer. 9:19 H5092 *nehi* wailing
Jer. 10:24 H3256 *yasar* correct
Jer. 11:9 H7195 *qesher* conspiracy
Jer. 12:7 H5800 *`azab* forsaken

Jer. 13:18 H8213 *shaphel* humble
Jer. 14:2 H0535 *'amal* languish
Jer. 15:7 H2219 *zarah* fan
Jer. 16:19 H5797 *`oz* strength
Jer. 17:14 H3467 *yasha`* save
Jer. 17:14 H7495 *rapha'* heal
Jer. 18:20 H3738 *karah* dig
Jer. 19:8 H8074 *shamem* astonish
Jer. 20:8 H1697 *dabar* word
Jer. 21:12 H1242 *boqer* morning
Jer. 22:6 H4057 *midbar* wilderness
Jer. 23:24 H4390 *male'* fill
Jer. 24:6 H5428 *nathash* pluck up
Jer. 25:34 H7462 *ra`ah* shepherd
Jer. 26:9 H7887 *shiloh* Shiloh
Jer. 27:18 H6293 *paga`* make intercession
Jer. 28:16 H5627 *sarah* rebellion
Jer. 29:18 H8322 *shereqah* hissing
Jer. 30:10 H2865 *chathath* dismay
Jer. 31:22 H1397 *geber* man
Jer. 31:28 H5193 *nata`* plant
Jer. 32:9 H8254 *shaqal* weigh
Jer. 33:3 H7121 *qara'* call
Jer. 33:26 H3988 *ma'as* cast away
Jer. 34:9 H5680 *`ibri* Hebrew
Jer. 35:15 H0127 *'adamah* land
Jer. 36:21 H3957 *lishkah* chamber
Jer. 37:6 H5030 *nabi'* prophet
Jer. 38:16 H5643 *sether* secretly
Jer. 39:1 H6696 *tsur* besiege
Jer. 40:4 H6605 *patach* loose
Jer. 41:18 H3778 *kasdi* Chaldean
Jer. 42:17 H1481 *gur* sojourn
Jer. 43:11 H7628 *shebi* captivity
Jer. 44:8 H7045 *qelalah* curse
Jer. 45:3 H0585 *'anachah* sighing
Jer. 46:6 H6828 *tsaphon* north
Jer. 47:6 H1826 *damam* still
Jer. 48:8 H4422 *malat* escape
Jer. 49:12 H3563 *kos* cup
Jer. 50:16 H4038 *maggal* sickle
Jer. 51:46 H8052 *shemu`ah* rumour
Jer. 52:31 H0894 *babel* Babylon
Lam. 1:2 H1058 *bakah* weep
Lam. 1:18 H6662 *tsaddiq* righteous
Lam. 2:5 H8386 *ta'aniyah* mourning
Lam. 3:25 H6960 *qavah* wait
Lam. 4:9 H2100 *zub* pine away
Lam. 5:19 H3427 *yashab* remain
Lam. 5:21 H2318 *chadash* renew
Ezek. 1:5 H2416 *chay* living creature
Ezek. 2:4 H7186 *qasheh* impudent
Ezek. 3:8 H4696 *metsach* forehead
Ezek. 4:8 H4692 *matsor* siege
Ezek. 5:16 H7458 *ra`ab* famine
Ezek. 6:4 H1544 *gillul* idol
Ezek. 7:8 H2534 *chemah* fury
Ezek. 8:18 H2347 *chus* spare
Ezek. 9:4 H8420 *tav* mark
Ezek. 10:6 H0906 *bad* linen
Ezek. 11:9 H8201 *shephet* judgment
Ezek. 12:2 H4805 *meri* rebellious
Ezek. 13:10 H2937 *ta`ah* seduce
Ezek. 14:6 H7725 *shub* repent
Ezek. 15:5 H0398 *'akal* devour
Ezek. 16:63 H0954 *bush* confounded
Ezek. 17:3 H5404 *nesher* eagle
Ezek. 18:12 H8441 *to`ebah* abomination
Ezek. 19:1 H7015 *qiynah* lamentation
Ezek. 20:7 H8251 *shiqquts* abomination
Ezek. 21:2 H5197 *nataph* drop
Ezek. 22:30 H6556 *perets* gap
Ezek. 23:7 H8457 *taznuth* whoredom
Ezek. 24:13 H2154 *zimmah* lewdness
Ezek. 25:4 H2918 *tirah* palace
Ezek. 26:18 H0339 *'i* isle
Ezek. 27:7 H0713 *'argaman* purple
Ezek. 27:7 H8504 *tekeleth* blue
Ezek. 28:12 H3308 *yophi* beauty
Ezek. 29:21 H7161 *qeren* horn
Ezek. 30:4 H3247 *yesod* foundation
Ezek. 31:12 H6184 *`arits* terrible
Ezek. 32:12 H1347 *ga'on* pomp
Ezek. 33:2 H6822 *tsaphah* watchman
Ezek. 34:14 H2896 *tob* good
Ezek. 35:5 H0342 *'ebah* hatred
Ezek. 36:5 H0957 *baz* prey
Ezek. 37:6 H1517 *gid* sinew
Ezek. 38:2 H1463 *gog* Gog
Ezek. 39:4 H0102 *'aggaph* band
Ezek. 40:3 H4758 *mar'eh* appearance
Ezek. 41:8 H0520 *'ammah* cubit
Ezek. 42:13 H7138 *qarob* approach
Ezek. 43:2 H3519 *kabod* glory
Ezek. 44:5 H0241 *'ozen* ear
Ezek. 45:10 H0374 *'ephah* ephah
Ezek. 46:8 H5387 *nasi'* prince
Ezek. 47:2 H6921 *qadim* eastward
Ezek. 48:11 H4931 *mishmereth* charge
Dan. 1:16 H6598 *pathbag* meat
Dan. 2:13 H1841 *danie'l* Daniel
Dan. 3:1 H6755 *tselem* image
Dan. 4:3 H7985 *sholtan* dominion
Dan. 5:12 H6591 *peshar* interpretation
Dan. 6:6 H0324 *'achashdarpan* prince
Dan. 7:1 H2493 *chelem* dream
Dan. 8:1 H2377 *chazon* vision
Dan. 9:25 H4899 *mashiach* Messiah

Dan. 10:7 H4759 *mar'ah* vision
Dan. 11:4 H0319 *'acharith* posterity
Dan. 12:9 H2856 *chatham* seal
Dan. 12:12 H2442 *chakah* wait
Hos. 1:5 H6010 *`emeq* valley
Hos. 2:15 H8615 *tiqvah* hope
Hos. 3:5 H6342 *pachad* fear
Hos. 4:5 H3782 *kashal* fall
Hos. 5:3 H2181 *zanah* commit whoredom
Hos. 5:15 H1245 *baqash* seek
Hos. 6:3 H4161 *motsa'* going forth
Hos. 7:9 H2114 *zur* stranger
Hos. 8:1 H7782 *shophar* trumpet
Hos. 9:7 H7966 *shillum* recompence
Hos. 10:12 H2232 *zara`* sow
Hos. 11:4 H5688 *`aboth* band
Hos. 12:8 H0669 *'ephraim* Ephraim
Hos. 13:6 H4830 *mir`ith* pasture
Hos. 14:8 H1265 *berosh* fir
Joel 1:2 H0238 *'azan* give ear
Joel 1:4 H0697 *'arbeh* locust
Joel 2:28 H7307 *ruach* spirit
Joel 3:16 H7580 *sha'ag* roar
Amos 1:2 H4999 *na'ah* habitation
Amos 2:4 H8582 *ta`ah* err
Amos 3:7 H1540 *galah* reveal
Amos 4:8 H7646 *sabea`* satisfy
Amos 5:4 H1875 *darash* seek
Amos 6:12 H3939 *la`anah* hemlock
Amos 7:2 H3290 *ya`aqob* Jacob
Amos 8:6 H5275 *na`al* shoe
Amos 9:6 H4609 *ma`alah* story
Obad. 3 H2087 *zadon* pride
Jon. 1:17 H4487 *manah* prepare
Jon. 2:7 H5848 *`ataph* faint
Jon. 3:5 H6685 *tsom* fast
Jon. 4:7 H8438 *tola`* worm
Mic. 1:2 H5707 *`ed* witness
Mic. 2:12 H6629 *tso'n* sheep
Mic. 3:6 H2821 *chashak* dark
Mic. 4:5 H5703 *`ad* ever
Mic. 4:13 H0113 *'adon* lord
Mic. 5:8 H0738 *'ari* lion
Mic. 6:2 H7379 *rib* controversy
Mic. 7:19 H7355 *racham* compassion
Nah. 1:2 H7072 *qanno'* jealous
Nah. 2:5 H4116 *mahar* make haste
Nah. 3:14 H7429 *ramas* tread
Hab. 1:9 H2555 *chamas* violence
Hab. 2:4 H2421 *chayah* live
Hab. 2:18 H6459 *pesel* image
Hab. 3:18 H1523 *gil* joy
Zeph. 1:15 H4691 *metsuqah* distress
Zeph. 2:3 H6035 *`anav* meek
Zeph. 3:12 H2620 *chasah* trust
Hag. 1:14 H5782 *`ur* stir up
Hag. 2:15 H1964 *heychal* temple
Hag. 2:23 H2368 *chotam* signet
Zech. 1:8 H0122 *'adom* red
Zech. 2:12 H2506 *cheleq* portion
Zech. 3:8 H4159 *mophet* wonder
Zech. 4:1 H4397 *mal'ak* angel
Zech. 4:6 H2428 *chayil* might
Zech. 5:8 H7564 *rish`ah* wickedness
Zech. 6:12 H6780 *tsemach* branch
Zech. 7:7 H7961 *shalev* prosperity
Zech. 8:2 H7065 *qanah* jealous
Zech. 9:10 H4915 *moshel* dominion
Zech. 10:4 H6438 *pinnah* corner
Zech. 11:7 H2028 *haregah* slaughter
Zech. 12:10 H2580 *chen* grace
Zech. 13:9 H6884 *tsaraph* refine
Zech. 14:3 H7128 *qerab* battle
Mal. 1:7 H1351 *ga'al* pollute
Mal. 2:7 H1847 *da`at* knowledge
Mal. 3:10 H0974 *bachan* prove
Mal. 3:10 H1767 *day* enough
Mal. 4:2 H4832 *marpe'* healing
Mal. 4:5 H3117 *yom* day
Matt. 1:1 G0976 *biblos* book
Matt. 1:19 G1342 *dikaios* just
Matt. 1:23 G3933 *parthenos* virgin
Matt. 2:5 G4396 *prophētēs* prophet
Matt. 2:11 G3137 *maria* Mary
Matt. 3:11 G5204 *hydōr* water
Matt. 4:11 G0032 *angelos* angel
Matt. 5:7 G1655 *eleēmōn* merciful
Matt. 5:8 G2513 *katharos* pure
Matt. 5:18 G2503 *iōta* jot
Matt. 5:18 G2762 *keraia* tittle
Matt. 5:22 G4469 *rhaka* raca
Matt. 5:40 G5509 *chitōn* coat
Matt. 5:40 G2440 *himation* cloke
Matt. 5:41 G0029 *angareuō* compel
Matt. 6:6 G4336 *proseuchomai* pray
Matt. 6:13 G4190 *ponēros* evil
Matt. 6:25 G3309 *merimnaō* take thought
Matt. 7:1 G2919 *krinō* judge
Matt. 7:7 G0154 *aiteō* ask
Matt. 7:13 G0684 *apōleia* destruction
Matt. 8:2 G2309 *thelō* will
Matt. 8:4 G3142 *martyrion* testimony
Matt. 8:26 G3640 *oligopistos* little faith
Matt. 9:3 G0987 *blasphēmeō* blaspheme
Matt. 9:18 G4352 *proskyneō* worship
Matt. 10:1 G3101 *mathētēs* disciple
Matt. 10:22 G4982 *sōzō* save
Matt. 10:25 G0954 *beelzeboul* Beelzebub

Matt. 10:26 G5399 *phobeō* fear
Matt. 10:41 G3408 *misthos* reward
Matt. 11:28 G0373 *anapauō* give rest
Matt. 12:22 G2323 *therapeuō* heal
Matt. 12:33 G4550 *sapros* corrupt
Matt. 13:3 G3850 *parabolē* parable
Matt. 13:17 G1937 *epithymeō* desire
Matt. 13:47 G4522 *sagēnē* net
Matt. 13:48 G2570 *kalos* good
Matt. 14:14 G4697 *splanchnizomai* move with compassion
Matt. 14:21 G0435 *anēr* man
Matt. 15:19 G4202 *porneia* fornication
Matt. 15:22 G1139 *daimonizomai* vexed with a devil
Matt. 15:33 G5526 *chortazō* fill
Matt. 16:18 G4073 *petra* rock
Matt. 16:18 G4074 *petros* Peter
Matt. 16:23 G4625 *skandalon* offence
Matt. 17:1 G2491 *iōannēs* John
Matt. 17:15 G4583 *selēniazomai* lunatick
Matt. 18:19 G4856 *symphōneō* agree
Matt. 18:34 G0930 *basanistēs* tormentor
Matt. 19:17 G0018 *agathos* good
Matt. 19:26 G1415 *dynatos* possible
Matt. 20:19 G3146 *mastigoō* scourge
Matt. 21:5 G4239 *praÿs* meek
Matt. 21:13 G3027 *lēstēs* thief
Matt. 21:25 G0908 *baptisma* baptism
Matt. 22:6 G5195 *hybrizō* intreat spitefully
Matt. 22:21 G0591 *apodidōmi* render
Matt. 22:37 G1271 *dianoia* mind
Matt. 22:42 G5547 *christos* Christ
Matt. 23:17 G3474 *mōros* fool
Matt. 23:37 G3733 *ornis* hen
Matt. 24:13 G5278 *hypomenō* endure
Matt. 24:24 G5580 *pseudochristos* false christ
Matt. 24:42 G1127 *grēgoreō* watch
Matt. 25:1 G0932 *basileia* kingdom
Matt. 25:7 G2885 *kosmeō* trim
Matt. 25:15 G5007 *talanton* talent
Matt. 25:29 G4052 *perisseuō* have abundance
Matt. 25:46 G0166 *aiōnios* eternal
Matt. 26:11 G4434 *ptōchos* poor
Matt. 26:28 G1632 *ekcheō* shed
Matt. 26:47 G2400 *idou* lo
Matt. 27:17 G2424 *iēsous* Jesus
Matt. 27:19 G0968 *bēma* judgment seat
Matt. 27:57 G3100 *mathēteuō* disciple
Matt. 28:19 G0907 *baptizō* baptize
Matt. 28:20 G0165 *aiōn* world
Mark 1:4 G3341 *metanoia* repentance
Mark 1:20 G0863 *aphiēmi* leave
Mark 1:42 G3014 *lepra* leprosy
Mark 2:5 G5043 *teknon* son
Mark 2:24 G5330 *pharisaios* Pharisee
Mark 3:18 G2581 *kananitēs* Canaanite
Mark 3:28 G0265 *hamartēma* sin
Mark 4:16 G5479 *chara* gladness
Mark 4:22 G5319 *phaneroō* manifest
Mark 5:1 G5561 *chōra* country
Mark 6:1 G3968 *patris* own country
Mark 6:35 G2048 *erēmos* desert
Mark 7:6 G5273 *hupokritēs* hypocrite
Mark 7:21 G3430 *moicheia* adultery
Mark 7:22 G5243 *hyperēphania* pride
Mark 7:27 G2952 *kynarion* dog
Mark 8:15 G2219 *zymē* leaven
Mark 8:17 G4456 *pōroō* harden
Mark 8:34 G4716 *stauros* cross
Mark 9:19 G0571 *apistos* faithless
Mark 9:35 G1249 *diakonos* servant
Mark 9:44 G4663 *skōlēx* worm
Mark 10:7 G4347 *proskollaō* cleave
Mark 10:29 G0079 *adelphē* sister
Mark 10:29 G0080 *adelphos* brother
Mark 10:45 G3083 *lytron* ransom
Mark 11:9 G5614 *hōsanna* hosanna
Mark 11:21 G4461 *rabbi* master
Mark 12:1 G0589 *apodēmeō* go into a far country
Mark 12:10 G1137 *gōnia* corner
Mark 12:33 G4907 *synesis* understanding
Mark 12:42 G3016 *lepton* mite
Mark 13:25 G0792 *astēr* star
Mark 13:33 G0069 *agrypneō* watch
Mark 14:24 G1242 *diathēkē* testament
Mark 14:33 G1568 *ekthambeō* be sore amazed
Mark 14:53 G4245 *presbyteros* elder
Mark 15:17 G4735 *stephanos* crown
Mark 15:34 G4518 *sabachthani* sabachthani
Mark 16:15 G2098 *euangelion* gospel
Mark 16:20 G0950 *bebaioō* confirm
Luke 1:15 G4608 *sikera* strong drink
Luke 1:28 G5487 *charitoō* favour
Luke 1:51 G5244 *hyperēphanos* proud
Luke 1:69 G4991 *sōtēria* salvation
Luke 1:80 G0323 *anadeixis* shewing
Luke 2:14 G1515 *eirēnē* peace
Luke 2:32 G1484 *ethnos* Gentile
Luke 3:3 G2784 *kērryssō* preach
Luke 3:14 G4811 *sykophanteō* accuse falsely
Luke 4:12 G1598 *ekpeirazō* tempt
Luke 4:21 G4137 *plēroō* fulfil
Luke 5:10 G2844 *koinōnos* partner
Luke 5:26 G3861 *paradoxos* strange
Luke 6:8 G1261 *dialogismos* thought
Luke 6:24 G0568 *apechō* receive

Luke 6:28 G2127 *eulogeō* bless
Luke 6:35 G5543 *chrēstos* kind
Luke 7:4 G3870 *parakaleō* beseech
Luke 7:25 G5172 *tryphē* delicately
Luke 8:5 G2719 *katesthiō* devour
Luke 8:10 G3466 *mystērion* mystery
Luke 8:44 G2899 *kraspedon* border
Luke 9:31 G1841 *exodos* decease
Luke 9:43 G3168 *megaleiotēs* mighty power
Luke 9:56 G0622 *apollymi* destroy
Luke 10:21 G1843 *exomologeō* thank
Luke 11:34 G0573 *haplous* single
Luke 11:35 G4655 *skotos* darkness
Luke 11:45 G3544 *nomikos* lawyer
Luke 12:3 G5009 *tameion* closet
Luke 12:32 G2106 *eudokeō* is good pleasure
Luke 12:42 G4620 *sitometrion* portion of meat
Luke 13:4 G3781 *opheiletēs* sinner
Luke 13:29 G0347 *anaklinō* sit down
Luke 14:11 G5013 *tapeinoō* humble
Luke 14:34 G0217 *halas* salt
Luke 15:2 G1122 *grammateus* scribe
Luke 15:9 G4796 *synchairō* rejoice
Luke 16:4 G3179 *methistēmi* put out
Luke 16:9 G3126 *mamōnas* mammon
Luke 16:23 G0086 *hadēs* hell
Luke 17:2 G4624 *skandalizō* offend
Luke 17:16 G2168 *eucharisteō* give thanks
Luke 18:13 G2433 *hilaskomai* be merciful
Luke 19:3 G2244 *hēlikia* stature
Luke 19:23 G5132 *trapeza* bank
Luke 19:41 G2799 *klaiō* weep
Luke 20:9 G0290 *ampelōn* vineyard
Luke 20:27 G4523 *saddoukaios* Sadducee
Luke 20:46 G4337 *prosechō* beware
Luke 21:12 G1377 *diōkō* persecute
Luke 21:19 G5590 *psychē* soul
Luke 21:36 G1628 *ekpheugō* escape
Luke 22:32 G1994 *epistrephō* convert
Luke 22:35 G5302 *hystereō* lack
Luke 22:53 G5610 *hōra* hour
Luke 23:25 G3860 *paradidōmi* deliver
Luke 23:35 G1592 *ekmyktērizō* deride
Luke 23:43 G3857 *paradeisos* paradise
Luke 24:4 G1280 *diaporeō* be perplexed
Luke 24:38 G5015 *tarassō* trouble
Luke 24:53 G2411 *hieron* temple
John 1:1 G3056 *logos* word
John 1:14 G4637 *skēnoō* dwell
John 1:38 G2300 *theaomai* see
John 2:11 G1391 *doxa* glory
John 2:12 G3306 *menō* continue
John 3:5 G4151 *pneuma* spirit
John 3:16 G0025 *agapaō* love
John 3:16 G3439 *monogenēs* only begotten
John 3:19 G2920 *krisis* condemnation
John 4:9 G4798 *synchraomai* have dealings
John 4:14 G4077 *pēgē* well
John 4:24 G0225 *alētheia* truth
John 4:25 G3323 *messias* Messias
John 5:2 G4745 *stoa* porch
John 5:13 G1593 *ekneuō* convey away
John 5:24 G2222 *zōē* life
John 5:31 G3140 *martureō* bear witness
John 5:39 G1124 *graphē* scripture
John 6:6 G3985 *peirazō* prove
John 6:21 G2112 *eutheōs* immediately
John 6:26 G4592 *sēmeion* miracle
John 7:12 G1112 *gongysmos* murmuring
John 7:18 G0093 *adikia* unrighteousness
John 7:35 G1290 *diaspora* dispersed
John 8:12 G5457 *phōs* light
John 8:28 G5312 *hypsoō* lift up
John 9:1 G5185 *typhlos* blind
John 9:4 G2038 *ergazomai* work
John 9:41 G0266 *hamartia* sin
John 10:2 G4166 *poimēn* shepherd
John 10:10 G4053 *perissos* abundantly
John 10:27 G1097 *ginōskō* know
John 10:36 G0037 *hagiazō* sanctify
John 11:14 G3954 *parrēsia* plainly
John 11:38 G1690 *embrimaomai* groan
John 12:6 G1101 *glōssokomon* bag
John 12:26 G0190 *akoloutheō* follow
John 12:46 G4653 *skotia* darkness
John 13:5 G3538 *niptō* wash
John 13:10 G3068 *louō* wash
John 13:34 G2537 *kainos* new
John 14:21 G1718 *emphanizō* manifest
John 15:1 G0288 *ampelos* vine
John 15:2 G0142 *airō* take away
John 15:14 G5384 *philos* friend
John 16:25 G3942 *paroimia* proverb
John 16:33 G2347 *thlipsis* tribulation
John 17:5 G1392 *doxazō* glorify
John 18:28 G4232 *praitōrion* hall of judgment
John 19:11 G0509 *anōthen* from above
John 19:35 G3141 *martyria* record
John 19:39 G3046 *litra* pound
John 20:5 G3608 *othonion* linen clothes
John 20:14 G2334 *theōreō* see
John 20:21 G0649 *apostellō* send
John 21:15 G5368 *phileō* love
John 21:16 G4165 *poimanō* feed
John 21:17 G1006 *boskō* feed
Acts 1:7 G5550 *chronos* time
Acts 1:8 G1411 *dynamis* power
Acts 1:20 G1984 *episkopē* bishoprick

Acts 1:25 G3845 *parabainō* transgression
Acts 2:11 G3167 *megaleios* wonderful works
Acts 2:19 G5059 *teras* wonder
Acts 2:23 G4268 *prognōsis* foreknowledge
Acts 2:31 G0386 *anastasis* resurrection
Acts 2:42 G2842 *koinōnia* fellowship
Acts 2:46 G4342 *proskartereō* continue
Acts 3:7 G4732 *stereoō* receive strength
Acts 3:15 G0747 *archēgos* prince
Acts 4:8 G4130 *pimplēmi* fill
Acts 4:12 G2087 *heteros* other
Acts 4:13 G0062 *agrammatos* ignorant
Acts 4:22 G2392 *iasis* healing
Acts 4:32 G2839 *koinos* common
Acts 5:16 G0169 *akathartos* unclean
Acts 5:21 G4892 *synedrion* council
Acts 6:5 G4339 *prosēlytos* proselyte
Acts 6:11 G0989 *blasphēmos* blasphemous
Acts 7:5 G1861 *epangellō* promise
Acts 7:25 G4920 *syniēmi* understand
Acts 7:58 G3036 *lithoboleō* stone
Acts 8:1 G1375 *diōgmos* persecution
Acts 8:3 G1577 *ekklēsia* church
Acts 8:27 G1413 *dynastēs* authority
Acts 8:28 G0314 *anaginōskō* read
Acts 8:32 G0286 *amnos* lamb
Acts 9:31 G3618 *oikodomeō* edify
Acts 9:31 G3874 *paraklēsis* comfort
Acts 10:10 G1611 *ekstasis* trance
Acts 10:34 G4381 *prosōpolēptēs* respecter of persons
Acts 10:43 G4100 *pisteuō* believe
Acts 11:12 G1252 *diakrinō* doubt
Acts 11:26 G5546 *christianos* Christian
Acts 12:20 G3661 *homothymadon* with one accord
Acts 13:2 G3008 *leitourgeō* minister
Acts 13:8 G3097 *magos* sorcerer
Acts 13:17 G3940 *paroikia* stranger
Acts 13:18 G5159 *tropophoreō* suffer
Acts 13:39 G1344 *dikaioō* justify
Acts 14:3 G5485 *charis* grace
Acts 15:2 G4803 *syzētēsis* disputation
Acts 15:13 G2385 *iakōbos* James
Acts 15:25 G1380 *dokeō* seem good
Acts 16:12 G2862 *kolōnia* colony
Acts 16:19 G0058 *agora* marketplace
Acts 16:24 G3852 *parangelia* charge
Acts 17:3 G3958 *paschō* suffer
Acts 17:5 G0060 *agoraios* of the baser sort
Acts 17:18 G4691 *spermologos* babbler
Acts 17:27 G5584 *psēlaphaō* feel after
Acts 18:3 G4635 *skēnopoios* tentmaker
Acts 18:25 G2204 *zeō* be fervent
Acts 19:8 G4864 *synagōgē* synagogue
Acts 19:13 G3686 *onoma* name
Acts 20:19 G5012 *tapeinophrosynē* humility
Acts 20:35 G1325 *didōmi* give
Acts 21:26 G4376 *prosphora* offering
Acts 22:3 G2207 *zēlōtēs* zealous
Acts 23:1 G4176 *politeuomai* live
Acts 23:11 G2293 *tharseō* be of good cheer
Acts 24:4 G1932 *epieikeia* clemency
Acts 25:10 G0091 *adikeō* do wrong
Acts 26:5 G2356 *thrēskeia* religion
Acts 26:20 G3340 *metanoeō* repent
Acts 27:10 G5196 *hybris* hurt
Acts 28:2 G5363 *philanthrōpia* kindness
Acts 28:30 G3972 *paulos* Paul
Rom. 1:3 G4690 *sperma* seed
Rom. 1:11 G3330 *metadidōmi* impart
Rom. 1:17 G1343 *dikaiosynē* righteousness
Rom. 1:21 G3154 *metaioō* vain
Rom. 1:29 G5588 *psithyristēs* whisperer
Rom. 2:23 G3847 *parabasis* breaking
Rom. 3:4 G0227 *alēthēs* true
Rom. 3:24 G0629 *apolytrōsis* redemption
Rom. 3:25 G2435 *hilastērion* propitiation
Rom. 4:3 G3049 *logizomai* count
Rom. 4:4 G3783 *opheilēma* debt
Rom. 4:25 G1347 *dikaiōsis* justification
Rom. 5:10 G2644 *katallassō* reconcile
Rom. 5:11 G2643 *katallagē* atonement
Rom. 5:19 G3876 *parakoē* disobedience
Rom. 6:5 G4854 *symphytos* planted together
Rom. 6:14 G3551 *nomos* law
Rom. 6:17 G5219 *hypakouō* obey
Rom. 7:13 G5236 *hyperbolē* exceeding
Rom. 7:25 G3563 *nous* mind
Rom. 8:2 G1659 *eleutheroō* make free
Rom. 8:15 G0005 *abba* father
Rom. 8:29 G4309 *proorizō* predestinate
Rom. 8:37 G5245 *hypernikaō* more than conqueror
Rom. 9:3 G0331 *anathema* accursed
Rom. 9:15 G1653 *eleeō* have mercy
Rom. 9:23 G1656 *eleos* mercy
Rom. 10:2 G2205 *zēlos* zeal
Rom. 10:3 G0050 *agnoeō* ignorant
Rom. 11:9 G0468 *antapodoma* recompence
Rom. 11:25 G4457 *pōrōsis* blindness
Rom. 11:26 G0763 *asebeia* ungodliness
Rom. 12:2 G4964 *syschēmatizō* conform
Rom. 12:2 G3339 *metamorphoō* transform
Rom. 12:6 G4394 *prophēteia* prophecy
Rom. 12:8 G2432 *hilarotēs* cheerfulness
Rom. 13:14 G4307 *pronoia* provision
Rom. 13:14 G4561 *sarx* flesh

Rom. 14:18 G1398 *douleuō* serve
Rom. 15:13 G1680 *elpis* hope
Rom. 15:14 G0019 *agathōsynē* goodness
Rom. 15:20 G5389 *philotimeomai* strive
Rom. 16:2 G0516 *axiōs* as becometh
Rom. 16:20 G4937 *syntribō* bruise
1 Cor. 1:7 G5486 *charisma* gift
1 Cor. 1:20 G4680 *sophos* wise
1 Cor. 1:26 G2104 *eugenēs* noble
1 Cor. 2:6 G0758 *archōn* prince
1 Cor. 2:13 G4152 *pneumatikos* spiritual
1 Cor. 3:16 G3485 *naos* temple
1 Cor. 3:19 G3834 *panourgia* craftiness
1 Cor. 3:20 G3152 *mataios* vain
1 Cor. 4:9 G2302 *theatron* spectacle
1 Cor. 4:18 G5448 *physioō* puff up
1 Cor. 5:2 G3996 *pentheō* mourn
1 Cor. 5:8 G1505 *eilikrineia* sincerity
1 Cor. 6:9 G0733 *arsenokoitēs* abuser of oneself with mankind
1 Cor. 6:9 G3120 *malakos* effeminate
1 Cor. 6:10 G4123 *pleonektēs* covetous
1 Cor. 7:5 G0192 *akrasia* incontinency
1 Cor. 8:9 G4348 *proskomma* stumblingblock
1 Cor. 9:10 G3348 *metechō* be partaker
1 Cor. 9:15 G2758 *kenoō* void
1 Cor. 9:18 G1849 *exousia* power
1 Cor. 9:27 G0096 *adokimos* castaway
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1 Cor. 10:20 G1140 *daimonion* devil
1 Cor. 10:29 G1657 *eleutheria* liberty
1 Cor. 11:19 G0139 *hairesis* heresy
1 Cor. 11:19 G5318 *phaneros* manifest
1 Cor. 12:8 G4678 *sophia* wisdom
1 Cor. 12:28 G2941 *kybernēsis* government
1 Cor. 13:7 G4722 *stegō* bear
1 Cor. 13:12 G0991 *blepō* see
1 Cor. 14:1 G2206 *zēloō* desire
1 Cor. 14:2 G2980 *laleō* speak
1 Cor. 14:6 G1100 *glōssa* tongue
1 Cor. 14:20 G5046 *teleios* men
1 Cor. 14:32 G5293 *hypotassō* subject
1 Cor. 15:23 G0536 *aparchē* firstfruits
1 Cor. 15:45 G2227 *zōopoieō* quicken
1 Cor. 15:46 G5591 *psychikos* natural
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2 Cor. 1:22 G0728 *arrabōn* earnest
2 Cor. 2:4 G4056 *perissoterōs* abundantly
2 Cor. 2:14 G2358 *thriambeuō* cause to triumph
2 Cor. 3:4 G4006 *pepoithēsis* trust
2 Cor. 3:10 G5235 *hyperballō* excel
2 Cor. 4:7 G3749 *ostrakinos* earthen
2 Cor. 4:12 G1754 *energeō* work
2 Cor. 5:14 G4912 *synechō* constrain
2 Cor. 5:20 G4243 *presbeuō* be ambassador
2 Cor. 6:7 G1188 *dexios* right hand
2 Cor. 6:9 G1921 *epiginōskō* well know
2 Cor. 7:6 G5011 *tapeinos* cast down
2 Cor. 7:8 G3338 *metamelomai* repent
2 Cor. 8:9 G4433 *ptōcheuō* become poor
2 Cor. 8:10 G1106 *gnōmē* advice
2 Cor. 9:7 G2431 *hilaros* cheerful
2 Cor. 9:11 G2169 *eucharistia* thanksgiving
2 Cor. 10:1 G4236 *praotēs* meekness
2 Cor. 10:5 G5218 *hypakoē* obedience
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2 Cor. 12:12 G0652 *apostolos* apostle
2 Cor. 12:16 G3835 *panourgos* crafty
2 Cor. 13:3 G1414 *dynateō* be mighty
2 Cor. 13:9 G2676 *katartisis* perfection
Gal. 1:6 G2564 *kaleō* call
Gal. 1:7 G0243 *allos* another
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Gal. 2:13 G5272 *hypokrisis* dissimulation
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Gal. 3:23 G5432 *phroureō* keep
Gal. 4:3 G4747 *stoicheion* element
Gal. 4:5 G5206 *huiothesia* adoption of sons
Gal. 4:19 G3445 *morphoō* form
Gal. 4:24 G0238 *allēgoreō* be an allegory
Gal. 5:20 G1495 *eidōlolatreia* idolatry
Gal. 5:22 G5544 *chrēstotēs* gentleness
Gal. 5:23 G1466 *enkrateia* temperance
Gal. 6:12 G4059 *peritemnō* circumcise
Gal. 6:14 G4717 *stauroō* crucify
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Eph. 1:6 G1868 *epainos* praise
Eph. 1:11 G4286 *prothesis* purpose
Eph. 1:11 G1012 *boulē* counsel
Eph. 1:11 G2307 *thelēma* will
Eph. 2:5 G3900 *paraptōma* sin
Eph. 2:10 G4161 *poiēma* workmanship
Eph. 2:19 G3941 *paroikos* foreigner
Eph. 3:2 G3622 *oikonomia* dispensation
Eph. 3:10 G4182 *polypoikilos* manifold
Eph. 3:18 G2638 *katalambanō* comprehend
Eph. 4:12 G2677 *katartismos* perfecting
Eph. 4:12 G3619 *oikodomē* edifying
Eph. 4:31 G4088 *pikria* bitterness
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Eph. 5:19 G5568 *psalmos* psalm
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Phil. 1:19 G2024 *epichorēgia* supply
Phil. 1:20 G3170 *megalynō* magnify
Phil. 1:27 G4866 *sunathleō* strive together
Phil. 2:6 G3444 *morphē* form
Phil. 2:9 G5251 *hyperupsoō* highly exalt
Phil. 2:17 G4689 *spendō* offer
Phil. 2:30 G3009 *leitourgia* service
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Phil. 4:8 G2163 *euphēmos* good report
Phil. 4:15 G2841 *koinōneō* communicate
Col. 1:4 G4102 *pistis* faith
Col. 1:11 G1412 *dynamoō* strengthen
Col. 1:15 G2937 *ktisis* creature
Col. 1:29 G1753 *energeia* working
Col. 2:9 G4138 *plērōma* fulness
Col. 2:9 G2320 *theotētos* Godhead
Col. 2:14 G5498 *cheirographon* handwriting
Col. 3:5 G4124 *pleonexia* covetousness
Col. 3:13 G5483 *charizomai* forgive
Col. 3:15 G1018 *brabeuō* rule
Col. 4:5 G2540 *kairos* time
Col. 4:14 G2395 *iatros* physician
1 Thess. 1:3 G2041 *ergon* work
1 Thess. 1:10 G4506 *rhyomai* deliver
1 Thess. 2:18 G1465 *enkoptō* hinder
1 Thess. 3:13 G0042 *hagiōsynē* holiness
1 Thess. 3:13 G3952 *parousia* coming
1 Thess. 4:3 G0038 *hagiasmos* sanctification
1 Thess. 4:17 G0726 *harpazō* be caught up
1 Thess. 5:10 G2518 *katheudō* sleep
1 Thess. 5:27 G1992 *epistolē* epistle
2 Thess. 1:4 G0430 *anechomai* endure
2 Thess. 1:9 G3639 *olethros* destruction
2 Thess. 2:3 G0646 *apostasia* falling away
2 Thess. 2:8 G0459 *anomos* wicked
2 Thess. 3:3 G4103 *pistos* faithful
2 Thess. 3:4 G3982 *peithō* have confidence
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1 Tim. 1:10 G5198 *hygiainō* sound mind
1 Tim. 2:1 G1783 *enteuxis* intercession
1 Tim. 2:6 G0487 *antilutron* ransom
1 Tim. 3:8 G0146 *aischrokerdēs* greedy of filthy lucre
1 Tim. 3:11 G4586 *semnos* grave
1 Tim. 4:7 G1128 *gymnazō* exercise
1 Tim. 4:14 G4244 *prebyterion* presbytery
1 Tim. 5:11 G5503 *chēra* widow
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1 Tim. 6:1 G1203 *despotēs* master
1 Tim. 6:16 G2904 *kratos* power
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2 Tim. 1:7 G4995 *sōphronismos* sound mind
2 Tim. 1:9 G2821 *klēsis* calling
2 Tim. 2:9 G2557 *kakourgos* evil doer
2 Tim. 2:15 G3718 *orthotomeō* rightly dividing
2 Tim. 3:1 G5467 *chalepos* perilous
2 Tim. 3:16 G2315 *theopneustos* inspiration of God
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2 Tim. 4:8 G2015 *epiphaneia* appearing
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Titus 2:10 G4990 *sōtēr* Saviour
Titus 2:12 G2886 *kosmikos* worldly
Titus 2:12 G4996 *sōphronōs* soberly
Titus 3:5 G3067 *loutron* washing
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Heb. 1:7 G3011 *leitourgos* minister
Heb. 2:9 G4737 *stephanoō* crown
Heb. 2:15 G1397 *douleia* bondage
Heb. 3:1 G3353 *metochos* partaker
Heb. 3:14 G5287 *hypostasis* confidence
Heb. 4:7 G4645 *sklērynō* harden
Heb. 4:12 G1756 *energēs* powerful
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Heb. 6:12 G3115 *makrothumia* patience
Heb. 7:3 G0871 *aphomoioō* make like
Heb. 7:25 G1793 *entunchanō* make intercession
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Heb. 11:26 G0578 *apoblepō* have respect
Heb. 11:26 G3405 *misthapodosia* recompence of reward
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Heb. 13:10 G2379 *thysiastērion* altar
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2 Pet. 3:1 G1506 *eilikrinēs* pure
2 Pet. 3:10 G4500 *rhoizēdon* with great noise
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2 Pet. 3:18 G1108 *gnōsis* knowledge
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1 John 2:15 G0026 *agapē* love
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1 John 3:4 G0458 *anomia* transgression of the law
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1 John 4:18 G5401 *phobos* fear
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H1058 *bakah* Lam. 1:2 weep
H1060 *bekor* Num. 8:17 firstborn
H1100 *beliya`al* 1 Sam. 30:22 men of Belial
H1104 *bala`* Ps. 21:9 swallow
H1116 *bamah* 2 Kin. 14:4 high place
H1121 *ben* 1 Chr. 4:1 son
H1129 *banah* Jer. 1:10 build
H1144 *binyamin* 1 Chr. 8:1 Benjamin
H1168 *ba`al* 1 Kin. 16:31 Baal
H1197 *ba`ar* Ps. 94:8 brutish
H1241 *baqar* Ps. 66:15 bullock
H1242 *boqer* Jer. 21:12 morning
H1245 *baqash* Hos. 5:15 seek
H1246 *baqqashah* Ezra 7:6 request
H1249 *bar* Ps. 19:8 pure
H1254 *bara'* Gen. 1:1 create
H1265 *berosh* Hos. 14:8 fir
H1272 *barach* 1 Sam. 20:1 flee
H1280 *beriyach* Is. 15:5 fugitive
H1285 *berith* 2 Sam. 3:12 league
H1288 *baruch* Ps. 145:2 bless
H1293 *berakah* Is. 19:24 blessing
H1319 *basar* Is. 61:1 preach good tidings
H1322 *bosheth* Ps. 35:26 shame
H1323 *bath* Neh. 10:30 daughter
H1330 *betulah* Ps. 45:14 virgin
H1342 *ga'ah* Ex. 15:1 triumph
H1347 *ga'on* Ezek. 32:12 pomp
H1350 *ga'al* Ruth 4:1 kinsman
H1351 *ga'al* Mal. 1:7 pollute
H1366 *gebul* Josh. 15:12 coast
H1368 *gibbor* 2 Sam. 23:8 mighty man
H1389 *gib`ah* Is. 65:7 hill
H1396 *gabar* Ex. 17:11 prevail
H1397 *geber* Jer. 31:22 man
H1419 *gadol* Gen. 21:18 great
H1423 *gedi* Judg. 13:15 kid
H1431 *gadal* Gen. 48:19 great
H1443 *gadar* 2 Kin. 22:6 mason
H1463 *gog* Ezek. 38:2 Gog
H1471 *goy* Ps. 2:1 heathen
H1481 *gur* Jer. 42:17 sojourn
H1486 *goral* Josh. 16:1 lot
H1497 *gazal* Job 20:19 take away
H1504 *gazar* Ps. 136:13 divide
H1516 *gay'* 2 Chr. 26:9 valley
H1517 *gid* Ezek. 37:6 sinew
H1523 *gil* Hab. 3:18 joy
H1530 *gal* Ps. 107:25 wave
H1540 *galah* Amos 3:7 reveal
H1543 *gullah* Judg. 1:15 spring
H1544 *gillul* Ezek. 6:4 idol
H1548 *galach* Num. 6:9 shave
H1556 *galal* Prov. 16:3 commit
H1580 *gamal* Ps. 131:2 wean
H1584 *gamar* Ps. 138:8 perfect
H1588 *gan* 2 Kin. 21:18 garden
H1589 *ganab* Deut. 24:7 steal
H1616 *ger* Num. 15:14 sojourner
H1637 *goren* Ruth 3:3 floor
H1644 *garash* Josh. 24:18 drive out
H1653 *geshem* Lev. 26:4 rain
H1674 *de'agah* Prov. 12:25 heaviness
H1677 *dob* Prov. 17:12 bear
H1692 *dabaq* Josh. 23:8 cleave
H1697 *dabar* Jer. 20:8 word
H1710 *dagah* Ps. 105:29 fish
H1714 *degel* Num. 2:2 standard
H1730 *dod* Song 4:16 beloved
H1748 *dumam* Is. 47:5 silent
H1755 *dor* Esth. 9:28 generation
H1758 *dush* Is. 28:27 thresh
H1760 *dachah* Is. 56:8 outcast
H1767 *day* Mal. 3:10 enough
H1777 *din* Deut. 32:36 judge
H1800 *dal* Ps. 82:4 poor
H1801 *dalag* Song 2:8 leap
H1817 *deleth* Is. 57:8 door
H1818 *dam* Lev. 3:2 blood
H1819 *damah* Is. 40:25 liken
H1826 *damam* Jer. 47:6 still
H1832 *dim`ah* Ps. 116:8 tear
H1834 *dammeseq* 1 Kin. 20:34 Damascus

H1841 *danie'l* Dan. 2:13 Daniel
H1847 *da`at* Mal. 2:7 knowledge
H1865 *deror* Lev. 25:10 liberty
H1869 *darach* Deut. 11:25 tread
H1870 *derek* 2 Chr. 17:6 way
H1875 *darash* Amos 5:4 seek
H1881 *dath* Esth. 1:8 law
H1892 *hebel* Eccl. 2:1 vanity
H1897 *hagah* Ps. 1:2 meditate
H1916 *hadom* Ps. 110:1 footstool
H1926 *hadar* Ps. 8:5 honour
H1935 *hod* 1 Chr. 29:11 majesty
H1945 *hoy* Is. 45:9 woe
H1961 *hayah* Gen. 27:1 come to pass
H1964 *heychal* Hag. 2:15 temple
H1980 *halak* Gen. 5:24 walk
H1984 *halal* Ps. 150:1 praise
H1993 *hamah* Is. 17:12 noise
H1995 *hamon* Ps. 42:4 multitude
H2000 *hamam* 2 Chr. 15:6 vex
H2022 *har* Deut. 9:9 mount
H2026 *harag* 2 Chr. 22:8 slay
H2028 *haregah* Zech. 11:7 slaughter
H2040 *haras* 1 Kin. 19:14 throw down
H2077 *zebach* Num. 7:17 sacrifice
H2087 *zadon* Obad. 3 pride
H2091 *zahab* 1 Kin. 6:20 gold
H2094 *zahar* 2 Kin. 6:10 warn
H2100 *zub* Lam. 4:9 pine away
H2102 *zud* Ex. 18:11 deal proudly
H2111 *zuwa`* Esth. 5:9 move
H2114 *zur* Hos. 7:9 stranger
H2121 *zedon* Ps. 124:5 proud
H2132 *zayith* Deut. 28:40 olive tree
H2141 *zakak* Job 15:15 clean
H2142 *zakar* Ps. 25:6 remember
H2143 *zeker* Ps. 102:12 remembrance
H2145 *zakar* Num. 1:2 male
H2146 *zikron* Ex. 39:7 memorial
H2154 *zimmah* Ezek. 24:13 lewdness
H2161 *zamam* Ps. 37:12 plot
H2167 *zamar* Judg. 5:3 sing praise
H2179 *zanab* Deut. 25:18 smite the hindmost
H2181 *zanah* Hos. 5:3 commit whoredom
H2181 *zonah* 1 Kin. 3:16 harlot
H2195 *za`am* Ps. 78:49 indignation
H2197 *za`aph* 2 Chr. 28:9 rage
H2199 *za`aq* Judg. 10:10 cry
H2205 *zaqen* Ps. 119:100 ancient
H2219 *zarah* Jer. 15:7 fan
H2230 *zerem* Job 24:8 showers
H2232 *zara`* Hos. 10:12 sow
H2233 *zera`* Gen. 22:18 seed
H2236 *zaraq* Ex. 9:8 sprinkle

H2250 *chabburah* Is. 53:5 stripe
H2256 *chebel* Josh. 17:5 portion
H2270 *chaber* Ps. 119:63 companion
H2275 *chebron* 1 Chr. 3:1 Hebron
H2280 *chabash* Job 34:17 govern
H2282 *chag* Deut. 31:10 feast
H2287 *chagag* Ex. 23:14 keep a feast
H2318 *chadash* Lam. 5:21 renew
H2333 *chavvah* 1 Chr. 2:23 town
H2336 *chowach* Prov. 26:9 thorn
H2342 *chul* 1 Sam. 31:3 wound
H2346 *chomah* Neh. 6:15 wall
H2347 *chus* Ezek. 8:18 spare
H2368 *chotam* Hag. 2:23 signet
H2377 *chazon* Dan. 8:1 vision
H2388 *chazaq* Josh. 1:9 be strong
H2392 *chozeq* Ex. 13:14 strength
H2398 *chata'* 2 Kin. 18:14 offend
H2400 *chatta'* Gen. 13:13 sinful
H2403 *chatta'ath* Lev. 9:2 sin offering
H2416 *chay* Ezek. 1:5 living creature
H2420 *chidah* Judg. 14:12 riddle
H2421 *chayah* Hab. 2:4 live
H2426 *chel* Ps. 10:10 poor
H2428 *chayil* Zech. 4:6 might
H2436 *cheq* Ruth 4:16 bosom
H2442 *chakah* Dan. 12:12 wait
H2450 *chakam* Prov. 21:11 wise
H2451 *chokmah* Prov. 3:13 wisdom
H2459 *cheleb* Gen. 45:18 fat
H2470 *chalah* Is. 38:9 be sick
H2472 *chalom* Gen. 40:5 dream
H2490 *chalal* Lev. 22:15 profane
H2492 *chalam* Deut. 13:5 dreamer
H2493 *chelem* Dan. 7:1 dream
H2505 *chalaq* Ps. 60:6 divide
H2506 *cheleq* Zech. 2:12 portion
H2527 *chom* Neh. 7:3 hot
H2534 *chemah* Ezek. 7:8 fury
H2543 *chamor* 1 Kin. 2:40 ass
H2550 *chamal* 2 Sam. 21:7 spare
H2554 *chamas* Job 21:27 wrongfully
H2555 *chamas* Hab. 1:9 violence
H2559 *chamaq* Song 5:6 withdraw
H2580 *chen* Zech. 12:10 grace
H2583 *chanah* Num. 33:5 pitch
H2598 *chanukkah* Num. 7:88 dedication
H2600 *chinnam* Ps. 119:161 without a cause
H2603 *chanan* Ps. 123:2 mercy
H2610 *chaneph* Ps. 106:38 pollute
H2611 *chaneph* Job 8:13 hypocrite
H2617 *chesed* Ex. 34:6 goodness
H2620 *chasah* Zeph. 3:12 trust
H2623 *chasid* Ps. 37:28 saint

H2654 *chaphets* Ps. 112:1 delight
H2656 *chephets* 1 Kin. 10:13 desire
H2659 *chapher* Ps. 71:24 bring unto shame
H2664 *chaphas* 2 Chr. 18:29 disguise
H2670 *chophshi* Ex. 21:5 free
H2671 *chets* Ps. 58:7 arrow
H2691 *chatser* 2 Chr. 23:5 court
H2706 *choq* Deut. 5:1 statute
H2708 *chuqqah* Lev. 20:8 statute
H2713 *chaqar* Job 32:11 search out
H2714 *cheqer* Prov. 25:3 unsearchable
H2719 *chereb* Josh. 19:47 sword
H2734 *charah* Ps. 124:3 kindle
H2750 *chori* Deut. 29:24 heat
H2763 *charam* 1 Sam. 15:9 destroyed utterly
H2778 *charaph* 1 Sam. 17:10 defy
H2781 *cherpah* Ps. 15:3 reproach
H2786 *charaq* Job 16:9 gnash
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H2793 *choresh* Is. 17:9 bough
H2803 *chashab* Gen. 15:6 count
H2821 *chashak* Mic. 3:6 dark
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H2856 *chatham* Dan. 12:9 seal
H2865 *chathath* Jer. 30:10 dismay
H2889 *tahor* Lev. 13:37 clean
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H2896 *tob* Ezek. 34:14 good
H2898 *tub* 2 Kin. 8:9 good thing
H2918 *tirah* Ezek. 25:4 palace
H2930 *tame'* Lev. 12:2 be unclean
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H2932 *tum'ah* 2 Sam. 11:4 uncleanness
H2937 *ta`ah* Ezek. 13:10 seduce
H2938 *ta`am* Ps. 34:8 taste
H2942 *te`em* Ezra 6:8 decree
H2947 *tephach* Ps. 39:5 handbreadth
H3002 *yabesh* Num. 11:6 dry
H3021 *yaga`* Ps. 6:6 weary
H3027 *yad* 2 Kin. 10:24 hand
H3034 *yadah* Ps. 105:1 give thanks
H3045 *yada`* Ex. 3:7 know
H3050 *yah* Is. 12:2 JEHOVAH
H3051 *yahab* Josh. 18:4 give out
H3062 *yehudaiy* Ezra 5:1 Jews
H3063 *yehudah* 1 Chr. 9:3 Judah
H3091 *yehoshua* Josh. 4:14 Joshua
H3104 *yobel* Lev. 27:17 jubile
H3117 *yom* Mal. 4:5 day
H3123 *yonah* Ps. 68:13 dove
H3130 *yoseph* Gen. 37:2 Joseph
H3173 *yachid* Gen. 22:2 only son
H3176 *yachal* Ps. 38:15 hope
H3187 *yachas* 1 Chr. 7:5 genealogy
H3190 *yatab* Deut. 12:25 go well
H3196 *yayin* Ps. 75:8 wine
H3201 *yakol* Num. 13:30 able
H3205 *yalad* Gen. 6:10 beget
H3220 *yam* 2 Chr. 4:2 sea
H3238 *yanah* Ps. 74:8 destroy
H3243 *yanaq* 1 Sam. 22:19 suckling
H3247 *yesod* Ezek. 30:4 foundation
H3254 *yasaph* 2 Chr. 9:6 exceed
H3256 *yasar* Jer. 10:24 correct
H3259 *ya`ad* 2 Chr. 5:6 assemble
H3289 *ya`ats* 1 Kin. 1:12 counsel
H3290 *ya`aqob* Amos 7:2 Jacob
H3293 *ya`ar* Ps. 50:10 forest
H3303 *yapheh* Song 6:4 beautiful
H3308 *yophi* Ezek. 28:12 beauty
H3315 *yepheth* 1 Chr. 1:5 Japheth
H3318 *yatsa'* Num. 32:24 proceed
H3327 *yitschaq* Gen. 17:19 Isaac
H3335 *yatsar* Gen. 2:7 form
H3336 *yetser* Gen. 8:21 imagination
H3366 *yeqar* Esth. 6:6 honour
H3368 *yaqar* 1 Kin. 7:9 costly
H3372 *yare'* Neh. 4:14 terrible
H3373 *yare'* Ps. 118:4 fear
H3374 *yir'ah* Prov. 19:23 fear
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H3384 *yarah* Ps. 32:8 teach
H3389 *yerushalaim* 2 Sam. 5:5 Jerusalem
H3394 *yareach* Ps. 121:6 moon
H3407 *yeri`ah* Ex. 26:1 curtain
H3423 *yarash* Is. 54:3 inherit
H3425 *yerushah* Ps. 61:5 heritage
H3427 *yashab* Lam. 5:19 remain
H3444 *yeshu`ah* Is. 49:6 salvation
H3462 *yashen* Ps. 4:8 sleep
H3467 *yasha`* Jer. 17:14 save
H3474 *yashar* Prov. 3:6 direct
H3477 *yashar* 2 Chr. 20:32 right
H3478 *yisra'el* Gen. 32:28 Israel
H3490 *yathom* Job 22:9 fatherless
H3498 *yathar* Is. 4:3 remain
H3513 *kabad* Ps. 87:3 glorious thing
H3515 *kabed* Ex. 7:14 hardened
H3519 *kabod* Ezek. 43:2 glory
H3532 *kebes* Is. 5:17 lamb
H3533 *kabash* Neh. 5:5 bondage
H3535 *kibsah* 2 Sam. 12:6 lamb
H3547 *kahan* Deut. 10:6 minister in the priest's office
H3548 *kohen* Lev. 6:6 priest
H3556 *kobab* Job 25:5 star
H3557 *kul* Ps. 55:22 sustain

H3559 *kun* 1 Chr. 28:2 make ready
H3563 *kos* Jer. 49:12 cup
H3581 *koach* Deut. 8:18 power
H3603 *kikkar* 2 Chr. 27:5 talent
H3611 *keleb* Ps. 59:6 dog
H3615 *kalah* Ps. 90:7 consume
H3627 *keli* 1 Sam. 14:6 armour
H3637 *kalam* 2 Sam. 10:5 ashamed
H3639 *kelimmah* Ps. 69:7 shame
H3658 *kinnor* 1 Sam. 16:16 harp
H3667 *kena`an* Gen. 9:25 Canaan
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H3671 *kanaph* Job 39:13 wing
H3678 *kisse'* 1 Chr. 17:12 throne
H3684 *kesil* Ps. 49:10 fool
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H3701 *keseph* 2 Kin. 15:20 silver
H3707 *cha`as* 1 Kin. 16:2 provoke to anger
H3722 *kaphar* Lev. 9:7 atone
H3738 *karah* Jer. 18:20 dig
H3742 *kerub* Ex. 25:18 cherub
H3754 *kerem* Deut. 22:9 vineyard
H3759 *karmel* Is. 16:10 plentiful field
H3772 *karath* Ex. 34:27 make
H3778 *kasdi* Jer. 41:18 Chaldean
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H3820 *leb* Ps. 51:10 heart
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H3826 *libbah* Ps. 7:9 heart
H3847 *labash* Is. 52:1 put on
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H3881 *levi* 1 Chr. 23:26 Levite
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H3906 *lachats* Ps. 43:2 oppression
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H3915 *layil* Ps. 134:1 night
H3920 *lakad* Josh. 11:17 take
H3925 *lamad* Is. 48:17 teach
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H3939 *la`anah* Amos 6:12 hemlock
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H3952 *laqaq* Judg. 7:5 lap
H3956 *lashon* Eccl. 10:11 babbler
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H3971 *m'um* Lev. 21:17 blemish
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H4013 *mibtsar* 2 Kin. 3:19 fence
H4033 *magur* Gen. 47:9 pilgrimage
H4038 *maggal* Jer. 50:16 sickle
H4043 *magen* Ps. 18:30 buckler
H4046 *maggephah* Num. 25:9 plague
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H4057 *midbar* Jer. 22:6 wilderness
H4116 *mahar* Nah. 2:5 make haste
H4118 *maher* Ps. 143:7 speedily
H4124 *mo'ab* Judg. 11:18 Moab
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H4264 *machaneh* 1 Sam. 26:6 camp
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H4284 *machashabah* Esth. 8:5 devise
H4290 *machtereth* Ex. 22:2 breaking up
H4294 *matteh* Ex. 38:22 tribe
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H4325 *mayim* Is. 43:2 waters
H4334 *mishor* Deut. 3:10 plain
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H4349 *makon* Ps. 104:5 foundation
H4372 *mikseh* Num. 4:10 covering
H4390 *male'* Jer. 23:24 fill
H4397 *mal'ak* Zech. 4:1 angel
H4399 *mela'kah* Ex. 31:3 workmanship
H4407 *millo* 1 Chr. 11:8 Millo
H4421 *milchamah* Josh. 5:6 war
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H4467 *mamlakah* Deut. 17:20 kingdom
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H4487 *manah* Jon. 1:17 prepare
H4494 *manoach* 1 Chr. 6:31 rest
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H4503 *minchah* Num. 29:6 meat offering

H4522 *mas* Esth. 10:1 tribute
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H4618 *ma`anah* Ps. 129:3 furrow
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H4672 *matsa'* 1 Chr. 24:4 find
H4676 *matstsebah* Deut. 16:22 image
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H4686 *matsud* Ps. 91:2 fortress
H4687 *mitsvah* Ps. 119:35 commandment
H4689 *matsoq* Deut. 28:55 straitness
H4691 *metsuqah* Zeph. 1:15 distress
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H4744 *miqra'* Ex. 12:16 convocation
H4751 *mar* Jer. 2:19 bitter
H4753 *mor* Song 3:6 myrrh
H4758 *mar'eh* Ezek. 40:3 appearance
H4759 *mar'ah* Dan. 10:7 vision
H4768 *marbith* 2 Chr. 30:18 multitude
H4775 *marad* Num. 14:9 rebel
H4791 *marom* Ps. 148:1 height
H4800 *merchab* Ps. 31:8 large room
H4801 *merchaq* Is. 8:9 far
H4805 *meri* Ezek. 12:2 rebellious
H4818 *merkabah* 2 Kin. 5:26 chariot
H4820 *mirmah* Ps. 55:23 deceitful
H4830 *mir`ith* Hos. 13:6 pasture
H4832 *marpe'* Mal. 4:2 healing
H4853 *massa'* Is. 23:1 burden
H4869 *misgab* Ps. 48:3 refuge
H4871 *mashah* Ex. 2:10 draw
H4878 *meshubah* Jer. 5:6 backsliding
H4886 *mashach* Num. 7:1 anoint
H4899 *mashiach* Dan. 9:25 Messiah
H4900 *mashak* Judg. 4:7 draw
H4906 *maskith* Ps. 73:7 wish
H4908 *mishkan* Ex. 40:2 tabernacle
H4910 *mashal* Gen. 37:8 have dominion
H4912 *mashal* Prov. 10:1 proverb
H4915 *moshel* Zech. 9:10 dominion
H4931 *mishmereth* Ezek. 48:11 charge
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H4951 *misrah* Is. 9:6 government
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H4968 *methushelach* Gen. 5:21 Methuselah
H4975 *mothen* Job 40:16 loins
H4998 *na'ah* Ps. 93:5 become
H4999 *na'ah* Amos 1:2 habitation
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H5030 *nabi'* Jer. 37:6 prophet
H5039 *nebalah* Gen. 34:7 folly
H5046 *nagad* Is. 3:9 declare
H5057 *nagid* 1 Kin. 14:7 prince
H5062 *nagaph* Ps. 89:23 plague
H5074 *nadad* Ps. 64:8 flee away
H5079 *niddah* Num. 19:9 separation
H5090 *nahag* 1 Chr. 13:7 drive
H5092 *nehi* Jer. 9:19 wailing
H5104 *nahar* 1 Chr. 1:48 river
H5110 *nud* Job 42:11 bemoan
H5117 *nuach* Ex. 33:14 give rest
H5127 *nus* Num. 35:6 flee
H5128 *nua`* Is. 37:22 shake
H5137 *nazah* Lev. 8:11 sprinkle
H5144 *nazar* Lev. 15:31 separate
H5148 *nachah* Ps. 67:4 govern
H5158 *nachal* Is. 35:6 stream
H5159 *nachalah* Josh. 13:7 inheritance
H5162 *nacham* Ps. 23:4 comfort
H5172 *nachash* Gen. 44:15 divine
H5178 *nechosheth* 2 Chr. 2:7 brass
H5186 *natah* Jer. 7:26 incline
H5193 *nata`* Jer. 31:28 plant
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G0589 *apodēmeō* Mark 12:1 go into a far country
G0591 *apodidōmi* Matt. 22:21 render
G0602 *apokalypsis* Rev. 1:1 revelation
G0618 *apolambanō* 3 John 8 receive
G0622 *apollymi* Luke 9:56 destroy
G0627 *apologia* 1 Pet. 3:15 answer
G0629 *apolytrōsis* Rom. 3:24 redemption
G0646 *apostasia* 2 Thess. 2:3 falling away
G0649 *apostellō* John 20:21 send
G0652 *apostolos* 2 Cor. 12:12 apostle
G0684 *apōleia* Matt. 7:13 destruction
G0703 *aretē* 1 Pet. 2:9 praise
G0721 *arnion* Rev. 6:1 Lamb

G0726 *harpazō* 1 Thess. 4:17 be caught up
G0728 *arrabōn* 2 Cor. 1:22 earnest
G0733 *arsenokoitēs* 1 Cor. 6:9 abuser of oneself with mankind
G0747 *archēgos* Acts 3:15 prince
G0758 *archōn* 1 Cor. 2:6 prince
G0763 *asebeia* Rom. 11:26 ungodliness
G0766 *aselgeia* Jude 4 lasciviousness
G0773 *asia* 1 Cor. 16:19 Asia
G0792 *astēr* Mark 13:25 star
G0823 *atomos* 1 Cor. 15:52 moment
G0859 *aphesis* Heb. 9:22 remission
G0863 *aphiēmi* Mark 1:20 leave
G0871 *aphomoioō* Heb. 7:3 make like
G0872 *aphoraō* Heb. 12:2 look
G0907 *baptizō* Matt. 28:19 baptize
G0908 *baptisma* Matt. 21:25 baptism
G0929 *basanismos* Rev. 18:7 torment
G0930 *basanistēs* Matt. 18:34 tormentor
G0932 *basileia* Matt. 25:1 kingdom
G0950 *bebaioō* Mark 16:20 confirm
G0954 *beelzeboul* Matt. 10:25 Beelzebub
G0968 *bēma* Matt. 27:19 judgment seat
G0976 *biblos* Matt. 1:1 book
G0987 *blasphēmeō* Matt. 9:3 blaspheme
G0988 *blasphēmia* Rev. 13:6 blasphemy
G0989 *blasphēmos* Acts 6:11 blasphemous
G0991 *blepō* 1 Cor. 13:12 see
G0998 *boēthos* Heb. 13:6 helper
G1006 *boskō* John 21:17 feed
G1012 *boulē* Eph. 1:11 counsel
G1018 *brabeuō* Col. 3:15 rule
G1067 *geenna* James 3:6 hell
G1089 *geuomai* Heb. 6:5 taste
G1097 *ginōskō* John 10:27 know
G1100 *glōssa* 1 Cor. 14:6 tongue
G1101 *glōssokomon* John 12:6 bag
G1106 *gnōmē* 2 Cor. 8:10 advice
G1108 *gnōsis* 2 Pet. 3:18 knowledge
G1112 *gongysmos* John 7:12 murmuring
G1122 *grammateus* Luke 15:2 scribe
G1124 *graphē* John 5:39 scripture
G1127 *grēgoreō* Matt. 24:42 watch
G1128 *gymnazō* 1 Tim. 4:7 exercise
G1137 *gōnia* Mark 12:10 corner
G1139 *daimonizomai* Matt. 15:22 vexed with a devil
G1140 *daimonion* 1 Cor. 10:20 devil
G1188 *dexios* 2 Cor. 6:7 right hand
G1198 *desmios* Philem. 1 prisoner
G1203 *despotēs* 1 Tim. 6:1 master
G1228 *diabolos* Rev. 20:10 devil
G1238 *diadēma* Rev. 19:12 crown
G1242 *diathēkē* Mark 14:24 testament
G1248 *diakonia* 2 Cor. 11:8 service
G1249 *diakonos* Mark 9:35 servant
G1252 *diakrinō* Acts 11:12 doubt
G1261 *dialogismos* Luke 6:8 thought
G1271 *dianoia* Matt. 22:37 mind
G1280 *diaporeō* Luke 24:4 be perplexed
G1290 *diaspora* John 7:35 dispersed
G1325 *didōmi* Acts 20:35 give
G1342 *dikaios* Matt. 1:19 just
G1343 *dikaiosynē* Rom. 1:17 righteousness
G1344 *dikaioō* Acts 13:39 justify
G1347 *dikaiōsis* Rom. 4:25 justification
G1375 *diōgmos* Acts 8:1 persecution
G1377 *diōkō* Luke 21:12 persecute
G1380 *dokeō* Acts 15:25 seem good
G1391 *doxa* John 2:11 glory
G1392 *doxazō* John 17:5 glorify
G1397 *douleia* Heb. 2:15 bondage
G1398 *douleuō* Rom. 14:18 serve
G1401 *doulos* Rev. 11:18 servant
G1410 *dynamai* Jude 24 able
G1411 *dynamis* Acts 1:8 power
G1412 *dynamoō* Col. 1:11 strengthen
G1413 *dynastēs* Acts 8:27 authority
G1414 *dynateō* 2 Cor. 13:3 be mighty
G1415 *dynatos* Matt. 19:26 possible
G1432 *dōrean* 2 Cor. 11:7 freely
G1465 *enkoptō* 1 Thess. 2:18 hinder
G1466 *enkrateia* Gal. 5:23 temperance
G1484 *ethnos* Luke 2:32 Gentile
G1492 *eidō* Heb. 8:11 know
G1495 *eidōlolatreia* Gal. 5:20 idolatry
G1505 *eilikrineia* 1 Cor. 5:8 sincerity
G1506 *eilikrinēs* 2 Pet. 3:1 pure
G1515 *eirēnē* Luke 2:14 peace
G1568 *ekthambeō* Mark 14:33 be sore amazed
G1577 *ekklēsia* Acts 8:3 church
G1586 *eklegomai* Eph. 1:4 choose
G1588 *eklektos* 1 Pet. 2:9 chosen
G1592 *ekmyktērizō* Luke 23:35 deride
G1593 *ekneuō* John 5:13 convey away
G1598 *ekpeirazō* Luke 4:12 tempt
G1611 *ekstasis* Acts 10:10 trance
G1628 *ekpheugō* Luke 21:36 escape
G1632 *ekcheō* Matt. 26:28 shed
G1653 *eleeō* Rom. 9:15 have mercy
G1655 *eleēmōn* Matt. 5:7 merciful
G1656 *eleos* Rom. 9:23 mercy
G1657 *eleutheria* 1 Cor. 10:29 liberty
G1658 *eleutheros* Rev. 6:15 free
G1659 *eleutheroō* Rom. 8:2 make free
G1680 *elpis* Rom. 15:13 hope
G1690 *embrimaomai* John 11:38 groan
G1718 *emphanizō* John 14:21 manifest

G1753 *energeia* Col. 1:29 working
G1754 *energeō* 2 Cor. 4:12 work
G1756 *energēs* Heb. 4:12 powerful
G1783 *enteuxis* 1 Tim. 2:1 intercession
G1793 *entunchanō* Heb. 7:25 make intercession
G1805 *exagorazō* Gal. 3:13 redeem
G1813 *exaleiphō* Rev. 3:5 blot out
G1841 *exodos* Luke 9:31 decease
G1843 *exomologeō* Luke 10:21 thank
G1849 *exousia* 1 Cor. 9:18 power
G1860 *epangelia* 2 Cor. 1:20 promise
G1861 *epangellō* Acts 7:5 promise
G1862 *epangelma* 2 Pet. 3:13 promise
G1868 *epainos* Eph. 1:6 praise
G1921 *epiginōskō* 2 Cor. 6:9 well know
G1932 *epieikeia* Acts 24:4 clemency
G1933 *epieikēs* James 3:17 gentle
G1937 *epithymeō* Matt. 13:17 desire
G1939 *epithymia* 1 Pet. 1:14 lust
G1955 *epilysis* 2 Pet. 1:20 interpretation
G1984 *episkopē* Acts 1:20 bishoprick
G1985 *episkopos* Titus 1:7 bishop
G1992 *epistolē* 1 Thess. 5:27 epistle
G1994 *epistrephō* Luke 22:32 convert
G2015 *epiphaneia* 2 Tim. 4:8 appearing
G2023 *epichorēgeō* 2 Pet. 1:5 add
G2024 *epichorēgia* Phil. 1:19 supply
G2033 *hepta* Rev. 5:6 seven
G2038 *ergazomai* John 9:4 work
G2041 *ergon* 1 Thess. 1:3 work
G2048 *erēmos* Mark 6:35 desert
G2052 *eritheia* Phil. 1:16 contention
G2087 *heteros* Acts 4:12 other
G2090 *hetoimazō* Rev. 21:2 prepare
G2097 *euaggelizō* 1 Pet. 4:6 preach the gospel
G2098 *euangelion* Mark 16:15 gospel
G2104 *eugenēs* 1 Cor. 1:26 noble
G2106 *eudokeō* Luke 12:32 is good pleasure
G2112 *eutheōs* John 6:21 immediately
G2127 *eulogeō* Luke 6:28 bless
G2163 *euphēmos* Phil. 4:8 good report
G2168 *eucharisteō* Luke 17:16 give thanks
G2169 *eucharistia* 2 Cor. 9:11 thanksgiving
G2178 *ephapax* Heb. 10:10 once for all
G2204 *zeō* Acts 18:25 be fervent
G2205 *zēlos* Rom. 10:2 zeal
G2206 *zēloō* 1 Cor. 14:1 desire
G2207 *zēlōtēs* Acts 22:3 zealous
G2219 *zymē* Mark 8:15 leaven
G2222 *zōē* John 5:24 life
G2226 *zōon* Rev. 4:6 beast
G2227 *zōopoieō* 1 Cor. 15:45 quicken
G2244 *hēlikia* Luke 19:3 stature
G2281 *thalassa* Rev. 13:1 sea
G2288 *thanatos* Rev. 1:18 death
G2293 *tharseō* Acts 23:11 be of good cheer
G2295 *thauma* Rev. 17:6 admiration
G2298 *thaumastos* Rev. 15:3 marvellous
G2300 *theaomai* John 1:38 see
G2302 *theatron* 1 Cor. 4:9 spectacle
G2307 *thelēma* Eph. 1:11 will
G2309 *thelō* Matt. 8:2 will
G2315 *theopneustos* 2 Tim. 3:16 inspiration of God
G2320 *theotētos* Col. 2:9 Godhead
G2323 *therapeuō* Matt. 12:22 heal
G2334 *theōreō* John 20:14 see
G2342 *thērion* Rev. 6:8 beast
G2347 *thlipsis* John 16:33 tribulation
G2356 *thrēskeia* Acts 26:5 religion
G2358 *thriambeuō* 2 Cor. 2:14 cause to triumph
G2362 *thronos* Rev. 8:3 throne
G2372 *thymos* Rev. 16:1 wrath
G2379 *thysiastērion* Heb. 13:10 altar
G2385 *iakōbos* Acts 15:13 James
G2392 *iasis* Acts 4:22 healing
G2395 *iatros* Col. 4:14 physician
G2400 *idou* Matt. 26:47 lo
G2411 *hieron* Luke 24:53 temple
G2424 *iēsous* Matt. 27:17 Jesus
G2431 *hilaros* 2 Cor. 9:7 cheerful
G2432 *hilarotēs* Rom. 12:8 cheerfulness
G2433 *hilaskomai* Luke 18:13 be merciful
G2434 *hilasmos* 1 John 4:10 propitiation
G2435 *hilastērion* Rom. 3:25 propitiation
G2440 *himation* Matt. 5:40 cloke
G2491 *iōannēs* Matt. 17:1 John
G2503 *iōta* Matt. 5:18 jot
G2513 *katharos* Matt. 5:8 pure
G2518 *katheudō* 1 Thess. 5:10 sleep
G2537 *kainos* John 13:34 new
G2540 *kairos* Col. 4:5 time
G2557 *kakourgos* 2 Tim. 2:9 evil doer
G2564 *kaleō* Gal. 1:6 call
G2570 *kalos* Matt. 13:48 good
G2581 *kananitēs* Mark 3:18 Canaanite
G2588 *kardia* Rev. 2:23 heart
G2635 *katalaleō* James 4:11 speak evil
G2638 *katalambanō* Eph. 3:18 comprehend
G2643 *katallagē* Rom. 5:11 atonement
G2644 *katallassō* Rom. 5:10 reconcile
G2675 *katartizō* Heb. 11:3 frame
G2676 *katartisis* 2 Cor. 13:9 perfection
G2677 *katartismos* Eph. 4:12 perfecting
G2719 *katesthiō* Luke 8:5 devour
G2730 *katoikeō* James 4:5 dwell
G2757 *kenophōnia* 1 Tim. 6:20 vain babblings

G2758 *kenoō* 1 Cor. 9:15 void
G2762 *keraia* Matt. 5:18 tittle
G2784 *kērryssō* Luke 3:3 preach
G2799 *klaiō* Luke 19:41 weep
G2821 *klēsis* 2 Tim. 1:9 calling
G2839 *koinos* Acts 4:32 common
G2841 *koinōneō* Phil. 4:15 communicate
G2842 *koinōnia* Acts 2:42 fellowship
G2844 *koinōnos* Luke 5:10 partner
G2862 *kolōnia* Acts 16:12 colony
G2885 *kosmeō* Matt. 25:7 trim
G2886 *kosmikos* Titus 2:12 worldly
G2888 *kosmokratōr* Eph. 6:12 ruler
G2889 *kosmos* 1 John 5:19 world
G2899 *kraspedon* Luke 8:44 border
G2904 *kratos* 1 Tim. 6:16 power
G2917 *krima* Rev. 20:4 judgment
G2919 *krinō* Matt. 7:1 judge
G2920 *krisis* John 3:19 condemnation
G2937 *ktisis* Col. 1:15 creature
G2938 *ktisma* Rev. 5:13 creature
G2941 *kybernēsis* 1 Cor. 12:28 government
G2952 *kynarion* Mark 7:27 dog
G2959 *kyria* 2 John 1 lady
G2960 *kyriakos* Rev. 1:10 Lord's
G2962 *kyrios* Jude 9 Lord
G2980 *laleō* 1 Cor. 14:2 speak
G3008 *leitourgeō* Acts 13:2 minister
G3009 *leitourgia* Phil. 2:30 service
G3011 *leitourgos* Heb. 1:7 minister
G3014 *lepra* Mark 1:42 leprosy
G3016 *lepton* Mark 12:42 mite
G3023 *leōn* Rev. 10:3 lion
G3027 *lēstēs* Matt. 21:13 thief
G3036 *lithoboleō* Acts 7:58 stone
G3046 *litra* John 19:39 pound
G3049 *logizomai* Rom. 4:3 count
G3051 *logion* Heb. 5:12 oracle
G3056 *logos* John 1:1 word
G3067 *loutron* Titus 3:5 washing
G3068 *louō* John 13:10 wash
G3083 *lytron* Mark 10:45 ransom
G3097 *magos* Acts 13:8 sorcerer
G3100 *mathēteuō* Matt. 27:57 disciple
G3101 *mathētēs* Matt. 10:1 disciple
G3107 *makarios* Rev. 22:7 blessed
G3115 *makrothumia* Heb. 6:12 patience
G3120 *malakos* 1 Cor. 6:9 effeminate
G3126 *mamōnas* Luke 16:9 mammon
G3134 *marana tha* 1 Cor. 16:22 maranatha
G3137 *maria* Matt. 2:11 Mary
G3140 *martureō* John 5:31 bear witness
G3141 *martyria* John 19:35 record
G3142 *martyrion* Matt. 8:4 testimony
G3144 *martys* Rev. 1:5 witness
G3146 *mastigoō* Matt. 20:19 scourge
G3150 *mataiologia* 1 Tim. 1:6 vain jangling
G3151 *mataiologos* Titus 1:10 vain talker
G3152 *mataios* 1 Cor. 3:20 vain
G3154 *metaioō* Rom. 1:21 vain
G3167 *megaleios* Acts 2:11 wonderful works
G3168 *megaleiotēs* Luke 9:43 mighty power
G3170 *megalynō* Phil. 1:20 magnify
G3179 *methistēmi* Luke 16:4 put out
G3192 *meli* Rev. 10:10 honey
G3306 *menō* John 2:12 continue
G3308 *merimna* 1 Pet. 5:7 care
G3309 *merimnaō* Matt. 6:25 take thought
G3316 *mesitēs* Heb. 12:24 mediator
G3323 *messias* John 4:25 Messias
G3330 *metadidōmi* Rom. 1:11 impart
G3338 *metamelomai* 2 Cor. 7:8 repent
G3339 *metamorphoō* Rom. 12:2 transform
G3340 *metanoeō* Acts 26:20 repent
G3341 *metanoia* Mark 1:4 repentance
G3345 *metaschēmatizō* 2 Cor. 11:14 transform
G3348 *metechō* 1 Cor. 9:10 be partaker
G3353 *metochos* Heb. 3:1 partaker
G3402 *mimētēs* Eph. 5:1 follower
G3405 *misthapodosia* Heb. 11:26 recompence of reward
G3408 *misthos* Matt. 10:41 reward
G3430 *moicheia* Mark 7:21 adultery
G3439 *monogenēs* John 3:16 only begotten
G3444 *morphē* Phil. 2:6 form
G3445 *morphoō* Gal. 4:19 form
G3466 *mystērion* Luke 8:10 mystery
G3474 *mōros* Matt. 23:17 fool
G3485 *naos* 1 Cor. 3:16 temple
G3528 *nikaō* Rev. 2:7 overcome
G3538 *niptō* John 13:5 wash
G3544 *nomikos* Luke 11:45 lawyer
G3551 *nomos* Rom. 6:14 law
G3563 *nous* Rom. 7:25 mind
G3586 *xulon* Rev. 22:2 tree
G3598 *hodos* Heb. 10:20 way
G3608 *othonion* John 20:5 linen clothes
G3618 *oikodomeō* Acts 9:31 edify
G3619 *oikodomē* Eph. 4:12 edifying
G3622 *oikonomia* Eph. 3:2 dispensation
G3623 *oikonomos* 1 Pet. 4:10 steward
G3639 *olethros* 2 Thess. 1:9 destruction
G3640 *oligopistos* Matt. 8:26 little faith
G3661 *homothymadon* Acts 12:20 with one accord
G3669 *homoiōsis* James 3:9 similitude
G3679 *oneidizō* James 1:5 upbraid
G3686 *onoma* Acts 19:13 name

G3709 *orgē* Rev. 14:10 wrath
G3710 *orgizō* Rev. 12:17 be wroth
G3718 *orthotomeō* 2 Tim. 2:15 rightly dividing
G3733 *ornis* Matt. 23:37 hen
G3749 *ostrakinos* 2 Cor. 4:7 earthen
G3772 *ouranos* Rev. 21:1 heaven
G3781 *opheiletēs* Luke 13:4 sinner
G3783 *opheilēma* Rom. 4:4 debt
G3788 *ophthalmos* Rev. 4:8 eye
G3809 *paideia* Heb. 12:5 discipline
G3824 *palingenesias* Titus 3:5 regeneration
G3834 *panourgia* 1 Cor. 3:19 craftiness
G3835 *panourgos* 2 Cor. 12:16 crafty
G3841 *pantokratōr* Rev. 11:17 Almighty
G3845 *parabainō* Acts 1:25 transgression
G3847 *parabasis* Rom. 2:23 breaking
G3850 *parabolē* Matt. 13:3 parable
G3852 *parangelia* Acts 16:24 charge
G3857 *paradeisos* Luke 23:43 paradise
G3860 *paradidōmi* Luke 23:25 deliver
G3861 *paradoxos* Luke 5:26 strange
G3870 *parakaleō* Luke 7:4 beseech
G3874 *paraklēsis* Acts 9:31 comfort
G3875 *paraklētos* 1 John 2:1 advocate
G3876 *parakoē* Rom. 5:19 disobedience
G3900 *paraptōma* Eph. 2:5 sin
G3933 *parthenos* Matt. 1:23 virgin
G3940 *paroikia* Acts 13:17 stranger
G3941 *paroikos* Eph. 2:19 foreigner
G3942 *paroimia* John 16:25 proverb
G3952 *parousia* 1 Thess. 3:13 coming
G3954 *parrēsia* John 11:14 plainly
G3958 *paschō* Acts 17:3 suffer
G3968 *patris* Mark 6:1 own country
G3972 *paulos* Acts 28:30 Paul
G3982 *peithō* 2 Thess. 3:4 have confidence
G3985 *peirazō* John 6:6 prove
G3996 *pentheō* 1 Cor. 5:2 mourn
G4006 *pepoithēsis* 2 Cor. 3:4 trust
G4052 *perisseuō* Matt. 25:29 have abundance
G4053 *perissos* John 10:10 abundantly
G4056 *perissoterōs* 2 Cor. 2:4 abundantly
G4059 *peritemnō* Gal. 6:12 circumcise
G4073 *petra* Matt. 16:18 rock
G4074 *petros* Matt. 16:18 Peter
G4077 *pēgē* John 4:14 well
G4088 *pikria* Eph. 4:31 bitterness
G4098 *piptō* Rev. 7:11 fall
G4100 *pisteuō* Acts 10:43 believe
G4102 *pistis* Col. 1:4 faith
G4103 *pistos* 2 Thess. 3:3 faithful
G4105 *planaō* Rev. 12:9 deceive
G4106 *planē* Jude 11 error
G4123 *pleonektēs* 1 Cor. 6:10 covetous
G4124 *pleonexia* Col. 3:5 covetousness
G4130 *pimplēmi* Acts 4:8 fill
G4137 *plēroō* Luke 4:21 fulfil
G4138 *plērōma* Col. 2:9 fulness
G4150 *plynō* Rev. 7:14 wash
G4151 *pneuma* John 3:5 spirit
G4152 *pneumatikos* 1 Cor. 2:13 spiritual
G4153 *pneumatikōs* Rev. 11:8 spiritually
G4161 *poiēma* Eph. 2:10 workmanship
G4165 *poimanō* John 21:16 feed
G4166 *poimēn* John 10:2 shepherd
G4176 *politeuomai* Acts 23:1 live
G4182 *polypoikilos* Eph. 3:10 manifold
G4190 *ponēros* Matt. 6:13 evil
G4202 *porneia* Matt. 15:19 fornication
G4203 *porneuō* Rev. 17:2 commit fornication
G4232 *praitōrion* John 18:28 hall of judgment
G4236 *praotēs* 2 Cor. 10:1 meekness
G4239 *praÿs* Matt. 21:5 meek
G4243 *presbeuō* 2 Cor. 5:20 be ambassador
G4244 *prebyterion* 1 Tim. 4:14 presbytery
G4245 *presbyteros* Mark 14:53 elder
G4268 *prognōsis* Acts 2:23 foreknowledge
G4286 *prothesis* Eph. 1:11 purpose
G4307 *pronoia* Rom. 13:14 provision
G4309 *proorizō* Rom. 8:29 predestinate
G4336 *proseuchomai* Matt. 6:6 pray
G4337 *prosechō* Luke 20:46 beware
G4339 *prosēlytos* Acts 6:5 proselyte
G4342 *proskartereō* Acts 2:46 continue
G4347 *proskollaō* Mark 10:7 cleave
G4348 *proskomma* 1 Cor. 8:9 stumblingblock
G4352 *proskyneō* Matt. 9:18 worship
G4374 *prospherō* Heb. 9:28 offer
G4376 *prosphora* Acts 21:26 offering
G4380 *prosōpolēpteō* James 2:9 have respect to persons
G4381 *prosōpolēptēs* Acts 10:34 respecter of persons
G4382 *prosōpolēmpsia* James 2:1 respect of persons
G4394 *prophēteia* Rom. 12:6 prophecy
G4396 *prophētēs* Matt. 2:5 prophet
G4416 *prōtotokos* Heb. 1:6 firstbegotten
G4432 *ptōcheia* Rev. 2:9 poverty
G4433 *ptōcheuō* 2 Cor. 8:9 become poor
G4434 *ptōchos* Matt. 26:11 poor
G4456 *pōroō* Mark 8:17 harden
G4457 *pōrōsis* Rom. 11:25 blindness
G4461 *rabbi* Mark 11:21 master
G4464 *rhabdos* Heb. 9:4 rod
G4469 *rhaka* Matt. 5:22 raca
G4487 *rhēma* 1 Pet. 1:25 word
G4500 *rhoizēdon* 2 Pet. 3:10 with great noise

G4501 *rhomphaia* Rev. 19:15 sword
G4506 *rhyomai* 1 Thess. 1:10 deliver
G4518 *sabachthani* Mark 15:34 sabachthani
G4519 *sabaōth* James 5:4 sabaoth
G4522 *sagēnē* Matt. 13:47 net
G4523 *saddoukaios* Luke 20:27 Sadducee
G4550 *sapros* Matt. 12:33 corrupt
G4561 *sarx* Rom. 13:14 flesh
G4578 *seismos* Rev. 8:5 earthquake
G4583 *selēniazomai* Matt. 17:15 lunatick
G4586 *semnos* 1 Tim. 3:11 grave
G4592 *sēmeion* John 6:26 miracle
G4608 *sikera* Luke 1:15 strong drink
G4620 *sitometrion* Luke 12:42 portion of meat
G4624 *skandalizō* Luke 17:2 offend
G4625 *skandalon* Matt. 16:23 offence
G4632 *skeuos* Heb. 9:21 vessel
G4635 *skēnopoios* Acts 18:3 tentmaker
G4637 *skēnoō* John 1:14 dwell
G4645 *sklērynō* Heb. 4:7 harden
G4647 *skolops* 2 Cor. 12:7 thorn
G4653 *skotia* John 12:46 darkness
G4655 *skotos* Luke 11:35 darkness
G4663 *skōlēx* Mark 9:44 worm
G4678 *sophia* 1 Cor. 12:8 wisdom
G4680 *sophos* 1 Cor. 1:20 wise
G4689 *spendō* Phil. 2:17 offer
G4690 *sperma* Rom. 1:3 seed
G4691 *spermologos* Acts 17:18 babbler
G4696 *spilos* 2 Pet. 2:13 spot
G4697 *splanchnizomai* Matt. 14:14 move with compassion
G4704 *spoudazō* Gal. 2:10 be forward
G4712 *stadion* Rev. 14:20 furlong
G4716 *stauros* Mark 8:34 cross
G4717 *stauroō* Gal. 6:14 crucify
G4722 *stegō* 1 Cor. 13:7 bear
G4732 *stereoō* Acts 3:7 receive strength
G4735 *stephanos* Mark 15:17 crown
G4737 *stephanoō* Heb. 2:9 crown
G4745 *stoa* John 5:2 porch
G4747 *stoicheion* Gal. 4:3 element
G4789 *synklēronomos* 1 Pet. 3:7 heirs together
G4796 *synchairō* Luke 15:9 rejoice
G4798 *synchraomai* John 4:9 have dealings
G4803 *syzētēsis* Acts 15:2 disputation
G4811 *sykophanteō* Luke 3:14 accuse falsely
G4854 *symphytos* Rom. 6:5 planted together
G4856 *symphōneō* Matt. 18:19 agree
G4864 *synagōgē* Acts 19:8 synagogue
G4866 *sunathleō* Phil. 1:27 strive together
G4892 *synedrion* Acts 5:21 council
G4903 *synergeō* James 2:22 work with
G4907 *synesis* Mark 12:33 understanding
G4912 *synechō* 2 Cor. 5:14 constrain
G4920 *syniēmi* Acts 7:25 understand
G4937 *syntribō* Rom. 16:20 bruise
G4964 *syschēmatizō* Rom. 12:2 conform
G4972 *sphragizō* Rev. 7:3 seal
G4982 *sōzō* Matt. 10:22 save
G4983 *sōma* Phil. 3:21 body
G4990 *sōtēr* Titus 2:10 Saviour
G4991 *sōtēria* Luke 1:69 salvation
G4995 *sōphronismos* 2 Tim. 1:7 sound mind
G4996 *sōphronōs* Titus 2:12 soberly
G5007 *talanton* Matt. 25:15 talent
G5009 *tameion* Luke 12:3 closet
G5011 *tapeinos* 2 Cor. 7:6 cast down
G5012 *tapeinophrosynē* Acts 20:19 humility
G5013 *tapeinoō* Luke 14:11 humble
G5015 *tarassō* Luke 24:38 trouble
G5035 *tachu* Rev. 22:20 quickly
G5043 *teknon* Mark 2:5 son
G5046 *teleios* 1 Cor. 14:20 men
G5048 *teleioō* Heb. 12:23 make perfect
G5059 *teras* Acts 2:19 wonder
G5079 *technitēs* Heb. 11:10 builder
G5083 *tēreō* 1 John 5:3 keep
G5092 *timē* 1 Tim. 5:17 honour
G5132 *trapeza* Luke 19:23 bank
G5157 *tropē* James 1:17 turning
G5159 *tropophoreō* Acts 13:18 suffer
G5172 *tryphē* Luke 7:25 delicately
G5179 *typos* 1 Cor. 10:6 example
G5185 *typhlos* John 9:1 blind
G5195 *hybrizō* Matt. 22:6 intreat spitefully
G5196 *hybris* Acts 27:10 hurt
G5198 *hygiainō* 1 Tim. 1:10 sound mind
G5204 *hydōr* Matt. 3:11 water
G5206 *huiothesia* Gal. 4:5 adoption of sons
G5218 *hypakoē* 2 Cor. 10:5 obedience
G5219 *hypakouō* Rom. 6:17 obey
G5235 *hyperballō* 2 Cor. 3:10 excel
G5236 *hyperbolē* Rom. 7:13 exceeding
G5243 *hyperēphania* Mark 7:22 pride
G5244 *hyperēphanos* Luke 1:51 proud
G5245 *hypernikaō* Rom. 8:37 more than conqueror
G5251 *hyperupsoō* Phil. 2:9 highly exalt
G5261 *hypogrammos* 1 Pet. 2:21 example
G5272 *hypokrisis* Gal. 2:13 dissimulation
G5273 *hupokritēs* Mark 7:6 hypocrite
G5278 *hypomenō* Matt. 24:13 endure
G5281 *hypomonē* Heb. 10:36 patience
G5287 *hypostasis* Heb. 3:14 confidence
G5293 *hypotassō* 1 Cor. 14:32 subject
G5302 *hystereō* Luke 22:35 lack
G5312 *hypsoō* John 8:28 lift up

G5318 *phaneros* 1 Cor. 11:19 manifest
G5319 *phaneroō* Mark 4:22 manifest
G5330 *pharisaios* Mark 2:24 Pharisee
G5331 *pharmakeia* Rev. 9:21 sorcery
G5360 *philadelphia* Heb. 13:1 brotherly love
G5363 *philanthrōpia* Acts 28:2 kindness
G5368 *phileō* John 21:15 love
G5370 *philēma* 1 Pet. 5:14 kiss
G5384 *philos* John 15:14 friend
G5389 *philotimeomai* Rom. 15:20 strive
G5396 *phlyareō* 3 John 10 prate against
G5399 *phobeō* Matt. 10:26 fear
G5401 *phobos* 1 John 4:18 fear
G5432 *phroureō* Gal. 3:23 keep
G5448 *physioō* 1 Cor. 4:18 puff up
G5449 *phusis* 2 Pet. 1:4 nature
G5457 *phōs* John 8:12 light
G5458 *phōstēr* Rev. 21:11 light
G5459 *phōsphoros* 2 Pet. 1:19 day star
G5467 *chalepos* 2 Tim. 3:1 perilous
G5474 *chalkolibanon* Rev. 1:15 fine brass
G5479 *chara* Mark 4:16 gladness
G5481 *charaktēr* Heb. 1:3 express image
G5483 *charizomai* Col. 3:13 forgive
G5485 *charis* Acts 14:3 grace
G5486 *charisma* 1 Cor. 1:7 gift
G5487 *charitoō* Luke 1:28 favour
G5498 *cheirographon* Col. 2:14 handwriting
G5503 *chēra* 1 Tim. 5:11 widow
G5509 *chitōn* Matt. 5:40 coat
G5522 *chous* Rev. 18:19 dust
G5526 *chortazō* Matt. 15:33 fill
G5543 *chrēstos* Luke 6:35 kind
G5544 *chrēstotēs* Gal. 5:22 gentleness
G5545 *chrisma* 1 John 2:20 unction
G5546 *christianos* Acts 11:26 Christian
G5547 *christos* Matt. 22:42 Christ
G5550 *chronos* Acts 1:7 time
G5561 *chōra* Mark 5:1 country
G5568 *psalmos* Eph. 5:19 psalm
G5580 *pseudochristos* Matt. 24:24 false christ
G5584 *psēlaphaō* Acts 17:27 feel after
G5588 *psithyristēs* Rom. 1:29 whisperer
G5590 *psychē* Luke 21:19 soul
G5591 *psychikos* 1 Cor. 15:46 natural
G5598 *Ō* Rev. 22:13 Omega
G5610 *hōra* Luke 22:53 hour
G5614 *hōsanna* Mark 11:9 hosanna

CONCORDANCE

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ABASE

a him that is high . . . . . Ezek 21:26
he is able to **a**. . . . . Dan 4:37
himself shall be **a** . . . . . Matt 23:12
both how to be **a**. . . . . Phil 4:12
See Job 40:11; 2 Cor 11:7

ABIDE

a ye every man . . . . . Ex 16:29
a without the camp. . . . . Num 31:19
shall not **a** with us. . . . . 1 Sam 5:7
Lord, who shall **a** . . . . . Ps 15:1
shall **a** under the shadow. . . . . Ps 91:1
a among the wise . . . . . Prov 15:31
the earth **a** for ever. . . . . Eccl 1:4
a in this land . . . . . Jer 42:10
no man shall **a** there. . . . . Jer 49:18
thou shalt **a** for me . . . . . Hos 3:3
who can **a** it . . . . . Joel 2:11
there **a** till ye go . . . . . Matt 10:11
a till ye depart . . . . . Mark 6:10
there **a**. . . . . Luke 9:4
wrath of God **a** on him . . . . . John 3:36
not his word **a** in you . . . . . John 5:38
Comforter, that he may **a**. . . . . John 14:16
A in me, and I in you. . . . . John 15:4
He that **a** in me . . . . . John 15:5
a in my love . . . . . John 15:10
If any man's work **a**. . . . . 1 Cor 3:14
now **a** faith, hope . . . . . 1 Cor 13:13

ABILITY

They gave after their **a** . . . . . Ezra 2:69
such as had **a** in them . . . . . Dan 1:4
his several **a** . . . . . Matt 25:15
a which God giveth. . . . . 1 Pet 4:11
See Lev 27:8; Neh 5:8; Acts 11:29

ABLE

give as he is **a**. . . . . Deut 16:17
hath been **a** to stand. . . . . Josh 23:9
a to stand before . . . . . 1 Sam 6:20
who is **a** to judge. . . . . 1 Kin 3:9
who is **a** to build . . . . . 2 Chr 2:6
who is **a** to stand. . . . . Prov 27:4
a to deliver. . . . . Dan 3:17
land is not **a** to bear . . . . . Amos 7:10
God is **a** . . . . . Matt 3:9
Believe ye that I am **a**. . . . . Matt 9:28
Are ye **a** to drink. . . . . Matt 20:22
not **a** to do . . . . . Luke 12:26
not **a** to resist. . . . . Acts 6:10
had promised he was **a**. . . . . Rom 4:21
a to separate us . . . . . Rom 8:39
that ye are **a** . . . . . 1 Cor 10:13
a ministers . . . . . 2 Cor 3:6
a to comprehend. . . . . Eph 3:18
Now unto him that is **a** . . . . . Eph 3:20
a even to subdue. . . . . Phil 3:21
he is **a** to keep . . . . . 2 Tim 1:12
a to succour them. . . . . Heb 2:18
a also to save . . . . . Heb 7:25
a to save . . . . . James 4:12
a to keep you . . . . . Jude 24
was **a** to open the book . . . . . Rev 5:3
who shall be **a** to stand . . . . . Rev 6:17
See Ex 18:21; Mark 4:33

ABOMINATION

is an **a** unto the Egyptians . . . . . Gen 43:32
every shepherd is an **a** . . . . . Gen 46:34
commit any of these **a** . . . . . Lev 18:26
shalt thou bring an **a** . . . . . Deut 7:26
a of these nations . . . . . Deut 18:9
because of these **a** . . . . . Deut 18:12
unrighteously, are an **a**. . . . . Deut 25:16
the froward is **a** . . . . . Prov 3:32
wickedness is an **a**. . . . . Prov 8:7
froward is **a** to the Lord. . . . . Prov 11:20
an **a** to the Lord . . . . . Prov 15:8
way of the wicked an **a**. . . . . Prov 15:9
wicked are an **a** . . . . . Prov 15:26
of the wicked is **a** . . . . . Prov 21:27
his prayer shall be **a** . . . . . Prov 28:9
residue thereof an **a** . . . . . Is 44:19
put away thine **a** . . . . . Jer 4:1
they had committed **a** . . . . . Jer 6:15
place the **a** . . . . . Dan 11:31
the **a** of desolation . . . . . Matt 24:15
shall see the **a** . . . . . Mark 13:14
is **a** in the sight . . . . . Luke 16:15
worketh **a,** or maketh. . . . . Rev 21:27
See Lev 7:18; 11:41; Mal 2:11

ABOVE

thou shalt be **a** only . . . . . Deut 28:13
God is there from **a** . . . . . Job 31:2
way of life is **a** . . . . . Prov 15:24
The disciple is not **a** . . . . . Matt 10:24
from **a** is **a** all. . . . . John 3:31
I am from **a** . . . . . John 8:23
one day **a** another . . . . . Rom 14:5
a that which. . . . . 1 Cor 4:6
Jerusalem which is **a**. . . . . Gal 4:26
a name which is **a** . . . . . Phil 2:9
things which are **a**. . . . . Col 3:1
See Gen 48:22; James 1:17

ABSTAIN
a from pollutions of idols . . . . . Acts 15:20
ye **a** from meats. . . . . Acts 15:29
A from all. . . . . 1 Thess 5:22
a from fleshly lusts . . . . . .1 Pet 2:11
See 1 Thess 4:3; 1 Tim 4:3

ABUNDANCE
sound of **a** of rain . . . . . 1 Kin 18:41
a of his riches . . . . . Ps 52:7
a of peace. . . . . Ps 72:7
reveal unto them the **a**. . . . . Jer 33:6
loveth **a** with increase. . . . . Ecc l 5:10
but the **a** of the rich . . . . . Ecc l 5:12
a of the heart . . . . . .Matt 12:34
of the **a** of the heart . . . . . .Luke 6:45
shall have more **a** . . . . . .Matt 13:12
and he shall have **a** . . . . . .Matt 25:29
in the **a** . . . . . .Luke 12:15
the **a** of their joy . . . . . 2 Cor 8:2
a of the revelations . . . . . 2 Cor 12:7
See Job 36:31; Rom 5:17; Rev 18:3

ABUNDANT
distill upon man **a**. . . . . Job 36:28
a utter the memory. . . . . Ps 145:7
for he will **a** pardon . . . . . Is 55:7
have it more **a** . . . . . .John 10:10
I laboured more **a** . . . . . .1 Cor 15:10
in labours more **a** . . . . . .2 Cor 11:23
exceeding **a** above. . . . . Eph 3:20
was exceeding **a**. . . . . .1 Tim 1:14
Which he shed on us **a**. . . . . Titus 3:6
ministered unto you **a** . . . . . .2 Pet 1:11
See Ex 34:6; Is 55:7; 1 Pet 1:3

ABUSE
use this world, as not **a** it. . . . . 1 Cor 7:31
that I **a** not my power. . . . . 1 Cor 9:18
See 1 Sam 31:4; 1 Chr 10:4

ACCEPT
shalt thou not be **a** . . . . . Gen 4:7
a before the Lord . . . . . .Ex 28:38
been **a** in the sight . . . . . .Lev 10:19
a the work . . . . . .Deut 33:11
and he was **a** . . . . . .1 Sam 18:5
Lord thy God **a** thee. . . . . 2 Sam 24:23
for him will I **a** . . . . . Job 42:8
the Lord also **a** Job . . . . . Job 42:9
to **a** the person . . . . . .Prov 18:5
I will not **a** them . . . . . Jer 14:12
supplication ... be **a** . . . . . Jer 37:20
will I **a** them . . . . . .Ezek 20:40
I will **a** you. . . . . .Ezek 43:27
I will not **a** them . . . . . .Amos 5:22
should I **a** this . . . . . Mal 1:13
No prophet is **a** . . . . . .Luke 4:24
righteousness, is **a**. . . . . Acts 10:35
be **a** of the saints . . . . . .Rom 15:31
we may be **a**. . . . . .2 Cor 5:9
behold, now is the **a** time . . . . . .2 Cor 6:2
See Ps 119:108; Ecc l 12:10; Mal 1:8

ACCEPTABLE
be **a** in thy sight, O Lord . . . . . .Ps 19:14
proclaim the **a** year. . . . . Is 61:2
To preach the **a** year . . . . . .Luke 4:19
holy, **a** unto God . . . . . .Rom 12:1

ACCESS
we have **a** by faith into this grace . . . . . .Rom 5:2
a by one Spirit . . . . . Eph 2:18
a with confidence . . . . . Eph 3:12

ACCORD
continued with one **a** in prayer. . . . . Acts 1:14
to God with one **a**. . . . . Acts 4:24
the people with one **a**. . . . . Acts 8:6
love, being of one **a**. . . . . Phil 2:2

ACCORDING
a as he hath promised . . . . . .Ex 12:25
a to his ways . . . . . .Job 34:11
a to the fruit . . . . . Jer 17:10
recompense them **a** to . . . . . Jer 25:14
a to his ways . . . . . Jer 32:19
every man **a**. . . . . .Matt 16:27
a to the appearance. . . . . .John 7:24
a to his deeds. . . . . .Rom 2:6
a to his purpose . . . . . .Rom 8:28
a to the grace. . . . . .Rom 12:6
a to that a man . . . . . .2 Cor 8:12
Lord reward him **a** to. . . . . .2 Tim 4:14
See Titus 3:5; 1 Pet 1:2

ACCOUNT
they shall give **a** thereof. . . . . .Matt 12:36
a of thy stewardship . . . . . .Luke 16:2
a worthy to obtain . . . . . .Luke 20:35
shall give **a** . . . . . .Rom 14:12
a to him . . . . . Gal 3:6
put that on mine **a** . . . . . Philem 18
that must give **a**. . . . . Heb 13:17
See Job 33:13; 1 Pet 4:5

ACCUSATION
thing from any man by false **a** . . . . . .Luke 19:8
receive not an **a**. . . . . .1 Tim 5:19
not railing **a** . . . . . .2 Pet 2:11
a railing **a** . . . . . .Jude 9
See Matt 27:37; Mark 15:26

ACCUSE
A not a servant unto his master . . . . . .Prov 30:10
I will **a** you. . . . . .John 5:45
See Matt 12:10; Mark 3:2

ACKNOWLEDGE
I **a** my sin unto thee . . . . . .Ps 32:5
I **a** my transgressions . . . . . .Ps 51:3
all thy ways **a** him. . . . . .Prov 3:6
Israel **a** us not . . . . . Is 63:16
he that **a** the Son. . . . . 1 John 2:23
See Hos 5:15; 1 Cor 14:37

ACQUIT
thou wilt not **a**. . . . . Job 10:14
all **a** the wicked . . . . . Nah 1:3

ACTIONS
by him **a** are weighed . . . . . .1 Sam 2:3

ADDICTED
they have **a** themselves. . . . . .1 Cor 16:15

ADMINISTER
are differences of **a** . . . . . 1 Cor 12:5
which is **a** by us. . . . . 2 Cor 8:19
abundance which is **a**. . . . . 2 Cor 8:20
a of this service . . . . . 2 Cor 9:12

ADMONISH
Paul **a** them . . . . . Acts 27:9
able also to **a** . . . . . Rom 15:14
a one another . . . . . Col 3:16
Lord, and **a** you. . . . . 1 Thess 5:12
a him as . . . . . 2 Thess 3:15
Moses was **a** of God . . . . . Heb 8:5
See Eccl 4:13; 12:12; Jer 42:19

ADMONITION
they are written for our **a**. . . . . 1 Cor 10:11
a of the Lord . . . . . Eph 6:4
second **a** reject. . . . . Titus 3:10

ADOPTION
ye have received the Spirit of **a** . . . . . Rom 8:15
waiting for the **a** . . . . . Rom 8:23
whom pertaineth the **a**. . . . . Rom 9:4
receive the **a** of sons . . . . . Gal 4:5
the **a** of children . . . . . Eph 1:5

ADORN
bride **a** herself . . . . . Is 61:10
women **a** themselves . . . . . 1 Tim 2:9
a the doctrine . . . . . Titus 2:10
that outward **a**. . . . . 1 Pet 3:3
a themselves . . . . . 1 Pet 3:5
a for her husband . . . . . Rev 21:2
See Jer 31:4; Luke 21:5

ADVERSARY
and an **a** unto thine **a**. . . . . Ex 23:22
for an **a** against . . . . . Num 22:22
vengeance to his **a**. . . . . Deut 32:43
stirred up an **a**. . . . . 1 Kin 11:14
that mine **a**. . . . . Job 31:35
are mine **a** . . . . . Ps 38:20
a are all before thee . . . . . Ps 69:19
how long shall the **a** . . . . . Ps 74:10
right hand of his **a** . . . . . Ps 89:42
they are my **a**. . . . . Ps 109:4
the reward of mine **a** . . . . . Ps 109:20
mine **a** be clothed . . . . . Ps 109:29
ease me of mine **a**. . . . . Is 1:24
who is mine **a** . . . . . Is 50:8
fury to his **a** . . . . . Is 59:18
known to thine **a**. . . . . Is 64:2
and all thine **a** . . . . . Jer 30:16
avenge him of his **a**. . . . . Jer 46:10
An **a** there shall be . . . . . Amos 3:11
vengeance on his **a** . . . . . Nah 1:2
upon thine **a** . . . . . Mic 5:9
Agree with thine **a** . . . . . Matt 5:25
goest with thine **a** . . . . . Luke 12:58
a were ashamed. . . . . Luke 13:17
Avenge me of mine **a** . . . . . Luke 18:3
there are many **a** . . . . . 1 Cor 16:9
terrified by your **a**. . . . . Phil 1:28
occasion to the **a**. . . . . 1 Tim 5:14
shall devour the **a** . . . . . Heb 10:27
your **a** the devil . . . . . 1 Pet 5:8
See 1 Sam 2:10; Is 9:11; 11:13

ADVERSITY
saved you out of all your **a** . . . . . 1 Sam 10:19
soul out of all **a** . . . . . 2 Sam 4:9
vex them with all **a** . . . . . 2 Chr 15:6
I shall never be in **a** . . . . . Ps 10:6
from the days of **a**. . . . . Ps 94:13
born for **a**. . . . . Prov 17:17
in the day of **a** . . . . . Prov 24:10
bread of **a** . . . . . Is 30:20
them which suffer **a** . . . . . Heb 13:3
See Ps 31:7; 35:15

ADVOCATE
an **a** with the Father, Jesus Christ . . . . . 1 John 2:1

AFFECTION
because I have set my **a** to the. . . . . 1 Chr 29:3
up unto vile **a** . . . . . Rom 1:26
without natural **a** . . . . . Rom 1:31
Be kindly **a** one . . . . . Rom 12:10
crucified ... with the **a**. . . . . Gal 5:24
Set your **a** on things . . . . . Col 3:2
inordinate **a** . . . . . Col 3:5
Without natural **a** . . . . . 2 Tim 3:3
See 2 Cor 7:15

AFFLICT
ye shall **a** your souls . . . . . Lev 16:29
hast thou **a** thy . . . . . Num 11:11
and ye shall **a**. . . . . Num 29:7
Almighty hath **a** me . . . . . Ruth 1:21
thou **a** them . . . . . 1 Kin 8:35
a the seed of David. . . . . 1 Kin 11:39
thou dost **a** them. . . . . 2 Chr 6:26
To him that is **a** pity . . . . . Job 6:14
a the people . . . . . Ps 44:2
hear, and **a** them . . . . . Ps 55:19
do justice to the **a** . . . . . Ps 82:3
thou hast **a** us . . . . . Ps 90:15
Before I was **a** . . . . . Ps 119:67
I have been **a** . . . . . Ps 119:71
the cause of the **a** . . . . . Ps 140:12
days of the **a**. . . . . Prov 15:15
neither oppress the **a** . . . . . Prov 22:22
any of the **a** . . . . . Prov 31:5
now this, thou **a** . . . . . Is 51:21
smitten of God, and **a** . . . . . Is 53:4
and he was **a** . . . . . Is 53:7
thou **a,** tossed with . . . . . Is 54:11
all their **a** he was **a** . . . . . Is 63:9
the Lord hath **a** her. . . . . Lam 1:5
Lord hath **a** me . . . . . Lam 1:12
he doth not **a** willingly. . . . . Lam 3:33
will **a** thee no more. . . . . Nah 1:12
a and poor people. . . . . Zeph 3:12
a, it is for your. . . . . 2 Cor 1:6
relieved the **a** . . . . . 1 Tim 5:10
a, tormented . . . . . Heb 11:37
Be **a,** and mourn . . . . . James 4:9
Is any among you **a**. . . . . James 5:13
See Ex 1:11, 12; 22:22, 23

AFFLICTION
the Lord hath looked upon my **a** . . . . . Gen 29:32
surely seen the **a** . . . . . .Ex 3:7
the bread of **a** . . . . . .Deut 16:3
and looked on our **a** . . . . . .Deut 26:7
a of thine handmaid . . . . . .1 Sam 1:11
in our **a** . . . . . .2 Chr 20:9
in **a,** he besought . . . . . .2 Chr 33:12
a cometh not forth . . . . . Job 5:6
days of **a** have taken . . . . . Job 30:16
days of **a** prevented . . . . . Job 30:27
cords of **a** . . . . . Job 36:8
mine **a** and my pain . . . . . Ps 25:18
a of the righteous . . . . . Ps 34:19
my comfort in my **a** . . . . . Ps 119:50
David, and all his **a** . . . . . Ps 132:1
water of **a** . . . . . Is 30:20
furnace of **a** . . . . . Is 48:10
In all their **a** . . . . . Is 63:9
in the day of **a** . . . . . Jer 16:19
man that hath seen **a** . . . . . Lam 3:1
in their **a** they . . . . . Hos 5:15
a or persecution . . . . . Mark 4:17
out of all his **a** . . . . . Acts 7:10
Canaan, and great **a** . . . . . Acts 7:11
a of my people . . . . . Acts 7:34
bonds and **a** abide . . . . . Acts 20:23
much **a** and anguish . . . . . 2 Cor 2:4
light **a,** which is . . . . . 2 Cor 4:17
great trial of **a** . . . . . 2 Cor 8:2
add **a** to my bonds . . . . . Phil 1:16
communicate with my **a** . . . . . Phil 4:14
great fight of **a** . . . . . Heb 10:32
a with the people . . . . . Heb 11:25
widows in their **a** . . . . . .James 1:27
See Col 1:24; James 5:10

AFRESH
to themselves the Son of God **a** . . . . . Heb 6:6

AGES
That in the **a** to come he might . . . . . Eph 2:7
Which in other **a** . . . . . Eph 3:5
throughout all **a** . . . . . Eph 3:21
hid from **a** . . . . . .Col 1:26

AGREE
except they be **a** . . . . . .Amos 3:3
A with thine . . . . . .Matt 5:25
two of you shall **a** . . . . . .Matt 18:19
witness **a** not . . . . . Mark 14:56
did their witness **a** . . . . . Mark 14:59
these three **a** . . . . . 1 John 5:8
See Matt 20:2; Luke 5:36

AGREEMENT
with hell are we at **a** . . . . . Is 28:15
a hath the temple . . . . . .2 Cor 6:16

AIR
the Lord in the **a** . . . . . 1 Thess 4:17

ALIENATED
a from the life . . . . . Eph 4:18
that were sometime **a** . . . . . .Col 1:21

ALIVE
he presented **a** before the Lord . . . . . .Lev 16:10
went down **a** into . . . . . Num 16:33
are **a** every one . . . . . .Deut 4:4
I kill, and I make **a** . . . . . .Deut 32:39
The Lord ... maketh **a** . . . . . .1 Sam 2:6
save the souls **a** . . . . . .Ezek 13:18
heard that he was **a** . . . . . Mark 16:11
dead, and is **a** again . . . . . .Luke 15:24
said that he was **a** . . . . . .Luke 24:23
shewed himself **a** . . . . . Acts 1:3
Paul affirmed to be **a** . . . . . Acts 25:19
but **a** unto . . . . . .Rom 6:11
a from the dead . . . . . .Rom 6:13
all be made **a** . . . . . .1 Cor 15:22
we which are **a** . . . . . 1 Thess 4:15
I am **a** for evermore . . . . . .Rev 1:18
See 2 Kin 5:7; Dan 5:19

ALMIGHTY
by the name of God **A** . . . . . .Ex 6:3
A hath dealt . . . . . .Ruth 1:20
find out the **A** . . . . . Job 11:7
When the **A** was yet . . . . . Job 29:5
the voice of the **A** . . . . . .Ezek 1:24
A God when he speaketh . . . . . .Ezek 10:5
saith the Lord **A** . . . . . .2 Cor 6:18
is to come, the **A** . . . . . .Rev 1:8
holy, Lord God **A** . . . . . .Rev 4:8
O Lord God **A** . . . . . .Rev 11:17
See Job 21:15; Ps 91:1

ALMS
do not your **a** before men . . . . . .Matt 6:1
give **a** of such . . . . . .Luke 11:41
have, and give **a** . . . . . .Luke 12:33
a to the people . . . . . Acts 10:2

ALWAY
I would not live **a** . . . . . Job 7:16
man that feareth **a** . . . . . .Prov 28:14
I am with you **a** . . . . . .Matt 28:20
in the Lord **a** . . . . . Phil 4:4

ALWAYS
My spirit shall not **a** strive with . . . . . Gen 6:3
not **a** chide . . . . . .Ps 103:9
the poor with you **a** . . . . . Mark 14:7
me ye have not **a** . . . . . Mark 14:7
the poor **a** ye have . . . . . .John 12:8

AMBASSADOR
a for Christ . . . . . .2 Cor 5:20
See Prov 13:17; Is 18:2

ANGEL
The **A** which redeemed me . . . . . Gen 48:16
a of the Lord . . . . . .Ps 34:7
Man did eat **a** food . . . . . .Ps 78:25
shall give his **a** . . . . . .Ps 91:11
before the **a** . . . . . Eccl 5:6
a of his presence . . . . . Is 63:9
who hath sent his **a** . . . . . Dan 3:28
he has power over **a** . . . . . Hos 12:4
reapers are the **a** . . . . . .Matt 13:39
are as the **a** which . . . . . Mark 12:25

equal unto the **a** . . . . . Luke 20:36
a charge over thee . . . . . Luke 4:10
there appeared an **a** . . . . . Luke 22:43
a went down . . . . . John 5:4
It is his **a** . . . . . Acts 12:15
we shall judge **a** . . . . . 1 Cor 6:3
an **a** of light . . . . . 2 Cor 11:14
word spoken by **a** . . . . . Heb 2:2
the nature of **a** . . . . . Heb 2:16
entertained **a** . . . . . Heb 13:2
a desire to look . . . . . 1 Pet 1:12
See Gen 19:1; Matt 25:41; Heb 2:7

ANGER
Cursed be their **a,** for it was fierce . . . . . Gen 49:7
slow to **a** . . . . . Neh 9:17
not in thine **a** . . . . . Ps 6:1
a endureth but a . . . . . Ps 30:5
gracious, slow to **a** . . . . . Ps 103:8
words stir up **a** . . . . . Prov 15:1
deferreth his **a** . . . . . Prov 19:11
a resteth in the bosom . . . . . Eccl 7:9
on them with **a** . . . . . Mark 3:5
and wrath, and **a** . . . . . Eph 4:31
a, wrath, malice . . . . . Col 3:8
your children to **a** . . . . . Col 3:21
See Ps 37:8; 85:3; Prov 16:32

ANGRY
God is **a** with the wicked . . . . . Ps 7:11
He that is soon **a** . . . . . Prov 14:17
with an **a** man . . . . . Prov 22:24
an **a** countenance . . . . . Prov 25:23
well to be **a** . . . . . Jon 4:4
a with his brother . . . . . Matt 5:22
are ye **a** at me . . . . . John 7:23
Be ye **a,** and sin not . . . . . Eph 4:26
not soon **a** . . . . . Titus 1:7
See Gen 18:30; Prov 21:19

ANOINT (*v.*)
shall not **a** thyself with the oil . . . . . Deut 28:40
Lord hath **a** thee . . . . . 1 Sam 10:1
a not thyself . . . . . 2 Sam 14:2
a the shield . . . . . Is 21:5
the Lord hath **a** me . . . . . Is 61:1
a my body . . . . . Mark 14:8
hath **a** me to preach . . . . . Luke 4:18
thou didst not **a** . . . . . Luke 7:46
a the eyes . . . . . John 9:6
a the feet of Jesus . . . . . John 12:3
and hath **a** us . . . . . 2 Cor 1:21
a thine eyes . . . . . Rev 3:18
See Judg 9:8; James 5:14

ANOINTED (*n.*)
against the Lord's **a** . . . . . 1 Sam 26:9
Touch not mine **a** . . . . . Ps 105:15
the Lord to his **a** . . . . . Is 45:1

APART
desert place **a** . . . . . Matt 14:13
a mountain **a** to pray . . . . . Matt 14:23
into an high mountain **a** . . . . . Matt 17:1
Come ye yourselves **a** . . . . . Mark 6:31
See Zech 12:12; James 1:21

APPEAR
on the outward **a** . . . . . 1 Sam 16:7
and **a** before God . . . . . Ps 42:2
Let thy work **a** . . . . . Ps 90:16
flowers **a** on the . . . . . Song 2:12
they may **a** unto men . . . . . Matt 6:16
outwardly **a** righteous . . . . . Matt 23:28
that it might **a** sin . . . . . Rom 7:13
all **a** before the . . . . . 2 Cor 5:10
glory in **a** . . . . . 2 Cor 5:12
who is our life, shall **a** . . . . . Col 3:4
all **a** of evil . . . . . 1 Thess 5:22
profiting may **a** . . . . . 1 Tim 4:15
the **a** of our Lord Jesus . . . . . 1 Tim 6:14
the **a** of our Saviour . . . . . 2 Tim 1:10
that love his **a** . . . . . 2 Tim 4:8
the glorious **a** . . . . . Titus 2:13
for him shall he **a** . . . . . Heb 9:28
glory at the **a** . . . . . 1 Pet 1:7
See Ex 23:15; Matt 24:30

APPOINT
a over this business . . . . . Acts 6:3
not **a** us to wrath . . . . . 1 Thess 5:9
See Job 14:13; Acts 17:31

ARCHANGEL
with the voice of the **a** . . . . . 1 Thess 4:16
Michael the **a** . . . . . Jude 9

ARISE
a a little cloud out of the sea . . . . . 1 Kin 18:44
a and build . . . . . Neh 2:20
Let God **a** . . . . . Ps 68:1
dead **a** and praise . . . . . Ps 88:10
there **a** light . . . . . Ps 112:4
children **a** up . . . . . Prov 31:28
of righteousness **a** . . . . . Mal 4:2
A, and take up . . . . . Mark 2:11
I say unto thee, **A** . . . . . Luke 7:14
saying, Maid, **a** . . . . . Luke 8:54
I will **a** and go . . . . . Luke 15:18
said, Tabitha, **a** . . . . . Acts 9:40
a from the dead . . . . . Eph 5:14
till the day star **a** . . . . . 2 Pet 1:19
See Is 26:19; Jer 2:27

ARMOUR
but he put his **a** in his tent . . . . . 1 Sam 17:54
they washed his **a** . . . . . 1 Kin 22:38
in that day to the **a** . . . . . Is 22:8
his **a** wherein . . . . . Luke 11:22
the **a** of light . . . . . Rom 13:12
a of righteousness . . . . . 2 Cor 6:7
the whole **a** of God . . . . . Eph 6:11

ASCEND
Thou hast **a** on high . . . . . Ps 68:18
I will **a** into heaven . . . . . Is 14:13
angels of God **a** . . . . . John 1:51
no man hath **a** up to . . . . . John 3:13
Son of man **a** up . . . . . John 6:62
I am not yet **a** . . . . . John 20:17
shall **a** into heaven . . . . . Rom 10:6
he **a** up on high . . . . . Eph 4:8

a up before God . . . . . Rev 8:4
they **a** up to heaven . . . . . Rev 11:12
See Ps 24:3; 139:8; Rev 17:8

ASHAMED
shall no man make thee **a** . . . . . Job 11:3
wait on thee be **a** . . . . . Ps 25:3
let me never be **a** . . . . . Ps 31:2
their faces were not **a** . . . . . Ps 34:5
shall not be **a** . . . . . Is 45:17
ye shall be **a** . . . . . Is 65:13
the thief is **a** . . . . . Jer 2:26
they shall be **a** . . . . . Jer 12:13
not **a** of the gospel . . . . . Rom 1:16
hope maketh not **a** . . . . . Rom 5:5
shall not be **a** . . . . . Rom 9:33
I am not **a** . . . . . 2 Cor 7:14
a of the testimony . . . . . 2 Tim 1:8
not **a** of my chain . . . . . 2 Tim 1:16
needeth not to be **a** . . . . . 2 Tim 2:15
not **a** to call them . . . . . Heb 2:11
not **a** to be called . . . . . Heb 11:16
let him not be **a** . . . . . 1 Pet 4:16
not be **a** before him . . . . . 1 John 2:28
See Gen 2:25; 2 Tim 1:12

ASHES
which am but dust and **a** . . . . . Gen 18:27
among the **a** . . . . . Job 2:8
like dust and **a** . . . . . Job 30:19
and repent in dust and **a** . . . . . Job 42:6
See 2 Sam 3:19; Esth 4:1

ASK
A of me, and I shall give thee . . . . . Ps 2:8
A me of things to come . . . . . Is 45:11
of them that **a** not . . . . . Is 65:1
A, and it shall be given . . . . . Matt 7:7
if his son **a** bread . . . . . Matt 7:9
them that **a** him . . . . . Matt 7:11
ye shall **a** in prayer . . . . . Matt 21:22
a of me whatsoever . . . . . Mark 6:22
to them that **a** him . . . . . Luke 11:13
whatsoever ye shall **a** . . . . . John 14:13
abide in you, ye shall **a** . . . . . John 15:7
At that day ye shall **a** . . . . . John 16:26
let him **a** of God . . . . . James 1:5
because ye **a** not . . . . . James 4:2
every man that **a** you . . . . . 1 Pet 3:15
whatsoever we **a** . . . . . 1 John 3:22
if we **a** any thing . . . . . 1 John 5:14
See Deut 32:7; John 4:9, 10

ASLEEP
some are fallen **a** . . . . . 1 Cor 15:6
them which are **a** . . . . . 1 Thess 4:13
the fathers fell **a** . . . . . 2 Pet 3:4
See Song 7:9; Matt 26:48

ASSURANCE
quietness and **a** for ever . . . . . Is 32:17
a of understanding . . . . . Col 2:2
and in much **a** . . . . . 1 Thess 1:5
the full **a** of hope . . . . . Heb 6:11
in full **a** of faith . . . . . Heb 10:22
See Deut 28:66; Acts 17:31

ASTROLOGERS
Let now the **a,** the stargazers . . . . . Is 47:13
magicians, and the **a** . . . . . Dan 2:2
to bring in the **a** . . . . . Dan 5:7

AUTHOR
God is not the **a** of confusion . . . . . 1 Cor 14:33
became the **a** of . . . . . Heb 5:9
the **a** and finisher . . . . . Heb 12:2

AUTHORITY
taught them as one having **a** . . . . . Matt 7:29
I am a man under **a** . . . . . Matt 8:9
what **a** doest thou . . . . . Matt 21:23
as one that had **a** . . . . . Mark 1:22
with **a** and power . . . . . Luke 4:36
am a man set under **a** . . . . . Luke 7:8
power and **a** over all . . . . . Luke 9:1
a over ten cities . . . . . Luke 19:17
a to execute . . . . . John 5:27
all **a** and power . . . . . 1 Cor 15:24
all that are in **a** . . . . . 1 Tim 2:2
nor to usurp **a** . . . . . 1 Tim 2:12
rebuke with all **a** . . . . . Titus 2:15
a and powers . . . . . 1 Pet 3:22

AVENGE
a the blood of his servants . . . . . Deut 32:43
the people had **a** . . . . . Josh 10:13
the Lord **a** me . . . . . 1 Sam 24:12
God that **a** me . . . . . 2 Sam 22:48
to **a** themselves . . . . . Esth 8:13
a me of mine enemies . . . . . Is 1:24
A me of mine . . . . . Luke 18:3
not God **a** his own . . . . . Luke 18:7
See Gen 4:24; Lev 19:18

AVOID
A it, pass not by it, ... Prov 4:15
a profane and vain . . . . . 1 Tim 6:20
questions **a** . . . . . 2 Tim 2:23
But **a** foolish . . . . . Titus 3:9
See Rom 16:17; 2 Cor 8:20

AWAKE
when I **a,** with thy likeness . . . . . Ps 17:15
A, a, put on . . . . . Is 51:9
A, ye drunkards . . . . . Joel 1:5
A, O sword . . . . . Zech 13:7
a out of sleep . . . . . Rom 13:11
A to righteousness . . . . . 1 Cor 15:34
A thou that sleepest . . . . . Eph 5:14
See Mark 4:38; John 11:11

B

BABE
of the mouth of **b** and sucklings . . . . . Ps 8:2
b shall rule over them . . . . . Is 3:4
them unto **b** . . . . . Matt 11:25
the mouth of **b** . . . . . Matt 21:16

BACKSLIDER
b in heart shall be filled . . . . . Prov 14:14

that which **b** Israel . . . . . Jer 3:6
b Israel committed . . . . . Jer 3:8
The **b** Israel hath . . . . . Jer 3:11
Return, thou **b** Israel . . . . . Jer 3:12
perpetual **b** . . . . . Jer 8:5
our **b** are many . . . . . Jer 14:7
as a **b** heifer . . . . . Hos 4:16
bent to **b** from me . . . . . Hos 11:7
will heal their **b** . . . . . Hos 14:4
See Jer 2:19; 5:6; 31:22; 49:4

BALM
Is there no **b** in Gilead . . . . . Jer 8:22
See Gen 37:25; 43:11; Jer 51:8

BANDS
break their **b** asunder . . . . . Ps 2:3
there are no **b** . . . . . Ps 73:4
and break their **b** . . . . . Ps 107:14
with **b** of love . . . . . Hos 11:4
other I called **B** . . . . . Zech 11:7
the whole **b** . . . . . Matt 27:27
See Job 38:31; Eccl 7:26

BAPTISM
the **b** that I am baptized with . . . . . Matt 20:22
The **b** of John . . . . . Matt 21:25
b of repentance . . . . . Mark 1:4
The **b** of John, was it . . . . . Mark 11:30
preaching the **b** . . . . . Luke 3:3
with the **b** of John . . . . . Luke 7:29
I have a **b** to be . . . . . Luke 12:50
Beginning from the **b** . . . . . Acts 1:22
knowing only the **b** . . . . . Acts 18:25
Unto John's **b** . . . . . Acts 19:3
buried with him by **b** . . . . . Rom 6:4
one faith, one **b** . . . . . Eph 4:5
with him in **b** . . . . . Col 2:12
Of the doctrine of **b** . . . . . Heb 6:2
See Matt 3:7; 1 Pet 3:21

BAPTIZE
I indeed **b** you with water . . . . . Matt 3:11
he shall **b** you . . . . . Matt 3:11
I have need to be **b** . . . . . Matt 3:14
Jesus, when he was **b** . . . . . Matt 3:16
baptism that I am **b** . . . . . Mark 10:39
believeth and is **b** . . . . . Mark 16:16
to be **b** of him . . . . . Luke 3:7
publicans to be **b** . . . . . Luke 3:12
b you with water . . . . . Luke 3:16
shall **b** you with . . . . . Luke 3:15
Jesus also being **b** . . . . . Luke 3:21
being **b** with the . . . . . Luke 7:29
being not **b** . . . . . Luke 7:30
I **b** with water . . . . . John 1:26
he that sent me to **b** . . . . . John 1:33
with them, and **b** . . . . . John 3:22
came and were **b** . . . . . John 3:23
b more disciples . . . . . John 4:1
Jesus himself **b** not . . . . . John 4:2
John truly **b** with . . . . . Acts 1:5
Repent, and be **b** . . . . . Acts 2:38
his word were **b** . . . . . Acts 2:41
b, both men . . . . . Acts 8:12
b in the name . . . . . Acts 8:16
hinder me to be **b** . . . . . Acts 8:36
arose, and was **b** . . . . . Acts 9:18
should not be **b** . . . . . Acts 10:47
when she was **b** . . . . . Acts 16:15
was **b,** he and all . . . . . Acts 16:33
believed, and were **b** . . . . . Acts 18:8
what then were ye **b** . . . . . Acts 19:3
John verily **b** . . . . . Acts 19:4
be **b,** and wash away . . . . . Acts 22:16
of us as were **b** . . . . . Rom 6:3
were ye **b** in the . . . . . 1 Cor 1:13
were all **b** unto Moses . . . . . 1 Cor 10:2
all **b** into one body . . . . . 1 Cor 12:13
b for the dead . . . . . 1 Cor 15:29
been **b** into Christ . . . . . Gal 3:27
See Matt 28:19; John 1:25

BATTLE
the fight, and shouted for the **b** . . . . 1 Sam 17:20
the **b** is the Lord's . . . . . 1 Sam 17:47
to God in the **b** . . . . . 1 Chr 5:20
b is not yours . . . . . 2 Chr 20:15
strength unto the **b** . . . . . Ps 18:39
in peace from the **b** . . . . . Ps 55:18
b to the strong . . . . . Eccl 9:11
sound of **b** is in . . . . . Jer 50:22
See Job 39:25; 41:8; Ps 76:3

BEAR (*v.*)
greater than I can **b** . . . . . Gen 4:13
not **b** false witness . . . . . Ex 20:16
shall **b** his sin . . . . . Lev 24:15
I am not able to **b** . . . . . Num 11:14
to **b** you myself . . . . . Deut 1:9
to **b** witness . . . . . 1 Kin 21:10
shall **b** thee up . . . . . Ps 91:12
spirit who can **b** . . . . . Prov 18:14
ye shall **b** the sins . . . . . Ezek 23:49
not worthy to **b** . . . . . Matt 3:11
hands they shall **b** . . . . . Matt 4:6
to **b** his cross . . . . . Matt 27:32
Rufus, to **b** his . . . . . Mark 15:21
Truly ye **b** witness . . . . . Luke 11:48
not **b** his cross . . . . . Luke 14:27
that he might **b** it . . . . . Luke 23:26
to **b** witness . . . . . John 1:7
I **b** witness of myself . . . . . John 5:31
I am one that **b** witness . . . . . John 8:18
also shall **b** witness . . . . . John 15:27
cannot **b** them now . . . . . John 16:12
The Spirit itself **b** . . . . . Rom 8:16
b not the sword . . . . . Rom 13:4
b the infirmities . . . . . Rom 15:1
be able to **b** it . . . . . 1 Cor 10:13
also **b** the image . . . . . 1 Cor 15:49
B ye one another's . . . . . Gal 6:2
every man shall **b** his . . . . . Gal 6:5
for I **b** in my body . . . . . Gal 6:17
offered to **b** the sins . . . . . Heb 9:28
and **b** witness . . . . . 1 John 1:2
b witness in earth . . . . . 1 John 5:8
See Ex 28:38; Prov 12:24

BEAST
the life of his **b** . . . . . Prov 12:10
above a **b** . . . . . Eccl 3:19
fought with **b** . . . . . 1 Cor 15:32
Every kind of **b** . . . . . James 3:7
as natural brute **b** . . . . . 2 Pet 2:12
See Lev 11:47; Ps 50:10

BEAUTIFUL
B for situation, the joy of the . . . . . Ps 48:2
b in his time . . . . . Eccl 3:11
Thou art **b,** O my love . . . . . Song 6:4
of the Lord be **b** . . . . . Is 4:2
put on thy **b** garments . . . . . Is 52:1
b upon the mountains . . . . . Is 52:7
Our holy and our **b** . . . . . Is 64:11
thy **b** flock . . . . . Jer 13:20
indeed appear **b** . . . . . Matt 23:27
which is called **B** . . . . . Acts 3:2
alms at the **B** gate . . . . . Acts 3:10
How **b** are the feet . . . . . Rom 10:15

BEAUTY
the Lord in the **b** of holiness . . . . . 1 Chr 16:29
the **b** of holiness . . . . . 2 Chr 20:21
to **b** the house . . . . . Ezra 7:27
the **b** of the Lord . . . . . Ps 27:4
b to consume away . . . . . Ps 39:11
perfection of **b** . . . . . Ps 50:2
in the **b** of . . . . . Ps 110:3
b is vain . . . . . Prov 31:30
See 2 Sam 1:19; Zech 9:17

BEGINNING
In the **b** God created the heaven . . . . . Gen 1:1
Though thy **b** was small . . . . . Job 8:7
b of wisdom . . . . . Ps 111:10
is true from the **b** . . . . . Ps 119:160
the **b** of knowledge . . . . . Prov 1:7
Lord is the **b** . . . . . Prov 9:10
than the **b** thereof . . . . . Eccl 7:8
from the **b** . . . . . Matt 19:8
b at Moses . . . . . Luke 24:27
the **b** was the Word . . . . . John 1:1
This **b** of miracles . . . . . John 2:11
b of our confidence . . . . . Heb 3:14
the **b** and the ending . . . . . Rev 1:8
the **b** and the end . . . . . Rev 21:6
See 1 Chr 17:9; Prov 8:22, 23

BEGOTTEN
b of the Father . . . . . John 1:14
his only **b** Son . . . . . John 3:16
today have I **b** thee . . . . . Heb 5:5
b us again . . . . . 1 Pet 1:3
his only **b** Son . . . . . 1 John 4:9
See Job 38:28; Philem 10

BEHIND
my sins **b** thy back . . . . . Is 38:17
things which are **b** . . . . . Phil 3:13
that which is **b** . . . . . Col 1:24
See 1 Kin 14:9; Neh 9:26

BEHOLD
b the upright . . . . . Ps 37:37
b the face . . . . . Matt 18:10
may **b** my glory . . . . . John 17:24
b as in a glass . . . . . 2 Cor 3:18
See Num 24:17; Ps 91:8; 119:37

BELIEVE
how long will it be ere they **b** me . . . . Num 14:11
B in the Lord . . . . . 2 Chr 20:20
b his prophets . . . . . 2 Chr 20:20
they **b** not in God . . . . . Ps 78:22
b every word . . . . . Prov 14:15
as thou hast **b** . . . . . Matt 8:13
B ye that I am able . . . . . Matt 9:28
did ye not then **b** him . . . . . Matt 21:25
and we will **b** him . . . . . Matt 27:42
not afraid, only **b** . . . . . Mark 5:36
If thou canst **b** . . . . . Mark 9:23
b that ye receive them . . . . . Mark 11:24
neither **b** they them . . . . . Mark 16:13
most surely **b** . . . . . Luke 1:1
which for a while **b** . . . . . Luke 8:13
b only, and she shall . . . . . Luke 8:50
slow of heart to **b** . . . . . Luke 24:25
while they yet **b** . . . . . Luke 24:41
through him might **b** . . . . . John 1:7
that **b** on his name . . . . . John 1:12
they **b** the scripture . . . . . John 2:22
how shall ye **b** . . . . . John 3:12
How can ye **b** . . . . . John 5:44
how shall ye **b** my words . . . . . John 5:47
seen me, and **b** not . . . . . John 6:36
did his brethren **b** . . . . . John 7:5
Pharisees **b** on him . . . . . John 7:48
b the works . . . . . John 10:38
to intent ye may **b** . . . . . John 11:15
B thou this . . . . . John 11:26
thou wouldest **b** . . . . . John 11:40
all men will **b** on him . . . . . John 11:48
b in the light . . . . . John 12:36
ye **b** in God, **b** also . . . . . John 14:1
the world may **b** . . . . . John 17:21
I will not **b** . . . . . John 20:25
and yet have **b** . . . . . John 20:29
them that **b** . . . . . Acts 4:32
by him all that **b** . . . . . Acts 13:39
to eternal life **b** . . . . . Acts 13:48
B on the Lord Jesus . . . . . Acts 16:31
b in God with all his . . . . . Acts 16:34
all them that **b** . . . . . Rom 4:11
against hope **b** . . . . . Rom 4:18
whosoever **b** on him . . . . . Rom 9:33
how shall they **b** . . . . . Rom 10:14
wife, that **b** not . . . . . 1 Cor 7:12
we also **b** . . . . . 2 Cor 4:13
given to them that **b** . . . . . Gal 3:22
all them that **b** . . . . . 2 Thess 1:10
know whom I have **b** . . . . . 2 Tim 1:12
b to the saving . . . . . Heb 10:39
must **b** that he is . . . . . Heb 11:6
devils also **b** . . . . . James 2:19
he that **b** on him . . . . . 1 Pet 2:6

BELLY
upon thy **b** shalt thou go . . . . . Gen 3:14

goeth into the **b**. . . . . Matt 15:17
but into the **b**. . . . . Mark 7:19
out of his **b** shall . . . . . John 7:38
but their own **b** . . . . . Rom 16:18
whose God is their **b** . . . . . Phil 3:19

BELOVED
The **b** of the Lord shall dwell . . . . . Deut 33:12
giveth his **b** sleep . . . . . Ps 127:2
greatly **b** . . . . . Dan 9:23
a man greatly **b** . . . . . Dan 10:11
said, O man greatly **b** . . . . . Dan 10:19
This is my **b** Son . . . . . Matt 3:17
Thou art my **b** Son . . . . . Mark 1:11
Thou art my **b** Son . . . . . Luke 3:22
they are **b** . . . . . Rom 11:28
accepted in the **b**. . . . . Eph 1:6
faithful and **b** brother. . . . . Col 4:9
a brother **b** . . . . . Philem 16
This is my **b** Son . . . . . 2 Pet 1:17
See Neh 13:26; Song 2:16

BENEVOLENCE
render unto the wife due **b** . . . . . 1 Cor 7:3

BESOUGHT
And Moses **b** the Lord his God . . . . . Ex 32:11
And I **b** the Lord. . . . . Deut 3:23
the man of God **b** . . . . . 1 Kin 13:6
he **b** the Lord. . . . . 2 Chr 33:12
and **b** the Lord. . . . . Jer 26:19
the devils **b** him . . . . . Matt 8:31
they **b** him that he . . . . . Matt 8:34
and he **b** him much . . . . . Mark 5:10
And they **b** him. . . . . Luke 8:31
b him to depart . . . . . Luke 8:37
I **b** the Lord thrice . . . . . 2 Cor 12:8
See Gen 42:21; Esth 8:3

BEST
man at his **b** state . . . . . Ps 39:5
the **b** gifts. . . . . 1 Cor 12:31
See Gen 43:11; Deut 23:16

BETTER
to obey is **b** than sacrifice . . . . . 1 Sam 15:22
lovingkindness is **b** than . . . . . Ps 63:3
Two are **b** than one. . . . . Eccl 4:9
former days were **b**. . . . . Eccl 7:10
each esteem other **b** . . . . . Phil 2:3
much **b** than the angels . . . . . Heb 1:4
a **b** country . . . . . Heb 11:16
For it had been **b**. . . . . 2 Pet 2:21
See Eccl 2:24; Song 1:2; Jon 4:3

BEWARE
Take heed and **b** . . . . . Matt 16:6
b of the leaven. . . . . Mark 8:15
B of the scribes . . . . . Mark 12:38
B ye of the leaven . . . . . Luke 12:1
b of covetousness . . . . . Luke 12:15
b of evil workers . . . . . Phil 3:2
See Deut 6:12; 8:11; 15:9

BIND
B them continually upon thine. . . . . Prov 6:21
b up the brokenhearted . . . . . Is 61:1
shalt **b** on earth . . . . . Matt 16:19
b on earth shall be . . . . . Matt 18:18
See Num 30:2; Job 26:8; 38:31

BIRD
as a speckled **b** . . . . . Jer 12:9
See Ps 11:1; 124:7; Eccl 10:20

BIRTH
whom I travail in **b**. . . . . Gal 4:19
See Eccl 7:1; Luke 1:14

BISHOP
If a man desire the office of **b** . . . . . 1 Tim 3:1
b must be blameless . . . . . Titus 1:7
Shepherd and **B**. . . . . 1 Pet 2:25
See Acts 1:20; Phil 1:1

BITTERNESS
I will speak in the **b** of my soul. . . . . Job 10:1
knoweth his own **b** . . . . . Prov 14:10
Let all **b,** and wrath . . . . . Eph 4:31
lest any root of **b** . . . . . Heb 12:15
See 1 Sam 15:32; Prov 17:25

BLAME
that the ministry be not **b** . . . . . 2 Cor 6:3
that no man should **b** us . . . . . 2 Cor 8:20
he was to be **b** . . . . . Gal 2:11
be holy and without **b** . . . . . Eph 1:4

BLAMELESS
be **b** in the day of . . . . . 1 Cor 1:8
that ye may be **b** . . . . . Phil 2:15
See Matt 12:5; Phil 3:6; Titus 1:6, 7

BLASPHEME
the enemies of the Lord to **b** . . . . . 2 Sam 12:14
my name ... is **b** . . . . . Is 52:5
themselves, This man **b** . . . . . Matt 9:3
b against the . . . . . Mark 3:29
compelled them to **b** . . . . . Acts 26:11
name of God is **b** . . . . . Rom 2:24
b that worthy name . . . . . James 2:7
See 1 Kin 21:10; 1 Tim 1:20

BLASPHEMY
All manner of sin and **b** shall be . . . . . Matt 12:31
He hath spoken **b** . . . . . Matt 26:65
Ye have heard the **b** . . . . . Mark 14:64
which speaketh **b** . . . . . Luke 5:21
See 2 Kin 19:3; Ezek 35:12

BLEMISH
holy and without **b** . . . . . Eph 5:27
a lamb without **b**. . . . . 1 Pet 1:19
See Lev 21:17; Deut 15:21

BLESS
The Lord **b** thee, and keep thee . . . . . Num 6:24
B shalt thou be . . . . . Deut 28:3
thou wouldest **b** me . . . . . 1 Chr 4:10
B is he whose. . . . . Ps 32:1
I will **b** the Lord . . . . . Ps 34:1
B the Lord, O my soul . . . . . Ps 103:1
within me, **b** his holy . . . . . Ps 103:1
the just is **b** . . . . . Prov 10:7

B are ye that sow. . . . . Is 32:20
b himself in the God . . . . . Is 65:16
B are the poor in. . . . . Matt 5:3
b them that curse . . . . . Matt 5:44
more **b** to give than . . . . . Acts 20:35
B them which . . . . . Rom 12:14
being reviled, we **b** . . . . . 1 Cor 4:12
b for evermore. . . . . 2 Cor 11:31
for that **b** hope . . . . . Titus 2:13
B are the dead . . . . . Rev 14:13
See Hag 2:19; James 3:9

BLESSING
thy God turned the curse into a **b** . . . . . Deut 23:5
the curse into a **b** . . . . . Neh 13:2
b of him that . . . . . Job 29:13
b of the Lord . . . . . Prov 10:22
shall abound with **b** . . . . . Prov 28:20
for a **b** is in it . . . . . Is 65:8
I will curse your **b**. . . . . Mal 2:2
pour you out a **b** . . . . . Mal 3:10
the **b** of the gospel . . . . . Rom 15:29
cup of **b** which . . . . . 1 Cor 10:16
b and cursing. . . . . James 3:10
and glory, and **b** . . . . . Rev 5:12
See Gen 27:35; Deut 11:26, 29

BLIND
the gift **b** the wise . . . . . Ex 23:8
eyes of the **b**. . . . . Is 35:5
their minds were **b** . . . . . 2 Cor 3:14
of this world hath **b** . . . . . 2 Cor 4:4
darkness hath **b**. . . . . 1 John 2:11
See Deut 16:19; 1 Sam 12:3

BLINDNESS
because of **b** of their heart. . . . . Eph 4:18
See Deut 28:28; Zech 12:4

BLOOD
Whoso sheddeth man's **b**. . . . . Gen 9:6
is there in my **b** . . . . . Ps 30:9
precious shall their **b** . . . . . Ps 72:14
garments rolled in **b**. . . . . Is 9:5
b of the souls . . . . . Jer 2:34
land is full of **b** . . . . . Ezek 9:9
his **b** shall be upon . . . . . Ezek 18:13
flesh and **b** . . . . . Matt 16:17
the innocent **b**. . . . . Matt 27:4
His **b** be on us . . . . . Matt 27:25
b of the new testament. . . . . Mark 14:24
new testament in my **b**. . . . . Luke 22:20
great drops of **b**. . . . . Luke 22:44
not of **b,** or of . . . . . John 1:13
drinketh my **b** . . . . . John 6:54
my **b** is drink. . . . . John 6:55
and from **b**. . . . . Acts 15:20
made of one **b** . . . . . Acts 17:26
with his own **b**. . . . . Acts 20:28
from **b,** and from . . . . . Acts 21:25
faith in his **b** . . . . . Rom 3:25
justified by his **b** . . . . . Rom 5:9
the **b** of Christ. . . . . 1 Cor 10:16
new testament in my **b**. . . . . 1 Cor 11:25
b of the Lord . . . . . 1 Cor 11:27
flesh and **b** . . . . . 1 Cor 15:50
through his **b**. . . . . Eph 1:7
without shedding of **b** . . . . . Heb 9:22
hath counted the **b** . . . . . Heb 10:29
b of the everlasting. . . . . Heb 13:20
precious **b** of Christ . . . . . 1 Pet 1:19
the **b** of the Lamb . . . . . Rev 7:14
by the **b** of the Lamb . . . . . Rev 12:11
See Gen 9:4; Ex 4:9; Rev 16:6

BLOSSOM
shall rejoice, and **b** as the rose . . . . . Is 35:1
See Gen 40:10; Num 17:5; Is 27:6

BLOT
b me, I pray thee, out of thy book . . . . . Ex 32:32
mercies **b** out my . . . . . Ps 51:1
Let them be **b** out . . . . . Ps 69:28
your sins may be **b** . . . . . Acts 3:19
B out the handwriting . . . . . Col 2:14
I will not **b** out . . . . . Rev 3:5
See Deut 9:14; 2 Kin 14:27

BOAST (*n.*)
My soul shall make her **b**. . . . . Ps 34:2
makest thy **b** of God. . . . . Rom 2:17
that makest thy **b** . . . . . Rom 2:23
Where is **b** then. . . . . Rom 3:27

BOAST (*v.*)
trust in their wealth, and **b** . . . . . Ps 49:6
workers of iniquity **b** . . . . . Ps 94:4
B not thyself . . . . . Prov 27:1
I may **b** myself. . . . . 2 Cor 11:16
lest any man should **b** . . . . . Eph 2:9
member, and **b** great . . . . . James 3:5
See 2 Chr 25:19; Prov 20:14

BODILY
Holy Ghost descended in a **b** . . . . . Luke 3:22
but his **b** presence. . . . . 2 Cor 10:10
of the Godhead **b** . . . . . Col 2:9
For **b** exercise . . . . . 1 Tim 4:8

BODY
worms destroy this **b** . . . . . Job 19:26
thy flesh and thy **b** . . . . . Prov 5:11
not that thy whole **b**. . . . . Matt 5:29
The light of the **b** . . . . . Matt 6:22
nor yet for your **b** . . . . . Matt 6:25
she felt in her **b** . . . . . Mark 5:29
neither for the **b** . . . . . Luke 12:22
Wheresoever the **b** is . . . . . Luke 17:37
the temple of his **b** . . . . . John 2:21
from his **b** were. . . . . Acts 19:12
b of sin might be. . . . . Rom 6:6
b of this death . . . . . Rom 7:24
present your **b** a living . . . . . Rom 12:1
many members in one **b** . . . . . Rom 12:4
b is the temple. . . . . 1 Cor 6:19
I keep under my **b** . . . . . 1 Cor 9:27
b is not one member . . . . . 1 Cor 12:14
give my **b** to be burned . . . . . 1 Cor 13:3
absent from the **b** . . . . . 2 Cor 5:8
the **b,** I cannot tell . . . . . 2 Cor 12:2
I bear in my **b** . . . . . Gal 6:17

unto his glorious **b** . . . . . Phil 3:21
own **b** on the tree . . . . . .1 Pet 2:24
See Gen 47:18; Rom 12:5

BOLD
the **b** of his face shall be changed. . . . . Eccl 8:1
he speaketh **b**. . . . . .John 7:26
we have **b** and access . . . . . Eph 3:12
therefore come **b** unto . . . . . Heb 4:16
have **b** in the day. . . . . 1 John 4:17
See Prov 28:1; Acts 13:46

BOND
bitterness, and in the **b** of . . . . . Acts 8:23
b of peace. . . . . Eph 4:3
b of perfectness. . . . . .Col 3:14
See Num 30:2; Ezek 20:37

BOOK
Seek ye out of the **b** . . . . . Is 34:16
b of remembrance. . . . . Mal 3:16
the **b** of life. . . . . Phil 4:3
name out of the **b** . . . . . .Rev 3:5
not written in the **b** . . . . . .Rev 13:8
another **b** was opened . . . . . .Rev 20:12
written in the Lamb's **b** . . . . . .Rev 21:27
the words of the **b**. . . . . .Rev 22:19
part out of the **b** . . . . . .Rev 22:19
written in this **b** . . . . . .Rev 22:19
See Ex 17:14; Ezra 4:15

BORN
man is **b** unto trouble. . . . . Job 5:7
that is **b** of a woman. . . . . Job 14:1
he which is **b** of a . . . . . Job 15:14
this man was **b** there . . . . . .Ps 87:4
unto us a child is **b** . . . . . Is 9:6
shall a nation be **b**. . . . . Is 66:8
b King of the Jews. . . . . .Matt 2:2
Among them that are **b** . . . . . .Matt 11:11
For unto you is **b**. . . . . .Luke 2:11
b, not of blood. . . . . .John 1:13
Except a man be **b** again . . . . . .John 3:3
is **b** of the Spirit. . . . . .John 3:8
b out of due time . . . . . .1 Cor 15:8
b again not of . . . . . .1 Pet 1:23
loveth is **b** of God . . . . . 1 John 4:7
Christ is **b** of God. . . . . 1 John 5:1
whatsoever is **b** of God . . . . . 1 John 5:4
b of God sinneth not . . . . . 1 John 5:18
See Prov 17:17; Eccl 3:2

BORNE
he hath **b** our griefs . . . . . Is 53:4
See Lam 5:7; Matt 20:12

BOSOM
into Abraham's **b**. . . . . .Luke 16:22
b of the Father. . . . . .John 1:18
leaning on Jesus' **b** . . . . . .John 13:23
See Ex 4:6; Deut 13:6; Job 31:33

BOUGHT
For ye are **b** . . . . . .1 Cor 6:20
Ye are **b** with a price. . . . . .1 Cor 7:23
the Lord that **b** them . . . . . .2 Pet 2:1

BOW
unto me every knee shall **b** . . . . . Is 45:23
every knee shall **b**. . . . . .Rom 14:11

BOWELS
his **b** did yearn upon his brother . . . . . Gen 43:30
the sounding of my **b** . . . . . Is 63:15
in your own **b** . . . . . .2 Cor 6:12
b of mercies. . . . . .Col 3:12
you all in the **b** . . . . . Phil 1:8
if any **b** and mercies. . . . . Phil 2:1
b of compassion . . . . . 1 John 3:17
See Acts 1:18; Philem 12

BRANCH
tender **b** thereof will not cease . . . . . .Job 14:7
flourish as a **b** . . . . . .Prov 11:28
B shall grow out . . . . . Is 11:1
David a righteous **B** . . . . . Jer 23:5
lodge in the **b** . . . . . .Matt 13:32
b from the trees. . . . . .Matt 21:8
b of palm trees . . . . . .John 12:13
See Zech 3:8; John 15:2, 4, 6

BREAD
man doth not live by **b** only . . . . . .Deut 8:3
in giving them **b** . . . . . .Ruth 1:6
ravens brought him **b**. . . . . 1 Kin 17:6
her poor with **b**. . . . . .Ps 132:15
b eaten in secret . . . . . .Prov 9:17
be satisified with **b** . . . . . .Prov 12:11
have plenty of **b**. . . . . .Prov 28:19
the **b** of idleness . . . . . .Prov 31:27
Cast thy **b** upon. . . . . Eccl 11:1
stones be made **b** . . . . . .Matt 4:3
shall not live by **b** . . . . . .Matt 4:4
this day our daily **b**. . . . . .Matt 6:11
that it be made **b**. . . . . .Luke 4:3
ask **b** of any of you . . . . . .Luke 11:11
in breaking of **b**. . . . . .Luke 24:35
I am the **b** of life . . . . . .John 6:35
in breaking of **b**. . . . . Acts 2:42
together to break **b** . . . . . Acts 20:7
he took **b,** and gave. . . . . Acts 27:35
betrayed took **b** . . . . . .1 Cor 11:23
eat any man's **b** . . . . . 2 Thess 3:8
See Josh 9:5; Judg 7:13

BREATH
into his nostrils the **b** of life . . . . . Gen 2:7
wherein is the **b**. . . . . Gen 6:17
from man, whose **b**. . . . . Is 2:22
cause **b** to enter. . . . . .Ezek 37:5
b came into them . . . . . .Ezek 37:10
all life, and **b** . . . . . .Acts 17:25
See Job 12:10; 33:4, Ps 146:4

BREATHE
he **b** on them. . . . . .John 20:22

BRETHREN
all ye are **b** . . . . . .Matt 23:8
or **b,** or sisters . . . . . Mark 10:29
parents, or **b** . . . . . .Luke 18:29
faithful **b** in Christ . . . . . .Col 1:2
to call them **b** . . . . . Heb 2:11

we love the **b** . . . . . 1 John 3:14
See Gen 4:28; John 7:5

BRIDE
prepared as a **b** . . . . . .Rev 21:2
the Spirit and the **b**. . . . . .Rev 22:17

BRIDEGROOM
to meet the **b** . . . . . .Matt 25:1
of the **b** voice. . . . . .John 3:29
See Ps 19:5; Is 62:5; Matt 9:15

BRIDLE
a **b** for the ass . . . . . .Prov 26:3
b not his tongue . . . . . .James 1:26
to **b** the whole body . . . . . .James 3:2
See 2 Kin 19:28; Is 37:29

BRING
B ye all the tithes into the . . . . . Mal 3:10
if thou **b** thy gift . . . . . .Matt 5:23
that it may **b** forth . . . . . .John 15:2

BROKEN
unto them that are of a **b** heart. . . . . .Ps 34:18
are a **b** spirit. . . . . .Ps 51:17
b and a contrite heart. . . . . .Ps 51:17
Reproach hath **b** . . . . . .Ps 69:20
cannot be **b** . . . . . .John 10:35
bone ... shall not be **b** . . . . . .John 19:36
b down the middle . . . . . Eph 2:14
See Job 17:11; Prov 25:19

BROTHER
b is born for adversity . . . . . .Prov 17:17
is **b** to him . . . . . .Prov 18:9
b offended is harder. . . . . .Prov 18:19
closer than a **b**. . . . . .Prov 18:24
neither child nor **b** . . . . . Eccl 4:8
b shall deliver . . . . . .Matt 10:21
b goeth to law . . . . . .1 Cor 6:6
him as a **b** . . . . . 2 Thess 3:15
See Gen 4:9; Matt 5:23

BROTHERLY
one to another with **b** love . . . . . .Rom 12:10
as touching **b** love. . . . . 1 Thess 4:9
Let **b** love continue. . . . . Heb 13:1
See Amos 1:9; 2 Pet 1:7

BRUISE (*v.*)
b for our iniquities . . . . . Is 53:5
See Gen 3:15; Rom 16:20

BUFFET
they spit in his face and **b** him . . . . . .Matt 26:67
and are **b** . . . . . .1 Cor 4:11
of Satan to **b** me . . . . . .2 Cor 12:7
when ye be **b** . . . . . .1 Pet 2:20

BUILD
labour in vain that **b**. . . . . .Ps 127:1
a time to **b** up . . . . . Eccl 3:3
b the old waste . . . . . Is 58:12
I will **b** my church . . . . . .Matt 16:18
able to **b** you up . . . . . Acts 20:32
should **b** upon another. . . . . .Rom 15:20
if any man **b** upon . . . . . .1 Cor 3:12
also are **b** together . . . . . Eph 2:22
See 2 Chr 6:9; Eccl 2:4

BUILDER
the stone which the **b** refused. . . . . .Ps 118:22
The stone which the **b** rejected. . . . . .Matt 21:42
at nought of you **b** . . . . . Acts 4:11
stone which the **b** . . . . . .1 Pet 2:7
b and maker is God . . . . . Heb 11:10
See 1 Kin 5:18; Ezra 3:10

BUILDING
husbandry, ye are God's **b** . . . . . .1 Cor 3:9
we have a **b** of God. . . . . .2 Cor 5:1
the **b** fitly framed . . . . . Eph 2:21
the **b** of the wall . . . . . .Rev 21:18

BURDEN
Cast thy **b** upon the Lord . . . . . .Ps 55:22
shall be a **b**. . . . . Eccl 12:5
my **b** is light. . . . . .Matt 11:30
which have borne the **b** . . . . . .Matt 20:12
For they bind heavy **b** . . . . . .Matt 23:4
with **b** grievous . . . . . .Luke 11:46
touch not the **b** . . . . . .Luke 11:46
one another's **b** . . . . . .Gal 6:2
shall bear his own **b** . . . . . .Gal 6:5
See Num 11:11; 2 Cor 12:16

BURN
while I was musing the fire **b** . . . . . .Ps 39:3
B lips and a wicked. . . . . .Prov 26:23
wickedness **b** as a . . . . . Is 9:18
with everlasting **b** . . . . . Is 33:14
shall **b** as an oven . . . . . Mal 4:1
in bundles to **b** . . . . . .Matt 13:30
the chaff he will **b**. . . . . .Luke 3:17
and your lights **b**. . . . . .Luke 12:35
Did not our heart **b** . . . . . .Luke 24:32
He was a **b** . . . . . .John 5:35
my body to be **b** . . . . . .1 Cor 13:3
whose end is to be **b**. . . . . Heb 6:8
lamps of fire **b** . . . . . .Rev 4:5
b with brimstone. . . . . .Rev 19:20
See Gen 44:18; Ex 3:2; 21:25

BURNT OFFERING
as great delight in **b** . . . . . 1 Sam 15:22
b and sin offering . . . . . .Ps 40:6
I hate robbery for **b** . . . . . Is 61:8
b are not acceptable . . . . . Jer 6:20
of God more than **b** . . . . . Hos 6:6
more than **b**. . . . . Mark 12:33
See Gen 22:7; Lev 1:4; 6:9

BURY
dead **b** their dead . . . . . .Luke 9:60
we are **b** with him. . . . . .Rom 6:4
he was **b** . . . . . .1 Cor 15:4
B with him in baptism. . . . . .Col 2:12
See Gen 23:4; 47:29; Matt 14:12

BUSINESS
diligent in his **b**. . . . . .Prov 22:29
about my Father's **b** . . . . . .Luke 2:49
Not slothful in **b** . . . . . .Rom 12:11

to do your own **b** . . . . . 1 Thess 4:11
See Josh 2:14; Judg 18:7; Neh 13:30

C

CALL
c ye upon him while he is near . . . . . Is 55:6
And why **c** ye me . . . . . Luke 6:46
c of God . . . . . Rom 11:29
in the same **c** . . . . . 1 Cor 7:20
the hope of his **c** . . . . . Eph 1:18
prize of the high **c** . . . . . Phil 3:14
worthy of this **c** . . . . . 2 Thess 1:11
with a holy **c** . . . . . 2 Tim 1:9
of the heavenly **c** . . . . . Heb 3:1
make your **c** . . . . . 2 Pet 1:10
See Acts 7:59; 1 Cor 1:26

CANDLE
When his **c** shined upon my head . . . . . Job 29:3
thou wilt light my **c** . . . . . Ps 18:28
c of the Lord . . . . . Prov 20:27
lighted a **c** . . . . . Luke 8:16; 11:33
c shall shine no more . . . . . Rev 18:23
need no **c** . . . . . Rev 22:5
See Job 18:6; 21:17; Prov 24:20

CAPTIVITY
into **c** to the law of sin . . . . . Rom 7:23
bringing into **c** . . . . . 2 Cor 10:5
See Job 42:10; Ps 14:7

CARE (*n.*)
nation, that dwelleth without **c** . . . . . Jer 49:31
the **c** of this world . . . . . Matt 13:22
with **c** and riches . . . . . Luke 8:14
and **c** of this life . . . . . Luke 21:34
Doth God take **c** . . . . . 1 Cor 9:9
c one for another . . . . . 1 Cor 12:25
the **c** of all . . . . . 2 Cor 11:28
Casting all your **c** . . . . . 1 Pet 5:7
See 2 Kin 4:13; 2 Cor 7:12

CAREFUL
Be **c** for nothing . . . . . Phil 4:6
c with tears . . . . . Heb 12:17
See Phil 4:10; Titus 3:8

CARNAL
c, sold under sin . . . . . Rom 7:14
c mind is enmity . . . . . Rom 8:7
but as unto **c** . . . . . 1 Cor 3:1
weapons ... are not **c** . . . . . 2 Cor 10:4
See 1 Cor 9:11; Heb 7:16; 9:10

CARRY
Spirit of the Lord shall **c** thee . . . . . 1 Kin 18:12
c them in . . . . . Is 40:11
c our sorrows . . . . . Is 53:4
c them all the days . . . . . Is 63:9
men that **c** tales . . . . . Ezek 22:9
not **c** about . . . . . Heb 13:9
that are **c** . . . . . 2 Pet 2:17
c about of winds . . . . . Jude 12
See Ex 33:15; Num 11:12

CAST
Why art thou **c** down, O my soul . . . . . Ps 42:5
C thy burden upon . . . . . Ps 55:22
lot is **c** into . . . . . Prov 16:33
in no wise **c** out . . . . . John 6:37
C down imaginations . . . . . 2 Cor 10:5
C all your care . . . . . 1 Pet 5:7
love **c** out fear . . . . . 1 John 4:18
See Ps 76:6; 3 John 10

CAUGHT
c up to the third . . . . . 2 Cor 12:2
be **c** up together . . . . . 1 Thess 4:17
See Prov 7:13; Rev 12:5

CEASE
poor shall never **c** out of . . . . . Deut 15:11
the wicked **c** . . . . . Job 3:17
He maketh wars to **c** . . . . . Ps 46:9
the strife **c** . . . . . Prov 26:20
grinders **c** . . . . . Eccl 12:3
I **c** not to warn . . . . . Acts 20:31
tongues, they shall **c** . . . . . 1 Cor 13:8
Pray without **c** . . . . . 1 Thess 5:17
hath **c** from sin . . . . . 1 Pet 4:1
See Gen 8:22; Is 1:16; 2:22

CELESTIAL
There are also **c** bodies . . . . . 1 Cor 15:40

CHAFF
burn up the **c** with unquenchable . . . . . Matt 3:12
the **c** he will burn . . . . . Luke 3:17
See Hos 13:3; Zeph 2:2

CHANGE (*v.*)
I am the Lord, I **c** not . . . . . Mal 3:6
c the glory . . . . . Rom 1:23
we shall all be **c** . . . . . 1 Cor 15:51
c ... from glory . . . . . 2 Cor 3:18
See Job 17:12; Jer 2:36; 13:23

CHARGE
nor **c** God foolishly . . . . . Job 1:22
angels he **c** with folly . . . . . Job 4:18
sin to their **c** . . . . . Acts 7:60
any thing to the **c** . . . . . Rom 8:33
gospel ... without **c** . . . . . 1 Cor 9:18
c some that they . . . . . 1 Tim 1:3
I **c** thee before God . . . . . 1 Tim 5:21
C them that are rich . . . . . 1 Tim 6:17
I **c** thee therefore . . . . . 2 Tim 4:1
be laid to their **c** . . . . . 2 Tim 4:16
See Ex 6:13; Ps 35:11; 91:11

CHARITY
put on **c** . . . . . Col 3:14
the **c** of every one . . . . . 2 Thess 1:3
the commandment is **c** . . . . . 1 Tim 1:5
faith, **c** . . . . . 2 Tim 2:22
sound in faith, in **c** . . . . . Titus 2:2
c shall cover the . . . . . 1 Pet 4:8
brotherly kindness **c** . . . . . 2 Pet 1:7
your feasts of **c** . . . . . Jude 12
See 1 Cor 8:1; 13:1; Rev 2:19

CHASTE
present you as a **c** virgin . . . . . 2 Cor 11:2
discreet, **c** . . . . . Titus 2:5
your **c** conversation . . . . . 1 Pet 3:2

CHASTEN
as a man **c** his son . . . . . Deut 8:5
neither **c** me . . . . . Ps 6:1
man whom thou **c** . . . . . Ps 94:12
C thy son . . . . . Prov 19:18
as **c,** and not killed . . . . . 2 Cor 6:9
Lord loveth he **c** . . . . . Heb 12:6
no **c** for the present . . . . . Heb 12:11
I rebuke and **c** . . . . . Rev 3:19
See Ps 69:10; 73:14; 118:18

CHASTISEMENT
not seen the **c** of the Lord . . . . . Deut 11:2
I have borne **c** . . . . . Job 34:31
the **c** of our peace . . . . . Is 53:5

CHEER
maketh a **c** countenance . . . . . Prov 15:13
be of good **c** . . . . . John 16:33
sheweth mercy, with **c** . . . . . Rom 12:8
God loveth a **c** giver . . . . . 2 Cor 9:7
See Matt 9:2; 14:27; Mark 6:50

CHIEF
whosoever will be **c** among you . . . . . Matt 20:27
the **c** corner stone . . . . . Eph 2:20
of whom I am **c** . . . . . 1 Tim 1:15
when the **c** Shepherd . . . . . 1 Pet 5:4

CHILD
a **c** is known by his . . . . . Prov 20:11
Train up a **c** in the way . . . . . Prov 22:6
in the heart of a **c** . . . . . Prov 22:15
to us a **c** is born . . . . . Is 9:6
c shall die an hundred . . . . . Is 65:20
What manner of **c** . . . . . Luke 1:66
When I was a **c** . . . . . 1 Cor 13:11
See Eccl 4:13; 10:16, Heb 11:23

CHILDREN
weeping for her **c** . . . . . Jer 31:15
c teeth are set . . . . . Ezek 18:2
take the **c** bread . . . . . Matt 15:26
Then are the **c** free . . . . . Matt 17:26
Suffer little **c** . . . . . Matt 19:14
little **c** to come . . . . . Mark 10:14
c of this world . . . . . Luke 16:8
c of the resurrection . . . . . Luke 20:36
the **c** of light . . . . . John 12:36
we are the **c** of God . . . . . Rom 8:16
c of God by faith . . . . . Gal 3:26
no more **c** . . . . . Eph 4:14
c of disobedience . . . . . Eph 5:6
walk as **c** of . . . . . Eph 5:8
C, obey your parents . . . . . Eph 6:1
cometh on the **c** . . . . . Col 3:6
Ye are all the **c** . . . . . 1 Thess 5:5
his **c** in subjection . . . . . 1 Tim 3:4
Behold I and the **c** . . . . . Heb 2:13
In this the **c** . . . . . 1 John 3:10
See Num 16:27; Esth 3:13

CHOOSE
c you this day whom ye will . . . . . Josh 24:15
C rather to suffer . . . . . Heb 11:25

CHOSEN
people whom he hath **c** for his . . . . . Ps 33:12
called, but few **c** . . . . . Matt 20:16
but few are **c** . . . . . Matt 22:14
c that good part . . . . . Luke 10:42
c out the chief rooms . . . . . Luke 14:7
Ye have not **c** me . . . . . John 15:16
he is a **c** vessel . . . . . Acts 9:15
c in the Lord . . . . . Rom 16:13
c the foolish things . . . . . 1 Cor 1:27
despised, hath God **c** . . . . . 1 Cor 1:28
According as he hath **c** . . . . . Eph 1:4
c of God . . . . . 1 Pet 2:4
a **c** generation . . . . . 1 Pet 2:9
See Ex 18:25; 1 Chr 16:13

CHRIST
Thou art the **C** . . . . . Matt 16:16
saying, I am **C** . . . . . Matt 24:5
which is called **C** . . . . . John 4:25
is not this the **C** . . . . . John 4:29
thou art that **C** . . . . . John 6:69
in due time **C** died . . . . . Rom 5:6
C died for us . . . . . Rom 5:8
C liveth in me . . . . . Gal 2:20
indeed preach **C** . . . . . Phil 1:15
C of contention . . . . . Phil 1:16
me to live is **C** . . . . . Phil 1:21
the Spirit of **C** . . . . . 1 Pet 1:11
Jesus is the **C** . . . . . 1 John 2:22
reigned with **C** . . . . . Rev 20:4
of God and of **C** . . . . . Rev 20:6
See Matt 1:16; 2:4; Luke 2:26

CHRISTIAN
disciples were called **C** first . . . . . Acts 11:26
me to be a **C** . . . . . Acts 26:28
man suffer as a **C** . . . . . 1 Pet 4:16

CHURCH
tell it unto the **c** . . . . . Matt 18:17
added to the **c** daily . . . . . Acts 2:47
the **c** in the wilderness . . . . . Acts 7:38
made havoc of the **c** . . . . . Acts 8:3
elders in every **c** . . . . . Acts 14:23
neither robbers of **c** . . . . . Acts 19:37
feed the **c** of God . . . . . Acts 20:28
greet the **c** that . . . . . Rom 16:5
The **c** of Christ . . . . . Rom 16:16
set some in the **c** . . . . . 1 Cor 12:28
silence in the **c** . . . . . 1 Cor 14:28, 34
with the **c** that . . . . . 1 Cor 16:19
I robbed other **c** . . . . . 2 Cor 11:8
the **c** is subject . . . . . Eph 5:24
also loved the **c** . . . . . Eph 5:25
the body, the **c** . . . . . Col 1:18
which is the **c** . . . . . Col 1:24
care of the **c** of God . . . . . 1 Tim 3:5
c of the firstborn . . . . . Heb 12:23
See Matt 16:18; Rev 1:4; 2:1

CIRCUMCISE
ye shall **c** the flesh . . . . . Gen 17:11
Except ye be **c** . . . . . Acts 15:1
though they be not **c** . . . . . Rom 4:11
if ye be **c,** Christ . . . . . Gal 5:2
C the eighth day . . . . . Phil 3:5
See John 7:22; Gal 2:3; Col 2:11

CIRCUMCISION
the covenant of **c** . . . . . Acts 7:8
what profit is there of **c** . . . . . Rom 3:1
a minister of the **c** . . . . . Rom 15:8
neither **c** . . . . . Gal 5:6
the **c,** which worship . . . . . Phil 3:3
c made without hands . . . . . Col 2:11
c nor uncircumcision . . . . . Col 3:11
See Ex 4:26; John 7:22; Acts 7:8

CITY
there shall be six **c** for refuge . . . . . Num 35:6
six **c** with . . . . . Josh 15:59
make glad the **c** of God . . . . . Ps 46:4
a **c** of truth . . . . . Zech 8:3
a **c** which hath . . . . . Heb 11:10
c of the living God . . . . . Heb 12:22
no continuing **c** . . . . . Heb 13:14
the **c** of the nations . . . . . Rev 16:19
the beloved **c** . . . . . Rev 20:9
See Gen 4:17; 11:4; Jon 1:2

CLAY
formed out of the **c** . . . . . Job 33:6
out of the miry **c** . . . . . Ps 40:2

CLEAN
bring a **c** thing out . . . . . Job 14:4
He that hath **c** hands . . . . . Ps 24:4
Create in me a **c** heart . . . . . Ps 51:10
Is his mercy **c** . . . . . Ps 77:8
c in his own eyes . . . . . Prov 16:2
Wash you, make you **c** . . . . . Is 1:16
be ye **c,** that bear . . . . . Is 52:11
I sprinkle **c** water . . . . . Ezek 36:25
canst make me **c** . . . . . Matt 8:2
for ye make **c** . . . . . Matt 23:25
Pharisees make **c** . . . . . Luke 11:39
all things are **c** . . . . . Luke 11:41
Ye are not all **c** . . . . . John 13:11
c through the word . . . . . John 15:3
I am **c** . . . . . Acts 18:6
linen, **c** and white . . . . . Rev 19:8
See Josh 3:17; Prov 14:4

CLEANSE
c thou me from . . . . . Ps 19:12
I have **c** my heart . . . . . Ps 73:13
wound **c** away evil . . . . . Prov 20:30
c first that . . . . . Prov 23:26
What God hath **c** . . . . . Acts 10:15
let us **c** ourselves . . . . . 2 Cor 7:1
C your hands . . . . . James 4:8
his Son **c** us . . . . . 1 John 1:7
to **c** us . . . . . 1 John 1:9
See Ezek 36:25; Mark 1:44

CLEAVE
c unto the Lord your God . . . . . Josh 23:8
heart they would **c** . . . . . Acts 11:23
c to that which . . . . . Rom 12:9
See Gen 2:24; Matt 19:5

CLOTHE
c himself with . . . . . Ps 109:18
c with righteousness . . . . . Ps 132:9
shall **c** a man . . . . . Prov 23:21
household are **c** . . . . . Prov 31:21
c the heavens . . . . . Is 50:3
C me with the garments . . . . . Is 61:10
if God so **c** . . . . . Matt 6:30
shall we be **c** . . . . . Matt 6:31
Naked, and ye **c** me . . . . . Matt 25:36
naked and ye **c** me not . . . . . Matt 25:43
If then God so **c** . . . . . Luke 12:28
desiring to be **c** . . . . . 2 Cor 5:2
be **c** with humility . . . . . 1 Pet 5:5
that thou mayest be **c** . . . . . Rev 3:18
woman **c** with the sun . . . . . Rev 12:1
c with a vesture . . . . . Rev 19:13
See Ex 40:14; Esth 4:4

CLOUD
them by day in a pillar of a **c** . . . . . Ex 13:21
fire and of the **c** . . . . . Ex 14:24
ariseth a little **c** . . . . . 1 Kin 18:44
was black with **c** . . . . . 1 Kin 18:45
the pillar of the **c** . . . . . Neh 9:19
c drop down the dew . . . . . Prov 3:20
the **c** of heaven . . . . . Dan 7:13
a bright **c** overshadowed . . . . . Matt 17:5
in the **c** of heaven with . . . . . Matt 24:30
and coming in the **c** of . . . . . Matt 26:64
a **c** that overshadowed . . . . . Mark 9:7
man coming in the **c** . . . . . Mark 13:26
a **c,** and overshadowed . . . . . Luke 9:34
in a **c** with power . . . . . Luke 21:27
fathers were under the **c** . . . . . 1 Cor 10:1
caught up ... in the **c** . . . . . 1 Thess 4:17
c that are carried with . . . . . 2 Pet 2:17
c they are without water . . . . . Jude 12
he cometh with **c** . . . . . Rev 1:7
and behold a white **c** . . . . . Rev 14:14
See Gen 9:13; Ex 24:15; 40:34

COLD
cup of **c** water . . . . . Matt 10:42
many shall wax **c** . . . . . Matt 24:12
in **c** and nakedness . . . . . 2 Cor 11:27
neither **c** nor hot . . . . . Rev 3:15
See Job 24:7; Ps 147:17

COME
Then said I, Lo, I **c** . . . . . Ps 40:7
c ye to the waters . . . . . Is 55:1
C unto me . . . . . Matt 11:28
the Son of man is **c** . . . . . Matt 18:11
compel them to **c** . . . . . Luke 14:23
I will **c** again . . . . . John 14:3
c, Lord Jesus . . . . . Rev 22:20

COMFORT (*n.*)
c of the Holy Ghost . . . . . Acts 9:31

patience and **c** . . . . . Rom 15:4
God of all **c** . . . . . 2 Cor 1:3
comforted in your **c** . . . . . 2 Cor 7:13
be of good **c** . . . . . 2 Cor 13:11
if any **c** of love . . . . . Phil 2:1
See Job 10:20; Ps 94:19

COMFORT (*v.*)
staff they **c** me . . . . . Ps 23:4
C ye, **c** ye my people . . . . . Is 40:1
the Lord hath **c** . . . . . Is 49:13; 52:9
c all that mourn . . . . . Is 61:2
whom his mother **c** . . . . . Is 66:13
they shall be **c** . . . . . Matt 5:4
he is **c** . . . . . Luke 16:25
to **c** them . . . . . John 11:19
able to **c** them . . . . . 2 Cor 1:4
c one another . . . . . 1 Thess 4:18
c yourselves together . . . . . 1 Thess 5:11
c the feebleminded . . . . . 1 Thess 5:14
See Gen 5:29; 18:5; 37:35

COMFORTER
miserable **c** are ye all . . . . . Job 16:2
looked ... for **c** . . . . . Ps 69:20
give you another **C** . . . . . John 14:16
when the **C** is come . . . . . John 15:26
C will not come . . . . . John 16:7
See 2 Sam 10:3; 1 Chr 19:3

COMMANDMENT
c are faithful . . . . . Ps 119:86
c is exceeding broad . . . . . Ps 119:96
I love thy **c** . . . . . Ps 119:127
thy **c** are my delight . . . . . Ps 119:143
for doctrines the **c** . . . . . Matt 15:9
according to the **c** . . . . . Luke 23:56
A new **c** I give . . . . . John 13:34
c holy, and just . . . . . Rom 7:12
and not of **c** . . . . . 1 Cor 7:6
I speak not by **c** . . . . . 2 Cor 8:8
first **c** with promise . . . . . Eph 6:2
after the **c** . . . . . Col 2:22
end of the **c** . . . . . 1 Tim 1:5
I write no new **c** . . . . . 1 John 2:7
I wrote a new **c** . . . . . 2 John 5
See Esth 3:3

COMMEND
I **c** my spirit . . . . . Luke 23:46
God **c** his love toward us . . . . . Rom 5:8
See Eccl 8:15; Acts 20:32

COMMIT
Thou shalt not **c** adultery . . . . . Ex 20:14
C thy way unto . . . . . Ps 37:5
have **c** two evils . . . . . Jer 2:13
Jesus did not **c** . . . . . John 2:24
hath **c** all judgment . . . . . John 5:22
c the oracles of God . . . . . Rom 3:2
c unto us the word . . . . . 2 Cor 5:19
that which is **c** . . . . . 1 Tim 6:20
which I have **c** . . . . . 2 Tim 1:12
c himself to him . . . . . 1 Pet 2:23
See Job 5:8; Ps 31:5; 1 Cor 9:17

COMMUNICATION
let your **c** be, Yea . . . . . Matt 5:37
What manner of **c** . . . . . Luke 24:17
evil **c** corrupt . . . . . 1 Cor 15:33
Let no corrupt **c** . . . . . Eph 4:29
See 2 Kin 9:11; Philem 6

COMMUNION
c of the blood of Christ . . . . . 1 Cor 10:16
c of the body of Christ . . . . . 1 Cor 10:16
what **c** hath light . . . . . 2 Cor 6:14
c of the Holy Ghost . . . . . 2 Cor 13:14

COMPASSION
she should not have **c** . . . . . Is 49:15
his **c** fail not . . . . . Lam 3:22
will he have **c** . . . . . Lam 3:32
will have **c** upon us . . . . . Mic 7:19
he was moved with **c** . . . . . Matt 9:36
with **c** toward them . . . . . Matt 14:14
c on thy . . . . . Matt 18:33
had **c** on them . . . . . Matt 20:34
Jesus, moved with **c** . . . . . Mark 1:41
Lord hath ... had **c** . . . . . Mark 5:19
have **c** on us . . . . . Mark 9:22
he had **c** on him . . . . . Luke 10:33
saw him, and had **c** . . . . . Luke 15:20
will have **c** on whom . . . . . Rom 9:15
have **c** on the ignorant . . . . . Heb 5:2
one mind, having **c** . . . . . 1 Pet 3:8
his bowels of **c** . . . . . 1 John 3:17
have **c** . . . . . Jude 22
See Ps 78:38; 86:15; 112:4

COMPEL
c thee to go a mile . . . . . Matt 5:41
c to bear his cross . . . . . Matt 27:32
they **c** one Simon . . . . . Mark 15:21
c them to come in . . . . . Luke 14:23
c them to . . . . . Acts 26:11
See 2 Cor 12:11; Gal 2:3

COMPLETE
seven sabbaths shall be **c** . . . . . Lev 23:15
are **c** in him . . . . . Col 2:10
perfect and **c** in all . . . . . Col 4:12

COMPREHEND
doeth he, which we cannot **c** . . . . . Job 37:5
and **c** the dust . . . . . Is 40:12
the darkness **c** it not . . . . . John 1:5
c with all saints . . . . . Eph 3:18

CONDEMN
I will say unto God, Do not **c** me . . . . . Job 10:2
drink the wine of the **c** . . . . . Amos 2:8
have **c** the guiltless . . . . . Matt 12:7
thou shalt be **c** . . . . . Matt 12:37
and shall **c** it . . . . . Matt 12:42
shall **c** him to death . . . . . Matt 20:18
he saw that he was **c** . . . . . Matt 27:3
all **c** him to . . . . . Mark 14:64
c not, and ye shall . . . . . Luke 6:37
into the world to **c** . . . . . John 3:17
believeth not is **c** . . . . . John 3:18
hath no man **c** thee . . . . . John 8:10

Neither do I **c** thee . . . . . John 8:11
thou **c** thyself. . . . . Rom 2:1
c sin in the flesh . . . . . Rom 8:3
Who is he that **c** . . . . . Rom 8:34
Happy is he that **c** . . . . . Rom 14:22
that cannot be **c**. . . . . Titus 2:8
Ye have **c** and killed . . . . . James 5:6
lest ye be **c** . . . . . James 5:9
if our heart **c** us. . . . . 1 John 3:21
See Job 9:20; 15:6; Matt 12:41

CONDEMNATION
this is the **c,** that light is. . . . . John 3:19
shall not come into **c** . . . . . John 5:24
administration of **c** . . . . . 2 Cor 3:9
the **c** of the devil . . . . . 1 Tim 3:6
lest ye fall into **c** . . . . . James 5:12
ordained to this **c** . . . . . Jude 4
See Luke 23:40; Rom 5:16; 8:1

CONFESS
whoso **c** and forsaketh them . . . . . Prov 28:13
c me before men . . . . . Matt 10:32
c that he was Christ . . . . . John 9:22
they did not **c** him . . . . . John 12:42
Pharisees **c** both . . . . . Acts 23:8
c with thy mouth . . . . . Rom 10:9
every tongue shall **c** . . . . . Rom 14:11
c that Jesus Christ. . . . . Phil 2:11
c that they were. . . . . Heb 11:13
C your faults . . . . . James 5:16
if we **c** our sins . . . . . 1 John 1:9
Every spirit that **c** . . . . . 1 John 4:2
c that Jesus is the. . . . . 1 John 4:15
will **c** his name . . . . . Rev 3:5
See 1 Kin 8:33; 2 Chr 6:24

CONFESSION
Lord my God, and made my **c** . . . . . Dan 9:4
mouth **c** is made . . . . . Rom 10:10
witnessed a good **c** . . . . . 1 Tim 6:13

CONFIDENCE
the **c** of all the ends of the earth . . . . . Ps 65:5
to put **c** in man . . . . . Ps 118:8
to put **c** in princes. . . . . Ps 118:9
Lord shall be thy **c** . . . . . Prov 3:26
Lord is strong **c** . . . . . Prov 14:26
in **c** shall be your. . . . . Is 30:15
hath rejected thy **c** . . . . . Jer 2:37
c by the faith . . . . . Eph 3:12
no **c** in the flesh . . . . . Phil 3:3
might also have **c** . . . . . Phil 3:4
if we hold fast the **c** . . . . . Heb 3:6
beginning of our **c** . . . . . Heb 3:14
therefore your **c**. . . . . Heb 10:35
we may have **c** . . . . . 1 John 2:28
have we **c** toward God . . . . . 1 John 3:21
this is the **c** that we. . . . . 1 John 5:14
See Job 4:6; Prov 25:19

CONFIDENT
against me, in this will I be **c** . . . . . Ps 27:3
fool rageth, and is **c** . . . . . Prov 14:16
we are always **c** . . . . . 2 Cor 5:6
c of this very thing . . . . . Phil 1:6

CONFIRM
c the feeble knees . . . . . Is 35:3
c the word . . . . . Mark 16:20
C the souls of. . . . . Acts 14:22
words, and **c** them . . . . . Acts 15:32
c the churches . . . . . Acts 15:41
c the promises made. . . . . Rom 15:8
See 2 Kin 15:19; 1 Cor 1:6

CONFORM
to be **c** to the image of his Son . . . . . Rom 8:29
not **c** to this world . . . . . Rom 12:2
c unto his death. . . . . Phil 3:10

CONGREGATION
all the **c** said, Amen . . . . . Neh 5:13
nor sinners in the **c**. . . . . Ps 1:5
in the **c** will I bless . . . . . Ps 26:12
the **c** of the dead . . . . . Prov 21:16

CONQUER
we are more than **c** through him . . . . . Rom 8:37
he went forth **c** . . . . . Rev 6:2

CONSCIENCE
c void of offence . . . . . Acts 24:16
their **c** also bearing. . . . . Rom 2:15
my **c** also bearing me . . . . . Rom 9:1
also for **c** sake . . . . . Rom 13:5
shall not the **c** of him . . . . . 1 Cor 8:10
and wounded their weak **c** . . . . . 1 Cor 8:12
question for **c** sake . . . . . 1 Cor 10:25
and for **c** sake . . . . . 1 Cor 10:28
testimony of our **c**. . . . . 2 Cor 1:12
a good **c** . . . . . 1 Tim 1:5
faith, and a good **c** . . . . . 1 Tim 1:19
in a pure **c** . . . . . 1 Tim 3:9
c seared with a hot iron . . . . . 1 Tim 4:2
purge your **c** from. . . . . Heb 9:14
from an evil **c** . . . . . Heb 10:22
we have a good **c**. . . . . Heb 13:18
Having a good **c** . . . . . 1 Pet 3:16
See John 8:9; 2 Cor 4:2

CONSIDER
When I **c** thy heavens. . . . . Ps 8:3
my people doth not **c** . . . . . Is 1:3
C your ways. . . . . Hag 1:5, 7
C the lilies of the. . . . . Matt 6:28
c not the beam. . . . . Matt 7:3
C the ravens. . . . . Luke 12:24
c thyself, lest thou. . . . . Gal 6:1
c the Apostle . . . . . Heb 3:1
c how great this man was . . . . . Heb 7:4
c one another. . . . . Heb 10:24
c him that endured. . . . . Heb 12:3
c the end of their. . . . . Heb 13:7
See Deut 32:29; 1 Sam 12:24

CONSOLATION
Are the **c** of God small. . . . . Job 15:11
have received your **c**. . . . . Luke 6:24
of patience and **c**. . . . . Rom 15:5
any **c** in Christ. . . . . Phil 2:1
everlasting **c**. . . . . 2 Thess 2:16
have a strong **c**. . . . . Heb 6:18
See Luke 2:25; Acts 4:36

CONSUME
bush was not **c**. . . . . Ex 3:2
God is a **c** fire . . . . . Deut 4:24
as a **c** fire he shall . . . . . Deut 9:3
and **c** the burnt . . . . . 1 Kin 18:38
shall **c** him . . . . . Job 20:26
c away like a moth . . . . . Ps 39:11
that we are not **c** . . . . . Lam 3:22
are not **c** . . . . . Mal 3:6
c them. . . . . Luke 9:54
heed that ye be not **c** . . . . . Gal 5:15
For our God is a **c**. . . . . Heb 12:29
that ye may **c** it . . . . . James 4:3
See Ex 32:10; 33:3; Josh 24:20

CONSUMMATION
until the **c,** and that determined. . . . . Dan 9:27

CONTAIN
heavens cannot **c** thee . . . . . 1 Kin 8:27
heavens cannot **c** him. . . . . 2 Chr 2:6
itself could not **c** . . . . . John 21:25
if they cannot **c** . . . . . 1 Cor 7:9

CONTENT
willing to **c** the people . . . . . Mark 15:15
be **c** with your wages . . . . . Luke 3:14
therewith to be **c**. . . . . Phil 4:11
godliness with **c**. . . . . 1 Tim 6:6
to be therewith **c**. . . . . 1 Tim 6:8
be **c** with such things . . . . . Heb 13:5
See Gen 37:27; Josh 7:7

CONTINUE
as a shadow, and **c** not . . . . . Job 14:2
shall be **c** . . . . . Ps 72:17
that **c** until night . . . . . Is 5:11
may **c** many days. . . . . Jer 32:14
c all night . . . . . Luke 6:12
c with me in. . . . . Luke 22:28
if ye **c** in my word. . . . . John 8:31
c ye in my love . . . . . John 15:9
c with one accord . . . . . Acts 1:14
they **c** steadfastly. . . . . Acts 2:42
they, **c** daily with. . . . . Acts 2:46
Peter **c** knocking . . . . . Acts 12:16
to **c** in the grace . . . . . Acts 13:43
exhorting them to **c** . . . . . Acts 14:22
I **c** unto this day . . . . . Acts 26:22
Shall we **c** in sin . . . . . Rom 6:1
c instant in prayer. . . . . Rom 12:2
c not in all things . . . . . Gal 3:10
If ye **c** in the faith . . . . . Col 1:23
C in prayer, and watch . . . . . Col 4:2
if they **c** in faith. . . . . 1 Tim 2:15
c in them . . . . . 1 Tim 4:16
c thou in. . . . . 2 Tim 3:14
not suffered to **c** . . . . . Heb 7:23
because he **c** ever . . . . . Heb 7:24
Let brotherly love **c**. . . . . Heb 13:1
have we no **c** city. . . . . Heb 13:14
and **c** there a year . . . . . James 4:13
all things **c** . . . . . 2 Pet 3:4
no doubt have **c**. . . . . 1 John 2:19
See 1 Sam 12:14; 2 Sam 7:29

CONTRITE
saveth such as be of a **c** spirit . . . . . Ps 34:18
a broken and a **c** heart . . . . . Ps 51:17
of a **c** and humble . . . . . Is 57:15
heart of the **c** ones . . . . . Is 57:15
and of a **c** spirit . . . . . Is 66:2

CONVERSATION
such as be of upright **c** . . . . . Ps 37:14
ordereth his **c** aright. . . . . Ps 50:23
c be as it becometh . . . . . Phil 1:27
our **c** is in heaven . . . . . Phil 3:20
in **c,** in charity. . . . . 1 Tim 4:12
c be without. . . . . Heb 13:5
the end of their **c**. . . . . Heb 13:7
in all manner of **c** . . . . . 1 Pet 1:15
from your vain **c** . . . . . 1 Pet 1:18
your **c** honest. . . . . 1 Pet 2:12
with the filthy **c**. . . . . 2 Pet 2:7
be in all holy **c**. . . . . 2 Pet 3:11
See Eph 2:3; 4:22; James 3:13

CONVERSION
declaring the **c** of the Gentiles . . . . . Acts 15:3

CONVERT
perfect, **c** the soul . . . . . Ps 19:7
their heart, and **c**. . . . . Is 6:10
be **c,** and I should . . . . . Matt 13:15
Except ye be **c** . . . . . Matt 18:3
they should be **c** . . . . . Mark 4:12
when thou art **c**. . . . . Luke 22:32
and be **c** . . . . . Acts 3:19
and one **c** him . . . . . James 5:19
he which **c** . . . . . James 5:20
See Ps 51:13; Is 1:27; 60:5

CONVICTED
being **c** by their own conscience. . . . . John 8:9

CORNER
become the head stone of the **c**. . . . . Ps 118:22
may be as **c** stones. . . . . Ps 144:12
precious **c** stone. . . . . Is 28:16
c of the streets . . . . . Matt 6:5
not done in a **c** . . . . . Acts 26:26
being the chief **c** . . . . . Eph 2:20
a chief **c** stone . . . . . 1 Pet 2:6
four **c** of the earth. . . . . Rev 7:1
See Job 1:19; Prov 7:8; 21:9

CORRECT
whom the Lord loveth he **c** . . . . . Prov 3:12
C thy son . . . . . Prov 29:17
not be **c** by words . . . . . Prov 29:19
c me, but with . . . . . Jer 10:24
I will **c** thee . . . . . Jer 30:11
but **c** thee in measure. . . . . Jer 46:28
of our flesh which **c** us. . . . . Heb 12:9
See Job 5:17; Ps 39:11; 94:10

CORRECTION
rod of **c** shall drive . . . . . Prov 22:15
they received no **c**. . . . . Jer 2:30
refused to receive **c**. . . . . Jer 5:3
nor receiveth **c**. . . . . Jer 7:28

she received not **c** . . . . . Zeph 3:2
for reproof, for **c** . . . . . 2 Tim 3:16
See Job 37:13; Prov 3:11; 7:22

CORRUPT
Lest ye **c** yourselves . . . . . Deut 4:16
ye will utterly **c** . . . . . Deut 31:29
and rust doth **c** . . . . . Matt 6:19
a **c** tree bringeth forth . . . . . Matt 7:17
make the tree **c** . . . . . Matt 12:33
not forth **c** fruit . . . . . Luke 6:43
neither moth **c** . . . . . Luke 12:33
communications **c** . . . . . 1 Cor 15:33
which **c** the word . . . . . 2 Cor 2:17
we have **c** no man . . . . . 2 Cor 7:2
your minds should be **c** . . . . . 2 Cor 11:3
old man, which is **c** . . . . . Eph 4:22
Let no **c** communication . . . . . Eph 4:29
men of **c** minds . . . . . 1 Tim 6:5
men of **c** minds . . . . . 2 Tim 3:8
your riches are **c** . . . . . James 5:22
See Job 17:1; Prov 25:26

CORRUPTION
suffer thine Holy One to see **c** . . . . . Ps 16:10
and not see **c** . . . . . Ps 49:9
my life from **c** . . . . . Jon 2:6
did see **c** . . . . . Acts 2:31
from the bondage of **c** . . . . . Rom 8:21
It is sown in **c** . . . . . 1 Cor 15:42
neither doth **c** . . . . . 1 Cor 15:50
of the flesh reap **c** . . . . . Gal 6:8
the **c** that is in . . . . . 2 Pet 1:4
perish in their own **c** . . . . . 2 Pet 2:12
See Lev 22:25; Is 38:17

COUNSEL
c of the ungodly . . . . . Ps 1:1
The **c** of the Lord . . . . . Ps 33:11
took sweet **c** together . . . . . Ps 55:14
guide me with thy **c** . . . . . Ps 73:24
at nought all my **c** . . . . . Prov 1:25
Where no **c** is . . . . . Prov 11:14
Without **c** purposes . . . . . Prov 15:22
the **c** of the Lord . . . . . Prov 19:21
nor **c** against the Lord . . . . . Prov 21:30
I **c** thee . . . . . Eccl 8:2
wonderful in **c** . . . . . Is 28:29
that take **c** . . . . . Is 30:1
My **c** shall stand . . . . . Is 46:10
Great in **c** . . . . . Jer 32:19
ashamed of his own **c** . . . . . Hos 10:6
took **c** with . . . . . Mark 3:6
took **c** together . . . . . John 11:53
determinate **c** . . . . . Acts 2:23
thy hand and thy **c** . . . . . Acts 4:28
all the **c** of God . . . . . Acts 20:27
c of his own will . . . . . Eph 1:11
of his **c** . . . . . Heb 6:17

COUNSELLOR
multitude of **c** there is safety . . . . . Prov 11:14
in the multitude of **c** . . . . . Prov 15:22
c of peace is joy . . . . . Prov 12:20
called Wonderful, **C** . . . . . Is 9:6

COUNT
he **c** it to him for righteousness . . . . . Gen 15:6
c as sheep . . . . . Ps 44:22
c unto him for . . . . . Ps 106:31
is **c** wise . . . . . Prov 17:28
be **c** for a forest . . . . . Is 32:15
because they **c** him . . . . . Matt 14:5
men **c** John . . . . . Mark 11:32
and **c** the cost . . . . . Luke 14:28
that they were **c** . . . . . Acts 5:41
neither **c** I my light . . . . . Acts 20:24
I **c** loss for . . . . . Phil 3:7
I **c** all things . . . . . Phil 3:8
I **c** not myself . . . . . Phil 3:13
may be **c** worthy . . . . . 2 Thess 1:5
God would **c** you worthy . . . . . 2 Thess 1:11
he **c** me faithful . . . . . 1 Tim 1:12
well be **c** worthy . . . . . 1 Tim 5:17
c the blood . . . . . Heb 10:29
c it all joy . . . . . James 1:2
as some men **c** . . . . . 2 Pet 3:9
See Num 23:10; Job 31:4

COUNTENANCE
Look not on his **c** . . . . . 1 Sam 16:7
of a beautiful **c** . . . . . 1 Sam 16:12
ruddy, and of a fair **c** . . . . . 1 Sam 17:42
Why is thy **c** sad . . . . . Neh 2:2
thou changest his **c** . . . . . Job 14:20
light of thy **c** . . . . . Ps 4:6
light of thy **c** . . . . . Ps 44:3
in the light of **c** . . . . . Ps 89:15
maketh a cheerful **c** . . . . . Prov 15:13
sharpeneth the **c** . . . . . Prov 27:17
the sadness of the **c** . . . . . Eccl 7:3
their **c** doth witness . . . . . Is 3:9
of a sad **c** . . . . . Matt 6:16
c was like lightning . . . . . Matt 28:3
his **c** was altered . . . . . Luke 9:29
his **c** was as the sun . . . . . Rev 1:16
See Gen 4:5; Num 6:26; Judg 13:6

COURAGE
Be strong and of a good **c** . . . . . Deut 31:6
be of good **c** . . . . . Ps 27:14
and took **c** . . . . . Acts 28:15
See Num 13:20; Josh 1:7; 2:11

COURSE
that I might finish my **c** with joy . . . . . Acts 20:24
may have free **c** . . . . . 2 Thess 3:1
I have finished my **c** . . . . . 2 Tim 4:7
the **c** of nature . . . . . James 3:6
See Ps 82:5; Acts 13:25

COVENANT
it is a **c** of salt for ever . . . . . Num 18:19
my **c** of peace . . . . . Num 25:12
by a **c** of salt . . . . . 2 Chr 13:5
his **c** for ever . . . . . Ps 105:8
for them his **c** . . . . . Ps 106:45
mindful of his **c** . . . . . Ps 111:5
c with death . . . . . Is 28:18
they **c** with him . . . . . Matt 26:15
and **c** to give him . . . . . Luke 22:5

c which God made . . . . . Acts 3:25
glory, and the **c** . . . . . Rom 9:4
the **c** of promise . . . . . Eph 2:12
mediator of a better **c** . . . . . Heb 8:6
mediator of the new **c** . . . . . Heb 12:24
of the everlasting **c** . . . . . Heb 13:20
See Gen 9:15; Ex 34:28; Job 31:1

COVER
depths have **c** them . . . . . Ex 15:5
c thee with my hand . . . . . Ex 33:22
c with a mantle . . . . . 1 Sam 28:14
they **c** Haman's face . . . . . Esth 7:8
whose sin is **c** . . . . . Ps 32:1
c them as a garment . . . . . Ps 73:6
He shall **c** thee . . . . . Ps 91:4
Thou **c** it with . . . . . Ps 104:6
violence **c** the mouth . . . . . Prov 10:6
love **c** all sins . . . . . Prov 10:12
a prudent man **c** shame . . . . . Prov 12:16
He that **c** a transgression . . . . . Prov 17:9
He that **c** sins . . . . . Prov 28:13
no more **c** her slain . . . . . Is 26:21
ship was **c** . . . . . Matt 8:24
there is nothing **c** . . . . . Matt 10:26
whose sins are **c** . . . . . Rom 4:7
having his head **c** . . . . . 1 Cor 11:4
the woman be not **c** . . . . . 1 Cor 11:6
not to **c** his head . . . . . 1 Cor 11:7
charity shall **c** . . . . . 1 Pet 4:8
See Gen 7:19; Ex 8:6; 21:33

COVET
Thou shalt not **c** . . . . . Ex 20:17
He **c** greedily all the day . . . . . Prov 21:26
him that **c** an evil . . . . . Hab 2:9
c no man's silver . . . . . Acts 20:33
c earnestly . . . . . 1 Cor 12:31
while some **c** after . . . . . 1 Tim 6:10
See Deut 5:21; Rom 7:7

COVETOUS
hateth **c** shall prolong his days . . . . . Prov 28:16
goeth after their **c** . . . . . Ezek 33:31
Thefts, **c,** wickedness . . . . . Mark 7:22
beware of **c** . . . . . Luke 12:15
c, nor drunkards . . . . . 1 Cor 6:10
all uncleanness, or **c** . . . . . Eph 5:3
nor **c** man . . . . . Eph 5:5

CREATE
God **c** the heaven and the earth . . . . . Gen 1:1
So God **c** man in his . . . . . Gen 1:27
who hath **c** these . . . . . Is 40:26
c him for my glory . . . . . Is 43:7
I **c** new heavens . . . . . Is 65:17
hath **c** a new thing . . . . . Jer 31:22
and **c** the wind . . . . . Amos 4:13
one God **c** us . . . . . Mal 2:10
c for the woman . . . . . 1 Cor 11:9
c in Christ Jesus . . . . . Eph 2:10
c in righteousness . . . . . Eph 4:24
were all things **c** . . . . . Col 1:16
which God hath **c** . . . . . 1 Tim 4:3
for thou hast **c** . . . . . Rev 4:11
See Gen 6:7; Deut 4:32; Ps 51:10

CREATION
But from the beginning of the **c** . . . . . Mark 10:6
beginning of the **c** . . . . . Mark 13:19
from the **c** . . . . . Rom 1:20
whole **c** groaneth . . . . . Rom 8:22

CREATOR
Remember now thy **C** in the days . . . . . Eccl 12:1
the **C** of the ends . . . . . Is 40:28
more than the **C** . . . . . Rom 1:25
unto a faithful **C** . . . . . 1 Pet 4:19

CREATURE
came the likeness of four living **c** . . . . . Ezek 1:5
gospel to every **c** . . . . . Mark 16:15
expectation of the **c** . . . . . Rom 8:19
nor any other **c** . . . . . Rom 8:39
he is a new **c** . . . . . 2 Cor 5:17
but a new **c** . . . . . Gal 6:15
firstborn of every **c** . . . . . Col 1:15
preached to every **c** . . . . . Col 1:23
every **c** of God . . . . . 1 Tim 4:4
See Gen 1:20; 2:19; Ezek 1:20

CROOKED
is **c** cannot be made straight . . . . . Eccl 1:15
which he hath made **c** . . . . . Eccl 7:13
the **c** shall be . . . . . Is 40:4
c things straight . . . . . Is 42:16
make the **c** places . . . . . Is 45:2
made them **c** paths . . . . . Is 59:8
hath made my paths **c** . . . . . Lam 3:9
c and perverse nation . . . . . Phil 2:15
See Deut 32:5; Job 26:13

CROSS
deny himself, and take up his **c** . . . . . Matt 16:24
to bear his **c** . . . . . Matt 27:32
come down from the **c** . . . . . Matt 27:40
take up the **c** . . . . . Mark 10:21
Rufus, to bear his **c** . . . . . Mark 15:21
come down from the **c** . . . . . Mark 15:30
take up his **c** daily . . . . . Luke 9:23
they laid the **c** . . . . . Luke 23:26
stood by the **c** . . . . . John 19:25
the **c** of Christ . . . . . 1 Cor 1:17
preaching of the **c** . . . . . 1 Cor 1:18
offence of the **c** . . . . . Gal 5:11
persecution for the **c** . . . . . Gal 6:12
glory, save in the **c** . . . . . Gal 6:14
reconcile ... by the **c** . . . . . Eph 2:16
the death of the **c** . . . . . Phil 2:8
enemies of the **c** . . . . . Phil 3:18
blood of his **c** . . . . . Col 1:20
nailing it to his **c** . . . . . Col 2:14
endured the **c** . . . . . Heb 12:2
See Matt 10:38; John 19:17, 19

CROWN
taken the **c** from my head . . . . . Job 19:9
c him with glory . . . . . Ps 8:5
c the year with . . . . . Ps 65:11
c thee with lovingkindness . . . . . Ps 103:4
a **c** of glory . . . . . Prov 4:9
woman is a **c** to her . . . . . Prov 12:4

prudent are **c** . . . . . Prov 14:18
children are the **c** . . . . . Prov 17:6
woe to the **c** of pride. . . . . Is 28:1
platted a **c** of thorns . . . . . Matt 27:29
corruptible **c** . . . . . 1 Cor 9:25
my joy and **c** . . . . . Phil 4:1
or **c** of rejoicing. . . . . 1 Thess 2:19
not **c,** except he . . . . . 2 Tim 2:5
a **c** of righteousness . . . . . 2 Tim 4:8
thou **c** him with . . . . . Heb 2:7
death, **c** with glory . . . . . Heb 2:9
the **c** of life . . . . . James 1:12
a **c** of glory . . . . . 1 Pet 5:4
I will give thee a **c** . . . . . Rev 2:10
no man take thy **c** . . . . . Rev 3:11
cast their **c** . . . . . Rev 4:10
head were many **c** . . . . . Rev 19:12
See Ex 25:25; 29:6; Job 31:36

CRUCIFY
all say unto him, let him be **c** . . . . . Matt 27:22
again, **C** him . . . . . Mark 15:13
C him, **c** him . . . . . Luke 23:21
away with him, **c** him. . . . . John 19:15
wicked hands have **c**. . . . . Acts 2:23
that our old man is **c** . . . . . Rom 6:6
was Paul **c** for you. . . . . 1 Cor 1:13
we preach Christ **c** . . . . . 1 Cor 1:23
Jesus Christ, and him **c** . . . . . 1 Cor 2:2
would not have **c**. . . . . 1 Cor 2:8
though he was **c** . . . . . 2 Cor 13:4
I am **c** with Christ. . . . . Gal 2:20
c among you . . . . . Gal 3:1
have **c** the flesh . . . . . Gal 5:24
the world is **c** unto me . . . . . Gal 6:14
c to themselves . . . . . Heb 6:6
See Matt 20:19; 23:34; 27:31

CUP
head with oil, my **c** runneth over . . . . . Ps 23:5
c of cold water . . . . . Matt 10:42
drink of the **c**. . . . . Matt 20:22
the outside of the **c** . . . . . Matt 23:25
he took the **c** . . . . . Matt 26:27
let this **c** pass . . . . . Matt 26:39
give you a **c** . . . . . Mark 9:41
And he took the **c**. . . . . Mark 14:23
this **c** from me. . . . . Mark 14:36
This **c** is the new. . . . . Luke 22:20
remove this **c** . . . . . Luke 22:42
c which my Father . . . . . John 18:11
c of blessing . . . . . 1 Cor 10:16
he took the **c** . . . . . 1 Cor 11:25
ye ... drink this **c** . . . . . 1 Cor 11:26
drink this **c** . . . . . 1 Cor 11:27
See Gen 40:11; 44:2; Prov 23:31

CURSE (*n.*)
you this day a blessing and a **c** . . . . . Deut 11:26
turned the **c** into . . . . . Deut 23:5
ye are cursed with a **c**. . . . . Mal 3:9
ye **c** into . . . . . Matt 25:41
are under the **c** . . . . . Gal 3:10
no more **c**. . . . . Rev 23:3
See Gen 27:12, Num 5:18

CURSE (*v.*)
not **c** the deaf. . . . . Lev 19:14
How shall I **c** . . . . . Num 23:8
c ye bitterly . . . . . Judg 5:23
c God, and die. . . . . Job 2:9
but they **c** inwardly. . . . . Ps 62:4
c your blessings. . . . . Mal 2:2
bless them that **c** . . . . . Matt 5:44
Then began he to **c**. . . . . Matt 26:74
tree which thou **c** . . . . . Mark 11:21
But he began to **c** . . . . . Mark 14:71
them that **c** you . . . . . Luke 6:28
the law are **c**. . . . . John 7:49
bless, and **c** not . . . . . Rom 12:14
C is every one . . . . . Gal 3:10
therewith **c** we men . . . . . James 3:9
See Gen 8:21; 12:3; Num 22:6

D

DAILY
sorrow in my heart **d** . . . . . Ps 13:2
d loadeth us. . . . . Ps 68:19
I was **d** his delight. . . . . Prov 8:30
the **d** sacrifice . . . . . Dan 8:11
shall take away the **d** . . . . . Dan 11:31
our **d** bread . . . . . Matt 6:11
take up his cross **d** . . . . . Luke 9:23
us day by day our **d** . . . . . Luke 11:3
added to the church **d** . . . . . Acts 2:47
the **d** ministration. . . . . Acts 6:1
increased in number **d**. . . . . Acts 16:5
the scriptures **d** . . . . . Acts 17:11
I die **d** . . . . . 1 Cor 15:31
destitute of **d** food . . . . . James 2:15
See Num 4:16; 28:24; Neb 5:18

DAMNATION
can ye escape the **d** of hell. . . . . Matt 23:33
danger of eternal **d** . . . . . Mark 3:29
resurrection of **d** . . . . . John 5:29
to themselves **d** . . . . . Rom 13:2
and drinketh **d** . . . . . 1 Cor 11:29
d slumbereth not . . . . . 2 Pet 2:3
See Matt 23:14; Mark 12:40

DAMNED
he that believeth not shall be **d**. . . . . Mark 16:16
doubteth is **d** . . . . . Rom 14:23
all might be **d** . . . . . 2 Thess 2:12

DANGER
shall be in **d** of the judgment . . . . . Matt 5:21
is in **d** of eternal . . . . . Mark 3:29

DARK
they grope in the **d** . . . . . Job 12:25
open my **d** saying . . . . . Ps 49:4
Let their eyes be **d**. . . . . Ps 69:23
known in the **d** . . . . . Ps 88:12
their **d** sayings. . . . . Prov 1:6
stars, be not **d** . . . . . Eccl 12:2
the windows be **d** . . . . . Eccl 12:3
be clear, nor **d** . . . . . Zech 14:6

shall the sun be **d** . . . . . Matt 24:29
the sun shall be **d** . . . . . Mark 13:24
sun was **d** . . . . . Luke 23:45
it was yet **d** . . . . . John 20:1
foolish heart was **d** . . . . . Rom 1:21
understanding **d** . . . . . Eph 4:18
See Ex 10:15; Joel 2:10

DARKNESS
enlighten my **d** . . . . . Ps 18:28
that walketh in **d** . . . . . Ps 91:6
Such as sit in **d** . . . . . Ps 107:10
light in the **d** . . . . . Ps 112:4
d and the light . . . . . Ps 139:12
in obscure **d** . . . . . Prov 20:20
light excelleth **d** . . . . . Eccl 2:13
fool walketh in **d** . . . . . Eccl 2:14
d be as the noon day . . . . . Is 58:10
d shall cover the earth . . . . . Is 60:2
A day of **d** . . . . . Joel 2:2
shall be full of **d** . . . . . Matt 6:23
out into outer **d** . . . . . Matt 8:12
What I tell you in **d** . . . . . Matt 10:27
into outer **d** . . . . . Matt 22:13
that sit in **d** . . . . . Luke 1:79
is full of **d** . . . . . Luke 11:34
ye have spoken in **d** . . . . . Luke 12:3
the power of **d** . . . . . Luke 22:53
d over all the earth . . . . . Luke 23:44
d comprehended it not . . . . . John 1:5
loved **d** rather than . . . . . John 3:19
the light, lest **d** . . . . . John 12:35
from **d** to light . . . . . Acts 26:18
which are in **d** . . . . . Rom 2:19
the works of **d** . . . . . Rom 13:12
hidden things of **d** . . . . . 1 Cor 4:5
shine out of **d** . . . . . 2 Cor 4:6
hath light with **d** . . . . . 2 Cor 6:14
works of **d** . . . . . Eph 5:11
rulers of the **d** . . . . . Eph 6:12
the power of **d** . . . . . Col 1:13
night, nor of **d** . . . . . 1 Thess 5:5
out of **d** into . . . . . 1 Pet 2:9
into chains of **d** . . . . . 2 Pet 2:4
in him is no **d** . . . . . 1 John 1:5
and walk in **d** . . . . . 1 John 1:6
the **d** is past . . . . . 1 John 2:8
hateth ... is in **d** . . . . . 1 John 2:9
d hath blinded his eyes . . . . . 1 John 2:11
kingdom was full of **d** . . . . . Rev 16:10
See Gen 1:2; 15:12; Ex 10:21

DAY
old and full of **d** . . . . . 1 Chr 23:1
our **d** on the earth . . . . . 1 Chr 29:15
d of an hireling . . . . . Job 7:1
d upon earth are . . . . . Job 8:9
accomplish ... his **d** . . . . . Job 14:6
stand at the latter **d** . . . . . Job 19:25
d of destruction . . . . . Job 21:30
I said, **D** should speak . . . . . Job 32:7
For length of **d** . . . . . Prov 3:2
Length of **d** is in . . . . . Prov 3:16
unto the perfect **d** . . . . . Prov 4:18
what a **d** may bring . . . . . Prov 27:1
d of death . . . . . Eccl 7:1
while the evil **d** . . . . . Eccl 12:1
the **d** of the Lord . . . . . Is 2:12
the **d** of visitation . . . . . Is 10:3
acceptable **d** . . . . . Is 58:5
and the Ancient of **d** . . . . . Dan 7:9
for the **d** . . . . . Joel 1:15
the **d** of the Lord . . . . . Joel 2:11
The great **d** . . . . . Zeph 1:14
d of small things . . . . . Zech 4:10
d of his coming . . . . . Mal 3:2
great and dreadful **d** . . . . . Mal 4:5
Give us this **d** . . . . . Matt 6:11
d and hour knoweth . . . . . Matt 24:36
a **d** when he looketh . . . . . Matt 24:50
the **d** nor the hour . . . . . Matt 25:13
of that **d** . . . . . Mark 13:32
that **d** come . . . . . Luke 21:34
again at the last **d** . . . . . John 6:39
rejoiced to see my **d** . . . . . John 8:56
while it is **d** . . . . . John 9:4
the **d** of Pentecost . . . . . Acts 2:1
great and notable **d** . . . . . Acts 2:20
d of wrath . . . . . Rom 2:5
esteemeth every **d** . . . . . Rom 14:5
d of salvation . . . . . 2 Cor 6:2
the **d** of Jesus Christ . . . . . Phil 1:6
d of the Lord . . . . . 1 Thess 5:2
children of the **d** . . . . . 1 Thess 5:5
d is with the Lord . . . . . 2 Pet 3:8
But the **d** of . . . . . 2 Pet 3:10
See Gen 1:5; Job 1:4; Ps 77:5

DAYSPRING
caused the **d** to know his place . . . . . Job 38:12
d from on high . . . . . Luke 1:78

DAY STAR
d arise in your hearts . . . . . 2 Pet 1:19

DEAD
cuttings in your flesh for the **d** . . . . . Lev 19:28
dealt with the **d** . . . . . Ruth 1:8
forgotten as a **d** man . . . . . Ps 31:12
d praise not the Lord . . . . . Ps 115:17
the **d** are there . . . . . Prov 9:18
which are already **d** . . . . . Eccl 4:2
d know not any thing . . . . . Eccl 9:5
Thy **d** men shall live . . . . . Is 26:19
Weep ye not for the **d** . . . . . Jer 22:10
let the **d** bury . . . . . Matt 8:22
the **d** are raised up . . . . . Matt 11:5
God of the **d** . . . . . Matt 22:32
full of **d** men's bones . . . . . Matt 23:27
the damsel is not **d** . . . . . Mark 5:39
the rising from the **d** . . . . . Mark 9:10
the **d** are raised . . . . . Luke 7:22
For this my son was **d** . . . . . Luke 15:24
rose from the **d** . . . . . Luke 16:31
d shall hear . . . . . John 5:25
and are **d** . . . . . John 6:49
though he were **d** . . . . . John 11:25
he that was **d** . . . . . John 11:44
quick and **d** . . . . . Acts 10:42

rise from the **d** . . . . . Acts 26:23
that are **d** to sin . . . . . Rom 6:2
if we be **d** with Christ . . . . . Rom 6:8
d indeed unto sin . . . . . Rom 6:11
d to the law . . . . . Rom 7:4
Lord both of the **d** . . . . . Rom 14:9
the **d** rise not . . . . . 1 Cor 15:15
How are the **d** raised . . . . . 1 Cor 15:35
raiseth the **d** . . . . . 2 Cor 1:9
then were all **d** . . . . . 2 Cor 5:14
through the law am **d** . . . . . Gal 2:19
were **d** in trespasses . . . . . Eph 2:1
arise from the **d** . . . . . Eph 5:14
firstborn from the **d** . . . . . Col 1:18
And you, being **d** . . . . . Col 2:13
if ye be **d** with Christ . . . . . Col 2:20
d in Christ . . . . . 1 Thess 4:16
d while she liveth . . . . . 1 Tim 5:6
we be **d** with him . . . . . 2 Tim 2:11
quick and the **d** . . . . . 2 Tim 4:1
from **d** works . . . . . Heb 6:1
your conscience from **d** . . . . . Heb 9:14
being **d** yet speaketh . . . . . Heb 11:4
again from the **d** . . . . . Heb 13:20
is **d,** being alone . . . . . James 2:17
without works is **d** . . . . . James 2:20
being **d** to sins . . . . . 1 Pet 2:24
to them that are **d** . . . . . 1 Pet 4:6
without fruit, twice **d** . . . . . Jude 12
begotten of the **d** . . . . . Rev 1:5
liveth, and was **d** . . . . . Rev 1:18
and art **d** . . . . . Rev 3:1
Blessed are the **d** . . . . . Rev 14:13
rest of the **d** . . . . . Rev 20:5
the **d,** small . . . . . Rev 20:12
sea gave up the **d** . . . . . Rev 20:13
See Gen 23:3; Mark 9:26

DEAF

shall the **d** hear . . . . . Is 29:18
the **d** hear . . . . . Matt 11:5
both the **d** to hear . . . . . Mark 7:37
dumb and **d** spirit . . . . . Mark 9:25

DEATH

die the common **d** of all . . . . . Num 16:29
d of the righteous . . . . . Num 23:10
but **d** part thee . . . . . Ruth 1:17
When the waves of **d** . . . . . 2 Sam 22:5
in **d** there is . . . . . Ps 6:5
the sleep of **d** . . . . . Ps 13:3
The sorrows of **d** . . . . . Ps 18:4
the shadow of **d** . . . . . Ps 23:4
our guide even unto **d** . . . . . Ps 48:14
the issues from **d** . . . . . Ps 68:20
shall not see **d** . . . . . Ps 89:48
appointed to **d** . . . . . Ps 102:20
in the shadow of **d** . . . . . Ps 107:10
precious ... is the **d** . . . . . Ps 116:15
to the chambers of **d** . . . . . Prov 7:27
that hate me love **d** . . . . . Prov 8:36
hope in his **d** . . . . . Prov 14:32
drawn unto **d** . . . . . Prov 24:11
love is strong as **d** . . . . . Song 8:6
shadow of **d** . . . . . Is 9:2
He will swallow up **d** . . . . . Is 25:8
d cannot celebrate . . . . . Is 38:18
rich in his **d** . . . . . Is 53:9
his soul unto **d** . . . . . Is 53:12
the shadow of **d** . . . . . Jer 2:6
d shall be chosen . . . . . Jer 8:3
pleasure in the **d** . . . . . Ezek 18:32
d of the wicked . . . . . Ezek 33:11
O **d,** I will be . . . . . Hos 13:14
let him die the **d** . . . . . Matt 15:4
not taste of **d** . . . . . Matt 16:28
sorrowful, even unto **d** . . . . . Matt 26:38
at the point of **d** . . . . . Mark 5:23
sorrowful unto **d** . . . . . Mark 14:34
should not see **d** . . . . . Luke 2:26
and to **d** . . . . . Luke 22:33
at the point of **d** . . . . . John 4:47
from **d** unto life . . . . . John 5:24
shall never see **d** . . . . . John 8:51
never taste of **d** . . . . . John 8:52
sickness is not unto **d** . . . . . John 11:4
signifying what **d** . . . . . John 12:33
d he should glorify . . . . . John 21:19
the pains of **d** . . . . . Acts 2:24
worthy of **d** . . . . . Rom 1:32
by the **d** of his Son . . . . . Rom 5:10
d by sin . . . . . Rom 5:12
d reigned from Adam . . . . . Rom 5:14
likeness of his **d** . . . . . Rom 6:5
those things is **d** . . . . . Rom 6:21
wages of sin is **d** . . . . . Rom 6:23
law of sin and **d** . . . . . Rom 8:2
life, or **d** . . . . . 1 Cor 3:22
shew the Lord's **d** . . . . . 1 Cor 11:26
by man came **d** . . . . . 1 Cor 15:21
O **d,** where is thy . . . . . 1 Cor 15:55
sting of **d** is sin . . . . . 1 Cor 15:56
sentence of **d** . . . . . 2 Cor 1:9
savour of **d** unto **d** . . . . . 2 Cor 2:16
d worketh in us . . . . . 2 Cor 4:12
frequent, in **d** oft . . . . . 2 Cor 11:23
d, even the **d** . . . . . Phil 2:8
flesh through **d** . . . . . Col 1:22
taste **d** for every man . . . . . Heb 2:9
fear of **d** . . . . . Heb 2:15
bringeth forth **d** . . . . . James 1:15
have passed from **d** . . . . . 1 John 3:14
There is a sin unto **d** . . . . . 1 John 5:16
keys of hell and of **d** . . . . . Rev 1:18
be thou faithful unto **d** . . . . . Rev 2:10
of the second **d** . . . . . Rev 2:11
sat on him was **D** . . . . . Rev 6:8
seek **d** ... and **d** . . . . . Rev 9:6
d and hell delivered up . . . . . Rev 20:13
be no more **d** . . . . . Rev 21:4
See Prov 14:12; John 18:31

DEBT

forgave him the **d** . . . . . Matt 18:27
See Matt 6:12; Rom 4:4

DEBTOR

as we forgive our **d** . . . . . Matt 6:12

I am **d** both . . . . . Rom 1:14
d to do the whole law. . . . . Gal 5:3

DECEIT
full of cursing and **d**. . . . . Ps 10:7
iniquity and **d** . . . . . Ps 36:3
d men shall not . . . . . Ps 55:23
the wicked are **d** . . . . . Prov 12:5
Bread of **d** is sweet . . . . . Prov 20:17
of an enemy are **d** . . . . . Prov 27:6
Favour is **d** . . . . . Prov 31:30
the **d** of their heart . . . . . Jer 14:14
heart is **d** above. . . . . Jer 17:9
d of their own heart . . . . . Jer 23:26
work of the Lord **d** . . . . . Jer 48:10
of Israel with **d** . . . . . Hos 11:12
balances by **d** . . . . . Amos 8:5
with violence and **d** . . . . . Zeph 1:9
the **d** of riches . . . . . Matt 13:22
wickedness, **d** . . . . . Mark 7:22
they have used **d** . . . . . Rom 3:13
the word of God **d** . . . . . 2 Cor 4:2
d workers . . . . . 2 Cor 11:13
the **d** lusts. . . . . Eph 4:22
vain **d,** after . . . . . Col 2:8
See Ps 50:19; Prov 12:20

DECEIVE
that your heart be not **d**. . . . . Deut 11:16
d and the deceiver are . . . . . Job 12:16
whosoever is **d** . . . . . Prov 20:1
pride ... hath **d** thee. . . . . Obad 3
no man **d** you . . . . . Matt 24:4
that **d** said . . . . . Matt 27:63
he **d** the people . . . . . John 7:12
Are ye also **d** . . . . . John 7:47
Be not **d** . . . . . 1 Cor 6:9
d; evil communications . . . . . 1 Cor 15:33
as **d,** and yet true . . . . . 2 Cor 6:8
Be not **d;** God is not. . . . . Gal 6:7
lie in wait to **d** . . . . . Eph 4:14
Let no man **d** you . . . . . Eph 5:6
d you by any means . . . . . 2 Thess 2:3
Adam was not **d** . . . . . 1 Tim 2:14
d, and being **d** . . . . . 2 Tim 3:13
we **d** ourselves . . . . . 1 John 1:8
let no man **d** you. . . . . 1 John 3:7
d are entered into . . . . . 2 John 7
See Gen 31:7; Ezek 14:9

DECENTLY
all things be done **d** . . . . . 1 Cor 14:40

DECISION
multitudes in the valley of **d** . . . . . Joel 3:14

DECREASE
but I must **d**. . . . . John 3:30

DEED
for our evil **d** . . . . . Ezra 9:13
out my good **d**. . . . . Neh 13:14
according to their **d** . . . . . Ps 28:4
According to their **d**. . . . . Is 59:18
d of your father . . . . . Luke 11:48
due reward of our **d** . . . . . Luke 23:41
mighty in **d** . . . . . Luke 24:19
because their **d** . . . . . John 3:19
Ye do the **d** of your . . . . . John 8:41
in words and in **d** . . . . . Acts 7:22
by the **d** of the law . . . . . Rom 3:20
faith without the **d** . . . . . Rom 3:28
the **d** of the body. . . . . Rom 8:13
old man with his **d** . . . . . Col 3:9
ye do in word or **d** . . . . . Col 3:17
blessed in his **d** . . . . . James 1:25
in **d** and in truth . . . . . 1 John 3:18
of his evil **d** . . . . . 2 John 11
their ungodly **d** . . . . . Jude 15
See Gen 44:15; Acts 19:18

DEFENCE
the Almighty shall be thy **d**. . . . . Job 22:25
My **d** is of God . . . . . Ps 7:10
for God is my **d**. . . . . Ps 59:9
he is my **d**. . . . . Ps 62:2
Lord is our **d** . . . . . Ps 89:18
the Lord is my **d** . . . . . Ps 94:22
wisdom is a **d** . . . . . Eccl 7:12

DEFEND
shout for joy, because thou **d** them . . . . . Ps 5:11
D the poor . . . . . Ps 82:3
shall **d** them. . . . . Zech 9:15
See Ps 20:1; 59:1; Is 31:5

DEFILE
d my sanctuary . . . . . Ezek 23:38
they **d** it by their . . . . . Ezek 36:17
would not **d** himself . . . . . Dan 1:8
into the mouth **d**. . . . . Matt 15:11
they **d** the man . . . . . Matt 15:18
the things which **d** . . . . . Matt 15:20
that **d** the man. . . . . Mark 7:15
from within, and **d** . . . . . Mark 7:23
they should be **d** . . . . . John 18:28
d the temple. . . . . 1 Cor 3:17
being weak is **d** . . . . . 1 Cor 8:7
that **d** themselves . . . . . 1 Tim 1:10
them that are **d** . . . . . Titus 1:15
conscience is **d** . . . . . Titus 1:15
thereby many be **d** . . . . . Heb 12:15
filthy dreamers **d**. . . . . Jude 8
which have not **d** . . . . . Rev 3:4
See Lev 21:4; James 3:6

DEFRAUD
D not, Honour . . . . . Mark 10:19
yourselves to be **d** . . . . . 1 Cor 6:7
D ye not one . . . . . 1 Cor 7:5
See Lev 19:13; 1 Thess 4:6

DELIGHT (*n.*)
Lord had a **d** in thy fathers . . . . . Deut 10:15
great **d** in burnt . . . . . 1 Sam 15:22
no **d** in thee . . . . . 2 Sam 15:26
d in the Almighty . . . . . Job 22:26
his **d** is in the law . . . . . Ps 1:2
in whom is all my **d** . . . . . Ps 16:3
Thy testimonies ... my **d**. . . . . Ps 119:24
thy law is my **d** . . . . . Ps 119:77

commandments are my **d** . . . . . Ps 119:143
I was daily his **d** . . . . . Prov 8:30
my **d** were with . . . . . Prov 8:31
fool hath no **d** . . . . . Prov 18:2
D is not seemly . . . . . Prov 19:10
See Prov 11:1; 12:22; 15:8

DELIGHT (*v.*)
Will he **d** himself in the Almighty . . . . . Job 27:10
D thyself also. . . . . Ps 37:4
d themselves in the. . . . . Ps 37:11
thou **d** not in burnt. . . . . Ps 51:16
in whom my soul **d**. . . . . Is 42:1
the Lord **d** in thee. . . . . Is 62:4
he **d** in mercy . . . . . Mic 7:18
I **d** in the law . . . . . Rom 7:22
See Num 14:8; Prov 1:22; 2:14

DELIVER
am come down to **d** them . . . . . Ex 3:8
shall **d** thee. . . . . Job 5:19
he **d** any . . . . . Ps 33:17
d my feet from. . . . . Ps 56:13
he shall **d** thee . . . . . Ps 91:3
d David his servant. . . . . Ps 144:10
forbear to **d** them . . . . . Prov 24:11
by his wisdom **d** . . . . . Eccl 9:15
have I no power to **d** . . . . . Is 50:2
with them to **d** thee . . . . . Jer 1:8
d thee in that day . . . . . Jer 39:17
is able to **d** us. . . . . Dan 3:17
d us from evil . . . . . Matt 6:13
things are **d** unto me . . . . . Matt 11:27
being **d** by the . . . . . Acts 2:23
d for our offences . . . . . Rom 4:25
we are **d** from the law. . . . . Rom 7:6
d from the bondage . . . . . Rom 8:21
d unto death . . . . . 2 Cor 4:11
d me from . . . . . 2 Tim 4:18
See 2 Cor 1:10; Gal 1:4

DELIVERANCE
by a great **d** . . . . . 1 Chr 11:14
the songs of **d** . . . . . Ps 32:7
d to the captives . . . . . Luke 4:18

DENY
lest ye **d** your God . . . . . Josh 24:27
whosoever shall **d** . . . . . Matt 10:33
let him **d** himself. . . . . Matt 16:24
he cannot **d** himself . . . . . 2 Tim 2:13
in works they **d** him . . . . . Titus 1:16
See 2 Tim 3:5; Titus 2:12

DEPART
sceptre shall not **d** from Judah . . . . . Gen 49:10
d from my God . . . . . 2 Sam 22:22
God, **D** from us. . . . . Job 21:14
to **d** from evil. . . . . Job 28:28
D from me. . . . . Ps 6:8
D from evil . . . . . Ps 34:14
he may **d** from hell . . . . . Prov 15:24
not **d** from it . . . . . Prov 22:6
d from me . . . . . Matt 7:23
D from me, ye cursed. . . . . Matt 25:41
d out of this world . . . . . John 13:1
not the wife **d** . . . . . 1 Cor 7:10
desire to **d** . . . . . Phil 1:23
d from the faith. . . . . 1 Tim 4:1
d from iniquity . . . . . 2 Tim 2:19
See Mic 2:10; 2 Tim 4:6

DESCEND
with them that **d** into the pit. . . . . Ezek 26:20
Spirit of God **d** . . . . . Matt 3:16
like a dove **d** . . . . . Mark 1:10
king of Israel **d** . . . . . Mark 15:32
the Holy Ghost **d** . . . . . Luke 3:22
I saw the Spirit **d**. . . . . John 1:32
He that **d** is the . . . . . Eph 4:10
d from heaven . . . . . 1 Thess 4:16
This wisdom **d** not . . . . . James 3:15
d out of heaven . . . . . Rev 21:10
See Gen 28:12; Ps 49:17; 133:3

DESERT
the **d** shall rejoice . . . . . Is 35:1
streams in the **d** . . . . . Is 35:6
make straight in the **d** . . . . . Is 40:3
rivers in the **d** . . . . . Is 43:19
and was in the **d** . . . . . Luke 1:80
into a **d** place. . . . . Luke 9:10
eat manna in the **d** . . . . . John 6:31
See Ex 5:3; 19:2; Is 51:3

DESIRE (*n.*)
sought him with their whole **d** . . . . . 2 Chr 15:15
of his heart's **d** . . . . . Ps 10:3
d of thine heart . . . . . Ps 37:4
d of the wicked . . . . . Ps 112:10
the **d** of the . . . . . Ps 140:8
satisfiest the **d** . . . . . Ps 145:16
but the **d**. . . . . Prov 10:24
d of the righteous . . . . . Prov 11:23
d shall fail . . . . . Eccl 12:5
d of thine . . . . . Ezek 24:16
d of your eyes . . . . . Ezek 24:21
the **d** of all nations . . . . . Hag 2:7
With **d** I have. . . . . Luke 22:15
d of the flesh . . . . . Eph 2:3
having a **d** to depart . . . . . Phil 1:23
See Gen 3:16; Job 14:15; 31:16

DESIRE (*v.*)
whatsoever thy soul **d** . . . . . Deut 14:26
as thy soul **d**. . . . . 1 Sam 2:16
whom ye have **d** . . . . . 1 Sam 12:13
d to reason with God . . . . . Job 13:3
More to be **d** . . . . . Ps 19:10
One thing have I **d** . . . . . Ps 27:4
that **d** life . . . . . Ps 34:12
that I **d** beside . . . . . Ps 73:25
things thou canst **d**. . . . . Prov 3:15
that may be **d** are . . . . . Prov 8:11
soul of the sluggard **d**. . . . . Prov 13:4
eyes **d** I kept. . . . . Eccl 2:10
that we should **d** . . . . . Is 53:2
I **d** mercy . . . . . Hos 6:6
my soul **d** the first. . . . . Mic 7:1
O nation not **d**. . . . . Zeph 2:1

If any **d** to be first . . . . . Mark 9:35
ye **d,** when ye pray . . . . . Mark 11:24
d spiritual gifts . . . . . 1 Cor 14:1
d to be clothed upon . . . . . 2 Cor 5:2
d a better country . . . . . Heb 11:16
and **d** to have . . . . . James 4:2
the angels **d** . . . . . 1 Pet 1:12
as newborn babes **d** . . . . . 1 Pet 2:2
petitions that we **d** . . . . . 1 John 5:15
See Gen 3:6; Job 7:2, Ps 51:6

DESPISE
ye have **d** the Lord . . . . . Num 11:20
he hath **d** the word . . . . . Num 15:31
that **d** me shall be . . . . . 1 Sam 2:30
thou wilt not **d** . . . . . Ps 51:17
God hath **d** them . . . . . Ps 53:5
not **d** their prayer . . . . . Ps 102:17
fools **d** wisdom . . . . . Prov 1:7
d all my reproof . . . . . Prov 1:30
heart **d** reproof . . . . . Prov 5:12
Whoso **d** the word . . . . . Prov 13:13
A fool **d** his . . . . . Prov 15:5
d his mother . . . . . Prov 15:20
d his own soul . . . . . Prov 15:32
wisdom is **d** . . . . . Eccl 9:16
d the word of the . . . . . Is 5:24
Because ye **d** this word . . . . . Is 30:12
to him whom man **d** . . . . . Is 49:7
He is **d** and rejected . . . . . Is 53:3
d among men . . . . . Jer 49:15
d my judgments . . . . . Ezek 20:13
d mine holy things . . . . . Ezek 22:8
they have **d** the law . . . . . Amos 2:4
who hath **d** the day . . . . . Zech 4:10
we **d** thy name . . . . . Mal 1:6
and **d** the other . . . . . Matt 6:24
d not one of these . . . . . Matt 18:10
that **d** you **d** me . . . . . Luke 10:16
and he that **d** me . . . . . Luke 10:16
righteous, and **d** others . . . . . Luke 18:9
d thou the riches . . . . . Rom 2:4
things which are **d** . . . . . 1 Cor 1:28
but we are **d** . . . . . 1 Cor 4:10
d ye the church of God . . . . . 1 Cor 11:22
Let no man ... **d** him . . . . . 1 Cor 16:11
d not man, but God . . . . . 1 Thess 4:8
D not prophesyings . . . . . 1 Thess 5:20
Let no man **d** . . . . . 1 Tim 4:12
Let no man **d** thee . . . . . Titus 2:15
d the shame . . . . . Heb 12:2
ye have **d** the poor . . . . . James 2:6
See Gen 16:4; 25:34; 2 Sam 6:16

DESTROY
d the righteous with the wicked . . . . . Gen 18:23
he shall be utterly **d** . . . . . Ex 22:20
that I may **d** them . . . . . Deut 9:14
to **d** him . . . . . Job 2:3
yet thou dost **d** me . . . . . Job 10:8
He hath **d** me . . . . . Job 19:10
my skin worms **d** . . . . . Job 19:26
seek after my soul to **d** it . . . . . Ps 40:14
the wicked will he **d** . . . . . Ps 145:20
fools shall **d** . . . . . Prov 1:32
is **d** for want of judgment . . . . . Prov 13:23
that which **d** kings . . . . . Prov 31:3
one sinner **d** much . . . . . Eccl 9:18
it is in his heart to **d** . . . . . Is 10:7
shall not hurt nor **d** . . . . . Is 11:9
I will **d** the counsel . . . . . Is 19:3
but **d** them . . . . . Jer 13:14
pastors that **d** . . . . . Jer 23:1
with his **d** weapon . . . . . Ezek 9:1
d souls . . . . . Ezek 22:27
thou hast **d** thyself . . . . . Hos 13:9
not come to **d** . . . . . Matt 5:17
him that is able to **d** . . . . . Matt 10:28
art thou come to **d** us . . . . . Mark 1:24
I will **d** this temple . . . . . Mark 14:58
save life, or **d** it . . . . . Luke 6:9
is not come to **d** . . . . . Luke 9:56
D this temple . . . . . John 2:19
d with the brightness . . . . . 2 Thess 2:8
d him . . . . . Heb 2:14
to save and to **d** . . . . . James 4:12
d the works . . . . . 1 John 3:8
See Gen 6:17; Is 65:8; Rom 6:6

DESTRUCTION
to his **d** . . . . . 2 Chr 22:4
heart was lifted up to his **d** . . . . . 2 Chr 26:16
be afraid of **d** . . . . . Job 5:21
your **d** cometh . . . . . Prov 1:27
Pride goeth before **d** . . . . . Prov 16:18
seeketh **d** . . . . . Prov 17:19
fool's mouth is his **d** . . . . . Prov 18:7
are appointed to **d** . . . . . Prov 31:8
the besom of **d** . . . . . Is 14:23
The city of **d** . . . . . Is 19:18
I will be thy **d** . . . . . Hos 13:14
that leadeth to **d** . . . . . Matt 7:13
D and misery . . . . . Rom 3:16
fitted to **d** . . . . . Rom 9:22
Whose end is **d** . . . . . Phil 3:19
sudden **d** cometh . . . . . 1 Thess 5:3
with everlasting **d** . . . . . 2 Thess 1:9
drown men in **d** . . . . . 1 Tim 6:9
swift **d** . . . . . 2 Pet 2:1
unto their own **d** . . . . . 2 Pet 3:16
See Job 21:20; Prov 10:29; 21:15

DEVICE
be taken in the **d** . . . . . Ps 10:2

DEVIL
offer their sacrifices unto **d** . . . . . Lev 17:7
tempted of the **d** . . . . . Matt 4:1
two possessed with **d** . . . . . Matt 8:28
prepared for the **d** . . . . . Matt 25:41
an unclean **d** . . . . . Luke 4:33
d also came out . . . . . Luke 4:41
went seven **d** . . . . . Luke 8:2
your father the **d** . . . . . John 8:44
the **d** also believe . . . . . James 2:19
Resist the **d** . . . . . James 4:7
your adversary the **d** . . . . . 1 Pet 5:8
See Deut 32:17; Ps 106:37

DEVOUT
the same man was just and **d** . . . . . Luke 2:25
Jews, **d** men . . . . . Acts 2:5
d men carried . . . . . Acts 8:2
See Acts 10:2; 13:50; 17:4, 17

DIE
eatest thereof thou shalt surely **d** . . . . . Gen 2:17
lest ye **d** . . . . . Gen 3:3
thou shalt surely **d** . . . . . Gen 20:7
that **d** of itself . . . . . Lev 7:24
That which **d** of itself . . . . . Lev 22:8
d the common death . . . . . Num 16:29
let me **d** the death . . . . . Num 23:10
that **d** of itself . . . . . Deut 14:21
that thou must **d** . . . . . Deut 31:14
thou **d,** will I **d** . . . . . Ruth 1:17
for thou shalt **d** . . . . . 2 Kin 20:1
d for his own sin . . . . . 2 Chr 25:4
curse God, and **d** . . . . . Job 2:9
wisdom shall **d** . . . . . Job 12:2
If a man **d** . . . . . Job 14:14
d without instruction . . . . . Prov 5:23
fools **d** for want . . . . . Prov 10:21
a wicked man **d** . . . . . Prov 11:7
how **d** the wise man . . . . . Eccl 2:16
d before thy time . . . . . Eccl 7:17
they shall **d** . . . . . Eccl 9:5
worm shall not **d** . . . . . Is 66:24
will ye **d** . . . . . Jer 27:13
this year thou shalt **d** . . . . . Jer 28:16
Thou shalt **d** in peace . . . . . Jer 34:5
Thou shalt surely **d** . . . . . Ezek 3:18
it shall **d** . . . . . Ezek 18:4
why will ye **d** . . . . . Ezek 18:31
thou shalt surely **d** . . . . . Ezek 33:8
let him **d** the death . . . . . Matt 15:4
Where their worm **d** . . . . . Mark 9:44
shall never **d** . . . . . John 11:26
one man should **d** . . . . . John 11:50
will one **d** . . . . . Rom 5:7
sin revived, and I **d** . . . . . Rom 7:9
It is Christ that **d** . . . . . Rom 8:34
no man **d** to himself . . . . . Rom 14:7
Christ both **d,** and rose . . . . . Rom 14:9
for whom Christ **d** . . . . . Rom 14:15
for whom Christ **d** . . . . . 1 Cor 8:11
Christ **d** for our sins . . . . . 1 Cor 15:3
as in Adam all **d** . . . . . 1 Cor 15:22
I **d** daily . . . . . 1 Cor 15:31
except it **d** . . . . . 1 Cor 15:36
if one **d** for all . . . . . 2 Cor 5:14
and to **d** is gain . . . . . Phil 1:21
that Jesus **d** . . . . . 1 Thess 4:14
Who **d** for us . . . . . 1 Thess 5:10
here men that **d** . . . . . Heb 7:8
unto men once to **d** . . . . . Heb 9:27
These all **d** in faith . . . . . Heb 11:13
ready to **d** . . . . . Rev 3:2
shall desire to **d** . . . . . Rev 9:6
the dead which **d** . . . . . Rev 14:13
See Job 14:10; Ps 118:17

DIRECT
will I **d** my prayer . . . . . Ps 5:3
he shall **d** thy paths . . . . . Prov 3:6
shall **d** his way . . . . . Prov 11:5
the Lord **d** his steps . . . . . Prov 16:9
he **d** his way . . . . . Prov 21:29
profitable to **d** . . . . . Eccl 10:10
to **d** his steps . . . . . Jer 10:23
d your hearts . . . . . 2 Thess 3:5
See Gen 46:28; Is 45:13; 61:8

DISCERN
can I **d** between good and evil . . . . . 2 Sam 19:35
a wise man's heart **d** . . . . . Eccl 8:5
cannot **d** between . . . . . Jon 4:11
d the face of the sky . . . . . Matt 16:3
are spiritually **d** . . . . . 1 Cor 2:14
not **d** the Lord's body . . . . . 1 Cor 11:29
another **d** of spirits . . . . . 1 Cor 12:10
a **d** of the thoughts . . . . . Heb 4:12
to **d** both good . . . . . Heb 5:14
See Gen 27:23; 2 Sam 14:17

DISCIPLE
his twelve **d** . . . . . Matt 10:1
The **d** is not above . . . . . Matt 10:24
took the twelve **d** . . . . . Matt 20:17
all the **d** forsook him . . . . . Matt 26:56
tell his **d** that he is . . . . . Matt 28:7
His **d** came by night . . . . . Matt 28:13
Why do the **d** of John . . . . . Mark 2:18
all things to his **d** . . . . . Mark 4:34
his **d** eat bread . . . . . Mark 7:2
Why walk not thy **d** . . . . . Mark 7:5
his **d** rebuked those . . . . . Mark 10:13
passover with my **d** . . . . . Mark 14:14
against his **d** . . . . . Luke 5:30
d of John fast . . . . . Luke 5:33
unto him his **d** . . . . . Luke 6:13
his eyes on his **d** . . . . . Luke 6:20
John also taught his **d** . . . . . Luke 11:1
he cannot be my **d** . . . . . Luke 14:26
d began to rejoice . . . . . Luke 19:37
d believed on him . . . . . John 2:11
many of his **d** went back . . . . . John 6:66
d also may see . . . . . John 7:3
are ye my **d** indeed . . . . . John 8:31
will ye also be his **d** . . . . . John 9:27
Thou art his **d** . . . . . John 9:28
to wash the **d** feet . . . . . John 13:5
known that ye are my **d** . . . . . John 13:35
so shall ye be my **d** . . . . . John 15:8
and the **d** standing by . . . . . John 19:26
being a **d** of Jesus . . . . . John 19:38
came and told the **d** . . . . . John 20:18
d whom Jesus loved . . . . . John 21:7
seeth the **d** . . . . . John 21:20
d should not die . . . . . John 21:23
against the **d** . . . . . Acts 9:1
to the **d** . . . . . Acts 9:26
d were called . . . . . Acts 11:26
the **d** came together . . . . . Acts 20:7
to draw away **d** . . . . . Acts 20:30
See Matt 11:1; John 3:25; 18:1

DISCOURAGE
d ye the heart of the children . . . . . Num 32:7
neither be **d** . . . . . Deut 1:21

have **d** our heart . . . . . .Deut 1:28
lest they be **d** . . . . . .Col 3:21
See Num 21:4; 32:9; Is 42:4

DISEASE
put none of these **d** upon thee . . . . . .Ex 15:26
who healeth all thy **d** . . . . . .Ps 103:3
it is an evil **d** . . . . . Eccl 6:2
The **d** have ye not . . . . . .Ezek 34:4
See Matt 4:23; 14:35; Luke 9:1

DISHONOUR
son **d** the father . . . . . Mic 7:6
and ye do **d** me . . . . . .John 8:49
another unto **d** . . . . . .Rom 9:21
It is sown in **d** . . . . . .1 Cor 15:43
By honour and **d** . . . . . .2 Cor 6:8
and some to **d** . . . . . .2 Tim 2:20
See Rom 1:24; 2:23; 1 Cor 11:4, 5

DISOBEDIENCE
by one man's **d** . . . . . .Rom 5:19
the children of **d** . . . . . Eph 2:2
the children of **d** . . . . . Eph 5:6
transgression and **d** . . . . . Heb 2:2

DISOBEDIENT
d to the wisdom . . . . . .Luke 1:17
not **d** unto the ... vision . . . . . Acts 26:19
d to parents . . . . . .Rom 1:30
the lawless and **d** . . . . . .1 Tim 1:9
d to parents . . . . . .2 Tim 3:2
sometimes foolish, **d** . . . . . Titus 3:3
unto them which be **d** . . . . . .1 Pet 2:7
Which sometime were **d** . . . . . .1 Pet 3:20
See 1 Kin 13:26; Rom 10:21

DISORDERLY
every brother that walketh **d** . . . . . 2 Thess 3:6
behaved not ourselves **d** . . . . . 2 Thess 3:7
walk among you **d** . . . . . 2 Thess 3:11

DISPENSATION
a **d** of the gospel is committed . . . . . .1 Cor 9:17
the **d** of the fullness . . . . . Eph 1:10
d of the grace of God . . . . . Eph 3:2
to the **d** of God . . . . . .Col 1:25

DISSOLVE
host of heaven shall be **d** . . . . . Is 34:4
and **d** doubts . . . . . Dan 5:16
this tabernacle were **d** . . . . . .2 Cor 5:1
things shall be **d** . . . . . .2 Pet 3:11
shall be **d** . . . . . .2 Pet 3:12
See Job 30:22; Ps 75:3; Dan 5:12

DISTRIBUTE
d unto the poor . . . . . .Luke 18:22
D to the necessity . . . . . .Rom 12:13
as God hath **d** . . . . . .1 Cor 7:17
your liberal **d** . . . . . .2 Cor 9:13
See Josh 13:32; 2 Cor 10:13

DIVERS
a garment of **d** sorts . . . . . .Deut 22:11
in thy bag **d** weights . . . . . .Deut 25:13
D weights . . . . . .Prov 20:10
with **d** diseases . . . . . .Matt 4:24
in **d** places . . . . . .Matt 24:7
sick of **d** diseases . . . . . Mark 1:34
earthquakes in **d** places . . . . . Mark 13:8
sick with **d** diseases . . . . . .Luke 4:40
shall be in **d** . . . . . .Luke 21:11
d kinds of tongues . . . . . .1 Cor 12:10
led away with **d** lusts . . . . . .1 Tim 3:6
serving **d** lusts . . . . . Titus 3:3
into **d** temptations . . . . . .James 1:2
See Eccl 5:7; Heb 1:1; 13:9

DIVIDE
but **d** not the hoof . . . . . .Lev 11:4, 5, 6
D the living child . . . . . 1 Kin 3:25
the innocent shall **d** . . . . . Job 27:17
Every kingdom **d** . . . . . .Matt 12:25
Satan, he is **d** . . . . . .Matt 12:26
if a kingdom be **d** . . . . . Mark 3:24
and be **d,** he cannot stand . . . . . Mark 3:26
d against itself . . . . . .Luke 11:17
If Satan also be **d** . . . . . .Luke 11:18
five in one house **d** . . . . . .Luke 12:52
Is Christ **d** . . . . . .1 Cor 1:13
d to every man . . . . . .1 Cor 12:11
rightly **d** the word . . . . . .2 Tim 2:15
the **d** asunder of soul . . . . . Heb 4:12
See Dan 7:25; Matt 25:32

DIVINATION
is there any **d** against Israel . . . . . Num 23:23
a spirit of **d** . . . . . Acts 16:16
See Deut 18:10; 2 Kin 17:17

DIVINE (*v.*)
I can certainly **d** . . . . . Gen 44:15
d unto me . . . . . .1 Sam 28:8
and that **d** lies . . . . . .Ezek 13:9
they **d** a lie . . . . . .Ezek 21:29
prophets thereof **d** . . . . . Mic 3:11
See Gen 44:5; Ezek 22:28

DIVINE (*adj.*)
A **d** sentence is in the lips of the . . . . . .Prov 16:10
of **d** service . . . . . Heb 9:1
as his **d** power hath . . . . . .2 Pet 1:3
the **d** nature . . . . . .2 Pet 1:4

DIVINER
called for the priests and the **d** . . . . . .1 Sam 6:2
and maketh **d** mad . . . . . Is 44:25
to your **d** . . . . . Jer 27:9
your prophets and your **d** . . . . . Jer 29:8

DIVISION
will put a **d** between my people . . . . . .Ex 8:23
Nay; but rather **d** . . . . . .Luke 12:51
them which cause **d** . . . . . .Rom 16:17
See 1 Cor 1:10; 3:3; 11:18

DIVORCE
then let him write her a bill of **d** . . . . . .Deut 24:1
her that is **d** . . . . . .Matt 5:32
write a bill of **d** . . . . . Mark 10:4

DO
to **d** good in his life . . . . . Eccl 3:12

should **d** to you . . . . . Matt 7:12
this **d** . . . . . Luke 10:28
this **d** in remembrance . . . . . Luke 22:19
ye can **d** nothing . . . . . John 15:5
that **d** I not . . . . . Rom 7:15
I can **d** all things . . . . . Phil 4:13
and not a **d** . . . . . James 1:23
See John 6:38; 10:37; Rev 19:10

DOCTRINE

I give you good **d** . . . . . Prov 4:2
make to understand **d** . . . . . Is 28:9
a **d** of vanities . . . . . Jer 10:8
astonished at his **d** . . . . . Matt 7:28
the **d** of the Pharisees . . . . . Matt 16:12
what new **d** is this . . . . . Mark 1:27
know of the **d** . . . . . John 7:17
in the apostles' **d** . . . . . Acts 2:42
with your **d** . . . . . Acts 5:28
what this new **d** . . . . . Acts 17:19
form of **d** . . . . . Rom 6:17
contrary to the **d** . . . . . Rom 16:17
hath a **d** . . . . . 1 Cor 14:26
every wind of **d** . . . . . Eph 4:14
contrary to sound **d** . . . . . 1 Tim 1:10
and of good **d** . . . . . 1 Tim 4:6
to exhortation, to **d** . . . . . 1 Tim 4:13
and unto the **d** . . . . . 1 Tim 4:16
fully known my **d** . . . . . 2 Tim 3:10
profitable for **d** . . . . . 2 Tim 3:16
all longsuffering and **d** . . . . . 2 Tim 4:2
by sound **d** . . . . . Titus 1:9
become sound **d** . . . . . Titus 2:1
adorn the **d** of God . . . . . Titus 2:10
principles of the **d** . . . . . Heb 6:1
Of the **d** of baptisms . . . . . Heb 6:2
and strange **d** . . . . . Heb 13:9
abideth in the **d** . . . . . 2 John 9
See Deut 32:2; Job 11:4

DOMINION

let them have **d** . . . . . Gen 1:26
shall have **d** . . . . . Num 24:19
d over the works . . . . . Ps 8:6
let them not have **d** . . . . . Ps 19:13
He shall have **d** . . . . . Ps 72:8
have **d** over me . . . . . Ps 119:133
d is an everlasting **d** . . . . . Dan 4:34
his **d** shall be from sea . . . . . Zech 9:10
Gentiles exercise **d** . . . . . Matt 20:25
death hath no more **d** . . . . . Rom 6:9
sin shall not have **d** . . . . . Rom 6:14
law hath **d** over a man . . . . . Rom 7:1
that we have **d** . . . . . 2 Cor 1:24
and **d,** and every name . . . . . Eph 1:21
they be thrones or **d** . . . . . Col 1:16
See Dan 6:26; Jude 25; Rev 1:6

DOOR

sin lieth at the **d** . . . . . Gen 4:7
on the upper **d** post . . . . . Ex 12:7
ye everlasting **d** . . . . . Ps 24:7
opened the **d** of heaven . . . . . Ps 78:23
the **d** of my lips . . . . . Ps 141:3
d shall be shut . . . . . Eccl 12:4
for a **d** of hope . . . . . Hos 2:15
shut the **d** for nought . . . . . Mal 1:10
by the **d** . . . . . John 10:1
the **d** is the shepherd . . . . . John 10:2
I am the **d** . . . . . John 10:7, 9
at the **d** . . . . . Acts 5:9
opened the **d** of faith . . . . . Acts 14:27
a great **d** . . . . . 1 Cor 16:9
a **d** was opened . . . . . 2 Cor 2:12
open unto us a **d** . . . . . Col 4:3
standeth before the **d** . . . . . James 5:9
thee an open **d** . . . . . Rev 3:8
I stand at the **d** . . . . . Rev 3:20
behold, a **d** was opened . . . . . Rev 4:1
See Ex 21:6; Acts 5:19; 16:26

DOUBLE

he shall restore **d** . . . . . Ex 22:4
let him pay **d** . . . . . Ex 22:7
a **d** portion . . . . . 2 Kin 2:9
not of **d** heart . . . . . 1 Chr 12:33
and with a **d** heart . . . . . Ps 12:2
deacons not **d** tongued . . . . . 1 Tim 3:8
worthy of **d** honour . . . . . 1 Tim 5:17
a **d** minded man . . . . . James 1:8
See Gen 41:32; Is 61:7

DOUBT

shall **d** come again . . . . . Ps 126:6
and dissolving of **d** . . . . . Dan 5:12
didst thou **d** . . . . . Matt 14:31
and **d** not . . . . . Matt 21:21
shall not **d** . . . . . Mark 11:23
no **d** the kingdom . . . . . Luke 11:20
thou make us to **d** . . . . . John 10:24
he that **d** is damned . . . . . Rom 14:23
I stand in **d** of you . . . . . Gal 4:20
without wrath and **d** . . . . . 1 Tim 2:8
would no **d** . . . . . 1 John 2:19
See Luke 12:29; Acts 2:12

DOVE

wings like a **d** . . . . . Ps 55:6
descending like a **d** . . . . . Matt 3:16
and harmless as **d** . . . . . Matt 10:16

DRAW

D me not away . . . . . Ps 28:3
d iniquity with cords . . . . . Is 5:18
redemption **d** nigh . . . . . Luke 21:28
except the Father **d** him . . . . . John 6:44
will **d** all men unto me . . . . . John 12:32
d near with . . . . . Heb 10:22
but if any man **d** back . . . . . Heb 10:38
them who **d** back . . . . . Heb 10:39
when he is **d** away . . . . . James 1:14
See Acts 11:10; 20:30; Heb 7:19

DREAM

shall fly away as a **d** . . . . . Job 20:8
In a **d,** in a vision . . . . . Job 33:15
As a **d** when one . . . . . Ps 73:20
were like them that **d** . . . . . Ps 126:1
a **d** cometh . . . . . Eccl 5:3

prophet that hath a **d** . . . . . Jer 23:28
old men shall **d** dreams . . . . . Joel 2:28
filthy **d** defile . . . . . Jude 8
See Job 7:14; Is 29:8; Jer 27:9

DRINK (*n.*)
Do not drink wine nor strong **d** . . . . . Lev 10:9
wine and strong **d** . . . . . Num 6:3
or for strong **d** . . . . . Deut 14:26
wine or strong **d** . . . . . Deut 29:6
strong **d** is raging . . . . . Prov 20:1
Give strong **d** unto him . . . . . Prov 31:6
d shall be bitter . . . . . Is 24:9
erred through strong **d** . . . . . Is 28:7
of strong **d** . . . . . Mic 2:11
ye gave me **d** . . . . . Matt 25:35
my blood is **d** indeed . . . . . John 6:55
same spiritual **d** . . . . . 1 Cor 10:4
in meat or in **d** . . . . . Col 2:16
See Gen 21:19; Is 5:11, 22

DRINK (*v.*)
d of the river . . . . . Ps 36:8
d the wine . . . . . Ps 60:3
vinegar to **d** . . . . . Ps 69:21
givest them tears to **d** . . . . . Ps 80:5
d yea, **d** abundantly . . . . . Song 5:1
d the wine . . . . . Amos 2:8
they shall **d** . . . . . Zech 9:15
shall give to **d** . . . . . Matt 10:42
to **d** of the cup . . . . . Matt 20:22
D ye all of it . . . . . Matt 26:27
day when I **d** it new . . . . . Matt 26:29
except I **d** it . . . . . Matt 26:42
vinegar to **d** mingled . . . . . Matt 27:34
water to **d** . . . . . Mark 9:41
can ye **d** of the cup . . . . . Mark 10:38
I **d** it new . . . . . Mark 14:25
d any deadly thing . . . . . Mark 16:18
will not **d** of the . . . . . Luke 22:18
Give me to **d** . . . . . John 4:10
come unto me, and **d** . . . . . John 7:37
shall I not **d** it . . . . . John 18:11
nor to **d** wine . . . . . Rom 14:21
did all **d** the same . . . . . 1 Cor 10:4
as oft as ye **d** it . . . . . 1 Cor 11:25
to **d** into one Spirit . . . . . 1 Cor 12:13
See Mark 2:16; Luke 7:33; 10:7

DRUNK
and he made him **d** . . . . . 2 Sam 11:13
himself **d** . . . . . 1 Kin 20:16
stagger like a **d** man . . . . . Job 12:25
I am like a **d** man . . . . . Jer 23:9
We have **d** our water . . . . . Lam 5:4
makest him **d** also . . . . . Hab 2:15
drink with the **d** . . . . . Matt 24:49
and to be **d** . . . . . Luke 12:45
these are not **d** . . . . . Acts 2:15
another is **d** . . . . . 1 Cor 11:21
d in the night . . . . . 1 Thess 5:7
See Eph 5:18; Rev 17:6

DRUNKARD
he is a glutton, and a **d** . . . . . Deut 21:20
d and the glutton . . . . . Prov 23:21
hand of a **d** . . . . . Prov 26:9
nor **d,** nor revilers . . . . . 1 Cor 6:10
See Ps 69:12; Is 24:20; Joel 1:5

DRUNKENNESS
to add **d** to thirst . . . . . Deut 29:19
and not for **d** . . . . . Eccl 10:17
filled with **d** . . . . . Ezek 23:33
See Luke 21:34; Rom 13:13

DUMB
who maketh the **d** . . . . . Ex 4:11
the tongue of the **d** . . . . . Is 35:6
as a sheep ... is **d** . . . . . Is 53:7
they are all **d** dogs . . . . . Is 56:10
a **d** man possessed . . . . . Matt 9:32
blind, and **d** . . . . . Matt 12:22
blind, **d,** maimed . . . . . Matt 15:30
the **d** to speak . . . . . Mark 7:37
hath a **d** spirit . . . . . Mark 9:17
d before his shearer . . . . . Acts 8:32
See Ps 39:2; Luke 1:20; 11:14

DUST
Lord God formed man of the **d** . . . . . Gen 2:7
d shalt thou eat . . . . . Gen 3:14
d thou art . . . . . Gen 3:19
am but **d** and ashes . . . . . Gen 18:27
into **d** again . . . . . Job 10:9
turn again unto **d** . . . . . Job 34:15
repent in **d** and ashes . . . . . Job 42:6
the **d** praise thee . . . . . Ps 30:9
that we are **d** . . . . . Ps 103:14
return to their **d** . . . . . Ps 104:29
all are of the **d** . . . . . Eccl 3:20
d return to the earth . . . . . Eccl 12:7
comprehended the **d** . . . . . Is 40:12
d shall be . . . . . Is 65:25
lick the **d** . . . . . Mic 7:17
d of your feet . . . . . Matt 10:14
shake off the **d** . . . . . Mark 6:11
shake off the very **d** . . . . . Luke 9:5
d of your city . . . . . Luke 10:11
threw **d** into . . . . . Acts 22:23
See Ex 8:16; Num 23:10

DUTY
for this is the whole **d** of man . . . . . Eccl 12:13
our **d** to do . . . . . Luke 17:10
their **d** is also . . . . . Rom 15:27
See Ex 21:10; 2 Chr 8:14

DWELL
cause his name to **d** there . . . . . Deut 12:11
d between the . . . . . 1 Sam 4:4
will **d** in the house . . . . . Ps 23:6
thou **d** in the land . . . . . Ps 37:3
than to **d** in tents . . . . . Ps 84:10
here will I **d** . . . . . Ps 132:14
brethren to **d** together . . . . . Ps 133:1
shall **d** with the . . . . . Is 33:14
He shall **d** on high . . . . . Is 33:16
I **d** in the high . . . . . Is 57:15
d in me . . . . . John 6:56

Father that **d** in me . . . . . John 14:10
for he **d** with you . . . . . John 14:17
but sin that **d** in me . . . . . Rom 7:17
d in your hearts. . . . . Eph 3:17
all fullness **d**. . . . . Col 1:19
word of Christ **d** . . . . . Col 3:16
d in the light . . . . . 1 Tim 6:16
d righteousness . . . . . 2 Pet 3:13
how **d** the love. . . . . 1 John 3:17
God **d** in us . . . . . 1 John 4:12
See 2 Cor 6:16; James 4:5

E

EAGLE
how I bare you on **e** wings. . . . . Ex 19:4
were swifter than **e** . . . . . 2 Sam 1:23
renewed like the **e**. . . . . Ps 103:5
with wings as **e** . . . . . Is 40:31
face of an **e**. . . . . Ezek 1:10
A great **e**. . . . . Ezek 17:3
the **e** be gathered. . . . . Matt 24:28
like a flying **e** . . . . . Rev 4:7
See Dan 4:33; Rev 12:14

EAR
even into his **e** . . . . . Ps 18:6
his **e** are open . . . . . Ps 34:15
and incline thine **e** . . . . . Ps 45:10
stoppeth her **e** . . . . . Ps 58:4
give **e,** O my people . . . . . Ps 78:1
They have **e** . . . . . Ps 135:17
The **e** that heareth. . . . . Prov 15:31
liar giveth **e** . . . . . Prov 17:4
e of the wise. . . . . Prov 18:15
hearing **e** . . . . . Prov 20:12
stoppeth his **e** . . . . . Prov 21:13
bow down thine **e**. . . . . Prov 22:17
e of a foal . . . . . Prov 23:9
upon an obedient **e**. . . . . Prov 25:12
a dog by the **e** . . . . . Prov 26:17
nor the **e** filled. . . . . Eccl 1:8
and make their **e** heavy . . . . . Is 6:10
time that thine **e** . . . . . Is 48:8
wakeneth my **e** to hear. . . . . Is 50:4
incline your **e**. . . . . Is 55:3
nor his **e** heavy . . . . . Is 59:1
e receive the word. . . . . Jer 9:20
a piece of an **e** . . . . . Amos 3:12
their **e** are dull. . . . . Matt 13:15
and your **e** . . . . . Matt 13:16
fingers into his **e** . . . . . Mark 7:33
having **e,** hear ye not . . . . . Mark 8:18
in heart and **e** . . . . . Acts 7:51
things to our **e**. . . . . Acts 17:20
and their **e** are dull . . . . . Acts 28:27
nor **e** heard . . . . . 1 Cor 2:9
And if the **e** shall say . . . . . 1 Cor 12:16
having itching **e**. . . . . 2 Tim 4:3
e of the Lord . . . . . James 5:4
his **e** are open . . . . . 1 Pet 3:12
See Matt 11:15; Mark 4:9

EARNEST
the **e** expectation. . . . . Rom 8:19
covet **e** the best . . . . . 1 Cor 12:31
the **e** of the Spirit . . . . . 2 Cor 1:22
given unto us the **e** . . . . . 2 Cor 5:5
e of our inheritance . . . . . Eph 1:14
See Heb 2:1; James 5:17

EARTH
While the **e** remaineth . . . . . Gen 8:22
was the **e** divided . . . . . Gen 10:25
Judge of all the **e** . . . . . Gen 18:25
e shall be filled . . . . . Num 14:21
the **e** open her mouth. . . . . Num 16:30
Lord of all the **e**. . . . . Josh 3:11
way of all the **e** . . . . . Josh 23:14
man upon **e** . . . . . Job 7:1
e is given . . . . . Job 9:24
foundations of the **e** . . . . . Job 38:4
inherit the **e** . . . . . Ps 25:13
the **e** is full . . . . . Ps 33:5
them from the **e** . . . . . Ps 34:16
inherit the **e** . . . . . Ps 37:9
shall inherit the **e** . . . . . Ps 37:11
blessed upon the **e** . . . . . Ps 41:2
though **e** be removed . . . . . Ps 46:2
the **e** melted. . . . . Ps 46:6
joy of the whole **e** . . . . . Ps 48:2
made the **e** to tremble . . . . . Ps 60:2
lower parts of the **e**. . . . . Ps 63:9
the **e** shook . . . . . Ps 68:8
depths of the **e**. . . . . Ps 71:20
that water the **e** . . . . . Ps 72:6
none upon **e** that. . . . . Ps 73:25
formed the **e** . . . . . Ps 90:2
let the **e** rejoice . . . . . Ps 97:1
foundation of the **e**. . . . . Ps 102:25
the **e** is satisfied. . . . . Ps 104:13
the **e** is full . . . . . Ps 104:24
e hath he given . . . . . Ps 115:16
a stranger in the **e**. . . . . Ps 119:19
the **e** and heaven . . . . . Ps 148:13
founded the **e** . . . . . Prov 3:19
or ever the **e** was. . . . . Prov 8:23
foundations of the **e** . . . . . Prov 8:29
recompensed in the **e** . . . . . Prov 11:31
poor from off the **e**. . . . . Prov 30:14
the **e** abideth for ever . . . . . Eccl 1:4
downward to the **e** . . . . . Eccl 3:21
return to the **e**. . . . . Eccl 12:7
the **e** shall be full. . . . . Is 11:9
the **e** shall remove. . . . . Is 13:13
the **e** to tremble. . . . . Is 14:16
maketh the **e** empty . . . . . Is 24:1
e is clean dissolved . . . . . Is 24:19
circle of the **e**. . . . . Is 40:22
the ends of the **e** . . . . . Is 40:28
foundation of the **e**. . . . . Is 48:13
be joyful, O **e**. . . . . Is 49:13
the **e** shall wax old . . . . . Is 51:6
the **e** is my footstool. . . . . Is 66:1
Shall the **e** be made. . . . . Is 66:8
and the **e** is burned. . . . . Nah 1:5

e shall be filled . . . . . Hab 2:14
the **e** was full . . . . . Hab 3:3
through the whole **e** . . . . . .Zech 4:10
Lord of all the **e**. . . . . .Zech 6:5
come and smite the **e** . . . . . Mal 4:6
meek ... inherit the **e**. . . . . .Matt 5:5
treasures upon **e** . . . . . .Matt 6:19
hath power on **e** . . . . . .Matt 9:6
to send peace on **e** . . . . . .Matt 10:34
shalt bind on **e**. . . . . .Matt 16:19
shall agree on **e** . . . . . .Matt 18:19
father upon the **e** . . . . . .Matt 23:9
on **e** peace . . . . . .Luke 2:14
over all the **e** . . . . . .Luke 23:44
told you **e** things . . . . . .John 3:12
of the **e** is earthly . . . . . .John 3:31
lifted up from the **e**. . . . . .John 12:32
glorified thee on the **e** . . . . . .John 17:4
taken from the **e** . . . . . Acts 8:33
into all the **e**. . . . . .Rom 10:18
man of the **e** is **e** . . . . . .1 Cor 15:47
As is the **e**. . . . . .1 Cor 15:48
the image of the **e** . . . . . .1 Cor 15:49
in **e** vessels . . . . . .2 Cor 4:7
things on the **e** . . . . . .Col 3:2
who mind **e** things . . . . . Phil 3:19
e which drinketh. . . . . Heb 6:7
if he were on **e**. . . . . Heb 8:4
pilgrims on the **e**. . . . . Heb 11:13
that spake on **e** . . . . . Heb 12:25
voice then shook the **e** . . . . . Heb 12:26
but is **e,** sensual. . . . . .James 3:15
pleasure on the **e**. . . . . .James 5:5
precious fruit of the **e**. . . . . .James 5:7
e brought forth . . . . . .James 5:18
the **e** also . . . . . .2 Pet 3:10
shall reign on the **e** . . . . . .Rev 5:10
Hurt not the **e** . . . . . .Rev 7:3
the **e** was lightened . . . . . .Rev 18:1
the **e** and heaven . . . . . .Rev 20:11
heaven and a new **e** . . . . . .Rev 21:1
See Gen 1:11; Ex 9:29

EARTHQUAKE
and after the wind an **e** . . . . . .1 Kin 19:11
e, and great noise . . . . . Is 29:6
years before the **e** . . . . . .Amos 1:1
the **e** in the days . . . . . .Zech 14:5
e, in divers places . . . . . .Matt 24:7
saw the **e**. . . . . .Matt 27:54
there was a great **e** . . . . . Acts 16:26
lightnings, and an **e** . . . . . .Rev 8:5

EAT
the day that thou **e** thereof . . . . . Gen 2:17
shall ye not **e** . . . . . Gen 9:4
not **e** anything . . . . . .Lev 19:26
not **e** the blood . . . . . .Deut 12:16
meek shall **e** . . . . . .Ps 22:26
hath **e** me up . . . . . .Ps 69:9
e ashes like bread . . . . . .Ps 102:9
e of the fruit. . . . . .Prov 1:31
e to the satisfying . . . . . .Prov 13:25
e the fruit . . . . . .Prov 18:21
e with a ruler . . . . . .Prov 23:1
e thou honey . . . . . .Prov 24:13
not good to **e** . . . . . .Prov 25:27
honey shall he **e** . . . . . .Prov 7:15
the lion shall **e** straw. . . . . .Prov 11:7
come ye, buy, and **e** . . . . . .Prov 55:1
my servants shall **e** . . . . . .Prov 65:13
lion shall **e** straw . . . . . .Prov 65:25
e with publicans . . . . . Mark 2:16
dogs under the table **e** . . . . . Mark 7:28
e such things . . . . . .Luke 10:8
what ye shall **e**. . . . . .Luke 12:22
let us **e,** and be merry. . . . . .Luke 15:23
his flesh to **e**. . . . . .John 6:52
may **e** all things . . . . . .Rom 14:2
e, e to the Lord . . . . . .Rom 14:6
who **e** with offence . . . . . .Rom 14:20
neither to **e** flesh . . . . . .Rom 14:21
not to **e**. . . . . .1 Cor 5:11
e it as a thing offered . . . . . .1 Cor 8:7
neither, if we **e**. . . . . .1 Cor 8:8
I will **e** no flesh . . . . . .1 Cor 8:13
Have we not power to **e** . . . . . .1 Cor 9:4
all **e** the same. . . . . .1 Cor 10:3
set before you, **e** . . . . . .1 Cor 10:27
Whether therefore ye **e** . . . . . .1 Cor 10:31
that **e** and drinketh. . . . . .1 Cor 11:29
should he **e**. . . . . 2 Thess 3:10
no right to **e**. . . . . Heb 13:10
e of the tree of life. . . . . .Rev 2:7
e of the hidden manna . . . . . .Rev 2:17
e the flesh of kings . . . . . .Rev 19:18
See Prov 31:27; Is 1:19; 65:4

EDIFY
wherewith one may **e** another. . . . . .Rom 14:19
his good to **e** . . . . . .Rom 15:2
charity **e** . . . . . .1 Cor 8:1
speaketh unto men to **e** . . . . . .1 Cor 14:3
he that prophesieth **e** . . . . . .1 Cor 14:4
all things **e** not. . . . . .1 Cor 10:23
for the **e** of the body. . . . . Eph 4:12
See 2 Cor 10:8; 13:10; 1 Tim 1:4

ELDER
before the **e** of my people . . . . . 1 Sam 15:30
among the **e** of the . . . . . .Prov 31:23
the tradition of the **e** . . . . . .Matt 15:2
the tradition of the **e** . . . . . Mark 7:3
Let the **e** that rule . . . . . .1 Tim 5:17
ordain **e** in every. . . . . Titus 1:5
the **e** obtained . . . . . Heb 11:2
the **e** of the church . . . . . .James 5:14
who am also an **e** . . . . . .1 Pet 5:1
unto the **e**. . . . . .1 Pet 5:5
See John 8:9; 1 Tim 5:2; 3 John 1

ELECT
mine **e** in whom . . . . . Is 42:1
mine **e** I have. . . . . Is 45:4
mine **e** shall inherit it. . . . . Is 65:9
mine **e** shall long enjoy . . . . . Is 65:22
for the **e** sake. . . . . .Matt 24:22
deceived the very **e** . . . . . .Matt 24:24

gather together his **e**. . . . . Matt 24:31
for the **e** sake . . . . . Mark 13:20
even the **e**. . . . . Mark 13:22
God avenge his own **e** . . . . . Luke 18:7
the charge of God's **e** . . . . . Rom 8:33
as the **e** of God . . . . . Col 3:12
and the **e** angels. . . . . 1 Tim 5:21
E according to the. . . . . 1 Pet 1:2
a chief corner stone, **e** . . . . . 1 Pet 2:6
See 2 Tim 2:10; Titus 1:1; 2 John 13

ELECTION
of God according to **e** . . . . . Rom 9:11
to the **e** of grace. . . . . Rom 11:5
your **e** of God . . . . . 1 Thess 1:4
calling and **e** sure . . . . . 2 Pet 1:10

END
The **e** of all flesh is come . . . . . Gen 6:13
at thy latter **e** . . . . . Deut 8:16
consider their latter **e** . . . . . Deut 32:29
what is mine **e** . . . . . Job 6:11
thy latter **e** should . . . . . Job 8:7
the wicked come to an **e** . . . . . Ps 7:9
come to a perpetual **e**. . . . . Ps 9:6
the **e** of that man. . . . . Ps 37:37
years shall have no **e**. . . . . Ps 102:27
an **e** of all . . . . . Ps 119:96
the **e** thereof are . . . . . Prov 14:12
in the **e** of the earth . . . . . Prov 17:24
be wise in thy latter **e** . . . . . Prov 19:20
beginning to the **e**. . . . . Eccl 3:11
no **e** of all his labour. . . . . Eccl 4:8
no **e** of all the people . . . . . Eccl 4:16
that is the **e** of all . . . . . Eccl 7:2
Better is the **e** of a . . . . . Eccl 7:8
the **e** of his talk . . . . . Eccl 10:13
there shall be no **e**. . . . . Is 9:7
Declaring the **e** from . . . . . Is 46:10
will ye do in the **e** . . . . . Jer 5:31
not her last **e** . . . . . Lam 1:9
our **e** is near. . . . . Lam 4:18
time of the **e** shall . . . . . Dan 8:17
what shall be the **e** of . . . . . Dan 12:8
endureth to the **e** . . . . . Matt 10:22
harvest is the **e** of . . . . . Matt 13:39
the **e** of the world . . . . . Matt 24:3
shall endure unto the **e** . . . . . Matt 24:13
from one **e** of heaven to. . . . . Matt 24:31
but hath an **e** . . . . . Mark 3:26
but the **e** shall not. . . . . Mark 13:7
there shall be no **e**. . . . . Luke 1:33
them unto the **e**. . . . . John 13:1
To this **e** was I born . . . . . John 18:37
the **e** everlasting life . . . . . Rom 6:22
Christ is the **e** of the. . . . . Rom 10:4
upon whom the **e** of. . . . . 1 Cor 10:11
Then cometh the **e** . . . . . 1 Cor 15:24
Whose **e** is . . . . . Phil 3:19
the **e** of the. . . . . 1 Tim 1:5
whose **e** is to be. . . . . Heb 6:8
e of the world hath . . . . . Heb 9:26
the **e** of the Lord . . . . . James 5:11
the **e** of your faith . . . . . 1 Pet 1:9
and hope to the **e** . . . . . 1 Pet 1:13
e of all things. . . . . 1 Pet 4:7
my works unto the **e**. . . . . Rev 2:26
beginning and the **e** . . . . . Rev 21:6
See Ps 19:6; Is 45:22; Jer 4:27

ENDURE
but it shall not **e** . . . . . Job 8:15
But the Lord shall **e** . . . . . Ps 9:7
e for ever . . . . . Ps 19:9
weeping may **e** for a . . . . . Ps 30:5
goodness of God **e** . . . . . Ps 52:1
His name shall **e** . . . . . Ps 72:17
his truth **e** to all. . . . . Ps 100:5
thou, O Lord, shalt **e** . . . . . Ps 102:12
the Lord shall **e** for ever. . . . . Ps 104:31
his mercy **e** for ever . . . . . Ps 106:1
his righteousness **e** . . . . . Ps 111:3
judgments **e** for ever. . . . . Ps 119:160
Thy name, O Lord, **e** . . . . . Ps 135:13
thy mercy, O Lord, **e**. . . . . Ps 138:8
and thy dominion **e** . . . . . Ps 145:13
and doth the crown **e** . . . . . Prov 27:24
for his mercy **e** . . . . . Jer 33:11
that **e** to the end . . . . . Matt 10:22
But he that shall **e**. . . . . Matt 24:13
so **e** but for a time. . . . . Mark 4:17
e unto everlasting . . . . . John 6:27
e with much. . . . . Rom 9:22
e all things . . . . . 1 Cor 13:7
e hardness . . . . . 2 Tim 2:3
they will not **e** sound . . . . . 2 Tim 4:3
e afflictions . . . . . 2 Tim 4:5
a better and **e** substance. . . . . Heb 10:34
if ye **e** chastening . . . . . Heb 12:7
the man that **e** . . . . . James 1:12
them happy which **e** . . . . . James 5:11
of the Lord **e** for ever . . . . . 1 Pet 1:25
toward God **e** grief . . . . . 1 Pet 2:19
See Heb 10:32; 11:27; 12:2, 3

ENEMY
I will be an **e** unto thine **e** . . . . . Ex 23:22
all thine **e** perish . . . . . Judg 5:31
mightest still the **e** . . . . . Ps 8:2
the presence of mine **e** . . . . . Ps 23:5
mine **e** are lively . . . . . Ps 38:19
wiser than mine **e** . . . . . Ps 119:98
I count them mine **e**. . . . . Ps 139:22
maketh even his **e** . . . . . Prov 16:7
when thine **e** falleth . . . . . Prov 24:17
if thine **e** be hungry . . . . . Prov 25:21
kisses of an **e** . . . . . Prov 27:6
and join his **e**. . . . . Is 9:11
to be their **e** . . . . . Is 63:10
will cause the **e** . . . . . Jer 15:11
the wound of an **e**. . . . . Jer 30:14
a man's **e** are the men . . . . . Mic 7:6
and hate thine **e** . . . . . Matt 5:43
Love your **e,** bless . . . . . Matt 5:44
his **e** came and sowed. . . . . Matt 13:25
An **e** hath done this . . . . . Matt 13:28
The **e** that sowed. . . . . Matt 13:39
Love your **e** . . . . . Luke 6:27

thine **e** shall cast . . . . . Luke 19:43
e of all righteousness . . . . . Acts 13:10
if when we were **e** . . . . . Rom 5:10
they are **e** for your . . . . . Rom 11:28
if thine **e** hunger . . . . . Rom 12:20
therefore become your **e** . . . . . Gal 4:16
the **e** of the cross . . . . . Phil 3:18
were **e** in your mind . . . . . Col 1:21
not as an **e** . . . . . 2 Thess 3:15
is the **e** of God . . . . . James 4:4
See Ps 110:1; Is 62:8; Jer 15:14

ENJOY
therefore **e** pleasure . . . . . Eccl 2:1
make his soul **e** good . . . . . Eccl 2:24
and to **e** the good . . . . . Eccl 5:18
all things to **e** . . . . . 1 Tim 6:17
See Num 36:8; Is 65:22

ENMITY
the carnal mind is **e** against God . . . . . Rom 8:7
in his flesh the **e** . . . . . Eph 2:15
having slain the **e** . . . . . Eph 2:16
the world is **e** . . . . . James 4:4
See Gen 3:15; Num 35:21

ENTER
E into his gates with thanksgiving . . . . . Ps 100:4
may **e** in . . . . . Is 26:2
e into thy closet . . . . . Matt 6:6
E ye in . . . . . Matt 7:13
town ye shall **e** . . . . . Matt 10:11
thee to **e** into life . . . . . Matt 18:8
if thou wilt **e** into . . . . . Matt 19:17
e thou into the joy . . . . . Matt 25:21
that we may **e** into . . . . . Mark 5:12
for thee to **e** into . . . . . Mark 9:43
e into temptation . . . . . Mark 14:38
to **e** into them . . . . . Luke 8:32
e into the cloud . . . . . Luke 9:34
whatsoever city ye **e** . . . . . Luke 10:8
Strive to **e** in . . . . . Luke 13:24
e into his glory . . . . . Luke 24:26
can he **e** the second . . . . . John 3:4
ye are **e** into . . . . . John 4:38
e not by the door . . . . . John 10:1
But he that **e** . . . . . John 10:2
sin **e** into the world . . . . . Rom 5:12
e into the heart . . . . . 1 Cor 2:9
e into my rest . . . . . Heb 3:11
that they should not **e** . . . . . Heb 3:18
he that is **e** into . . . . . Heb 4:10
forerunner is for us **e** . . . . . Heb 6:20
Christ is not **e** . . . . . Heb 9:12
See Ps 143:2; Matt 15:17

ENTICE
if sinners **e** thee . . . . . Prov 1:10
with **e** words . . . . . 1 Cor 2:4
See Job 31:27; Prov 16:29

ENVY
e slayeth the silly one . . . . . Job 5:2
E thou not . . . . . Prov 3:31
Let not thine heart **e** . . . . . Prov 23:17
Be thou not **e** . . . . . Prov 24:1
e of his neighbour . . . . . Eccl 4:4
that for **e** they . . . . . Matt 27:18
delivered him for **e** . . . . . Mark 15:10
moved with **e** . . . . . Acts 7:9
were filled with **e** . . . . . Acts 13:45
full of **e,** murder . . . . . Rom 1:29
not in strife and **e** . . . . . Rom 13:13
e, and strife . . . . . 1 Cor 3:3
charity **e** not . . . . . 1 Cor 13:4
e, wraths, strifes . . . . . 2 Cor 12:20
E, murders . . . . . Gal 5:21
e one another . . . . . Gal 5:26
Christ even of **e** . . . . . Phil 1:15
whereof cometh **e** . . . . . 1 Tim 6:4
in malice and **e** . . . . . Titus 3:3
lusteth to **e** . . . . . James 4:5
See Ps 106:16; Ezek 31:9

EPHOD
they shall make the **e** of gold . . . . . Ex 28:6
he made the **e** of gold . . . . . Ex 39:2
And Gideon made an **e** . . . . . Judg 8:27
an **e,** and teraphim . . . . . Judg 17:5

EQUAL
behold the things that are **e** . . . . . Ps 17:2
lame are not **e** . . . . . Prov 26:7
or shall I be **e** . . . . . Is 40:25
hast made them **e** . . . . . Matt 20:12
e unto the angels . . . . . Luke 20:36
e with God . . . . . John 5:18
not robbery to be **e** . . . . . Phil 2:6
just and **e** . . . . . Col 4:1
See Ex 36:22; 2 Cor 8:14

ERR
people that do **e** in their heart . . . . . Ps 95:10
do **e** from thy . . . . . Ps 119:21
cause thee to **e** . . . . . Is 3:12
cause them to **e** . . . . . Is 9:16
they **e** in vision . . . . . Is 28:7
shall not **e** . . . . . Is 35:8
do **e,** not knowing . . . . . Matt 22:29
ye not therefore **e** . . . . . Mark 12:24
have **e** from . . . . . 1 Tim 6:10
have **e** concerning . . . . . 1 Tim 6:21
Do not **e** . . . . . James 1:16
if any of you do **e** . . . . . James 5:19
See Is 29:24; Ezek 45:20

ERROR
Who can understand his **e** . . . . . Ps 19:12
it was an **e** . . . . . Eccl 5:6
an **e** which proceedeth . . . . . Eccl 10:5
so the last **e** . . . . . Matt 27:64
e of his way . . . . . James 5:20
e of the wicked . . . . . 2 Pet 3:17
the spirit of **e** . . . . . 1 John 4:6
See Job 19:4; Rom 1:27; Heb 9:7

ESCAPE
they shall not **e** . . . . . Job 11:20
e with the skin . . . . . Job 19:20
shall not **e** . . . . . Prov 19:5

pleaseth God shall **e** . . . . . Eccl 7:26
and how shall we **e** . . . . . Is 20:6
e the damnation . . . . . Matt 23:33
worthy to **e** all . . . . . Luke 21:36
he **e** out of their. . . . . John 10:39
they **e** all safe . . . . . Acts 27:44
e the sea . . . . . Acts 28:4
How shall we **e** . . . . . Heb 2:3
For if they **e** . . . . . Heb 12:25
e the corruption . . . . . 2 Pet 1:4
e the pollutions . . . . . 2 Pet 2:20
See Ps 124:7; 1 Cor 10:13

ESTABLISH
with thee will I **e** my covenant . . . . . Gen 6:18
shall be **e** for ever . . . . . Prov 12:19
e by righteousness. . . . . Prov 16:12
Every purpose is **e** . . . . . Prov 20:18
hath **e** the world . . . . . Jer 10:12
yea, we **e** the law . . . . . Rom 3:31
to **e** their own . . . . . Rom 10:3
to **e** you . . . . . 1 Thess 3:2
See Amos 5:15; Hab 2:12

ETERNAL
The **e** God is thy refuge . . . . . Deut 33:27
an **e** excellency . . . . . Is 60:15
may have **e** life. . . . . Matt 19:16
righteous into life **e**. . . . . Matt 25:46
is in danger of **e**. . . . . Mark 3:29
inherit **e** life . . . . . Mark 10:17
but have **e** life . . . . . John 3:15
unto life **e**. . . . . John 4:36
ye have **e** life . . . . . John 5:39
of **e** life . . . . . John 5:68
give unto them **e** life. . . . . John 10:28
give **e** life to as many . . . . . John 17:2
ordained to **e** life. . . . . Acts 13:48
immortality, **e** life . . . . . Rom 2:7
unto **e** life. . . . . Rom 5:21
gift of God is **e** life . . . . . Rom 6:23
e weight of glory . . . . . 2 Cor 4:17
e in the heavens. . . . . 2 Cor 5:1
to the **e** purpose . . . . . Eph 3:11
lay hold on **e** life . . . . . 1 Tim 6:12
In hope of **e** life. . . . . Titus 1:2
the hope of **e** life . . . . . Titus 3:7
author of **e** salvation. . . . . Heb 5:9
and of **e** judgment. . . . . Heb 6:2
of **e** inheritance . . . . . Heb 9:15
unto his **e** glory . . . . . 1 Pet 5:10
e life . . . . . 1 John 1:2
even **e** life. . . . . 1 John 2:25
no murderer hath **e** life . . . . . 1 John 3:15
given to us **e** life . . . . . 1 John 5:11
vengeance of **e** fire . . . . . Jude 7
See Rom 1:20; 1 Tim 1:17

ETERNITY
lofty One that inhabiteth **e** . . . . . Is 57:15

EVANGELIST
entered the house of Philip the **e** . . . . . Acts 21:8
and some, **e** . . . . . Eph 4:11
the work of an **e** . . . . . 2 Tim 4:5

EVERLASTING
an **e** priesthood . . . . . Ex 40:15
the **e** arms . . . . . Deut 33:27
even from **e** to **e** . . . . . Ps 90:2
lead me in the way **e**. . . . . Ps 139:24
I was set up from **e** . . . . . Prov 8:23
an **e** foundation. . . . . Prov 10:25
The **e** Father . . . . . Is 9:6
Jehovah is **e** strength . . . . . Is 26:4
dwell with **e** burnings. . . . . Is 33:14
and **e** joy. . . . . Is 35:10
an **e** salvation. . . . . Is 45:17
e joy shall be . . . . . Is 51:11
with **e** kindness . . . . . Is 54:8
an **e** sign . . . . . Is 55:13
give them an **e** name . . . . . Is 56:5
an **e** light . . . . . Is 60:19
e joy shall . . . . . Is 61:7
an **e** name. . . . . Is 63:12
with an **e** love . . . . . Jer 31:3
some to **e** life . . . . . Dan 12:2
Art thou not from **e** . . . . . Hab 1:12
cast into **e** fire . . . . . Matt 18:8
shall inherit **e** life . . . . . Matt 19:29
into **e** fire . . . . . Matt 25:41
into **e** punishment . . . . . Matt 25:46
into **e** habitations . . . . . Luke 16:9
to come life **e**. . . . . Luke 18:30
but have **e** life . . . . . John 3:16
up into **e** life . . . . . John 4:14
endureth unto **e** life . . . . . John 6:27
on him, may have **e** life . . . . . John 6:40
commandment is life **e**. . . . . John 12:50
unworthy of **e** life . . . . . Acts 13:46
the end **e** life . . . . . Rom 6:22
reap life **e** . . . . . Gal 6:8
with **e** destruction. . . . . 2 Thess 1:9
e consolation . . . . . 2 Thess 2:16
in **e** chains . . . . . Jude 6
having the **e** gospel. . . . . Rev 14:6
See Dan 4:3; 7:27; 2 Pet 1:11

EVIDENCE
the **e** of things . . . . . Heb 11:1

EVIL
heart was only **e** continually . . . . . Gen 6:5
e toward his brother . . . . . Deut 28:54
Depart from **e** . . . . . Ps 34:14
rewarded me **e**. . . . . Ps 35:12
depart from **e**. . . . . Prov 3:7
e bow before the good . . . . . Prov 14:19
beholding the **e** . . . . . Prov 15:3
Whoso rewardeth **e** . . . . . Prov 17:13
a seed of **e** . . . . . Is 1:4
that call **e** good . . . . . Is 5:20
to refuse the **e** . . . . . Is 7:15
all manner of **e** . . . . . Matt 5:11
day is the **e**. . . . . Matt 6:34
If ye then, being **e** . . . . . Matt 7:11
An **e** and adulterous . . . . . Matt 12:39
lightly speak **e** . . . . . Mark 9:39
your name as **e** . . . . . Luke 6:22
and to the **e** . . . . . Luke 6:35

deeds were **e** . . . . . John 3:19
If I have spoken **e** . . . . . John 18:23
not speak **e** . . . . . Acts 23:5
the **e** which I would . . . . . Rom 7:19
Abhor that which is **e** . . . . . Rom 12:9
overcome **e** with good . . . . . Rom 12:21
appearance of **e** . . . . . 1 Thess 5:22
the root of all **e** . . . . . 1 Tim 6:10
every **e** work . . . . . 2 Tim 4:18
speak **e** of no man . . . . . Titus 3:2
every **e** work . . . . . James 3:16
rendering **e** for **e** . . . . . 1 Pet 3:9
See Prov 13:21; Is 45:7

EXALT
e as head above all . . . . . 1 Chr 29:11
vilest men are **e** . . . . . Ps 12:8
let us **e** his name . . . . . Ps 34:3
my horn shalt thou **e** . . . . . Ps 92:10
e far above all gods . . . . . Ps 97:9
E her, and she shall . . . . . Prov 4:8
Righteousness **e** . . . . . Prov 14:34
e above the hills . . . . . Is 2:2
Every valley shall be **e** . . . . . Is 40:4
e him that is low . . . . . Ezek 21:26
and it shall be **e** . . . . . Mic 4:1
which art **e** . . . . . Matt 11:23
e himself . . . . . Luke 14:11
if a man **e** himself . . . . . 2 Cor 11:20
hath highly **e** him . . . . . Phil 2:9
e himself above . . . . . 2 Thess 2:4
that he may **e** you . . . . . 1 Pet 5:6
See Luke 1:52; James 1:9

EXAMINE
E me, O Lord, and prove me . . . . . Ps 26:2
If we this day be **e** . . . . . Acts 4:9
e by scourging . . . . . Acts 22:24
a man **e** himself . . . . . 1 Cor 11:28
E yourselves . . . . . 2 Cor 13:5
See Ezra 10:16; Acts 24:8; 25:26

EXAMPLE
I have given you an **e** . . . . . John 13:15
things were our **e** . . . . . 1 Cor 10:6
for an **e** . . . . . Phil 3:17
ourselves an **e** . . . . . 2 Thess 3:9
be thou an **e** . . . . . 1 Tim 4:12
leaving us an **e** . . . . . 1 Pet 2:21
an **e** suffering the . . . . . Jude 7
See Matt 1:19; 1 Cor 10:6

EXCEEDING
e glad with . . . . . Ps 21:6
God my **e** joy . . . . . Ps 43:4
commandment is **e** . . . . . Ps 119:96
they are **e** wise . . . . . Prov 30:24
with **e** great joy . . . . . Matt 2:10
an **e** high mountain . . . . . Matt 4:8
Rejoice, and be **e** glad . . . . . Matt 5:12
soul is **e** sorrowful . . . . . Matt 26:38
e white as snow . . . . . Mark 9:3
a far more **e** . . . . . 2 Cor 4:17
am **e** joyful . . . . . 2 Cor 7:4
e zealous . . . . . Gal 1:14
the **e** greatness . . . . . Eph 1:19
e riches of his grace . . . . . Eph 2:7
able to do **e** abundantly . . . . . Eph 3:20
faith groweth **e** . . . . . 2 Thess 1:3
e great and precious . . . . . 2 Pet 1:4
with **e** joy . . . . . Jude 24
See 1 Sam 26:21; Jon 3:3

EXCELLENT
he is **e** in power, and in judgment . . . . . Job 37:23
how **e** is thy name . . . . . Ps 8:1, 9
speak of **e** things . . . . . Prov 8:6
of an **e** spirit . . . . . Prov 17:27
e things . . . . . Prov 22:20
he hath done **e** things . . . . . Is 12:5
more **e** being . . . . . Rom 2:18
a more **e** way . . . . . 1 Cor 12:31
See Song 5:15; Luke 1:3; Heb 1:4

EXCEPT
E ye be converted . . . . . Matt 18:3
e ye repent . . . . . Luke 13:3
E a man be born again . . . . . John 3:3
e they be sent . . . . . Rom 10:15
e it die . . . . . 1 Cor 15:36
See Rom 7:7; 1 Cor 14:5; 15:27

EXCHANGE
in **e** for his soul . . . . . Matt 16:26

EXHORT
he that **e** . . . . . Rom 12:8
teach and **e** . . . . . 1 Tim 6:2
e and to convince . . . . . Titus 1:9
e and rebuke . . . . . Titus 2:15
e one another daily . . . . . Heb 3:13
but **e** one another . . . . . Heb 10:25
See 2 Cor 9:5; Titus 2:6, 9

EXPECTATION
the **e** of the poor shall not perish . . . . . Ps 9:18
my **e** is from him . . . . . Ps 62:5
the **e** of the wicked . . . . . Prov 10:28
his **e** shall perish . . . . . Prov 11:7
the earnest **e** . . . . . Rom 8:19
my earnest **e** . . . . . Phil 1:20
See Jer 29:11; Acts 3:5

EXPEDIENT
Nor consider that it is **e** for us . . . . . John 11:50
It is **e** for you . . . . . John 16:7
it was **e** that one man . . . . . John 18:14
things are not **e** . . . . . 1 Cor 6:12

EXPRESS
and the **e** image of his person . . . . . Heb 1:3

EXPRESSLY
Spirit speaketh **e** . . . . . 1 Tim 4:1

EXTOL
I will **e** thee . . . . . Ps 30:1
e him that rideth . . . . . Ps 68:4
e thee, my God . . . . . Ps 145:1
See Ps 66:17; Is 52:13; Dan 4:37

EYE
pleasant to the **e** . . . . . Gen 3:6
to us instead of **e** . . . . . Num 10:31
lift up thine **e** . . . . . Deut 3:27

right in his own **e** . . . . . .Deut 12:8
doth blind the **e**. . . . . .Deut 16:19
apple of his **e** . . . . . .Deut 32:10
his **e** was not dim . . . . . .Deut 34:7
right in his own **e** . . . . . Judg 17:6
e may be open . . . . . .2 Chr 6:20
the **e** of the Lord . . . . . .2 Chr 16:9
e see all the evil . . . . . .2 Chr 34:28
thine **e** are upon me . . . . . Job 7:8
the **e** of the wicked . . . . . Job 11:20
what do thy **e** wink at. . . . . Job 15:12
mine **e** shall behold . . . . . Job 19:27
I was **e** to the blind. . . . . Job 29:15
his **e** behold . . . . . Ps 11:4
enlightening the **e**. . . . . Ps 19:8
the **e** of the Lord . . . . . Ps 33:18
before his **e** . . . . . Ps 36:1
Mine **e** fail . . . . . Ps 119:82
sleep to mine **e** . . . . . Ps 132:4
as smoke to the **e** . . . . . .Prov 10:26
the seeing **e** . . . . . .Prov 20:12
redness of **e** . . . . . .Prov 23:29
the **e** of man. . . . . .Prov 27:20
The **e** that mocketh . . . . . .Prov 30:17
e is not satisfied . . . . . Eccl 1:8
wise man's **e** . . . . . Eccl 2:14
sight of the **e** . . . . . Eccl 6:9
for the **e** to behold . . . . . Eccl 11:7
hide mine **e** from you. . . . . Is 1:15
hath closeth your **e** . . . . . Is 29:10
Thine **e** shall see . . . . . Is 33:17
To open the blind **e** . . . . . Is 42:7
neither hath the **e** . . . . . Is 64:4
which have **e** . . . . . Jer 5:21
mine **e** a fountain . . . . . .Jer 9:1
mine **e** shall weep . . . . . Jer 13:17
Mine **e** do fail . . . . . Lam 2:11
apple of thine **e** . . . . . Lam 2:18
which have **e** . . . . . .Ezek 12:2
desire of thine **e**. . . . . .Ezek 24:16
of purer **e** than . . . . . Hab 1:13
e of the Lord . . . . . .Zech 4:10
if thy right **e**. . . . . .Matt 5:29
Having **e,** see ye not . . . . . Mark 8:18
their **e** were holden. . . . . .Luke 24:16
which opened the **e** . . . . . .John 11:37
E hath not seen . . . . . 1 Cor 2:9
twinkling of an **e**. . . . . 1 Cor 15:52
your own **e**. . . . . .Gal 4:15
The **e** of your. . . . . Eph 1:18
e of the Lord . . . . . .1 Pet 3:12
e of his majesty . . . . . .2 Pet 1:16
the lust of the **e** . . . . . 1 John 2:16
See Ezra 5:5; Matt 20:33

EYESERVICE
Not with **e,** as menpleasers . . . . . Eph 6:6

F

FABLES
Neither give heed to **f**. . . . . .1 Tim 1:4
profane and old wives' **f**. . . . . .1 Tim 4:7
turned unto **f**. . . . . .2 Tim 4:4
to Jewish **f** . . . . . Titus 1:14
cunningly devised **f** . . . . . .2 Pet 1:16

FACE
from thy **f**. . . . . Gen 4:14
seen God **f** to **f** . . . . . Gen 32:30
unto Moses **f** to **f**. . . . . .Ex 33:11
skin of his **f** shone. . . . . .Ex 34:29
to confusion of **f** . . . . . Ezra 9:7
f to the ground . . . . . Neh 8:6
curse thee to thy **f**. . . . . Job 1:11
passed before my **f** . . . . . Job 4:15
hidest thou thy **f** . . . . . Job 13:24
thou hide thy **f** . . . . . Ps 13:1
will behold thy **f** . . . . . .Ps 17:15
Hide not thy **f** . . . . . Ps 27:9
f were not ashamed . . . . . Ps 34:5
f of thine anointed . . . . . Ps 84:9
why hidest thou thy **f**. . . . . .Ps 88:14
Hide not thy **f** from me . . . . . .Ps 102:2
f answereth to **f**. . . . . .Prov 27:19
his **f** to shine . . . . . Eccl 8:1
f of the poor . . . . . Is 3:15
set my **f** like a flint . . . . . Is 50:7
sins have hid his **f**. . . . . Is 59:2
and not their **f**. . . . . Jer 2:27
f harder than a rock . . . . . .Jer 5:3
all **f** are turned. . . . . Jer 30:6
us confusion of **f**. . . . . Dan 9:7
f as the appearance . . . . . Dan 10:6
testify to his **f**. . . . . Hos 5:5
f did shine as the sun . . . . . .Matt 17:2
f of my Father . . . . . .Matt 18:10
before the **f** of all. . . . . .Luke 2:31
set his **f** to go. . . . . .Luke 9:51
because his **f** . . . . . .Luke 9:53
but then **f** to **f** . . . . . .1 Cor 13:12
vail over his **f**. . . . . .2 Cor 3:13
all, with open **f** . . . . . .2 Cor 3:18
And was unknown by **f** . . . . . .Gal 1:22
withstood him to the **f**. . . . . .Gal 2:11
his natural **f**. . . . . .James 1:23
from whose **f**. . . . . .Rev 20:11
See 1 Kin 19:13; Dan 1:10

FAIL
doth his promise **f** . . . . . .Ps 77:8
my faithfulness to **f**. . . . . .Ps 89:33
his wisdom **f** him . . . . . Eccl 10:3
desire shall **f**. . . . . Eccl 12:5
the grass **f**. . . . . Is 15:6
of these shall **f**. . . . . Is 34:16
tongue **f** for thirst . . . . . Is 41:17
truth **f**. . . . . Is 59:15
their eyes did **f** . . . . . Jer 14:6
as waters that **f** . . . . . Jer 15:18
his compassions **f** not. . . . . .Lam 3:22
every vision **f**. . . . . .Ezek 12:22
heavens that **f** not . . . . . .Luke 12:33
that thy faith **f** not . . . . . .Luke 22:32
Charity never **f** . . . . . .1 Cor 13:8
thy years shall not **f** . . . . . Heb 1:12
See Deut 31:6; Ps 40:12; 143:7

FAITH

children in whom is no **f** . . . . . Deut 32:20
O ye of little **f** . . . . . Matt 6:30
found so great **f** . . . . . Matt 8:10
thy **f** hath made . . . . . Matt 9:22
O thou of little **f** . . . . . Matt 14:31
f as a grain . . . . . Matt 17:20
if ye have **f** . . . . . Matt 21:21
judgment, mercy, and **f** . . . . . Matt 23:23
have **f** in God . . . . . Mark 11:22
Thy **f** hath saved thee . . . . . Luke 7:50
Where is your **f** . . . . . Luke 8:25
Increase our **f** . . . . . Luke 17:5
f on the earth . . . . . Luke 18:8
that thy **f** fail not . . . . . Luke 22:32
the **f** which . . . . . Acts 3:16
a man full of **f** . . . . . Acts 6:5
Holy Ghost and of **f** . . . . . Acts 11:24
had **f** to be healed . . . . . Acts 14:9
opened the door of **f** . . . . . Acts 14:27
their hearts by **f** . . . . . Acts 15:9
established in the **f** . . . . . Acts 16:5
f toward our Lord . . . . . Acts 20:21
sanctified by **f** . . . . . Acts 26:18
for obedience to the **f** . . . . . Rom 1:5
revealed from **f** to **f** . . . . . Rom 1:17
justified by **f** . . . . . Rom 3:28
f if counted . . . . . Rom 4:5
but was strong in **f** . . . . . Rom 4:20
we have access by **f** . . . . . Rom 5:2
the word of **f** . . . . . Rom 10:8
f cometh by hearing . . . . . Rom 10:17
the measure of **f** . . . . . Rom 12:3
not of **f** is sin . . . . . Rom 14:23
though I have all **f** . . . . . 1 Cor 13:2
And now abideth **f** . . . . . 1 Cor 13:13
your **f** is also vain . . . . . 1 Cor 15:14
stand fast in the **f** . . . . . 1 Cor 16:13
dominion over your **f** . . . . . 2 Cor 1:24
same spirit of **f** . . . . . 2 Cor 4:13
we walk by **f** . . . . . 2 Cor 5:7
be in the **f** . . . . . 2 Cor 13:5
the **f** of Christ . . . . . Gal 2:16
f of the Son . . . . . Gal 2:20
by the hearing of **f** . . . . . Gal 3:2
the law is not of **f** . . . . . Gal 3:12
justified by **f** . . . . . Gal 3:24
f which worketh by love . . . . . Gal 5:6
of the household of **f** . . . . . Gal 6:10
by the **f** of him . . . . . Eph 3:12
in your hearts by **f** . . . . . Eph 3:17
One Lord, one **f** . . . . . Eph 4:5
in the unity of the **f** . . . . . Eph 4:13
taking the shield of **f** . . . . . Eph 6:16
for the **f** . . . . . Phil 1:27
continue in the **f** . . . . . Col 1:23
steadfastness of your **f** . . . . . Col 2:5
your work of **f** . . . . . 1 Thess 1:3
the breastplate of **f** . . . . . 1 Thess 5:8
and the work of **f** . . . . . 2 Thess 1:11
all men have not **f** . . . . . 2 Thess 3:2
son in the **f** . . . . . 1 Tim 1:2
of **f** unfeigned . . . . . 1 Tim 1:5
if they continue in **f** . . . . . 1 Tim 2:15
great boldness in the **f** . . . . . 1 Tim 3:13
shall depart from the **f** . . . . . 1 Tim 4:1
he hath denied the **f** . . . . . 1 Tim 5:8
erred from the **f** . . . . . 1 Tim 6:10
the unfeigned **f** . . . . . 2 Tim 1:5
concerning the **f** . . . . . 2 Tim 3:8
I have kept the **f** . . . . . 2 Tim 4:7
not being mixed with **f** . . . . . Heb 4:2
of **f** toward God . . . . . Heb 6:1
through **f** and patience . . . . . Heb 6:12
in full assurance of **f** . . . . . Heb 10:22
f is the substance . . . . . Heb 11:1
without **f** it is . . . . . Heb 11:6
These all died in **f** . . . . . Heb 11:13
through **f** subdued . . . . . Heb 11:33
finisher of our **f** . . . . . Heb 12:2
whose **f** follow . . . . . Heb 13:7
trying of your **f** . . . . . James 1:3
let him ask in **f** . . . . . James 1:6
man say he hath **f** . . . . . James 2:14
f if it hath not works . . . . . James 2:17
the prayer of **f** . . . . . James 5:15
trial of your **f** . . . . . 1 Pet 1:7
the end of your **f** . . . . . 1 Pet 1:9
steadfast in the **f** . . . . . 1 Pet 5:9
even our **f** . . . . . 1 John 5:4
contend for the **f** . . . . . Jude 3
your most holy **f** . . . . . Jude 20
hast not denied my **f** . . . . . Rev 2:13
patience and the **f** . . . . . Rev 13:10
the **f** of Jesus . . . . . Rev 14:12
See Hab 2:4; 1 Tim 4:6

FAITHFUL

a **f** witness in heaven . . . . . Ps 89:37
commandments are **f** . . . . . Ps 119:86
righteous and very **f** . . . . . Ps 119:138
a **f** spirit . . . . . Prov 11:13
a **f** ambassador . . . . . Prov 13:17
A **f** witness . . . . . Prov 14:5
f man shall abound . . . . . Prov 28:20
a true and **f** witness . . . . . Jer 42:5
f and wise servant . . . . . Matt 24:45
good and **f** servant . . . . . Matt 25:21
f and wise steward . . . . . Luke 12:42
f also in much . . . . . Luke 16:10
thou hast been **f** . . . . . Luke 19:17
judged me to be **f** . . . . . Acts 16:15
man be found **f** . . . . . 1 Cor 4:2
f in the Lord . . . . . 1 Cor 4:17
blessed with **f** Abraham . . . . . Gal 3:9
and **f** minister . . . . . Eph 6:21
f minister in Christ . . . . . Col 1:7
F is he that . . . . . 1 Thess 5:24
Lord is **f** . . . . . 2 Thess 3:3
This is a **f** saying . . . . . 1 Tim 1:15
f in all things . . . . . 1 Tim 3:11
thou to **f** man . . . . . 2 Tim 2:2
It is a **f** saying . . . . . 2 Tim 2:11
yet he abideth **f** . . . . . 2 Tim 2:13
This is a **f** saying . . . . . Titus 3:8
and **f** high priest . . . . . Heb 2:17
f to him that appointed . . . . . Heb 3:2

f that promised . . . . . Heb 10:23
judged him f . . . . . Heb 11:11
as unto a f Creator . . . . . 1 Pet 4:19
he is f . . . . . 1 John 1:9
be thou f unto death. . . . . Rev 2:10
my f martyr . . . . . Rev 2:13
chosen, and f . . . . . Rev 17:14
true and f. . . . . Rev 21:5
f and true . . . . . Rev 22:6
See Deut 7:9; Dan 6:4; Rev 1:5

FAITHFULLY
doest f whatsoever . . . . . 3 John 5

FAITHFULNESS
no f in their mouth. . . . . Ps 5:9
declared thy f. . . . . Ps 40:10
f the girdle . . . . . Is 11:5
great is thy f. . . . . Lam 3:23
See 1 Sam 26:23; Ps 119:75

FAITHLESS
O f and perverse generation . . . . . Matt 17:17
O f generation. . . . . Mark 9:19
and be not f. . . . . John 20:27

FALL (*n.*)
haughty spirit before a f. . . . . Prov 16:18
great was the f. . . . . Matt 7:27
the f and rising . . . . . Luke 2:34
if the f of them . . . . . Rom 11:12
See Jer 49:21; Ezek 26:15

FALL (*v.*)
let them f . . . . . Ps 5:10
is f into the ditch. . . . . Ps 7:15
Though he f. . . . . Ps 37:24
reproached thee are f . . . . . Ps 69:9
kings shall f down. . . . . Ps 72:11
A thousand shall f . . . . . Ps 91:7
fool shall f . . . . . Prov 10:8
the people f . . . . . Prov 11:14
riches shall f . . . . . Prov 11:28
f into mischief. . . . . Prov 13:17
a perverse tongue f. . . . . Prov 17:20
For a just man f. . . . . Prov 24:16
shall f therein . . . . . Prov 26:27
alone when he f. . . . . Eccl 4:10
diggeth a pit shall f. . . . . Eccl 10:8
where the tree f. . . . . Eccl 11:3
How art thou f . . . . . Is 14:12
ye f down and worship. . . . . Dan 3:5
many shall f down . . . . . Dan 11:26
and to the hills, F . . . . . Hos 10:8
when I f . . . . . Mic 7:8
f down and worship . . . . . Matt 4:9
f on the ground. . . . . Matt 10:29
f into the pit. . . . . Matt 12:11
f into the ditch . . . . . Matt 15:14
f on the stone. . . . . Matt 21:44
f from heaven . . . . . Matt 24:29
they not both f . . . . . Luke 6:39
temptation f away. . . . . Luke 8:13
Satan as lightning f. . . . . Luke 10:18
Whosoever shall f upon. . . . . Luke 20:18
F on us . . . . . Luke 23:30
he standeth or f. . . . . Rom 14:4
occasion to f . . . . . Rom 14:13
heed lest he f. . . . . 1 Cor 10:12
but some are f asleep . . . . . 1 Cor 15:6
f asleep in Christ. . . . . 1 Cor 15:18
ye are f from grace . . . . . Gal 5:4
f into. . . . . 1 Tim 3:6
f into reproach . . . . . 1 Tim 3:7
rich f into temptation. . . . . 1 Tim 6:9
lest any man f . . . . . Heb 4:11
If they shall f away . . . . . Heb 6:6
to f into the hands . . . . . Heb 10:31
when ye f . . . . . James 1:2
flower thereof f. . . . . James 1:11
f into condemnation. . . . . James 5:12
flower thereof f. . . . . 1 Pet 1:24
ye shall never f . . . . . 2 Pet 1:10
f from your own . . . . . 2 Pet 3:17
F on us . . . . . Rev 6:16
See Is 21:9, Lam 5:16; Rev 14:8

FALLING
have upholden him that was f. . . . . Job 4:4
my feet from f. . . . . Ps 56:13
a righteous man f . . . . . Prov 25:26
a f away first . . . . . 2 Thess 2:3
keep you from f. . . . . Jude 24

FALSE
Thou shalt not bear f witness . . . . . Ex 20:16
raise a f report. . . . . Ex 23:1
It is f . . . . . 2 Kin 9:12
hate every f way . . . . . Ps 119:104
thou f tongue. . . . . Ps 120:3
a f witness . . . . . Prov 6:19
A f balance. . . . . Prov 11:1
a f witness deceit. . . . . Prov 12:17
but a f witness . . . . . Prov 14:5
A f witness shall not. . . . . Prov 19:5
Beware of f prophets . . . . . Matt 7:15
f Christs, and f . . . . . Matt 24:24
sought f witness . . . . . Matt 26:59
f prophets. . . . . Mark 13:22
many bare f witness . . . . . Mark 14:56
by f accusation . . . . . Luke 19:8
found f witnesses . . . . . 1 Cor 15:15
are f apostles . . . . . 2 Cor 11:13
among f brethren . . . . . 2 Cor 11:26
f accusers . . . . . 2 Tim 3:3
not f accusers . . . . . Titus 2:3
See 2 Pet 2:1; 1 John 4:1

FAMILIAR
my f friends have forgotten me. . . . . Job 19:14
mine own f friend. . . . . Ps 41:9

FAMILY
shall all f of the earth be blessed. . . . . Gen 12:3
all the f of the earth . . . . . Gen 28:14
f in heaven . . . . . Eph 3:15
See Num 27:4; Amos 3:2

FAMINE
pestilence, or f. . . . . 2 Chr 20:9
alive in f . . . . . Ps 33:19

the sword, the **f** . . . . . Jer 24:10
evil arrows of **f** . . . . . Ezek 5:16
there shall be **f**. . . . . Matt 24:7
f and troubles . . . . . Mark 13:8
f, and pestilences . . . . . Luke 21:11
See Luke 15:14; Rom 8:35

FASHION
hands have made me and **f** me . . . . . Job 10:8
f us in the womb. . . . . Job 31:15
He **f** their hearts . . . . . Ps 33:15
the **f** of his . . . . . Luke 9:29
f of this world . . . . . 1 Cor 7:31
found in **f** as a man. . . . . Phil 2:8
be **f** like. . . . . Phil 3:21
not **f** yourselves. . . . . 1 Pet 1:14
See Gen 6:15; Ezek 42:11

FAST
Is not this the **f** . . . . . Is 58:6
Sanctify ye a **f** . . . . . Joel 1:14
did ye at all **f** . . . . . Zech 7:5
when ye **f** . . . . . Matt 6:16
thy disciples **f** not . . . . . Matt 9:14
the children ... **f**. . . . . Mark 2:19
f twice in the week . . . . . Luke 18:12
See Matt 4:2; Acts 13:2

FASTING
I humbled my soul with **f** . . . . . Ps 35:13
weak through **f** . . . . . Ps 109:24
upon the **f** day. . . . . Jer 36:6
send them away **f** . . . . . Mark 8:3
give yourselves to **f**. . . . . 1 Cor 7:5
in watchings, in **f** . . . . . 2 Cor 6:5
in **f** often . . . . . 2 Cor 11:27
See Dan 6:18; 9:3; Matt 17:21

FATHER
my **f** God . . . . . Ex 15:2
iniquity of the **f**. . . . . Ex 20:5
he that smiteth his **f** . . . . . Ex 21:15
the God of thy **f**. . . . . 1 Chr 28:9
God of our **f**. . . . . Ezra 7:27
a **f** to the poor . . . . . Job 29:16
A **f** of the fatherless . . . . . Ps 68:5
instruction of a **f**. . . . . Prov 4:1
maketh a glad **f** . . . . . Prov 10:1
the **f** of a fool. . . . . Prov 17:21
grief to his **f**. . . . . Prov 17:25
The everlasting **F** . . . . . Is 9:6
thou art our **f**. . . . . Is 63:16
thou art our **f**. . . . . Is 64:8
My **f,** thou art . . . . . Jer 3:4
I am a **f** to Israel . . . . . Jer 31:9
as the soul of the **f** . . . . . Ezek 18:4
Have we not all one **f** . . . . . Mal 2:10
F which is in heaven. . . . . Matt 5:16
children of your **F**. . . . . Matt 5:45
Our **F** which art . . . . . Matt 6:9
for your heavenly **F** . . . . . Matt 6:32
the will of my **F**. . . . . Matt 7:21
go and bury my **f** . . . . . Matt 8:21
the **f** the child . . . . . Matt 10:21
He that loveth **f**. . . . . Matt 10:37
Even so, **F**. . . . . Matt 11:26
shall do the will of my **F** . . . . . Matt 12:50
the face of my **F** . . . . . Matt 18:10
not the will of your **F**. . . . . Matt 18:14
call no man your **f** . . . . . Matt 23:9
Come, ye blessed of my **F** . . . . . Matt 25:34
in the name of the **F**. . . . . Matt 28:19
he said, Abba, **F**. . . . . Mark 14:36
about my **F** business. . . . . Luke 2:49
F also is merciful. . . . . Luke 6:36
you that is a **f**. . . . . Luke 11:11
your **F** knoweth. . . . . Luke 12:30
your **F** good pleasure . . . . . Luke 12:32
F, I have sinned. . . . . Luke 15:21
send him to my **f** house . . . . . Luke 16:27
F, if thou be willing . . . . . Luke 22:42
F, forgive them . . . . . Luke 23:34
F, into thy hands . . . . . Luke 23:46
begotten of the **F**. . . . . John 1:14
the **F** judgeth no man. . . . . John 5:22
And the **F** himself. . . . . John 5:37
All that the **F** giveth . . . . . John 6:37
hath seen the **F** . . . . . John 6:46
I and the **F** that sent . . . . . John 8:16
the **f** of it . . . . . John 8:44
I honour my **F**. . . . . John 8:49
As the **F** knoweth me . . . . . John 10:15
I and my **F** are one . . . . . John 10:30
F, save me. . . . . John 12:27
the **F** which sent me. . . . . John 12:49
unto the **F** . . . . . John 13:1
unto the **F,** but by me. . . . . John 14:6
hath seen the **F** . . . . . John 14:9
And I will pray the **F** . . . . . John 14:16
the **F** which sent me. . . . . John 14:24
I go unto the **F** . . . . . John 14:28
my **F** is the husbandman . . . . . John 15:1
ye shall ask of the **F** . . . . . John 15:16
because I go to the **F** . . . . . John 16:16
pray the **F** for you. . . . . John 16:26
the **F** is with me . . . . . John 16:32
F, the hour is come. . . . . John 17:1
I ascend unto my **F**. . . . . John 20:17
the God of my **f**. . . . . Acts 24:14
the **f** of all them. . . . . Rom 4:11
we cry, Abba, **F** . . . . . Rom 8:15
have ye not many **f**. . . . . 1 Cor 4:15
F of mercies. . . . . 2 Cor 1:3
traditions of my **f** . . . . . Gal 1:14
appointed of the **f**. . . . . Gal 4:2
One God and **F** of all . . . . . Eph 4:6
f, provoke not your. . . . . Eph 6:4
glory of God the **F** . . . . . Phil 2:11
as a son with the **f**. . . . . Phil 2:22
it pleased the **F** . . . . . Col 1:19
entreat him as a **f** . . . . . 1 Tim 5:1
I will be to him a **F**. . . . . Heb 1:5
Without **f** . . . . . Heb 7:3
the **F** of spirits. . . . . Heb 12:9
F of lights. . . . . James 1:17
the **f** fell asleep . . . . . 2 Pet 3:4
is with the **F**. . . . . 1 John 1:3
an advocate with the **F**. . . . . 1 John 2:1

the love of the **F** . . . . . 1 John 2:15
hath not the **F** . . . . . 1 John 2:23
of love the **F** hath . . . . . 1 John 3:1
the **F,** the Word . . . . . 1 John 5:7
See 1 Chr 29:10; Luke 11:2

FAULTLESS
if that first covenant had been **f** . . . . . Heb 8:7
and to present you **f** . . . . . .Jude 24

FEAR (*n.*)
the **f** of you and the dread of you . . . . . Gen 9:2
the **f** of God is not . . . . . Gen 20:11
and the **f** of thee . . . . . .Deut 2:25
Is not this thy **f** . . . . . Job 4:6
thou castest off **f** . . . . . Job 15:4
The **f** of the Lord is. . . . . .Ps 19:9
I will teach you the **f**. . . . . .Ps 34:11
no **f** of God . . . . . .Ps 36:1
The **f** of the Lord. . . . . .Ps 111:10
when your **f** cometh . . . . . .Prov 1:26
not afraid of sudden **f**. . . . . .Prov 3:25
f of the Lord . . . . . .Prov 10:27
In the **f** of the Lord. . . . . .Prov 14:26
with the **f** of the Lord. . . . . .Prov 15:16
f of the Lord . . . . . .Prov 19:23
f of man bringeth . . . . . .Prov 29:25
and **f** shall be in . . . . . Eccl 12:5
fear ye their **f**. . . . . Is 8:12
and from thy **f**. . . . . Is 14:3
f toward me is taught . . . . . Is 29:13
of **f,** and not of peace . . . . . Jer 30:5
I will put my **f** . . . . . Jer 32:40
where is my **f**. . . . . Mal 1:6
cried out for **f** . . . . . .Matt 14:26
failing them for **f**. . . . . .Luke 21:26
openly of him for **f** . . . . . .John 7:13
but secretly for **f** . . . . . .John 19:38
assembled for **f** . . . . . .John 20:19
f to whom **f** . . . . . .Rom 13:7
and in **f,** and in . . . . . 1 Cor 2:3
yea, what **f** . . . . . 2 Cor 7:11
with **f** and trembling . . . . . Eph 6:5
salvation with **f** . . . . . Phil 2:12
the spirit of **f** . . . . . .2 Tim 1:7
through **f** of death. . . . . Heb 2:15
moved with **f** . . . . . Heb 11:7
reverence and godly **f**. . . . . Heb 12:28
themselves without **f** . . . . . .Jude 12
others save with **f** . . . . . .Jude 23
See Ps 2:11; 1 Pet 2:18; 3:2

FEAR (*v.*)
I know that thou **f** God . . . . . Gen 22:12
and live; for I **f** God . . . . . Gen 42:18
F ye not, stand still . . . . . .Ex 14:13
such as **f** God. . . . . .Ex 18:21
they may learn to **f** . . . . . .Deut 4:10
that they would **f** me . . . . . .Deut 5:29
f this glorious name . . . . . .Deut 28:58
F before him . . . . . 1 Chr 16:30
and **f** God above many. . . . . Neh 7:2
Doth Job **f** God for nought . . . . . Job 1:9
I will **f** no evil . . . . . .Ps 23:4
whom shall I **f** . . . . . .Ps 27:1
f the Lord. . . . . .Ps 34:9
not **f** what flesh . . . . . .Ps 56:4
all ye that **f** God . . . . . .Ps 66:16
is the man that **f** . . . . . .Ps 112:1
Ye that **f** the Lord . . . . . .Ps 115:11
I will not **f** . . . . . .Ps 118:6
They that **f** thee. . . . . .Ps 119:74
f the Lord. . . . . .Prov 3:7
f thou the Lord . . . . . .Prov 24:21
the man that **f** always . . . . . .Prov 28:14
but a woman that **f** . . . . . .Prov 31:30
that men should **f** . . . . . Eccl 3:14
but **f** thou God . . . . . Eccl 5:7
as he that **f** an oath . . . . . Eccl 9:2
F God, and keep his . . . . . Eccl 12:13
neither **f** ye their . . . . . Is 8:12
Be strong, **f** not . . . . . Is 35:4
F thou not . . . . . Is 41:10
Let us now **f** the Lord. . . . . Jer 5:24
Who would not **f** thee . . . . . Jer 10:7
shall **f** and tremble . . . . . Jer 33:9
and **f** before the God . . . . . Dan 6:26
Surely thou wilt **f** me . . . . . Zeph 3:7
they that **f** the Lord . . . . . Mal 3:16
unto you that **f** my name . . . . . Mal 4:2
f him which is able . . . . . .Matt 10:28
whom ye shall **f**. . . . . .Luke 12:5
F not, little flock . . . . . .Luke 12:32
judge, which **f** not God . . . . . .Luke 18:2
and one that **f** God . . . . . Acts 10:22
again to **f** . . . . . .Rom 8:15
not highminded, but **f** . . . . . .Rom 11:20
But I **f** lest by . . . . . .2 Cor 11:3
For I **f,** lest . . . . . .2 Cor 12:20
others also may **f**. . . . . .1 Tim 5:20
heard in that he **f** . . . . . Heb 5:7
I will not **f** what man . . . . . Heb 13:6
no **f** in love. . . . . 1 John 4:18
See 1 Kin 18:12; Col 3:22

FEED
fools **f** on foolishness . . . . . .Prov 15:14
f me with food. . . . . .Prov 30:8
the lambs **f**. . . . . Is 5:17
the bear shall **f**. . . . . Is 11:7
there shall the calf **f** . . . . . Is 27:10
He **f** on ashes. . . . . Is 44:20
and the lamb shall **f** . . . . . Is 65:25
F the flock of the. . . . . .Zech 11:4
heavenly Father **f** . . . . . .Matt 6:26
F my lambs . . . . . .John 21:15
He saith unto him, **F** my . . . . . .John 21:16
Jesus saith unto him, **F** my . . . . . .John 21:17
hunger, **f** him. . . . . .Rom 12:20
F the flock . . . . . .1 Pet 5:2
See Song 1:7; Acts 20:28

FEET
lawgiver from between his **f** . . . . . Gen 49:10
f was I to the lame . . . . . .Job 29:15
all things under his **f** . . . . . .Ps 8:6
my hands and my **f**. . . . . .Ps 22:16
set my **f** upon a rock. . . . . .Ps 40:2

thou deliver my **f** . . . . . Ps 56:13
suffereth not our **f** . . . . . Ps 66:9
and my **f** from falling . . . . . Ps 116:8
a lamp unto my **f**. . . . . Ps 119:105
Our **f** shall stand . . . . . Ps 122:2
their **f** run to evil . . . . . Prov 1:16
the path of thy **f** . . . . . Prov 4:26
Her **f** go down to death . . . . . Prov 5:5
speaketh with his **f** . . . . . Prov 6:13
with his **f** sinneth . . . . . Prov 19:2
washed my **f**. . . . . Song 5:3
How beautiful are thy **f** . . . . . Song 7:1
he covered his **f**. . . . . Is 6:2
even the **f** of the poor. . . . . Is 26:6
the **f** of him that . . . . . Is 52:7
place of my **f** . . . . . Is 60:13
under his **f** all the . . . . . Lam 3:34
stand upon thy **f** . . . . . Ezek 2:1
set me upon my **f** . . . . . Ezek 2:2
thy shoes upon thy **f**. . . . . Ezek 24:17
stamped with the **f** . . . . . Ezek 25:6
the waters with thy **f**. . . . . Ezek 32:2
the residue with your **f**. . . . . Ezek 34:18
his **f** part of iron . . . . . Dan 2:33
as the toes of the **f**. . . . . Dan 2:42
his arms and his **f** . . . . . Dan 10:6
And his **f** shall . . . . . Zech 14:4
them under their **f** . . . . . Matt 7:6
the dust of your **f** . . . . . Matt 10:14
two hands or two **f** . . . . . Matt 18:8
dust under your **f** . . . . . Mark 6:11
guide our **f**. . . . . Luke 1:79
kissed his **f**. . . . . Luke 7:38
at the **f** of Jesus . . . . . Luke 8:35
dust from your **f** . . . . . Luke 9:5
also sat at Jesus' **f** . . . . . Luke 10:39
my hands and my **f**. . . . . Luke 24:39
and wiped his **f** . . . . . John 11:2
anointed the **f** . . . . . John 12:3
wash the disciples' **f** . . . . . John 13:5
at the apostles' **f** . . . . . Acts 4:35
the **f** of them . . . . . Acts 5:9
the dust of their **f** . . . . . Acts 13:51
f are swift to shed . . . . . Rom 3:15
beautiful are the **f** . . . . . Rom 10:15
Satan under your **f** . . . . . Rom 16:20
the head to the **f** . . . . . 1 Cor 12:21
enemies under his **f** . . . . . 1 Cor 15:25
all things under his **f** . . . . . Eph 1:22
your **f** shod . . . . . Eph 6:15
paths for your **f** . . . . . Heb 12:13
See 2 Sam 4:4; 2 Kin 9:35

FELL

his countenance **f** . . . . . Gen 4:5
Judas by transgression **f**. . . . . Acts 1:25
f on sleep . . . . . Acts 13:36
the fathers **f** asleep . . . . . 2 Pet 3:4
of the nations **f** . . . . . Rev 16:19
See Matt 13:4; Acts 10:44

FELLOWSHIP

and **f,** and in breaking of bread . . . . . Acts 2:42
unto the **f** of his Son. . . . . 1 Cor 1:9
should have **f** with devils . . . . . 1 Cor 10:20
what **f** hath. . . . . 2 Cor 6:14
see what is the **f** of . . . . . Eph 3:9
no **f** with the . . . . . Eph 5:11
your **f** in the gospel. . . . . Phil 1:5
if any **f** of the Spirit. . . . . Phil 2:1
the **f** of his . . . . . Phil 3:10
our **f** is with the. . . . . 1 John 1:3
we have **f** . . . . . 1 John 1:7
See Lev 6:2; 2 Cor 8:4

FERVENT

being **f** in the spirit. . . . . Acts 18:25
f in spirit . . . . . Rom 12:11
f prayer of a . . . . . James 5:16
a pure heart **f**. . . . . 1 Pet 1:22
melt with **f** heat. . . . . 2 Pet 3:10
See 2 Cor 7:7; Col 4:12

FEW

is of **f** days . . . . . Job 14:1
and **f** there be . . . . . Matt 7:14
the labourers are **f**. . . . . Matt 9:37
but **f** chosen. . . . . Matt 20:16
but **f** are chosen. . . . . Matt 22:14
faithful over a **f** . . . . . Matt 25:21
upon a **f** sick folk . . . . . Mark 6:5
a **f** small fishes. . . . . Mark 8:7
with **f** stripes . . . . . Luke 12:48
f that be saved . . . . . Luke 13:23
a **f** things against thee . . . . . Rev 2:14
See Deut 7:7; Ps 109:8

FIERY

a **f** law for them. . . . . Deut 33:2
a burning **f** furnace. . . . . Dan 3:6
the **f** darts. . . . . Eph 6:16
and **f** indignation . . . . . Heb 10:27
the **f** trial . . . . . 1 Pet 4:12
See Num 21:6; Deut 8:15

FIGHT

The Lord shall **f** for you, and ye . . . . . Ex 14:14
he shall **f** for you. . . . . Deut 1:30
he shall **f** for you. . . . . Deut 3:22
to **f** for you against . . . . . Deut 20:4
he it is that **f**. . . . . Josh 23:10
f the battles of . . . . . 1 Sam 25:28
would my servants **f**. . . . . John 18:36
to **f** against God . . . . . Acts 5:39
not **f** against God . . . . . Acts 23:9
so **f** I, not as one . . . . . 1 Cor 9:26
without were **f**. . . . . 2 Cor 7:5
F the good **f** of. . . . . 1 Tim 6:12
fought a good **f** . . . . . 2 Tim 4:7
come wars and **f** . . . . . James 4:1
See Zech 10:5; 14:14; Rev 2:16

FILL

And I have **f** him with the spirit. . . . . Ex 31:3
hath **f** him with . . . . . Ex 35:31
shall be **f**. . . . . Num 14:21
f my mouth with. . . . . Job 23:4
the whole earth be **f** . . . . . Ps 72:19
and I will **f** it . . . . . Ps 81:10

they are **f** with good . . . . . Ps 104:28
a fool when he is **f** . . . . . Ps 30:22
for they shall be **f** . . . . . Matt 5:6
be **f** with the Holy Ghost . . . . . Luke 1:15
Elisabeth was **f** with . . . . . Luke 1:41
Zechariah was **f** with . . . . . Luke 1:67
for ye shall be **f** . . . . . Luke 6:21
f all the house . . . . . Acts 2:2
Then Peter, **f** with . . . . . Acts 4:8
and be **f** with the . . . . . Acts 9:17
Paul,) **f** with the . . . . . Acts 13:9
f with all . . . . . Rom 1:29
f with all knowledge . . . . . Rom 15:14
that **f** all in all . . . . . Eph 1:23
might be **f** with all . . . . . Eph 3:19
be **f** with the Spirit . . . . . Eph 5:18
f with the fruits . . . . . Phil 1:11
f up that which . . . . . Col 1:24
be ye warmed and **f** . . . . . James 2:16
in them is **f** up the . . . . . Rev 15:1
See Dan 2:35; Luke 2:40; 15:16

FIND

your sin will **f** you out . . . . . Num 32:23
whoso **f** me, **f** life . . . . . Prov 8:35
Whoso **f** a wife **f** a . . . . . Prov 18:22
thy hand **f** to do . . . . . Eccl 9:10
ye shall **f** rest . . . . . Jer 6:16
seek me, and **f** me . . . . . Jer 29:13
seek, and ye shall **f** . . . . . Matt 7:7
few there be that **f** it . . . . . Matt 7:14
shall **f** it . . . . . Matt 10:39
his ways past **f** out . . . . . Rom 11:33
and **f** grace to help . . . . . Heb 4:16
See John 7:34; 2 Tim 1:18

FINISH

the heavens and the earth were **f** . . . . . Gen 2:1
thou hast **f** . . . . . 1 Chr 28:20
So the wall was **f** . . . . . Neh 6:15
and to **f** his work . . . . . John 4:34
given me to **f** . . . . . John 5:36
have **f** the work . . . . . John 17:4
It is **f** . . . . . John 19:30
I have **f** my course . . . . . 2 Tim 4:7
author and **f** of our . . . . . Heb 12:2
when it is **f** . . . . . James 1:15
See Dan 9:24; Rev 11:7; 19:7

FIRE

bush burned with **f** . . . . . Ex 3:2
there went out **f** . . . . . Lev 10:2
pass through the **f** . . . . . Lev 18:21
pass through the **f** . . . . . Deut 18:10
not in the **f** . . . . . 1 Kin 19:12
pass through the **f** . . . . . 2 Kin 17:17
from heaven by **f** . . . . . 1 Chr 21:26
the **f** burned . . . . . Ps 39:3
Lord in the **f** . . . . . Is 24:15
walkest through the **f** . . . . . Is 43:2
I have seen the **f** . . . . . Is 44:16
will come with **f** . . . . . Is 66:15
neither shall their **f** . . . . . Is 66:24
as a burning **f** . . . . . Jer 20:9
a wall of **f** round . . . . . Zech 2:5
like a refiner's **f** . . . . . Mal 3:2
and with **f** . . . . . Matt 3:11
into a furnace of **f** . . . . . Matt 13:42
into everlasting **f** . . . . . Matt 18:8
into everlasting **f** . . . . . Matt 25:41
the **f** that never . . . . . Mark 9:43
come to send **f** . . . . . Luke 12:49
f and brimstone from . . . . . Luke 17:29
cast them into the **f** . . . . . John 15:6
like as of **f** . . . . . Acts 2:3
yet so as by **f** . . . . . 1 Cor 3:15
In flaming **f** . . . . . 2 Thess 1:8
a flame of **f** . . . . . Heb 1:7
the tongue is a **f** . . . . . James 3:6
be tried with **f** . . . . . 1 Pet 1:7
reserved unto **f** . . . . . 2 Pet 3:7
of eternal **f** . . . . . Jude 7
out of the **f** . . . . . Jude 23
gold tried in the **f** . . . . . Rev 3:18
and **f** came down . . . . . Rev 20:9
into the lake of **f** . . . . . Rev 20:10
with **f** and brimstone . . . . . Rev 21:8
See Is 33:14; Jer 23:29

FIRMAMENT

Let there be a **f** in the midst . . . . . Gen 1:6
the **f** sheweth his . . . . . Ps 19:1
likeness of the **f** . . . . . Ezek 1:22
the brightness of the **f** . . . . . Dan 12:3

FIRST

make me thereof a little cake **f** . . . . . 1 Kin 17:13
seek ye **f** . . . . . Matt 6:33
f cast out the beam . . . . . Matt 7:5
worse than the **f** . . . . . Matt 12:45
Elijah must **f** come . . . . . Matt 17:10
is the **f** and great . . . . . Matt 22:38
man desire to be **f** . . . . . Mark 9:35
the **f** commandment . . . . . Mark 12:28
let him **f** cast a stone . . . . . John 8:7
Christians **f** in . . . . . Acts 11:26
the Jew **f** and also . . . . . Rom 2:9
the **f** of the Spirit . . . . . Rom 8:23
be the **f** among . . . . . Rom 8:29
if the **f** be holy . . . . . Rom 11:16
f apostles . . . . . 1 Cor 12:28
let the **f** hold his . . . . . 1 Cor 14:30
and become the **f** . . . . . 1 Cor 15:20
Christ the **f** . . . . . 1 Cor 15:23
f man Adam was made . . . . . 1 Cor 15:45
f gave their own . . . . . 2 Cor 8:5
if there be **f** a . . . . . 2 Cor 8:12
f commandment with . . . . . Eph 6:2
f of every creature . . . . . Col 1:15
the **f** from the dead . . . . . Col 1:18
shall rise **f** . . . . . 1 Thess 4:16
a falling away **f** . . . . . 2 Thess 2:3
in me **f** Jesus . . . . . 1 Tim 1:16
Adam was **f** formed . . . . . 1 Tim 2:13
cast off their **f** faith . . . . . 1 Tim 5:12
f principles of . . . . . Heb 5:12
f for his own sins . . . . . Heb 7:27
church of the **f** . . . . . Heb 12:23

is **f** pure . . . . . James 3:17
and if it **f** begin . . . . . 1 Pet 4:17
he **f** loved us . . . . . 1 John 4:19
not their **f** estate . . . . . Jude 6
left thy **f** love . . . . . Rev 2:4
and do the **f** works . . . . . Rev 2:5
the **f** resurrection . . . . . Rev 20:5
f heaven and the **f** . . . . . Rev 21:1
See Ex 4:8; Num 18:13; John 12:16

FLAME
f sword which turned every way . . . . . Gen 3:24
ascended in the **f** . . . . . Judg 13:20
and the **f** consumeth . . . . . Is 5:24
the **f** of devouring . . . . . Is 29:6
shall the **f** kindle . . . . . Is 43:2
with **f** of fire . . . . . Is 66:15
flaming **f** shall . . . . . Ezek 20:47
tormented in this **f** . . . . . Luke 16:24
See Ps 29:7; Heb 1:7; Rev 1:14

FLEE
he **f** also as a shadow . . . . . Job 14:2
F as a bird . . . . . Ps 11:1
The wicked **f** . . . . . Prov 28:1
f to the pit . . . . . Prov 28:17
the shadows **f** away . . . . . Song 2:17
sighing shall **f** away . . . . . Is 35:10
mourning shall **f** . . . . . Is 51:11
f from the wrath . . . . . Matt 3:7
f into the . . . . . Matt 24:16
in Judea **f** to the . . . . . Mark 13:14
will **f** from him . . . . . John 10:5
F also youthful . . . . . 2 Tim 2:22
he will **f** from you . . . . . James 4:7
See 1 Cor 6:18; Rev 12:6, 14

FLEECE
I will put a **f** of wool in the floor . . . . . Judg 6:37

FLESH
and they shall be one **f** . . . . . Gen 2:24
all **f** had corrupted . . . . . Gen 6:12
end of all **f** is come . . . . . Gen 6:13
all **f** died that moved . . . . . Gen 7:21
life of all **f** is the blood . . . . . Lev 17:14
cuttings in your **f** . . . . . Lev 19:28
spirits of all **f** . . . . . Num 16:22
yet in my **f** . . . . . Job 19:26
f is consumed away . . . . . Job 33:21
my **f** also shall rest . . . . . Ps 16:9
shall all **f** come . . . . . Ps 65:2
thy **f** and thy body . . . . . Prov 5:11
troubleth his own **f** . . . . . Prov 11:17
riotous eaters of **f** . . . . . Prov 23:20
eateth his own **f** . . . . . Eccl 4:5
weariness of the **f** . . . . . Eccl 12:12
and all **f** shall see . . . . . Is 40:5
All **f** is grass . . . . . Is 40:6
upon all **f** . . . . . Joel 2:28
f and blood hath . . . . . Matt 16:17
shall be one **f** . . . . . Matt 19:5
no **f** be saved . . . . . Matt 24:22
the **f** is weak . . . . . Matt 26:41
no **f** should be . . . . . Mark 13:20
not **f** and bones . . . . . Luke 24:39
Word was made **f** . . . . . John 1:14
the bread ... is my **f** . . . . . John 6:51
his **f** to eat . . . . . John 6:52
Whoso eateth my **f** . . . . . John 6:54
f profiteth nothing . . . . . John 6:63
Ye judge after the **f** . . . . . John 8:15
power over all **f** . . . . . John 17:2
infirmity of your **f** . . . . . Rom 6:19
condemned sin in the **f** . . . . . Rom 8:3
live after the **f** . . . . . Rom 8:12
according to the **f** . . . . . Rom 9:3
provision for the **f** . . . . . Rom 13:14
no **f** should glory . . . . . 1 Cor 1:29
shall be one **f** . . . . . 1 Cor 6:16
All **f** is not the same . . . . . 1 Cor 15:39
f and blood . . . . . 1 Cor 15:50
a thorn in the **f** . . . . . 2 Cor 12:7
conferred not with **f** . . . . . Gal 1:16
live in the **f** . . . . . Gal 2:20
f lusteth . . . . . Gal 5:17
soweth to his **f** . . . . . Gal 6:8
two shall be one **f** . . . . . Eph 5:31
wrestle not against **f** . . . . . Eph 6:12
confidence in the **f** . . . . . Phil 3:3
manifest in the **f** . . . . . 1 Tim 3:16
For all **f** is grass . . . . . 1 Pet 1:24
to death in the **f** . . . . . 1 Pet 3:18
come in the **f** . . . . . 1 John 4:2
dreamers defile the **f** . . . . . Jude 8
spotted by the **f** . . . . . Jude 23
See John 1:13; 3:6; Gal 5:19

FLESHLY
not with **f** wisdom . . . . . 2 Cor 1:12
but in **f** tables . . . . . 2 Cor 3:3
by his **f** mind . . . . . Col 2:18
from **f** lusts . . . . . 1 Pet 2:11

FLOCK
He shall feed his **f** like a shepherd . . . . . Is 40:11
f of my pasture . . . . . Ezek 34:31
O poor of the **f** . . . . . Zech 11:7
Fear not, little **f** . . . . . Luke 12:32
to all the **f** . . . . . Acts 20:28
the **f** of God . . . . . 1 Pet 5:2
See Mal 1:14; Matt 26:31

FLOWER
shall die in the **f** of their age . . . . . 1 Sam 2:33
cometh forth like a **f** . . . . . Job 14:2
The **f** appear . . . . . Song 2:12
is a fading **f** . . . . . Is 28:1
as the **f** of the field . . . . . Is 40:6
See Job 15:33; 1 Cor 7:36

FOLLOW
hath **f** me fully, him will I bring . . . . . Num 14:24
God, **f** him . . . . . 1 Kin 18:21
mercy shall **f** me . . . . . Ps 23:6
My soul **f** hard . . . . . Ps 63:8
the players ... **f** after . . . . . Ps 68:25
f vain persons . . . . . Prov 12:11
f strong drink . . . . . Is 5:11
if we **f** on to . . . . . Hos 6:3

I **f** the flock . . . . . Amos 7:15
unto them, **F** me . . . . . Matt 4:19
I will **f** thee. . . . . Matt 8:19
and as they **f** . . . . . Mark 10:32
Lord, I will **f** thee . . . . . Luke 9:61
unto him, **F** me . . . . . John 1:43
and they **f** me . . . . . John 10:27
not **f** me now. . . . . John 13:36
f after the things . . . . . Rom 14:19
Rock that **f** them. . . . . 1 Cor 10:4
F after charity . . . . . 1 Cor 14:1
I **f** after . . . . . Phil 3:12
ever **f** that. . . . . 1 Thess 5:15
men they **f** after. . . . . 1 Tim 5:24
f after righteousness . . . . . 1 Tim 6:11
f righteousness . . . . . 2 Tim 2:22
F peace with all. . . . . Heb 12:14
whose faith **f** . . . . . Heb 13:7
that should **f** . . . . . 1 Pet 1:11
that ye should **f** . . . . . 1 Pet 2:21
f the way. . . . . 2 Pet 2:15
which **f** the Lamb . . . . . Rev 14:4
works do **f** them . . . . . Rev 14:13
See Mark 9:38; 1 Pet 3:13

FOLLOWER

Be ye therefore **f** of God . . . . . Eph 5:1
but **f** of them . . . . . Heb 6:12

FOOD

the tree was good for **f**. . . . . Gen 3:6
her **f,** her raiment . . . . . Ex 21:10
in giving him **f** . . . . . Deut 10:18
Man did eat angels' **f** . . . . . Ps 78:25
f to all flesh . . . . . Ps 136:25
gathereth her **f**. . . . . Prov 6:8
she bringeth her **f** . . . . . Prov 31:14
bread for your **f**. . . . . 2 Cor 9:10
having **f** and raiment . . . . . 1 Tim 6:8
destitute of daily **f**. . . . . James 2:15
See Gen 1:29; Lev 22:7

FOOL

The **f** hath said . . . . . Ps 14:1
I said unto the **f**. . . . . Ps 75:4
f despise wisdom. . . . . Prov 1:7
the promotion of **f** . . . . . Prov 3:35
but a prating **f** . . . . . Prov 10:8, 10
f die for want. . . . . Prov 10:21
the **f** shall be servant . . . . . Prov 11:29
way of a **f** is right . . . . . Prov 12:15
F make a mock at sin . . . . . Prov 14:9
mouth of **f** poureth. . . . . Prov 15:2
f will be meddling. . . . . Prov 20:3
A **f** uttereth all. . . . . Prov 29:11
the **f** walketh . . . . . Eccl 2:14
as the **f** . . . . . Eccl 2:16
A **f** also is full . . . . . Eccl 10:14
say, Thou **f** . . . . . Matt 5:22
ye **f** and blind . . . . . Matt 23:17
Thou **f**. . . . . Luke 12:20
O **f,** and slow of heart . . . . . Luke 24:25
they became **f** . . . . . Rom 1:22
let him become a **f** . . . . . 1 Cor 3:18
We are **f** for Christ's . . . . . 1 Cor 4:10
man think me a **f** . . . . . 2 Cor 11:16
a **f** in glorying . . . . . 2 Cor 12:11
not as **f** . . . . . Eph 5:15
See Prov 10:18; Eccl 10:3

FOOLISH

O **f** people and unwise . . . . . Deut 32:6
Forsake the **f** . . . . . Prov 9:6
A **f** woman is clamorous . . . . . Prov 9:13
f plucketh it down . . . . . Prov 14:1
A **f** son is a grief . . . . . Prov 17:25
neither be thou **f**. . . . . Eccl 7:17
my people is **f** . . . . . Jer 4:22
unto a **f** man . . . . . Matt 7:26
five were **f** . . . . . Matt 25:2
f heart was darkened . . . . . Rom 1:21
made **f** the wisdom. . . . . 1 Cor 1:20
Are ye so **f** . . . . . Gal 3:3
nor **f** talking. . . . . Eph 5:4
f and hurtful lusts . . . . . 1 Tim 6:9
f and unlearned. . . . . 2 Tim 2:23
f questions . . . . . Titus 3:9
See Job 5:3; Lam 2:14; Ezek 13:3

FOOLISHNESS

thou knowest my **f** . . . . . Ps 69:5
F is bound . . . . . Prov 22:15
thought of **f** is sin . . . . . Prov 24:9
them that perish **f**. . . . . 1 Cor 1:18
f of preaching . . . . . 1 Cor 1:21
f of God is wiser . . . . . 1 Cor 1:25
they are **f** unto him. . . . . 1 Cor 2:14
f with God . . . . . 1 Cor 3:19
See 2 Sam 15:31; Prov 27:22

FOOTSTOOL

and the earth is my **f** . . . . . Is 66:1
for it is his **f**. . . . . Matt 5:35
be made his **f**. . . . . Heb 10:13

FORBID

My lord Moses, **f** them. . . . . Num 11:28
F him not. . . . . Mark 9:39
f them not . . . . . Mark 10:14
f not to take . . . . . Luke 6:29
f to give tribute . . . . . Luke 23:2
Can any man **f** water . . . . . Acts 10:47
f not to speak. . . . . 1 Cor 14:39
F to marry . . . . . 1 Tim 4:3
See Acts 16:6; 1 Thess 2:16

FOREKNOW

and **f** of God, ye have taken . . . . . Acts 2:23
For whom he did **f** . . . . . Rom 8:29
people which he **f** . . . . . Rom 11:2

FOREORDAINED

Who verily was **f** before. . . . . 1 Pet 1:20

FORESEE

A prudent man **f** the evil. . . . . Prov 22:3
I **f** the Lord always . . . . . Acts 2:25
f that God would . . . . . Gal 3:8

FORETELL

behold, I have **f** you all things. . . . . Mark 13:23
have likewise **f**. . . . . Acts 3:24
and **f** you . . . . . 2 Cor 13:2

FORGAVE
loosed him, and **f** him the debt . . . . . Matt 18:27
I **f** thee all that debt . . . . . Matt 18:32
he frankly **f** them . . . . . Luke 7:42
he, to whom he **f** most . . . . . Luke 7:43
if I **f** any thing . . . . . 2 Cor 2:10
even as Christ **f** you . . . . . Col 3:13
See Ps 32:5; 78:38; 99:8

FORGET
lest thou **f** the things . . . . . Deut 4:9
thou **f** not the Lord . . . . . Deut 8:11
of all that **f** God . . . . . Job 8:13
the nations that **f** God . . . . . Ps 9:17
f not the humble . . . . . Ps 10:12
f also thine own . . . . . Ps 45:10
ye that **f** God . . . . . Ps 50:22
and not **f** the works . . . . . Ps 78:7
the land of **f** . . . . . Ps 88:12
I will not **f** thy word . . . . . Ps 119:16
f the covenant . . . . . Prov 2:17
My son, **f** not my law . . . . . Prov 3:1
they drink, and **f** . . . . . Prov 31:5
And **f** the Lord thy . . . . . Is 51:13
that **f** my holy . . . . . Is 65:11
cause my people to **f** . . . . . Jer 23:27
f those things . . . . . Phil 3:13
to **f** your work . . . . . Heb 6:10
Be not **f** to entertain . . . . . Heb 13:2
communicate **f** not . . . . . Heb 13:16
f what manner . . . . . James 1:24
See Gen 41:51; Lam 5:20

FORGIVE
if thou wilt **f** . . . . . Ex 32:32
f iniquity . . . . . Ex 34:7
f iniquity . . . . . Num 14:18
thou hearest, **f** . . . . . 1 Kin 8:30
place, and **f** . . . . . 1 Kin 8:39
and will **f** . . . . . 2 Chr 7:14
transgression is **f** . . . . . Ps 32:1
and ready to **f** . . . . . Ps 86:5
Who **f** all . . . . . Ps 103:3
f us our debts . . . . . Matt 6:12
For if ye **f** men . . . . . Matt 6:14
power on earth to **f** sins . . . . . Matt 9:6
and I **f** . . . . . Matt 18:21
from your hearts **f** not . . . . . Matt 18:35
who can **f** sins . . . . . Mark 2:7
f, if ye have ought . . . . . Mark 11:25
and ye shall be **f** . . . . . Luke 6:37
which are many, are **f** . . . . . Luke 7:47
f us our sins . . . . . Luke 11:4
if he repent, **f** him . . . . . Luke 17:3
Father, **f** them . . . . . Luke 23:34
thine heart may be **f** . . . . . Acts 8:22
whose iniquities are **f** . . . . . Rom 4:7
ought rather to **f** . . . . . 2 Cor 2:7
To whom ye **f** . . . . . 2 Cor 2:10
f me this wrong . . . . . 2 Cor 12:13
hath **f** you . . . . . Eph 4:32
f you all trespasses . . . . . Col 2:13
and just to **f** us . . . . . 1 John 1:9
your sins are **f** you . . . . . 1 John 2:12
See Matt 9:2; 12:31; Mark 3:28

FORGIVENESS
there is **f** with thee . . . . . Ps 130:4
hath never **f** . . . . . Mark 3:29
and **f** of . . . . . Acts 5:31
the **f** of sins . . . . . Eph 1:7
even the **f** of sins . . . . . Col 1:14
See Dan 9:9; Acts 13:38; 26:18

FORGOTTEN
f God that formed . . . . . Deut 32:18
not always be **f** . . . . . Ps 9:18
God hath **f** . . . . . Ps 10:11
I am **f** . . . . . Ps 31:12
Why hast thou **f** me . . . . . Ps 42:9
Hath God **f** to be . . . . . Ps 77:9
shall all be **f** . . . . . Eccl 2:16
and they were **f** . . . . . Eccl 8:10
the memory of them is **f** . . . . . Eccl 9:5
f the God . . . . . Is 17:10
thou shalt not be **f** . . . . . Is 44:21
my Lord hath **f** me . . . . . Is 49:14
former troubles are **f** . . . . . Is 65:16
my people have **f** . . . . . Jer 2:32
they have **f** the Lord . . . . . Jer 3:21
thou hast **f** me . . . . . Jer 13:25
my people have **f** me . . . . . Jer 18:15
f the wickedness . . . . . Jer 44:9
f their resting place . . . . . Jer 50:6
and hast **f** me . . . . . Ezek 22:12
thou hast **f** me . . . . . Ezek 23:35
had **f** to take bread . . . . . Matt 16:5
is **f** before God . . . . . Luke 12:6
hath **f** that he was . . . . . 2 Pet 1:9
See Lam 2:6; Hos 4:6, 8:14

FORMER
rain, both the **f** . . . . . Jer 5:24
latter and **f** rain . . . . . Hos 6:3
given you the **f** . . . . . Joel 2:23
the **f** conversation . . . . . Eph 4:22
for the **f** things . . . . . Rev 21:4
See Gen 40:13; Dan 11:13

FORNICATION
his wife, saving for the cause of **f** . . . . . Matt 5:32
from **f,** and from . . . . . Acts 15:20
is not for **f** . . . . . 1 Cor 6:13
But **f** . . . . . Eph 5:3
should abstain from **f** . . . . . 1 Thess 4:3

FORSAKE
he will not **f** thee . . . . . Deut 4:31
that thou **f** not . . . . . Deut 12:9
nor **f** thee . . . . . Deut 31:6
he **f** God which made . . . . . Deut 32:15
nor **f** thee . . . . . Josh 1:5
if thou **f** him . . . . . 1 Chr 28:9
if ye **f** him . . . . . 2 Chr 15:2
not **f** the house . . . . . Neh 10:39
the house of God **f** . . . . . Neh 13:11
he **f** the fear . . . . . Job 6:14
hath **f** the poor . . . . . Job 20:19
why hast thou **f** me . . . . . Ps 22:1
my mother **f** me . . . . . Ps 27:10
seen the righteous **f** . . . . . Ps 37:25

judgment, and **f** not . . . . . Ps 37:28
O **f** me not utterly. . . . . Ps 119:8
f not the works . . . . . Ps 138:8
and **f** not the law. . . . . Prov 1:8
f the guide of her . . . . . Prov 2:17
F her not . . . . . Prov 4:6
friend, **f** not . . . . . Prov 27:10
a great **f** in the midst . . . . . Is 6:12
have I **f** thee. . . . . Is 54:7
the wicked **f** his way. . . . . Is 55:7
no more be termed **F** . . . . . Is 62:4
A city not **f**. . . . . Is 62:12
have **f** me the fountain. . . . . Jer 2:13
every city shall be **f**. . . . . Jer 4:29
they have **f** the Lord. . . . . Jer 17:13
every one that hath **f** . . . . . Matt 19:29
all the disciples **f**. . . . . Matt 26:56
they **f** their nets. . . . . Mark 1:18
And they all **f** him . . . . . Mark 14:50
they **f** all. . . . . Luke 5:11
you that **f** not all . . . . . Luke 14:33
but not **f**. . . . . 2 Cor 4:9
Not **f** the. . . . . Heb 10:25
By faith he **f** Egypt . . . . . Heb 11:27
nor **f** thee . . . . . Heb 13:5
See Ps 71:11; Is 49:14; Jer 5:7

FORTRESS
my **f,** and my deliverer. . . . . 2 Sam 22:2
my strength, and my **f** . . . . . Jer 16:19

FORTY YEARS
Israel did eat manna **f** . . . . . Ex 16:35
in the wilderness **f** . . . . . Num 14:33
F long was I grieved . . . . . Ps 95:10
See Judg 3:11; 5:31; 8:28

FOUGHT
I have **f** . . . . . 1 Cor 15:32
have **f** a good fight . . . . . 2 Tim 4:7

FOUND
when thou mayest be **f**. . . . . Ps 32:6
while he may be **f** . . . . . Is 55:6
but I **f** none . . . . . Ezek 22:30
and art **f** wanting . . . . . Dan 5:27
iniquity was not **f** . . . . . Mal 2:6
not **f** so great faith . . . . . Matt 8:10
f one pearl of great . . . . . Matt 13:46
they **f** fault . . . . . Mark 7:2
I have **f** my sheep . . . . . Luke 15:6
for I have **f** the piece. . . . . Luke 15:9
was lost, and is **f** . . . . . Luke 15:24
and was lost, and is **f** . . . . . Luke 15:32
have **f** no fault . . . . . Luke 23:14
have **f** the Messiah . . . . . John 1:41
was guile **f** in his. . . . . 1 Pet 2:22
See Gen 6:8; 2 Cor 5:3; Phil 3:9

FOUNDATION
whose **f** is in the . . . . . Job 4:19
the **f** be destroyed . . . . . Ps 11:3
the **f** of the earth . . . . . Ps 82:5
thou laid the **f** of . . . . . Ps 102:25
an everlasting **f** . . . . . Prov 10:25
in Zion for a **f** . . . . . Is 28:16
the **f** of many . . . . . Is 58:12
the **f** on a rock. . . . . Luke 6:48
a **f** built an house . . . . . Luke 6:49
upon another man's **f** . . . . . Rom 15:20
I have laid the **f**. . . . . 1 Cor 3:10
other **f** can no man. . . . . 1 Cor 3:11
upon this **f** gold. . . . . 1 Cor 3:12
in him before the **f** . . . . . Eph 1:4
a good **f** against. . . . . 1 Tim 6:19
the **f** of God . . . . . 2 Tim 2:19
from the **f** of the . . . . . Heb 4:3
a city which hath **f** . . . . . Heb 11:10
the city had twelve **f** . . . . . Rev 21:14
See Matt 13:35; John 17:24

FOUNTAIN
were all the **f** of the great deep . . . . . Gen 7:11
f also of the deep. . . . . Gen 8:2
of **f** and depths . . . . . Deut 8:7
waters of the **f** . . . . . 2 Chr 32:3
the **f** of life . . . . . Ps 36:9
thy **f** be dispersed . . . . . Prov 5:16
were no **f** abounding . . . . . Prov 8:24
is a **f** of life . . . . . Prov 13:14
at the **f** . . . . . Eccl 12:6
f of living waters . . . . . Jer 2:13
the **f** of living. . . . . Jer 17:13
shall be a **f** opened . . . . . Zech 13:1
a **f** send forth. . . . . James 3:11
no **f** both yield. . . . . James 3:12
unto living **f** of . . . . . Rev 7:17
the **f** of waters . . . . . Rev 14:7
the **f** of the water. . . . . Rev 21:6
See Is 12:3; Joel 3:18; Mark 5:29

FREE
tree of the garden thou mayest **f** eat. . . . Gen 2:16
with thy **f** spirit . . . . . Ps 51:12
F among the dead. . . . . Ps 88:5
let the oppressed go **f** . . . . . Is 58:6
I will love them **f**. . . . . Hos 14:4
f ye have received . . . . . Matt 10:8
are the children **f**. . . . . Matt 17:26
he shall be **f** . . . . . Mark 7:11
shall make you **f** . . . . . John 8:32
But I was **f** born . . . . . Acts 22:28
Being justified **f**. . . . . Rom 3:24
so also is the **f** gift. . . . . Rom 5:15
Being then made **f** . . . . . Rom 6:18
f from the law of sin. . . . . Rom 8:2
am I not **f**. . . . . 1 Cor 9:1
though I be **f** from all. . . . . 1 Cor 9:19
we be bond or **f**. . . . . 1 Cor 12:13
neither bond nor **f** . . . . . Gal 3:28
Christ hath made us **f** . . . . . Gal 5:1
he be bond or **f** . . . . . Eph 6:8
the water of life **f**. . . . . Rev 21:6
See Ex 21:2; Gal 4:22

FRIEND
as a man speaketh unto his **f**. . . . . Ex 33:11
Abraham thy **f**. . . . . 2 Chr 20:7
he had been my **f** . . . . . Ps 35:14

familiar **f** in whom I. . . . . Ps 41:9
Lover and **f** hast thou. . . . . Ps 88:18
be surety for thy **f**. . . . . Prov 6:1
the rich hath many **f**. . . . . Prov 14:20
a **f** that sticketh closer . . . . . Prov 18:24
Wealth maketh many **f**. . . . . Prov 19:4
the wounds of a **f** . . . . . Prov 27:6
this is my **f**. . . . . Song 5:16
seed of Abraham my **f** . . . . . Is 41:8
and to all thy **f**. . . . . Jer 20:4
Trust ye not in a **f**. . . . . Mic 7:5
the house of my **f** . . . . . Zech 13:6
his life for his **f** . . . . . John 15:13
I have called you **f**. . . . . John 15:15
the **F** of God . . . . . James 2:23
f of the world is the . . . . . James 4:5
See Prov 22:24; Luke 14:10

FRUIT
bringeth forth his **f**. . . . . Ps 1:3
the **f** of the womb . . . . . Ps 127:3
f of the righteous . . . . . Prov 11:30
his **f** was sweet. . . . . Song 2:3
eat his pleasant **f**. . . . . Song 4:16
a basket of summer **f** . . . . . Amos 8:1
therefore **f** meet. . . . . Matt 3:8
know them by their **f** . . . . . Matt 7:16
by their **f** ye shall . . . . . Matt 7:20
and his **f** good . . . . . Matt 12:33
also beareth **f**. . . . . Matt 13:23
bringeth forth **f**. . . . . Mark 4:28
the **f** of the vine. . . . . Mark 14:25
therefore **f** worthy. . . . . Luke 3:8
f unto life eternal . . . . . John 4:36
bringeth forth much **f** . . . . . John 12:24
branch that beareth **f** . . . . . John 15:2
some **f** among you . . . . . Rom 1:13
bring forth **f** unto God. . . . . Rom 7:4
the **f** of your. . . . . 2 Cor 9:10
the **f** of the Spirit. . . . . Gal 5:22
f of the Spirit is in. . . . . Eph 5:9
f of righteousness . . . . . Phil 1:11
the **f** of my labour. . . . . Phil 1:22
I desire **f** that may. . . . . Phil 4:17
bringeth forth **f**. . . . . Col 1:6
partaker of the **f** . . . . . 2 Tim 2:6
peaceable **f** of. . . . . Heb 12:11
the **f** of our lips . . . . . Heb 13:15
of mercy and good **f**. . . . . James 3:17
the precious **f**. . . . . James 5:7
trees whose **f** . . . . . Jude 12
yielded her **f**. . . . . Rev 22:2
See Gen. 30:2; Col 1:10

FULFILL
will **f** the desire . . . . . Ps 145:19
that it might be **f**. . . . . Matt 1:22
destroy, but to **f**. . . . . Matt 5:17
all these things be **f**. . . . . Matt 24:34
things shall be **f**. . . . . Mark 13:4
be **f** in their season . . . . . Luke 1:20
the Gentiles be **f** . . . . . Luke 21:24
be **f** in the kingdom . . . . . Luke 22:16
joy therefore is **f** . . . . . John 3:29
might have my joy **f** . . . . . John 17:13
the law might be **f**. . . . . Rom 8:4
is **f** in one word. . . . . Gal 5:14
so **f** the law of Christ . . . . . Gal 6:2
f the desires of the . . . . . Eph 2:3
F ye my joy . . . . . Phil 2:2
that thou **f** it . . . . . Col 4:17
f all the good . . . . . 2 Thess 1:11
If ye **f** the royal . . . . . James 2:8
See Ex 5:13; 23:26; Gal 5:16

FULL
was **f** of the spirit . . . . . Deut 34:9
and **f** of trouble . . . . . Job 14:1
is **f** of cursing. . . . . Ps 10:7
is **f** of troubles . . . . . Ps 88:3
is **f** of thy mercy . . . . . Ps 119:64
that hath his quiver **f** . . . . . Ps 127:5
f soul loatheth . . . . . Prov 27:7
are never **f** . . . . . Prov 27:20
f of his praise. . . . . Hab 3:3
shall be **f** of light . . . . . Matt 6:22
you that are **f**. . . . . Luke 6:25
be **f** of light . . . . . Luke 11:36
f of grace and truth. . . . . John 1:14
joy might be **f** . . . . . John 15:11
f of the Holy Ghost. . . . . Acts 6:3
f of the Holy Ghost. . . . . Acts 7:55
f of good works. . . . . Acts 9:36
f of the Holy Ghost. . . . . Acts 11:24
is **f** of cursing. . . . . Rom 3:14
f of goodness . . . . . Rom 15:14
Now ye are **f** . . . . . 1 Cor 4:8
both to be **f** . . . . . Phil 4:12
I am **f** . . . . . Phil 4:18
f proof of thy ministry . . . . . 2 Tim 4:5
that are of **f** . . . . . Heb 5:14
f of glory . . . . . 1 Pet 1:8
joy may be **f**. . . . . 1 John 1:4
f of the wrath of God . . . . . Rev 15:7
See Lev 2:14; Amos 2:13

FULLNESS
in thy presence is **f** of joy. . . . . Ps 16:11
of his **f** . . . . . John 1:16
much more their **f**. . . . . Rom 11:25
the **f** of the time . . . . . Gal 4:4
the **f** of him . . . . . Eph 1:23
filled with all the **f** . . . . . Eph 3:19
the **f** of Christ . . . . . Eph 4:13
should all **f** dwell. . . . . Col 1:19
f of the Godhead bodily. . . . . Col 2:9
See Num 18:27; Ps 96:11

G

GAIN
greedy of **g** troubleth . . . . . Prov 15:27
thou hast greedily **g** . . . . . Ezek 22:12
the land for **g**. . . . . Dan 11:39
consecrate their **g** . . . . . Mic 4:13
g the whole world. . . . . Matt 16:26
g thy brother . . . . . Matt 18:15
g two other talents . . . . . Matt 25:22

hath **g** ten pounds . . . . . Luke 19:16
I might **g** the more . . . . . 1 Cor 9:19
Did I make a **g**. . . . . 2 Cor 12:17
and to die is **g** . . . . . Phil 1:21
But what things were **g** . . . . . Phil 3:7
g is godliness . . . . . 1 Tim 6:5
See Job 27:8; James 4:13

GARDEN
God planted a **g** eastward in Eden . . . . . Gen 2:8
as the **g** of the Lord. . . . . Gen 13:10
g of the Lord . . . . . Is 51:3
like a watered **g** . . . . . Is 58:11
and as the **g** . . . . . Is 61:11
Eden the **g** of God . . . . . Ezek 28:13
The cedars in the **g**. . . . . Ezek 31:8
is become like the **g** . . . . . Ezek 36:35
See Gen 2:15; Amos 4:9; 9:14

GARMENT
They part my **g** . . . . . Ps 22:18
wax old like a **g** . . . . . Ps 102:26
wax old as a **g** . . . . . Is 50:9
put on thy beautiful **g**. . . . . Is 52:1
g of praise . . . . . Is 61:3
the **g** of salvation. . . . . Is 61:10
and not your **g**. . . . . Joel 2:13
wear a rough **g** . . . . . Zech 13:4
unto an old **g** . . . . . Matt 9:16
the hem of his **g** . . . . . Matt 9:20
spread their **g** . . . . . Matt 21:8
on a wedding **g** . . . . . Matt 22:11
parted his **g** . . . . . Matt 27:35
and touched his **g** . . . . . Mark 5:27
cast their **g** on him . . . . . Mark 11:7
to take up his **g** . . . . . Mark 13:16
a piece of new **g** . . . . . Luke 5:36
border of his **g**. . . . . Luke 8:44
they cast their **g**. . . . . Luke 19:35
let him sell his **g** . . . . . Luke 22:36
in shining **g** . . . . . Luke 24:4
your **g** are motheaten . . . . . James 5:2
hating even the **g** . . . . . Jude 23
not defiled their **g**. . . . . Rev 3:4
keepeth his **g** . . . . . Rev 16:15

GATE
this is the **g** of heaven. . . . . Gen 28:17
and on thy **g** . . . . . Deut 6:9
from the **g** of death. . . . . Ps 9:13
Enter into his **g** . . . . . Ps 100:4
g of righteousness . . . . . Ps 118:19
exalteth his **g** . . . . . Prov 17:19
known in the **g** . . . . . Prov 31:23
Open ye the **g** . . . . . Is 26:2
the **g** of the grave . . . . . Is 38:10
the two leaved **g** . . . . . Is 45:1
thy **g** shall be open . . . . . Is 60:11
and thy **g** Praise . . . . . Is 60:18
for wide is the **g** . . . . . Matt 7:13
the **g** of hell . . . . . Matt 16:18
at the strait **g** . . . . . Luke 13:24
without the **g** . . . . . Heb 13:12
And the **g** of it. . . . . Rev 21:25
See Ps 24:7; Is 28:6; Nah 2:6

GAVE
she **g** me of the tree . . . . . Gen 3:12
Lord **g,** and the Lord . . . . . Job 1:21
thou **g** it him . . . . . Ps 21:4
The Lord **g** the word . . . . . Ps 68:11
unto God who **g** it . . . . . Eccl 12:7
g his only begotten . . . . . John 3:16
as the Spirit **g**. . . . . Acts 2:4
God **g** them over. . . . . Rom 1:28
God **g** the increase . . . . . 1 Cor 3:6
g gifts unto them . . . . . Eph 4:8
he **g** some, apostles. . . . . Eph 4:11
g himself for it. . . . . Eph 5:25
Who **g** himself a ransom . . . . . 1 Tim 2:6
See 2 Cor 8:5; Titus 2:14

GENERATION
one of these men of this evil **g** . . . . . Deut 1:35
perverse and crooked **g** . . . . . Deut 32:5
endure to every **g** . . . . . Prov 27:24
One **g** passeth away . . . . . Eccl 1:4
from **g** to **g**. . . . . Is 34:10
O **g** of vipers . . . . . Matt 3:7
judgment with this **g** . . . . . Matt 3:41
and perverse **g**. . . . . Matt 17:17
ye **g** of vipers . . . . . Matt 23:33
come upon this **g** . . . . . Matt 23:36
This **g** shall not pass. . . . . Matt 24:34
O faithless **g**. . . . . Mark 9:19
in their **g** wiser . . . . . Luke 16:8
rejected of this **g** . . . . . Luke 17:25
This **g** shall not . . . . . Luke 21:32
a chosen **g** . . . . . 1 Pet 2:9
See Matt 1:1; Luke 11:30

GENTILES
Go not into the way of the **G** . . . . . Matt 10:5
among the **G** . . . . . John 7:35
before the **G**. . . . . Acts 9:15
G besought that. . . . . Acts 13:42
lo, we turn to the **G** . . . . . Acts 13:46
conversion of the **G** . . . . . Acts 15:3
go unto the **G** . . . . . Acts 18:6
also of the **G** . . . . . Rom 3:29
come unto the **G**. . . . . Rom 11:11
apostle of the **G**. . . . . Rom 11:13
named among the **G**. . . . . 1 Cor 5:1
walk not as other **G** . . . . . Eph 4:17
teacher of the **G** . . . . . 2 Tim 1:11
nothing of the **G** . . . . . 3 John 7
See 1 Pet 2:12; Rev 11:2

GENTLE
we were **g** among you. . . . . 1 Thess 2:7
but be **g** unto all . . . . . 2 Tim 2:24
no brawlers, but **g**. . . . . Titus 3:2
g, and easy . . . . . James 3:17
the good and **g** . . . . . 1 Pet 2:18
See 2 Sam 18:5; 22:36; Gal 5:22

GIFT
for the **g** blindeth the wise. . . . . Ex 23:8
neither take a **g** . . . . . Deut 16:19
given us any **g** . . . . . 2 Sam 19:42
nor taking of **g**. . . . . 2 Chr 19:7

received **g** for men . . . . . Ps 68:18
shall offer **g** . . . . . Ps 72:10
givest many **g**. . . . . Prov 6:35
he that hateth **g**. . . . . Prov 15:27
A **g** is as . . . . . Prov 17:8
A man's **g** . . . . . Prov 18:16
A **g** in secret . . . . . Prov 21:14
it is the **g** of God. . . . . Eccl 3:13
g destroyeth the heart . . . . . Eccl 7:7
every one loveth **g**. . . . . Is 1:23
bring thy **g** . . . . . Matt 5:23
Leave there thy **g**. . . . . Matt 5:24
give good **g** . . . . . Matt 7:11
casting their **g** . . . . . Luke 21:1
the **g** of God . . . . . John 4:10
thought that the **g**. . . . . Acts 8:20
some spiritual **g**. . . . . Rom 1:11
the **g** by grace . . . . . Rom 5:15
the **g** of God . . . . . Rom 6:23
the **g** and calling . . . . . Rom 11:29
g differing according . . . . . Rom 12:6
proper **g** of God . . . . . 1 Cor 7:7
diversities of **g**. . . . . 1 Cor 12:4
the best **g** . . . . . 1 Cor 12:31
desire spiritual **g** . . . . . 1 Cor 14:1
of spiritual **g** . . . . . 1 Cor 14:12
his unspeakable **g** . . . . . 2 Cor 9:15
it is the **g** of God. . . . . Eph 2:8
gave **g** unto men . . . . . Eph 4:8
I desire a **g** . . . . . Phil 4:17
Neglect not the **g**. . . . . 1 Tim 4:14
stir up the **g** of God . . . . . 2 Tim 1:6
Every good **g** . . . . . James 1:17
See Num 18:29; 1 Cor 13:2

GLAD

he will be **g** in his heart . . . . . Ex 4:14
g, when they can. . . . . Job 3:22
my heart is **g** . . . . . Ps 16:9
be **g** and rejoice. . . . . Ps 31:7
hear thereof, and be **g** . . . . . Ps 34:2
shall make **g** the city. . . . . Ps 46:4
and be **g** . . . . . Ps 69:32
maketh **g** the heart . . . . . Ps 104:15
I was **g** . . . . . Ps 122:1
whereof we are **g**. . . . . Ps 126:3
maketh a **g** father . . . . . Prov 10:1
not thine heart be **g** . . . . . Prov 24:17
they are **g** . . . . . Lam 1:21
merry, and be **g**. . . . . Luke 15:32
saw it, and was **g**. . . . . John 8:56
And I am **g** for your . . . . . John 11:15
that **g** received. . . . . Acts 2:41
See Mark 6:20; 12:37; Luke 1:19

GLADNESS

Also in the day of your **g**. . . . . Num 10:10
with **g** of heart. . . . . Deut 28:47
was very great **g** . . . . . Neh 8:17
put **g** in my heart . . . . . Ps 4:7
the oil of **g** . . . . . Ps 45:7
and **g** for the upright . . . . . Ps 97:11
obtain joy and **g** . . . . . Is 35:10
g and singleness . . . . . Acts 2:46
See Ps 100:2; Prov 10:28

GLASS

now we see through a **g** darkly . . . . . 1 Cor 13:12
beholding as in a **g** . . . . . 2 Cor 3:18
was a sea of **g**. . . . . Rev 4:6
a sea of **g** mingled. . . . . Rev 15:2

GLORIFY

offereth praise **g** me . . . . . Ps 50:23
I will **g** thy name. . . . . Ps 86:12
I will **g** the house . . . . . Is 60:7
I will be **g**. . . . . Ezek 28:22
and **g** your Father . . . . . Matt 5:16
g the God of Israel . . . . . Matt 15:31
being **g** of all . . . . . Luke 4:15
Jesus was not yet **g** . . . . . John 7:39
Son of God might be **g**. . . . . John 11:4
but when Jesus was **g** . . . . . John 12:16
I have both **g** it . . . . . John 12:28
God shall also **g** him . . . . . John 13:32
Herein is my Father **g**. . . . . John 15:8
Son also may **g** thee . . . . . John 17:1
he should **g** God . . . . . John 21:19
g him not as God . . . . . Rom 1:21
that we may be also **g**. . . . . Rom 8:17
them he also **g**. . . . . Rom 8:30
therefore **g** God. . . . . 1 Cor 6:20
And they **g** God in me . . . . . Gal 1:24
g in his saints. . . . . 2 Thess 1:10
Christ **g** not himself . . . . . Heb 5:5
g God in the day . . . . . 1 Pet 2:12
See Is 25:5; Luke 7:16

GLORIOUS

G things are spoken . . . . . Ps 67:3
his rest shall be **g** . . . . . Is 11:10
make thyself a **g** name . . . . . Is 63:14
A **g** high throne. . . . . Jer 17:12
stand in the **g** land . . . . . Dan 11:16
g holy mountain . . . . . Dan 11:45
g things . . . . . Luke 13:17
g liberty . . . . . Rom 8:21
in stones, was **g** . . . . . 2 Cor 3:7
spirit be rather **g** . . . . . 2 Cor 3:8
light of the **g** gospel . . . . . 2 Cor 4:4
to himself a **g** church . . . . . Eph 5:27
like unto his **g** body . . . . . Phil 3:21
the **g** gospel . . . . . 1 Tim 1:11
the **g** appearing . . . . . Titus 2:13
See Ex 15:1; 2 Sam 6:20

GLORY

I beseech thee, shew me thy **g**. . . . . Ex 33:18
be filled with the **g** . . . . . Num 14:21
thy **g** above the heavens. . . . . Ps 8:1
and the King of **g** . . . . . Ps 24:7
give grace and **g** . . . . . Ps 84:11
speak of the **g** . . . . . Ps 145:11
shall inherit **g** . . . . . Prov 3:35
the **g** of children . . . . . Prov 17:6
the **g** of young men. . . . . Prov 20:29
the **g** of God . . . . . Prov 25:2
their own **g** is not **g** . . . . . Prov 25:27
is full of his **g**. . . . . Is 6:3
g to the righteous . . . . . Is 24:16

my **g** will I not give. . . . . Is 42:8
created him for my **g** . . . . . Is 43:7
the house of my **g** . . . . . Is 60:7
fill this house with **g**. . . . . Hag 2:7
that they may have **g** . . . . . Matt 6:2
the power, and the **g**. . . . . Matt 6:13
his **g** was not . . . . . Matt 6:29
come in the **g**. . . . . Matt 16:27
in the throne of his **g** . . . . . Matt 19:28
with power and great **g** . . . . . Matt 24:30
great power and **g** . . . . . Mark 13:26
G to God . . . . . Luke 2:14
come in his own **g**. . . . . Luke 9:26
peace in heaven, and **g**. . . . . Luke 19:38
power and great **g** . . . . . Luke 21:27
to enter into his **g** . . . . . Luke 24:26
we beheld his **g** . . . . . John 1:14
manifested forth his **g** . . . . . John 2:11
I seek not mine own **g** . . . . . John 8:50
see the **g** of God . . . . . John 11:40
with the **g** which I had. . . . . John 17:5
they may behold my **g** . . . . . John 17:24
gave not God the **g** . . . . . Acts 12:23
come short of the **g**. . . . . Rom 3:23
the **g** which shall be . . . . . Rom 8:18
to whom be **g** . . . . . Rom 11:36
no flesh should **g**. . . . . 1 Cor 1:29
to the **g** of God . . . . . 1 Cor 10:31
but the woman is the **g**. . . . . 1 Cor 11:7
it is a **g** to her. . . . . 1 Cor 11:15
g of the celestial . . . . . 1 Cor 15:40
it is raised in **g**. . . . . 1 Cor 15:43
the **g** of the Lord . . . . . 2 Cor 3:18
I should **g**. . . . . Gal 6:14
the Father of **g**. . . . . Eph 1:17
Unto him be **g**. . . . . Eph 3:21
g is in their shame . . . . . Phil 3:19
to his riches in **g** . . . . . Phil 4:19
the hope of **g** . . . . . Col 1:27
appear with him in **g** . . . . . Col 3:4
the **g** of his power . . . . . 2 Thess 1:9
received up into **g** . . . . . 1 Tim 3:16
brightness of his **g**. . . . . Heb 1:3
many sons unto **g** . . . . . Heb 2:10
worthy of more **g** . . . . . Heb 3:3
full of **g**. . . . . 1 Pet 1:8
g that should follow . . . . . 1 Pet 1:11
the **g** of man . . . . . 1 Pet 1:24
the spirit of **g**. . . . . 1 Pet 4:14
unto his eternal **g** . . . . . 1 Pet 5:10
from the excellent **g** . . . . . 2 Pet 1:17
received **g** and honour . . . . . Rev 4:11
and honour, and **g** . . . . . Rev 5:12
Blessing, and **g** . . . . . Rev 7:12
lightened with his **g** . . . . . Rev 18:1
the **g** of God . . . . . Rev 21:23
See Luke 17:18; James 2:1

GLORYING

Your **g** is not good . . . . . 1 Cor 5:6
should make my **g** void . . . . . 1 Cor 9:15
great is my **g** . . . . . 2 Cor 7:4
become a fool in **g** . . . . . 2 Cor 12:11

GNASH

shall be weeping and **g** of teeth. . . . . Matt 8:12
and **g** of teeth . . . . . Matt 13:42, 50
g with his teeth . . . . . Mark 9:18
See Job 16:9; Ps 35:16

GO

whither thou **g**. . . . . Ruth 1:16
to **g** a mile . . . . . Matt 5:41
G ye therefore . . . . . Matt 28:19
g unto my Father . . . . . John 14:12
See Matt 8:9; 1 Cor 9:7

GOD

And Enoch walked with **G** . . . . . Gen 5:22
and Noah walked with **G**. . . . . Gen 6:9
Thou **G** seest me. . . . . Gen 16:13
thou power with **G** . . . . . Gen 32:28
G shall be with you. . . . . Gen 48:21
G is not a man. . . . . Num 23:19
What hath **G** wrought . . . . . Num 23:23
G is there . . . . . Deut 3:24
The eternal **G** . . . . . Deut 33:27
that there is a **G**. . . . . 1 Sam 17:46
If the Lord be **G** . . . . . 1 Kin 18:21
The Lord, he is the **G** . . . . . 1 Kin 18:39
How doth **G** know . . . . . Job 22:13
There is no **G**. . . . . Ps 14:1
My **G,** my **G,** why hast . . . . . Ps 22:1
for **G** is for me. . . . . Ps 56:9
thou art **G** alone . . . . . Ps 86:10
before **G:** for **G** is . . . . . Eccl 5:2
thou are the **G** . . . . . Is 37:16
Is there a **G** . . . . . Is 44:8
for I am **G** . . . . . Is 45:22
for I am **G** . . . . . Hos 11:9
whose name is The **G**. . . . . Amos 5:27
call upon thy **G** . . . . . Jon 1:6
walk humbly with thy **G** . . . . . Mic 6:8
is, **G** with us. . . . . Matt 1:23
G is not the **G** . . . . . Matt 22:32
for there is one **G** . . . . . Mark 12:32
that **G** is true . . . . . John 3:33
G is a Spirit . . . . . John 4:24
from **G,** and went to **G**. . . . . John 13:3
to my **G** and your **G** . . . . . John 20:17
let **G** be true. . . . . Rom 3:4
if **G** be for us . . . . . Rom 8:31
G is faithful . . . . . 1 Cor 1:9
G is faithful . . . . . 1 Cor 10:13
that **G** is in you . . . . . 1 Cor 14:25
G is not the author . . . . . 1 Cor 14:33
but **G** is one . . . . . Gal 3:20
G is not mocked . . . . . Gal 6:7
my **G** shall supply . . . . . Phil 4:19
all that is called **G** . . . . . 2 Thess 2:4
he as **G** sitteth in the temple . . . . . 2 Thess 2:4
G was manifest . . . . . 1 Tim 3:16
I will be to them a **G** . . . . . Heb 8:10
to be called their **G**. . . . . Heb 11:16
G the Judge of all . . . . . Heb 12:23
that **G** is light. . . . . 1 John 1:5
G is love . . . . . 1 John 4:8
No man hath seen **G** . . . . . 1 John 4:12

know that we are of **G** . . . . . 1 John 5:19
G himself shall be . . . . . .Rev 21:3
G shall wipe away . . . . . .Rev 21:4
I will be his **G** . . . . . .Rev 21:7
See Job 33:12; Ps 10:4

GODHEAD
G is like unto gold . . . . . Acts 17:29
eternal power and **G**. . . . . .Rom 1:20
fullness of the **G** bodily . . . . . .Col 2:9

GODLINESS
great is the mystery of **g**. . . . . .1 Tim 3:16
thyself rather unto **g**. . . . . .1 Tim 4:7
supposing that gain is **g** . . . . . .1 Tim 6:5
Having a form of **g** . . . . . .2 Tim 3:5
which is after **g** . . . . . Titus 1:1
unto life and **g**. . . . . .2 Pet 1:3
and to patience **g**. . . . . .2 Pet 1:6
conversation and **g** . . . . . .2 Pet 3:11
See 1 Tim 2:2, 10; 6:6, 11

GODLY
the **g** man ceaseth . . . . . Ps 12:1
might seek a **g** seed. . . . . Mal 2:15
simplicity and **g**. . . . . .2 Cor 1:12
g sorrow worketh . . . . . .2 Cor 7:10
live **g** in Christ Jesus. . . . . .2 Tim 3:12
righteously, and **g** . . . . . Titus 2:12
and **g** fear . . . . . Heb 12:28
deliver the **g**. . . . . .2 Pet 2:9
after a **g** sort . . . . . .3 John 6
See Ps 4:3; 2 Cor 7:9

GONE
g like the shadow . . . . . .Ps 109:23
I have **g** astray . . . . . .Ps 119:176
sheep have **g** astray. . . . . Is 53:6
her sun is **g** down . . . . . Jer 15:9
unclean spirit is **g** . . . . . .Matt 12:43
lamps are **g** out . . . . . .Matt 25:8
They are all **g**. . . . . .Rom 3:12
g in the way of Cain . . . . . .Jude 11
See Ps 89:34; Song 2:11

GOOD (*n.*)
God meant it unto **g**. . . . . Gen 50:20
none that doeth **g** . . . . . Ps 14:1
Withhold not **g** . . . . . .Prov 3:27
there is no **g** in them . . . . . Eccl 3:12
destroyeth much **g** . . . . . Eccl 9:18
went about doing **g**. . . . . Acts 10:38
work together for **g**. . . . . .Rom 8:28
to thee for **g**. . . . . .Rom 13:4
See Job 5:27; Prov 11:17

GOOD (*adj.*)
God saw the light, that it was **g** . . . . . Gen 1:4
God saw that it was **g**. . . . . Gen 1:10
the Lord is **g** . . . . . Ps 34:8
g name is rather . . . . . .Prov 22:1
so is **g** news . . . . . .Prov 25:25
what is **g** for men . . . . . Eccl 6:12
ye that which is **g** . . . . . Is 55:2
It is **g** that a man should . . . . . Lam 3:26
It is **g** for a man. . . . . Lam 3:27
g words. . . . . .Zech 1:13
to give **g** gifts. . . . . .Matt 7:11
be of **g** comfort . . . . . .Matt 9:22
G Master, what **g**. . . . . .Matt 19:16
callest thou me **g**. . . . . .Matt 19:17
thou **g** and faithful . . . . . .Matt 25:21
Salt is **g**. . . . . Mark 9:50
g measure, pressed down. . . . . .Luke 6:38
chosen that **g** part. . . . . .Luke 10:42
Father's **g** pleasure. . . . . .Luke 12:32
Why callest thou me **g** . . . . . .Luke 18:19
Can there any **g**. . . . . .John 1:46
I am the **g** shepherd . . . . . .John 10:11
and just, and **g**. . . . . .Rom 7:12
dwelleth no **g** thing. . . . . .Rom 7:18
prove what is that **g** . . . . . .Rom 12:2
g neither to eat . . . . . .Rom 14:21
g for the present . . . . . .1 Cor 7:26
corrupt **g** manners . . . . . .1 Cor 15:33
to every **g** work . . . . . .2 Cor 9:8
all **g** things . . . . . .Gal 6:6
begun a **g** work in. . . . . Phil 1:6
in every **g** work . . . . . .Col 1:10
that which is **g**. . . . . 1 Thess 5:15
which is **g**. . . . . 1 Thess 5:21
the law is **g**. . . . . .1 Tim 1:8
he desireth a **g** work. . . . . .1 Tim 3:1
creature of God is **g** . . . . . .1 Tim 4:4
Fight the **g** . . . . . .1 Tim 6:12
that are **g** . . . . . .2 Tim 3:3
a pattern of **g** works . . . . . Titus 2:7
zealous of **g** works . . . . . Titus 2:14
the **g** word . . . . . Heb 6:5
it is a **g** thing . . . . . Heb 13:9
Every **g** gift . . . . . .James 1:17
but that which is **g** . . . . . .3 John 11
See 2 Thess 2:17; Titus 1:16

GOODNESS
make all my **g** pass before thee. . . . . .Ex 33:19
abundant in **g** and truth. . . . . .Ex 34:6
g extendeth not. . . . . Ps 16:2
Surely **g** and mercy. . . . . Ps 23:6
the **g** of the Lord. . . . . .Ps 27:13
earth is full of the **g** . . . . . Ps 33:5
the year with thy **g** . . . . . .Ps 65:11
every one his own **g** . . . . . .Prov 20:6
your **g** is as a morning . . . . . Hos 6:4
how great is his **g** . . . . . .Zech 9:17
the riches of his **g** . . . . . .Rom 2:4
See Neh 9:25; Is 63:7; Gal 5:22

GOSPEL
have the **g** preached to them. . . . . .Matt 11:5
my sake and the **g**. . . . . Mark 8:35
ashamed of the **g**. . . . . .Rom 1:16
preach the **g** of peace . . . . . .Rom 10:15
But if our **g** be hid . . . . . .2 Cor 4:3
preach any other **g** . . . . . .Gal 1:8
g of the uncircumcision. . . . . .Gal 2:7
the hope of the **g**. . . . . .Col 1:23
to the glorious **g** . . . . . .1 Tim 1:11
the everlasting **g** . . . . . .Rev 14:6
See Matt 4:23; Mark 16:15

GOVERNMENT
the **g** shall be upon his shoulder. . . . . Is 9:6
helps, **g,** diversities . . . . . 1 Cor 12:28
and despise **g** . . . . . .2 Pet 2:10

GRACE
g is poured into. . . . . Ps 45:2
an ornament of **g** . . . . . Prov 1:9
but he giveth **g** unto . . . . . Prov 3:34
spirit of **g** and of . . . . . Zech 12:10
full of **g** and truth . . . . . John 1:14
G to you and peace. . . . . Rom 1:7
freely by his **g** . . . . . Rom 3:24
not reckoned of **g** . . . . . Rom 4:4
g did much more abound . . . . . Rom 5:20
but under **g** . . . . . Rom 6:14
the election of **g** . . . . . Rom 11:5
G be unto you . . . . . 1 Cor 1:3
G be to you . . . . . 2 Cor 1:2
the **g** of our Lord Jesus. . . . . 2 Cor 8:9
My **g** is sufficient . . . . . 2 Cor 12:9
into the **g** of Christ . . . . . Gal 1:6
and called me by his **g** . . . . . Gal 1:15
ye are fallen from **g**. . . . . Gal 5:4
by **g** ye are saved . . . . . Eph 2:5
is this **g** given. . . . . Eph 3:8
the throne of **g**. . . . . Heb 4:16
the Spirit of **g**. . . . . Heb 10:29
But he giveth more **g** . . . . . James 4:6
and giveth **g** to . . . . . 1 Pet 5:5
grow in **g,** and in the . . . . . .2 Pet 3:18
See Acts 20:24; 2 Cor 6:1

GRACIOUS
for I am **g**. . . . . .Ex 22:27
g to whom I will . . . . . Ex 33:19
g and merciful. . . . . Neh 9:17
forgotten to be **g** . . . . . Ps 77:9
A **g** woman . . . . . Prov 11:16
he may be **g** unto . . . . . Is 30:18
thou are a **g** God. . . . . Jon 4:2
the **g** words . . . . . Luke 4:22
the Lord is **g** . . . . . 1 Pet 2:3
See Ex 34:6; 2 Chr 30:9

GRAVE (*n.*)
gray hairs with sorrow to the **g**. . . . . Gen 42:38
sorrow to the **g** . . . . . Gen 44:31
goeth down to the **g** . . . . . Job 7:9
in the **g** who shall . . . . . Ps 6:5
be silent in the **g** . . . . . Ps 31:27
the power of the **g**. . . . . Ps 49:15
in the **g** . . . . . Eccl 9:10
the **g** cannot praise . . . . . Is 38:18
his **g** with the wicked . . . . . Is 53:9
O **g,** I will be . . . . . Hos 13:14
that are in the **g**. . . . . John 5:28
to the **g** to weep. . . . . John 11:31
O **g,** where is thy. . . . . 1 Cor 15:55
See Matt 27:52; Rev 11:9

GREAT
I will make of thee a **g** nation . . . . . Gen 12:2
g and mighty nation. . . . . Gen 18:18
of thee a **g** nation . . . . . Gen 46:3
for **g** is our God . . . . . 2 Chr 2:5
how **g** is thy goodness . . . . . Ps 31:19
how **g** are thy works . . . . . Ps 92:5
O God! how **g** is the . . . . . Ps 139:17
for **g** is your . . . . . Matt 5:12
called **g** in the . . . . . Matt 5:19
one pearl of **g** price. . . . . Matt 13:46
g is thy faith. . . . . Matt 15:28
whosoever will be **g** . . . . . Matt 20:26
the **g** commandment . . . . . Matt 22:36
g is the mystery. . . . . 1 Tim 3:16
so **g** salvation. . . . . Heb 2:3
See Deut 9:2; Eccl 2:9; Rev 7:9

GREATER
g than the temple . . . . . Matt 12:6
commandment **g** than . . . . . Mark 12:31
see **g** things than. . . . . John 1:50
Art thou **g** than. . . . . John 4:12
g works than these . . . . . John 5:20
g than our father. . . . . John 8:53
is **g** than all . . . . . John 10:29
g works than these . . . . . John 14:12
for my Father is **g** . . . . . John 14:28
The servant is not **g** . . . . . John 13:16
G love hath no man . . . . . John 15:13
could swear by no **g** . . . . . Heb 6:13
God is **g** than. . . . . 1 John 3:20
because **g** is he that. . . . . 1 John 4:4
I have no **g** joy. . . . . 3 John 4
See Gen 41:40; 48:19; Heb 9:11

GREATEST
the **g** in the kingdom . . . . . Matt 18:1
who should be the **g**. . . . . Mark 9:34
should be **g** . . . . . Luke 9:46
but the **g** of . . . . . 1 Cor 13:13
See Job 1:3; Jer 31:34

GRIEF
life is spent with **g**. . . . . Ps 31:10
is much **g** . . . . . Eccl 1:18
acquainted with **g** . . . . . Is 53:3
See Jon 4:6; Heb 13:17

GRIEVE
g for the hardness . . . . . Mark 3:5
And **g** not the holy . . . . . Eph 4:30
See Neh 2:10; 13:8; Ps 119:158

GROW
g up before him. . . . . Is 53:2
both **g** together . . . . . Matt 13:30
g unto a holy . . . . . Eph 2:21
may **g** up into him . . . . . Eph 4:15
g in grace . . . . . .2 Pet 3:18
See 2 Kin 19:26; Jer 12:2

GUIDE
he will be our **g** . . . . . Ps 48:14
having no **g** . . . . . Prov 6:7
the Lord shall **g** . . . . . Is 58:11
thou are the **g** of my . . . . . .Jer 3:4
g our feet into . . . . . Luke 1:79
he will **g** you . . . . . John 16:13
See Gen 48:14; Prov 11:3

GUILTY
clear the **g** . . . . . Ex 34:7
clearing the **g** . . . . . Num 14:18
become **g** before God . . . . . Rom 3:19
shall be **g** of . . . . . 1 Cor 11:27
he is **g** of all . . . . . James 2:10
See Num 35:27; Prov 30:10

H

HABITATION
Let their **h** be desolate . . . . . Ps 69:25
into everlasting **h** . . . . . Luke 16:9
let his **h** be desolate . . . . . Acts 1:20
for a **h** of God . . . . . Eph 2:22
but left their own **h** . . . . . Jude 6
See Prov 8:31; Acts 1:20

HAIR
the **h** of mine head . . . . . Ps 40:12
make one **h** white . . . . . Matt 5:36
the very **h** of your . . . . . Matt 10:30
man have long **h** . . . . . 1 Cor 11:14
not with braided **h** . . . . . 1 Tim 2:9
of plaiting the **h** . . . . . 1 Pet 3:3
See 2 Sam 14:26; Hos 7:9

HALLOW
H be thy name . . . . . Matt 6:9

HAND
h for **h** . . . . . Ex 21:24
Is the Lord's **h** . . . . . Num 11:23
from his right **h** . . . . . Deut 33:2
h of God . . . . . 1 Sam 5:11
h of the Lord . . . . . 2 Sam 24:14
In whose **h** is . . . . . Job 12:10
the **h** of God . . . . . Job 19:21
at thy right **h** . . . . . Ps 16:11
He that hath clean **h** . . . . . Ps 24:4
the work of our **h** . . . . . Ps 90:17
folding of the **h** . . . . . Prov 6:10
though **h** join in **h** . . . . . Prov 11:21
hideth his **h** . . . . . Prov 19:24
that strike **h** . . . . . Prov 22:26
the **h** of God . . . . . Eccl 2:24
thy **h** findeth to do . . . . . Eccl 9:10
withhold not thine **h** . . . . . Eccl 11:6
hollow of his **h** . . . . . Is 40:12
the Lord's **h** is not . . . . . Is 59:1
fill thine **h** . . . . . Ezek 10:2
wounds in thine **h** . . . . . Zech 13:6
heaven is at **h** . . . . . Matt 3:2
let not thy left **h** . . . . . Matt 6:3
if thy **h** or thy foot . . . . . Matt 18:8
My time is at **h** . . . . . Matt 26:18
he is at **h** that . . . . . Matt 26:46
thy **h** offend thee . . . . . Mark 9:43
the right **h** of God . . . . . Mark 16:19
not made with **h** . . . . . 2 Cor 5:1
The Lord is at **h** . . . . . Phil 4:5
Christ is at **h** . . . . . 2 Thess 2:2
lifting up holy **h** . . . . . 1 Tim 2:8
h of the living God . . . . . Heb 10:31
Cleanse your **h** . . . . . James 4:8
the end ... is at **h** . . . . . 1 Pet 4:7
our **h** have handled . . . . . 1 John 1:1
See Luke 9:62; Col 2:14

HAPPY
H art thou . . . . . Deut 33:29
h is the man . . . . . Job 5:17
h shalt thou be . . . . . Ps 128:2
H is that people . . . . . Ps 144:15
h is every one . . . . . Prov 3:18
h is he . . . . . Prov 14:21
are all they **h** . . . . . Jer 12:1
call the proud **h** . . . . . Mal 3:15
h are ye . . . . . John 13:17
H is he that . . . . . Rom 14:22
we count them **h** . . . . . James 5:11
h are ye . . . . . 1 Pet 3:14
See Prov 29:18; 1 Cor 7:40

HARDEN
but I will **h** his heart, that he . . . . . Ex 4:21
will **h** the hearts . . . . . Ex 14:17
H not your heart . . . . . Ps 95:8
man **h** his face . . . . . Prov 21:29
he that **h** his heart . . . . . Prov 29:14
being often reproved **h** . . . . . Prov 29:1
and **h** our heart . . . . . Is 63:17
heart was **h** . . . . . Mark 6:52
your heart yet **h** . . . . . Mark 8:17
and **h** their . . . . . John 12:40
when divers were **h** . . . . . Acts 19:9
he will be **h** . . . . . Rom 9:18
h through the . . . . . Heb 3:13
See Deut 15:7; Job 39:16

HARDNESS
grieved for the **h** of their hearts . . . . . Mark 3:5
and **h** of heart . . . . . Mark 16:14
therefore endure **h** . . . . . 2 Tim 2:3
See Job 38:38; Mark 10:5

HARVEST
seedtime and **h** . . . . . Gen 8:22
the **h** is past . . . . . Jer 8:20
the time of her **h** . . . . . Jer 51:33
for the **h** is ripe . . . . . Joel 3:13
The **h** truly is . . . . . Matt 9:37
Lord of the **h** . . . . . Matt 9:38
and in the time of **h** . . . . . Matt 13:30
because the **h** is come . . . . . Mark 4:29
h truly is great . . . . . Luke 10:2
white already to **h** . . . . . John 4:35
the **h** of the earth . . . . . Rev 14:15
See Josh 3:15; Matt 13:39

HATE
not **h** thy brother . . . . . Lev 19:17
h the righteous . . . . . Ps 34:21
love the Lord, **h** evil . . . . . Ps 97:10
and fools **h** knowledge . . . . . Prov 1:22
h is son . . . . . Prov 13:24
The poor is **h** . . . . . Prov 14:20
be that **h** reproof . . . . . Prov 15:10
but he that **h** gifts . . . . . Prov 15:27

Therefore I **h** life . . . . . Eccl 2:17
and a time to **h** . . . . . Eccl 3:8
feasts my soul **h**. . . . . Is 1:14
I **h** robbery. . . . . Is 61:8
H the evil . . . . . Amos 5:15
Who **h** the good . . . . . Mic 3:2
things that I **h** . . . . . Zech 8:17
I **h** Esau . . . . . Mal 1:3
to them that **h** you . . . . . Matt 5:44
for either he will **h** . . . . . Matt 6:24
we shall be **h** . . . . . Matt 10:22
shall **h** one another. . . . . Matt 24:10
men shall **h** you. . . . . Luke 6:22
to them which **h** . . . . . Luke 6:27
and **h** not his father . . . . . Luke 14:26
h the light. . . . . John 3:20
cannot **h** you . . . . . John 7:7
he that **h** his life . . . . . John 12:25
If the world **h** you. . . . . John 15:18
both seen and **h**. . . . . John 15:24
Esau have I **h** . . . . . Rom 9:13
h his own flesh . . . . . Eph 5:29
h his brother . . . . . 1 John 2:9
if the world **h** you . . . . . 1 John 3:13
and **h** his brother . . . . . 1 John 4:20
See Gen 27:41; Prov 6:16

HAUGHTY

thine eyes are upon the **h** . . . . . 2 Sam 22:28
my heart is not **h**. . . . . Ps 131:1
and a **h** spirit . . . . . Prov 16:18
Proud and **h** scorner. . . . . Prov 21:24
h shall be humbled . . . . . Is 10:33
shalt no more be **h** . . . . . Zeph 3:11
See Is 2:11; 13:11; Ezek 16:50

HEAD

it shall bruise thy **h**. . . . . Gen 3:15
be upon his **h**. . . . . Josh 2:19
Lift up your **h** . . . . . Ps 24:7, 9
he lift up the **h**. . . . . Ps 110:7
are upon the **h**. . . . . Prov 10:6
fire upon his **h**. . . . . Prov 25:22
eyes are in his **h**. . . . . Eccl 2:14
the whole **h** is sick . . . . . Is 1:5
joy upon their **h** . . . . . Is 35:10
my **h** were waters . . . . . Jer 9:1
and covered their **h**. . . . . Jer 14:3
the **h** of the poor. . . . . Amos 2:7
lift up his **h** . . . . . Zech 1:21
My **h** with oil. . . . . Luke 7:46
lift up your **h** . . . . . Luke 21:28
the **h** of every man . . . . . 1 Cor 11:3
gave him to be **h** . . . . . Eph 1:22
which is the **h** . . . . . Eph 4:15
the husband is the **h**. . . . . Eph 5:23
the **h** of the body. . . . . Col 1:18
not holding the **H**. . . . . Col 2:19
See Josh 7:6; Rev 13:1

HEAL

for I am the Lord that **h** thee . . . . . Ex 15:26
I wound, and I **h** . . . . . Deut 32:39
the waters were **h** . . . . . 2 Kin 2:22
I will **h** thee . . . . . 2 Kin 20:5
O Lord, **h** me. . . . . Ps 6:2
h my soul . . . . . Ps 41:4
h all thy diseases . . . . . Ps 103:3
and **h** them . . . . . Ps 107:20
convert, and be **h** . . . . . Is 6:10
stripes we are **h** . . . . . Is 53:5
refuseth to be **h** . . . . . Jer 15:18
H me, O Lord . . . . . Jer 17:14
and he will **h** us. . . . . Hos 6:1
h their backsliding . . . . . Hos 14:4
and to **h** all manner . . . . . Matt 10:1
H the sick. . . . . Matt 10:8
lawful to **h** . . . . . Matt 12:10
he would **h** . . . . . Mark 3:2
h the brokenhearted. . . . . Luke 4:18
Physician, **h** thyself. . . . . Luke 4:23
present to **h** them . . . . . Luke 5:17
h the sick . . . . . Luke 10:9
faith to be **h** . . . . . Acts 14:9
ye may be **h** . . . . . James 5:16
ye were **h** . . . . . 1 Pet 2:24
deadly wound was **h**. . . . . Rev 13:3
See Eccl 3:3; Is 3:7; Matt 4:21

HEALING

there is no **h** for us . . . . . Jer 14:19
h in his wings . . . . . Mal 4:2
h all manner . . . . . Matt 4:23
had need of **h**. . . . . Luke 9:11
gifts of **h** . . . . . 1 Cor 12:9
then gift of **h** . . . . . 1 Cor 12:28
h of the nations . . . . . Rev 22:2
See Jer 30:13; Acts 4:22; 10:38

HEAR

H the word. . . . . 2 Kin 18:28
h with understanding. . . . . Neh 8:2
Oh that one would **h** . . . . . Job 31:35
H me when I call . . . . . Ps 4:1
the Lord will **h**. . . . . Ps 4:3
thine ear to **h**. . . . . Ps 10:17
H my prayer, O Lord . . . . . Ps 39:12
H my prayer, O God. . . . . Ps 54:2
Lord will not **h** me . . . . . Ps 66:18
h what God . . . . . Ps 85:8
H my prayer, O Lord . . . . . Ps 102:1
but the poor **h** . . . . . Prov 13:8
before he **h** it . . . . . Prov 18:13
h the words . . . . . Prov 22:17
be more ready to **h** . . . . . Eccl 5:1
better to **h** the rebuke. . . . . Eccl 7:5
H, O heavens. . . . . Is 1:2
shall the deaf **h** . . . . . Is 29:18
H, ye that are far off. . . . . Is 33:13
ye nations, to **h** . . . . . Is 34:1
I will not **h** thee. . . . . Jer 7:16
not **h** their cry . . . . . Jer 14:12
yet will I not **h**. . . . . Ezek 8:18
h the prayer . . . . . Dan 9:17
will **h** them . . . . . Zech 10:6
whosoever **h** these . . . . . Matt 7:24
the deaf **h**. . . . . Matt 11:5
h ye him . . . . . Matt 17:5

the deaf to **h**. . . . . Mark 7:37
beloved Son: **h** him. . . . . Mark 9:7
h my sayings . . . . . .Luke 6:47
the deaf **h**. . . . . .Luke 7:22
He that **h** you **h** me. . . . . .Luke 10:16
to **h** those things. . . . . .Luke 10:24
h the voice of God . . . . . .John 5:25
who can **h** it. . . . . .John 6:60
we know that God **h** not . . . . . .John 9:31
thou **h** me always . . . . . .John 11:42
any man **h** my words . . . . . .John 12:47
the word which ye **h**. . . . . .John 14:24
h without a preacher . . . . . .Rom 10:14
world **h** them. . . . . 1 John 4:5
knoweth God **h** us . . . . . 1 John 4:6
that he **h** us . . . . . 1 John 5:15
let him **h**. . . . . .Rev 2:7
if any man **h** my voice . . . . . .Rev 3:20
See 2 Kin 19:16; 2 Chr 6:21

HEARD

And they **h** the voice of the Lord . . . . . Gen 3:8
And God **h** the voice . . . . . Gen 21:17
have **h** their cry. . . . . .Ex 3:7
and the Lord **h** it. . . . . Num 11:1
only ye **h** a voice . . . . . .Deut 4:12
h my supplication . . . . . Ps 6:9
hast **h** the desire . . . . . Ps 10:17
and he **h** me. . . . . Ps 34:4
hast **h** my vows . . . . . Ps 61:5
hath **h** my voice. . . . . Ps 116:1
have ye not **h** . . . . . Is 40:21
hath **h,** such a thing . . . . . Is 66:8
rumour that shall be **h** . . . . . Jer 51:46
be **h** for their . . . . . .Matt 6:7
thou hast **h** me . . . . . .John 11:41
h the word believed . . . . . Acts 4:4
we have seen and **h**. . . . . Acts 4:20
they have not **h** . . . . . .Rom 10:14
nor ear **h** . . . . . 1 Cor 2:9
and **h** unspeakable . . . . . 2 Cor 12:4
ye have **h** him . . . . . Eph 4:21
received, and **h** . . . . . Phil 4:9
by them that **h**. . . . . Heb 2:3
which we have **h** . . . . . 1 John 1:1
we have seen and **h**. . . . . 1 John 1:3
See John 5:37; Rev 19:6; 22:8

HEARER

For not the **h** of the law are just . . . . . .Rom 2:13
grace unto the **h** . . . . . Eph 4:29
and not **h** only. . . . . .James 1:22

HEARING

The **h** ear . . . . . .Prov 20:12
ear filled with **h**. . . . . Eccl 1:8
h they hear not . . . . . .Matt 13:13
faith cometh by **h** . . . . . .Rom 10:17
where were the **h**. . . . . .1 Cor 12:17
ye are dull of **h** . . . . . Heb 5:11
See Gal 3:2; 2 Pet 2:8

HEART

with all your **h**. . . . . .Deut 11:13
gave him another **h**. . . . . .1 Sam 10:9
Lord looketh on the **h** . . . . . .1 Sam 16:7
an understanding **h** . . . . . 1 Kin 3:9
with all his **h** . . . . . 1 Kin 14:8
not of double **h** . . . . . .1 Chr 12:33
triest the **h** . . . . . .1 Chr 29:17
h was lifted up. . . . . .2 Chr 32:25
said in his **h** . . . . . Ps 10:6
rejoicing the **h** . . . . . Ps 19:8
h shall not fear . . . . . Ps 27:3
h trusted in him . . . . . Ps 28:7
the **h,** is deep . . . . . Ps 64:6
I had in mine **h** . . . . . Ps 119:11
and know my **h** . . . . . Ps 139:23
Keep thy **h** . . . . . .Prov 4:23
The **h** knoweth . . . . . .Prov 14:10
thinketh in his **h** . . . . . .Prov 23:7
songs to a heavy **h**. . . . . .Prov 25:20
h of her husband. . . . . .Prov 31:11
wise man's **h**. . . . . Eccl 8:5
of a fearful **h** . . . . . Is 35:4
sing for joy of **h**. . . . . Is 65:14
reins and the **h** . . . . . Jer 11:20
The **h** is deceitful . . . . . Jer 17:9
word was in mine **h** . . . . . Jer 20:9
will give them a **h** . . . . . Jer 24:7
the pride of thine **h**. . . . . Jer 49:16
take the stony **h**. . . . . .Ezek 11:19
make you a new **h**. . . . . .Ezek 18:31
uncircumcised in **h**. . . . . .Ezek 44:7
And rend your **h** . . . . . .Joel 2:13
The pride of thine **h** . . . . . .Obad 3
h of the fathers . . . . . Mal 4:6
the pure in **h** . . . . . .Matt 5:8
there will your **h** be . . . . . .Matt 6:21
meek and lowly in **h**. . . . . .Matt 11:29
abundance of the **h**. . . . . .Matt 12:34
out of the **h** . . . . . .Matt 15:19
from your **h** . . . . . .Matt 18:35
with all thy **h** . . . . . .Matt 22:37
hardness of your **h** . . . . . Mark 10:5
with all thy **h** . . . . . Mark 12:30
hardness of **h**. . . . . Mark 16:14
in her **h**. . . . . .Luke 2:19
abundance of the **h**. . . . . .Luke 6:45
with all thy **h** . . . . . .Luke 10:27
slow of **h**. . . . . .Luke 24:25
our **h** burn within us . . . . . .Luke 24:32
Let not your **h** . . . . . .John 14:1
cut to the **h** . . . . . Acts 5:33
uncircumcised in **h**. . . . . Acts 7:51
were cut to the **h**. . . . . Acts 7:54
with purpose of **h** . . . . . Acts 11:23
For with the **h** . . . . . .Rom 10:10
into the **h** of man . . . . . 1 Cor 2:9
tables of the **h** . . . . . 2 Cor 3:3
and not in **h**. . . . . .2 Cor 5:12
dwell in your **h** . . . . . Eph 3:17
making melody in your **h** . . . . . Eph 5:19
from the **h** . . . . . Eph 6:6
shall keep your **h**. . . . . Phil 4:7
in singleness of **h** . . . . . .Col 3:22
Lord direct your **h** . . . . . 2 Thess 3:5
intents of the **h** . . . . . Heb 4:12
h be established. . . . . Heb 13:9
strife in your **h** . . . . . .James 3:14

purify your **h** . . . . . James 4:8
hidden man of the **h**. . . . . 1 Pet 3:4
God in your **h** . . . . . 1 Pet 3:15
See Col 3:15; 2 Pet 1:19

HEAVEN
is the gate of **h**. . . . . Gen 28:17
with you from **h** . . . . . Ex 20:22
the **h** of heavens . . . . . Deut 10:14
precious things of **h** . . . . . Deut 33:13
h and **h** of heavens . . . . . 1 Kin 8:27
make windows in **h** . . . . . 2 Kin 7:2
When I consider thy **h** . . . . . Ps 8:3
looked down from **h**. . . . . Ps 14:2
word is settled in **h**. . . . . Ps 119:89
he prepared the **h** . . . . . Prov 8:27
God is in **h**. . . . . Eccl 5:2
I will shake the **h**. . . . . Is 13:13
I create new **h** . . . . . Is 65:17
the **h** were opened . . . . . Ezek 1:1
I will shake the **h**. . . . . Hag 2:6
the windows of **h** . . . . . Mal 3:10
the **h** were opened . . . . . Matt 3:16
Till **h** and earth pass. . . . . Matt 5:18
H and earth shall . . . . . Matt 24:35
he saw the **h** opened. . . . . Mark 1:10
the stars of **h** . . . . . Mark 13:25
angels which are in **h** . . . . . Mark 13:32
sinned against **h** . . . . . Luke 15:18
shall see **h** open. . . . . John 1:51
true bread from **h** . . . . . John 6:32
name under **h** given . . . . . Acts 4;12
revealed from **h**. . . . . Rom 1:18
eternal in the **h** . . . . . 2 Cor 5:1
which is from **h**. . . . . 2 Cor 5:2
an angel from **h**. . . . . Gal 1:8
both which are in **h** . . . . . Eph 1:10
family in **h** . . . . . Eph 3:15
Master also is in **h**. . . . . Eph 6:9
conversation is in **h** . . . . . Phil 3:20
a Master in **h** . . . . . Col 4:1
are written in **h** . . . . . Heb 12:23
bear record in **h** . . . . . 1 John 5:7
door was opened in **h**. . . . . Rev 4:1
I saw a new **h**. . . . . Rev 21:1
See 1 Thess 4:16; 2 Thess 1:7

HEAVENLY
a multitude of the **h** host . . . . . Luke 2:13
your **h** Father. . . . . Luke 11:13
of **h** things . . . . . John 3:12
the **h** vision . . . . . Acts 26:19
and as is the **h** . . . . . 1 Cor 15:48
in **h** places . . . . . Eph 1:3
together in **h** places . . . . . Eph 2:6
powers in **h** places . . . . . Eph 3:10
of the **h** calling . . . . . Heb 3:1
shadow of **h** things . . . . . Heb 8:5
but the **h** things. . . . . Heb 9:23
that is, a **h** . . . . . Heb 11:16
See 2 Tim 4:18; Heb 6:4; 12:22

HEIR
This is the **h**. . . . . Matt 21:38
then **h; h** of God . . . . . Rom 8:17
and **h** according . . . . . Gal 3:29
then an **h** of God. . . . . Gal 4:7
should be made **h** . . . . . Titus 3:7
whom ... appointed **h** . . . . . Heb 1:2
the **h** of promise . . . . . Heb 6:17
h of the righteousness . . . . . Heb 11:7
h of the kingdom . . . . . James 2:5
h together. . . . . 1 Pet 3:7
See Mic 1:15; Rom 4:13

HELL
shall burn unto the lowest **h** . . . . . Deut 32:22
The sorrows of **h**. . . . . 2 Sam 22:6
deeper than **h** . . . . . Job 11:8
be turned into **h** . . . . . Ps 9:17
my soul in **h**. . . . . Ps 16:10
down quick into **h** . . . . . Ps 55:15
if I make my bed in **h**. . . . . Ps 139:8
take hold on **h** . . . . . Prov 5:5
is the way of **h** . . . . . Prov 7:27
the depths of **h** . . . . . Prov 9:18
H and destruction . . . . . Prov 15:11
he may depart from **h** . . . . . Prov 15:24
his soul from **h** . . . . . Prov 23:14
H and destruction . . . . . Prov 27:20
H from beneath. . . . . Is 14:9
and with **h** are we . . . . . Is 28:15
cast him down to **h**. . . . . Ezek 31:16
the midst of **h** . . . . . Ezek 32:21
they dig into **h**. . . . . Amos 9:2
the belly of **h** . . . . . Jon 2:2
his desire as **h** . . . . . Hab 2:5
danger of **h** fire . . . . . Matt 5:22
be cast into **h**. . . . . Matt 5:29
soul and body in **h** . . . . . Matt 10:28
brought down to **h** . . . . . Matt 11:23
and the gates of **h** . . . . . Matt 16:18
cast into **h** fire . . . . . Matt 18:9
more the child of **h**. . . . . Matt 23:15
damnation of **h** . . . . . Matt 23:33
thrust down to **h**. . . . . Luke 10:15
to cast into **h** . . . . . Luke 12:5
in **h** he lift up. . . . . Luke 16:23
not left in **h** . . . . . Acts 2:31
on fire of **h**. . . . . James 3:6
them down to **h**. . . . . 2 Pet 2:4
See Is 5:14; Rev 1:18; 20:13

HELP
will make him a **h** meet for him . . . . . Gen 2:18
shield of thy **h** . . . . . Deut 33:29
none to **h** . . . . . Ps 22:11
Lord: he is our **h** . . . . . Ps 33:20
h of his countenance . . . . . Ps 42:5
a very present **h**. . . . . Ps 46:1
whence cometh my **h** . . . . . Ps 121:1
Our **h** is in the name . . . . . Ps 124:8
in me is thine **h**. . . . . Hos 13:9
Lord, **h** me . . . . . Matt 15:25
h thou mine unbelief . . . . . Mark 9:24
find grace to **h**. . . . . Heb 4:16
See Rom 8:26; 1 Cor 1:24

HELPER
Lord is my **h,** and I will not fear. . . . . Heb 13:6

HERESIES
there must be also **h** among you. . . . . 1 Cor 11:19
strife, seditions, **h** . . . . . Gal 5:20
in damnable **h** . . . . . .2 Pet 2:1

HID
and the Lord hath **h** it from me . . . . . 2 Kin 4:27
for **h** treasures . . . . . Job 3:21
have I not **h** . . . . . Ps 32:5
sins are not **h** . . . . . Ps 69:5
Thy word have I **h** . . . . . Ps 119:11
ye shall be **h** . . . . . Zeph 2:3
h, that shall . . . . . Matt 10:26
there is nothing **h** . . . . . Mark 4:22
h from thine eyes . . . . . Luke 19:42
the **h** wisdom. . . . . 1 Cor 2:7
if our gospel be **h** . . . . . 2 Cor 4:3
your life is **h**. . . . . Col 3:3
be the **h** man . . . . . .1 Pet 3:4
of the **h** manna . . . . . Rev 2:17
See Matt 5:14; Mark 7:24

HIDE
thou wouldest **h** me . . . . . Job 14:13
when he **h** his face . . . . . Job 34:29
he **h** his face. . . . . Ps 10:11
h me under the shadow . . . . . Ps 17:8
the darkness **h** not . . . . . Ps 139:12
I will **h** mine eyes . . . . . Is 1:15
be as a **h** place . . . . . Is 32:2
God that **h** thyself. . . . . Is 45:15
shall **h** a multitude . . . . . James 5:20
h us from the face. . . . . Rev 6:16
See Prov 28:28; Amos 9:3

HIGH
It is as **h** as heaven . . . . . Job 11:8
ascended on **h** . . . . . Ps 68:18
the heaven is **h** . . . . . Ps 103:11
too **h** for me. . . . . Ps 131:1
Though the Lord be **h** . . . . . Ps 138:6
it is **h**. . . . . Ps 139:6
that which is **h**. . . . . Eccl 12:5
from on **h**. . . . . Is 32:15
He shall dwell on **h**. . . . . Is 33:16
make thy nest as **h** . . . . . Jer 49:16
dayspring from on **h**. . . . . Luke 1:78
power from on **h**. . . . . Luke 24:49
Mind not **h** things. . . . . Rom 12:16
it is **h** time . . . . . Rom 13:11
h calling of God . . . . . Phil 3:14
See Is 57:15; 2 Cor 10:5

HIGHER
so are my ways **h**. . . . . Is 55:9
Friend, go up **h** . . . . . Luke 14:10
unto the **h** powers. . . . . Rom 13:1
h than the heavens . . . . . Heb 7:26

HIGHEST
of the Lord: Hosanna in the **h**. . . . . Mark 11:10
the Son of the **H** . . . . . Luke 1:32
power of the **H** . . . . . Luke 1:35
prophet of the **H** . . . . . Luke 1:76
Glory to God in the **h** . . . . . Luke 2:14

HILL
holy **h** of Zion . . . . . Ps 2:6
dwell in thy holy **h** . . . . . Ps 15:1
ascend into the **h**. . . . . Ps 24:3
upon a thousand **h** . . . . . Ps 50:10
eyes unto the **h** . . . . . Ps 121:1
before the **h** . . . . . Prov 8:25
from the **h** . . . . . Jer 3:23
and to the **h** . . . . . Hos 10:8
that is set on a **h** . . . . . Matt 5:14
See Luke 4:29; 9:37; Acts 17:22

HOLD
and **h** him in thine hand . . . . . Gen 21:18
not **h** him guiltless . . . . . Ex 20:7
H thou me up . . . . . Ps 119:117
h his peace . . . . . Prov 11:12
a fool, when he **h** . . . . . Prov 17:28
h thy right hand . . . . . Is 41:13
h the truth . . . . . Rom 1:18
let the first **h** . . . . . 1 Cor 14:30
H forth the word. . . . . Phil 2:16
And not **h** the Head . . . . . Col 2:19
h fast that which . . . . . 1 Thess 5:21
H faith . . . . . 1 Tim 1:19
H the mystery of. . . . . 1 Tim 3:9
H fast the form . . . . . 2 Tim 1:13
H fast the faithful . . . . . Titus 1:9
h the beginning. . . . . Heb 3:14
h fast our profession. . . . . Heb 4:14
Let us **h** fast the profession . . . . . Heb 10:23
h fast my name . . . . . Rev 2:13
h fast, and repent . . . . . Rev 3:3
See Jer 2:13; 51:30; Ezek 19:9

HOLIER
near to me; for I am **h** than thou . . . . . Is 65:5

HOLIEST
which is called the **H** of all . . . . . Heb 9:3
into the **h** . . . . . Heb 10:19

HOLINESS
who is like thee, glorious in **h**. . . . . Ex 15:11
H to the Lord . . . . . Ex 28:36
in the beauty of **h** . . . . . 1 Chr 16:29
remembrance of his **h** . . . . . Ps 30:4
throne of his **h**. . . . . Ps 47:8
h becometh thine house . . . . . Ps 93:5
Thy way of **h** . . . . . Is 35:8
habitation of thy **h** . . . . . Is 63:15
the words of his **h**. . . . . Jer 23:9
there shall be **h** . . . . . Obad 17
H unto the Lord . . . . . Zech 14:20
h and righteousness . . . . . Luke 1:75
own power or **h**. . . . . Acts 3:12
to the spirit of **h** . . . . . Rom 1:4
your fruit unto **h**. . . . . Rom 6:22
perfecting **h** . . . . . 2 Cor 7:1
and true **h** . . . . . Eph 4:24
unblameable in **h** . . . . . 1 Thess 3:13
but unto **h** . . . . . 1 Thess 4:7
charity and **h** . . . . . 1 Tim 2:15
as becometh **h** . . . . . Titus 2:3
partakers of his **h** . . . . . Heb 12:10
See Ps 80:35; Is 23:18; Jer 2:3

HOLY
place whereon thou standest is **h** . . . . . Ex 3:5
a **h** nation . . . . . Ex 19:6
to keep it **h** . . . . . Ex 20:8
for it is **h** . . . . . Ex 31:14
h and unholy . . . . . Lev 10:10
be ye **h** . . . . . Lev 20:7
and who is **h** . . . . . Num 16:5
this is a **h** man . . . . . 2 Kin 4:9
h seed have . . . . . Ezra 9:2
from his **h** heaven . . . . . Ps 20:6
thou art **h** . . . . . Ps 22:3
for I am **h** . . . . . Ps 86:2
worship at his **h** hill . . . . . Ps 99:9
h in all his works . . . . . Ps 145:17
that which is **h** . . . . . Prov 20:25
said, **H, h, h** . . . . . Is 6:3
the **h** seed . . . . . Is 6:13
mine **h** things . . . . . Ezek 22:26
between the **h** . . . . . Ezek 22:26
child of the **H** Ghost . . . . . Matt 1:18
with the **H** Ghost . . . . . Matt 3:11
not that which is **h** . . . . . Matt 7:6
against the **H** Ghost . . . . . Matt 12:31
but the **H** Ghost . . . . . Mark 13:11
The **H** Ghost shall . . . . . Luke 1:35
the **H** Ghost descended . . . . . Luke 3:22
full of the **H** Ghost . . . . . Luke 4:1
the **H** Ghost shall . . . . . Luke 12:12
with the **H** Ghost . . . . . John 1:33
the **H** Ghost was not . . . . . John 7:39
which is the **H** Ghost . . . . . John 14:26
H Father . . . . . John 17:11
Receive ye the **H** Ghost . . . . . John 20:22
H Ghost is come . . . . . Acts 1:8
were all filled with the **H** . . . . . Acts 2:4
thy **h** child Jesus . . . . . Acts 4:27
lie to the **H** Ghost . . . . . Acts 5:3
full of the **H** Ghost . . . . . Acts 6:3
resist the **H** Ghost . . . . . Acts 7:51
receive the **H** Ghost . . . . . Acts 8:15
comfort of the **H** Ghost . . . . . Acts 9:31
the **H** Ghost fell . . . . . Acts 10:44
received the **H** Ghost . . . . . Acts 10:47
giving them the **H** Ghost . . . . . Acts 15:8
good to the **H** Ghost . . . . . Acts 15:28
H Ghost hath made . . . . . Acts 20:28
the **h** scriptures . . . . . Rom 1:2
law is **h** . . . . . Rom 7:12
witness in the **H** Ghost . . . . . Rom 9:1
first fruit be **h** . . . . . Rom 11:16
a living sacrifice, **h** . . . . . Rom 12:1
joy in the **H** Ghost . . . . . Rom 14:17
with a **h** kiss . . . . . Rom 16:16
H Ghost teacheth . . . . . 1 Cor 2:13
temple of God is **h** . . . . . 1 Cor 3:17
now are they **h** . . . . . 1 Cor 7:14
with a **h** kiss . . . . . 2 Cor 13:12
we should be **h** . . . . . Eph 1:4
unto an **h** temple . . . . . Eph 2:21
it should be **h** . . . . . Eph 5:27
h and unblameable . . . . . Col 1:22
h and beloved . . . . . Col 3:12
all the **h** brethren . . . . . 1 Thess 5:27
lifting up **h** hands . . . . . 1 Tim 2:8
an **h** calling . . . . . 2 Tim 1:9
sober, just, **h** . . . . . Titus 1:8
renewing of the **H** Ghost . . . . . Titus 3:5
Wherefore, **h** brethren . . . . . Heb 3:1
H Ghost sent down . . . . . 1 Pet 1:12
called you is **h** . . . . . 1 Pet 1:15
an **h** priesthood . . . . . 1 Pet 2:5
an **h** nation . . . . . 1 Pet 2:9
the **h** women . . . . . 1 Pet 3:5
in the **h** mount . . . . . 2 Pet 1:18
h men . . . . . 2 Pet 1:21
in all **h** conversation . . . . . 2 Pet 3:11
saith he that is **h** . . . . . Rev 3:7
saying, **H, h, h** . . . . . Rev 4:8
O Lord, **h** and true . . . . . Rev 6:10
Blessed and **h** . . . . . Rev 20:6
the **h** Jerusalem . . . . . Rev 21:10
he that is **h** . . . . . Rev 22:11
See 2 Tim 3:15; 1 Pet 1:16

HONEST
in an **h** and good heart . . . . . Luke 8:15
men of **h** report . . . . . Acts 6:3
h in the sight . . . . . Rom 12:17
Let us walk **h** . . . . . Rom 13:13
for **h** things . . . . . 2 Cor 8:21
things are **h** . . . . . Phil 4:8
your conversation **h** . . . . . 1 Pet 2:12
See 1 Thess 4:12; 1 Tim 2:2

HONOUR (*n.*)
riches and **h** . . . . . Prov 3:16
It is an **h** for a man . . . . . Prov 20:3
so **h** is not . . . . . Prov 26:1
giveth **h** to a fool . . . . . Prov 26:8
riches, wealth, and **h** . . . . . Eccl 6:2
where is mine **h** . . . . . Mal 1:6
not without **h** . . . . . Matt 13:57
hath no **h** in his . . . . . John 4:44
I receive not **h** . . . . . John 5:41
for glory and **h** . . . . . Rom 2:7
in **h** preferring . . . . . Rom 12:10
h to whom **h** . . . . . Rom 13:7
worthy of double **h** . . . . . 1 Tim 5:17
some to **h** . . . . . 2 Tim 2:20
h unto the wife . . . . . 1 Pet 3:7
receive glory and **h** . . . . . Rev 4:11
See Rev 5:13; 7:12; 19:1; 21:24

HONOUR (*v.*)
H thy father and thy mother . . . . . Ex 20:12
but he **h** them . . . . . Ps 15:4
H the Lord . . . . . Prov 3:9
he that **h** himself . . . . . Prov 12:9
A son **h** his father . . . . . Mal 1:6
h me with their lips . . . . . Matt 15:8
that **h** not the Son . . . . . John 5:23
H widows . . . . . 1 Tim 5:3
H all men . . . . . 1 Pet 2:17
See Is 29:13; 58:13; Acts 28:10

HONOURABLE
were among thy **h** women . . . . . Ps 45:9

and the **h** man . . . . . Is 3:3
ancient and **h** . . . . . Is 9:15
and make it **h** . . . . . Is 42:21
See Luke 14:8; 1 Cor 4:10

HOPE (*n.*)
are spent without **h** . . . . . Job 7:6
the hypocrite's **h** . . . . . Job 8:13
h hath he removed . . . . . Job 19:10
shall rest in **h** . . . . . Ps 16:9
my **h** is in thee . . . . . Ps 39:7
H deferred . . . . . Prov 13:12
righteous hath **h** . . . . . Prov 14:32
h of a fool . . . . . Prov 26:12
living there is **h** . . . . . Eccl 9:4
whose **h** the Lord . . . . . Jer 17:7
for we are saved by **h** . . . . . Rom 8:24
Rejoicing in **h** . . . . . Rom 12:2
abideth faith, **h** . . . . . 1 Cor 13:13
h of his calling . . . . . Eph 1:18
having no **h** . . . . . Eph 2:12
the **h** of glory . . . . . Col 1:27
which have no **h** . . . . . 1 Thess 4:13
the **h** of salvation . . . . . 1 Thess 5:8
h of eternal life . . . . . Titus 3:7
lay hold upon the **h** . . . . . Heb 6:18
unto a lively **h** . . . . . 1 Pet 1:3
See Col 1:5; 1 John 3:3

HOPE (*v.*)
didst make me **h** . . . . . Ps 22:9
h in the Lord . . . . . Ps 31:24
will **h** continually . . . . . Ps 71:14
and **h** to the end . . . . . 1 Pet 1:13
See Jer 3:23; Heb 11:1

HOSPITALITY
necessity of saints; given to **h** . . . . . Rom 12:13
given to **h** . . . . . 1 Tim 3:2
But a lover of **h** . . . . . Titus 1:8
h one to another . . . . . 1 Pet 4:9

HOUSE
none other but the **h** of God . . . . . Gen 28:17
thine **h** in order . . . . . 2 Kin 20:1
h of God forsaken . . . . . Neh 13:11
to the **h** appointed . . . . . Job 30:23
habitation of thy **h** . . . . . Ps 26:8
the zeal of thine **h** . . . . . Ps 69:9
the **h** of the Lord . . . . . Ps 92:13
h of the righteous . . . . . Prov 12:7
H and riches . . . . . Prov 19:14
h of mourning . . . . . Eccl 7:2
join **h** to **h** . . . . . Is 5:8
our beautiful **h** . . . . . Is 64:11
your **h** is left . . . . . Matt 23:38
if a **h** be divided . . . . . Mark 3:25
upon that **h** . . . . . Luke 6:48
my Father's **h** . . . . . John 14:2
from **h** to **h** . . . . . Acts 2:46
our earthly **h** . . . . . 2 Cor 5:1
those of his own **h** . . . . . 1 Tim 5:8
See Matt 9:6; Luke 7:44; 19:5

HOUSEHOLD
the **h** of faith . . . . . Gal 6:10
the **h** of God . . . . . Eph 2:19
See Gen 31:37; 47:12; 2 Sam 17:23

HUMBLE
the cry of the **h** . . . . . Ps 9:12
the **h** shall hear . . . . . Ps 34:2
of an **h** spirit . . . . . Prov 16:19
contrite and **h** spirit . . . . . Is 57:15
therefore shall **h** . . . . . Matt 18:4
that **h** himself shall . . . . . Luke 14:11
he **h** himself . . . . . Phil 2:8
grace unto the **h** . . . . . James 4:6
H yourselves . . . . . 1 Pet 5:6
See Is 2:11; 5:15; Lam 3:20

HUMBLY
to walk **h** with . . . . . Mic 6:8

HUMILITY
and before honour is **h** . . . . . Prov 15:33
By **h** and the fear . . . . . Prov 22:4
See Col 2:18, 23; 1 Pet 5:5

HUNGER
They shall not **h** . . . . . Is 49:10
they which do **h** . . . . . Matt 5:6
ye that **h** now . . . . . Luke 6:21
shall never **h** . . . . . John 6:35
If thine enemy **h** . . . . . Rom 12:20
both **h,** and thirst . . . . . 1 Cor 4:11
And if any man **h** . . . . . 1 Cor 11:34
shall **h** no more . . . . . Rev 7:16
See Matt 4:2; 12:1; Luke 15:17

HUNGRY
filleth the **h** soul . . . . . Ps 107:9
food to the **h** . . . . . Ps 146:7
if thine enemy be **h** . . . . . Prov 25:21
to the **h** soul . . . . . Prov 27:7
filled the **h** with good . . . . . Luke 1:53
See Prov 6:30; Mark 11:12

HUSBAND
a crown to her **h** . . . . . Prov 12:4
Her **h** is known . . . . . Prov 31:23
Maker is thine **h** . . . . . Is 54:5
shalt save thy **h** . . . . . 1 Cor 7:16
let them ask their **h** . . . . . 1 Cor 14:35
unto your own **h** . . . . . Eph 5:22
H, love your wives . . . . . Eph 5:25
h of one wife . . . . . 1 Tim 3:12
love their **h** . . . . . Titus 2:4
to their own **h** . . . . . Titus 2:5
See Ruth 1:11; Esth 1:17, 20

HYPOCRITE
and the **h** hope shall perish . . . . . Job 8:13
But the **h** in heart . . . . . Job 36:13
for every one is an **h** . . . . . Is 9:17
as the **h** do . . . . . Matt 6:2
be not, as the **h** . . . . . Matt 6:16
portion with the **h** . . . . . Matt 24:51
prophesied of you **h** . . . . . Mark 7:6
See Job 13:16; 27:8; Prov 11:9

I

IDLE
and an **i** soul . . . . . Prov 19:15
the bread of **i** . . . . . Prov 31:27
every **i** word . . . . . Matt 12:36
i in the marketplace . . . . . Matt 20:3
See Eccl 10:18; 1 Tim 5:13

IDOL
all the gods of the people are **i** . . . . . 1 Chr 16:26
joined to **i** . . . . . Hos 4:17
pollutions of **i** . . . . . Acts 15:20
an **i** is nothing . . . . . 1 Cor 8:4
to God from **i** . . . . . 1 Thess 1:9
yourselves from **i** . . . . . 1 John 5:21
See Gal 5:20; Col 3:5

IGNORANCE
that through **i** ye did . . . . . Acts 3:17
the times of this **i** . . . . . Acts 17:30
i that is in them . . . . . Eph 4:18
i of foolish men . . . . . 1 Pet 2:15
See Lev 4:2; Num 15:24

IGNORANT
unlearned and **i** men . . . . . Acts 4:13
For they being **i** . . . . . Rom 10:3
if any man be **i** . . . . . 1 Cor 14:38
for we are not **i** . . . . . 2 Cor 2:11
compassion on the **i** . . . . . Heb 5:2
they willingly are **i** . . . . . 2 Pet 3:5
See Num 15:28; 1 Tim 1:13

IMAGE
said, Let us make man in our **i** . . . . . Gen 1:26
into an **i** made . . . . . Rom 1:23
i of his Son . . . . . Rom 8:29
same **i** from glory . . . . . 2 Cor 3:18

IMAGINATION
every **i** of the thoughts of his . . . . . Gen 6:5
the **i** of man's heart . . . . . Gen 8:21
I walk in the **i** . . . . . Deut 29:19
i of the thoughts . . . . . 1 Chr 28:9
i of his own heart . . . . . Jer 23:17
vain in their **i** . . . . . Rom 1:21
Casting down **i** . . . . . 2 Cor 10:5
See Prov 6:18; Lam 3:60

IMMORTALITY
glory and honour and **i** . . . . . Rom 2:7
mortal must put on **i** . . . . . 1 Cor 15:53
Who only hath **i** . . . . . 1 Tim 6:16
brought life and **i** . . . . . 2 Tim 1:10

IMPOSSIBLE
With men this is **i** . . . . . Matt 19:26
it is **i,** but not with God . . . . . Mark 10:27
nothing shall be **i** . . . . . Luke 1:37
things which are **i** . . . . . Luke 18:27
See Matt 17:20; Luke 17:1

IMPUTE
blood shall be **i** unto that man . . . . . Lev 17:4
Lord **i** not iniquity . . . . . Ps 32:2
i this his power . . . . . Hab 1:11
will not **i** sin . . . . . Rom 4:8
sin is not **i** . . . . . Rom 5:13
See 1 Sam 22:15; 2 Cor 5:19

INCORRUPTIBLE
corruptible crown; but we an **i** . . . . . 1 Cor 9:25
an inheritance **i** . . . . . 1 Pet 1:4
See Rom 1:23; 1 Cor 15:42, 50

INCREASE (*n.*)
tithe all the **i** . . . . . Deut 14:22
earth yield her **i** . . . . . Ps 67:6
i of his government . . . . . Is 9:7
God gave the **i** . . . . . 1 Cor 3:6
See Jer 2:3; Eph 4:16; Col 2:19

INCREASE (*v.*)
Lord shall **i** you . . . . . Ps 115:14
will **i** learning . . . . . Prov 1:5
he that **i** knowledge . . . . . Eccl 1:18
knowledge shall be **i** . . . . . Dan 12:4
Jesus **i** in wisdom . . . . . Luke 2:52
I our faith . . . . . Luke 17:5
word of God **i** . . . . . Acts 6:7
i in number daily . . . . . Acts 16:5
i with goods . . . . . Rev 3:17
See Eccl 2:9; 5:11; Mark 4:8

INFALLIBLE
by many **i** proofs . . . . . Acts 1:3

INFIRMITY
Himself took our **i** . . . . . Matt 8:17
helpeth our **i** . . . . . Rom 8:26
See Luke 5:15; 7:21; Heb 5:2

INHERIT
and they shall **i** it for ever . . . . . Ex 32:13
seed shall **i** . . . . . Ps 25:13
meek shall **i** . . . . . Ps 37:11
simply **i** folly . . . . . Prov 14:18
i everlasting life . . . . . Matt 19:29
i the kingdom . . . . . Matt 25:34
i eternal life . . . . . Mark 10:17
shall not **i** . . . . . 1 Cor 6:9
cannot **i** the kingdom . . . . . 1 Cor 15:50
i the blessing . . . . . Heb 12:17
See Heb 6:12; 1 Pet 3:9

INHERITANCE
The Lord is the portion of mine **i** . . . . . Ps 16:5
earnest of our **i** . . . . . Eph 1:14
promise of eternal **i** . . . . . Heb 9:15
See Eph 5:5; Col 1:12; Heb 1:4

INIQUITY
visiting the **i** of the fathers . . . . . Ex 20:5
forgiving **i** . . . . . Ex 34:7
that plow **i** . . . . . Job 4:8
the **i** of my youth . . . . . Job 13:26
if I have done **i** . . . . . Job 34:32
pardon mine **i** . . . . . Ps 25:11
imputeth not **i** . . . . . Ps 32:2
I was shapen in **i** . . . . . Ps 51:5
forgiveth all thine **i** . . . . . Ps 103:3
that soweth **i** . . . . . Prov 22:8
bruised for our **i** . . . . . Is 53:5

not look on **i** . . . . . Hab 1:13
i shall abound . . . . . Matt 24:12
the reward of **i** . . . . . Acts 1:18
in the bond of **i** . . . . . Acts 8:23
to **i** unto **i** . . . . . Rom 6:19
mystery of **i** . . . . . 2 Thess 2:7
depart from **i** . . . . . 2 Tim 2:19
a world of **i** . . . . . James 3:6
See Ps 36:2; Ezek 3:18; 18:26

INNOCENT
i shall divide . . . . . Job 27:17
shall not be **i** . . . . . Prov 28:20
See Ex 23:7; Matt 27:24

INSPIRATION
the **i** of the Almighty . . . . . Job 32:8
by **i** of God . . . . . 2 Tim 3:16

INSTANT
continuing **i** in prayer . . . . . Rom 12:12
be **i** in season . . . . . 2 Tim 4:2

INTERCESSION
and made **i** for the transgressors . . . . . Is 53:12
maketh **i** for us . . . . . Rom 8:26
to make **i** for them . . . . . Heb 7:25
See Jer 7:16; 27:18; 1 Tim 2:1

INTERPRETATION
the scripture is of any private **i** . . . . . 2 Pet 1:20

INVISIBLE
For the **i** things of him . . . . . Rom 1:20
image of the **i** God . . . . . Col 1:15
immortal, **i** . . . . . 1 Tim 1:17
him who is **i** . . . . . Heb 11:27

J

JEALOUS
Lord thy God am a **j** God . . . . . Ex 20:5
is a **j** God . . . . . Ex 34:14
even a **j** God . . . . . Deut 4:24
am a **j** God . . . . . Deut 5:9
j God among you . . . . . Deut 6:15
he is a **j** God . . . . . Josh 24:19
have been very **j** . . . . . 1 Kin 19:10
j for my holy name . . . . . Ezek 39:25
am **j** over you . . . . . 2 Cor 11:2
See Joel 2:18; Zech 1:14; 8:2

JEALOUSY
For **j** is the . . . . . Prov 6:34
the Lord to **j** . . . . . 1 Cor 10:22
See Ps 78:58; 79:5; Is 42:13

JESUS
not the things which are **J** Christ's . . . . . Phil 2:21
J the Son of God . . . . . Heb 4:14
confess that **J** . . . . . 1 John 4:15

JOIN
unto them that **j** . . . . . Is 5:8
j to idols . . . . . Hos 4:17
God hath **j** together . . . . . Matt 19:6
fitly **j** together . . . . . Eph 4:16
See Acts 8:29; 9:26; Eph 5:31

JOY
the **j** of the Lord . . . . . Neh 8:10
turned into **j** . . . . . Job 41:22
fullness of **j** . . . . . Ps 16:11
but **j** cometh . . . . . Ps 30:5
j of the whole earth . . . . . Ps 48:2
j of thy salvation . . . . . Ps 51:12
shall reap in **j** . . . . . Ps 126:5
It is **j** . . . . . Prov 21:15
everlasting **j** . . . . . Is 51:11
j of the whole earth . . . . . Lam 2:15
j of thy lord . . . . . Matt 25:21, 23
the word with **j** . . . . . Luke 8:13
j shall be in heaven . . . . . Luke 15:7
believed not for **j** . . . . . Luke 24:41
this my **j** . . . . . John 3:29
j might be full . . . . . John 15:11
your **j** may be full . . . . . John 16:24
Fulfill ye my **j** . . . . . Phil 2:2
who for the **j** . . . . . Heb 12:2
count it all **j** . . . . . James 1:2
rejoice with **j** . . . . . 1 Pet 1:8
with exceeding **j** . . . . . 1 Pet 4:13
our **j** may be full . . . . . 2 John 12
See Gal 5:22; Phil 1:4

JOYFUL
Make a **j** noise . . . . . Ps 66:1
let us make a **j** noise . . . . . Ps 95:1
prosperity be **j** . . . . . Eccl 7:14
j in my house . . . . . Is 56:7
See 2 Cor 7:4; Heb 10:34

JUDGE (*n.*)
not the **J** of all the earth . . . . . Gen 18:25
for God is **j** himself . . . . . Ps 50:6
a **j** of the widows . . . . . Ps 68:5
j of the earth . . . . . Ps 94:2
J of quick . . . . . Acts 10:42
the righteous **j** . . . . . 2 Tim 4:8
God the **J** of all . . . . . Heb 12:23
the **j** standeth . . . . . James 5:9
See 2 Sam 15:4; James 4:11

JUDGE (*v.*)
the Lord shall **j** . . . . . Deut 32:36
j the fatherless . . . . . Is 1:17
J not . . . . . Matt 7:1
J not according . . . . . John 7:24
Who art thou that **j** . . . . . Rom 14:4
See John 16:11; Rom 2:16; 3:6

JUDGMENT
for the **j** is God's . . . . . Deut 1:17
not stand in the **j** . . . . . Ps 1:5
every man's **j** . . . . . Prov 29:26
bring thee into **j** . . . . . Eccl 11:9
every work into **j** . . . . . Eccl 12:14
that executeth **j** . . . . . Jer 5:1
keep mercy and **j** . . . . . Hos 12:6
danger of the **j** . . . . . Matt 5:21
committed all **j** . . . . . John 5:22
For **j** I am come . . . . . John 9:39
righteousness, and of **j** . . . . . John 16:8
j to come . . . . . Acts 24:25

j seat of Christ . . . . . Rom 14:10
after this the **j** . . . . . Heb 9:27
j must begin . . . . . 1 Pet 4:17
See Heb 10:27; James 2:13

JUST
habitation of the **j** . . . . . Prov 3:33
The memory of the **j** . . . . . Prov 10:7
The way of the **j** . . . . . Is 26:7
the **j** shall live . . . . . Hab 2:4
rain on the **j** . . . . . Matt 5:45
of the **j** . . . . . Luke 14:14
j persons . . . . . Luke 15:7
j and unjust . . . . . Acts 24:15
j shall live by faith . . . . . Rom 1:17
j shall live by faith . . . . . Gal 3:11
things are **j** . . . . . Phil 4:8
Now the **j** shall . . . . . Heb 10:38
the spirits of **j** men . . . . . Heb 12:23
j for the unjust . . . . . 1 Pet 3:18
See Job 34:17; Acts 3:14

JUSTICE
J and judgment . . . . . Ps 89:14
judgment and **j** . . . . . Jer 23:5
See Job 8:3; 36:17; Is 9:7; 56:1

JUSTIFICATION
and was raised again for our **j** . . . . . Rom 4:25
offences unto **j** . . . . . Rom 5:16

JUSTIFY
mightest be **j** . . . . . Ps 51:4
Which **j** the wicked . . . . . Is 5:23
But wisdom is **j** . . . . . Matt 11:19
wisdom is **j** . . . . . Luke 7:35
that believe are **j** . . . . . Acts 13:39
shall be **j** . . . . . Rom 2:13
shall no flesh be **j** . . . . . Rom 3:20
being **j** by faith . . . . . Rom 5:1
j by his blood . . . . . Rom 5:9
not **j** by the works . . . . . Gal 2:16
j in the Spirit . . . . . 1 Tim 3:16
j by works . . . . . James 2:21
See Is 50:8; Rom 4:5; 8:33

JUSTLY
but to do **j,** and to love mercy . . . . . Mic 6:8

K

KEEP
and **k** thee . . . . . Num 6:24
will **k** the feet . . . . . 1 Sam 2:9
K me as the apple . . . . . Ps 17:8
time to **k** . . . . . Eccl 3:6
k his commandments . . . . . Eccl 12:13
not **k** anger for ever . . . . . Jer 3:12
the earth **k** silence . . . . . Hab 2:20
k his ordinance . . . . . Mal 3:14
k the commandments . . . . . Matt 19:17
of God, and **k** it . . . . . Luke 11:28
and **k** thee . . . . . Luke 19:43
If a man **k** my saying . . . . . John 8:51
will **k** my words . . . . . John 14:23
Holy Father, **k** . . . . . John 17:11
k themselves from . . . . . Acts 21:25
I **k** under my body . . . . . 1 Cor 9:27
to **k** the unity . . . . . Eph 4:3
shall **k** your hearts . . . . . Phil 4:7
k thyself pure . . . . . 1 Tim 5:22
k that which is . . . . . 1 Tim 6:20
to **k** himself . . . . . James 1:27
k yourselves . . . . . 1 John 5:21
k you from falling . . . . . Jude 24
k thee from the hour . . . . . Rev 3:10
See 1 Pet 1:5; Jude 6; Rev 3:8

KEY
the **k** of the kingdom of heaven . . . . . Matt 16:19
k of knowledge . . . . . Luke 11:52
have the **k** of hell . . . . . Rev 1:18
See Is 22:22; Rev 3:7; 9:1

KILL
A time to **k** . . . . . Eccl 3:3
k the body . . . . . Matt 10:28
that **k** the body . . . . . Luke 12:4
k all the day . . . . . Rom 8:36
letter **k** . . . . . 2 Cor 3:6
See Matt 23:37; Mark 12:5

KIND
Charity ... is **k** . . . . . 1 Cor 13:4
See Eph 4:32; James 3:7

KINDNESS
the law of **k** . . . . . Prov 31:26
with everlasting **k** . . . . . Is 54:8
k of thy youth . . . . . Jer 2:2
k, humbleness of mind . . . . . Col 3:12
brotherly **k** . . . . . 2 Pet 1:7
See Josh 2:12; Joel 2:13

KING
God save the **k** . . . . . 1 Sam 10:24
my **K,** and my God . . . . . Ps 5:2
Lord is **K** for ever . . . . . Ps 10:16
O Lord of hosts, my **K** . . . . . Ps 84:3
the **k** of the earth . . . . . Ps 102:15
By me **k** reign . . . . . Prov 8:15
Curse not the **k** . . . . . Eccl 10:20
a **k** shall reign . . . . . Is 32:1
an everlasting **k** . . . . . Jer 10:10
Blessed be the **K** . . . . . Luke 19:38
Christ a **K** . . . . . Luke 23:2
to make him a **k** . . . . . John 6:15
Behold your **K** . . . . . John 19:14
unto the **K** eternal . . . . . 1 Tim 1:17
K of **K,** and Lord . . . . . 1 Tim 6:15
k and priests . . . . . Rev 1:6
thou **K** of saints . . . . . Rev 15:3
See 1 Tim 2:2; 1 Pet 2:17

KINGDOM
ye shall be unto me a **k** of priests . . . . . Ex 19:6
thine is the **k** . . . . . 1 Chr 29:11
the **k** is the Lord's . . . . . Ps 22:28
an everlasting **k** . . . . . Dan 4:3
gospel of the **k** . . . . . Matt 4:23
For thine is the **k** . . . . . Matt 6:13

children of the **k** . . . . . Matt 8:12
k divided . . . . . Matt 12:25
children of the **k** . . . . . Matt 13:38
gospel of the **k** . . . . . Matt 24:14
inherit the **k** . . . . . Matt 25:34
if a **k** be divided . . . . . Mark 3:24
Every **k** divided . . . . . Luke 11:17
to give you the **k** . . . . . Luke 12:32
appoint unto you a **k** . . . . . Luke 22:29
My **k** is not . . . . . John 18:36
the **k** to Israel . . . . . Acts 1:6
the **k** to God . . . . . 1 Cor 15:24
us into the **k** . . . . . Col 1:13
his heavenly **k** . . . . . 2 Tim 4:18
heirs of the **k** . . . . . James 2:5
the everlasting **k** . . . . . 2 Pet 1:11
See Rev 1:9; 11:15; 16:10; 17:17

KISS
the **k** of an enemy . . . . . Prov 27:6
with a holy **k** . . . . . Rom 16:16

KNOCK
k, and it shall be opened unto you . . . . . Matt 7:7
k at the door . . . . . Luke 13:25
at the door, and **k** . . . . . Rev 3:20

KNOW
and **k** nothing . . . . . Job 8:9
k that my redeemer . . . . . Job 19:25
k that I am God . . . . . Ps 46:10
and **k** my heart . . . . . Ps 139:23
k by his doings . . . . . Prov 20:11
living **k** that . . . . . Eccl 9:5
who can **k** it . . . . . Jer 17:9
K the Lord . . . . . Jer 31:34
shalt **k** the Lord . . . . . Hos 2:20
left hand **k** . . . . . Matt 6:3
k the mysteries . . . . . Matt 13:11
I **k** you not . . . . . Matt 25:12
I **k** thee . . . . . Mark 1:24
to **k** the mystery . . . . . Mark 4:11
If thou hadst **k** . . . . . Luke 19:42
k of the doctrine . . . . . John 7:17
k my sheep . . . . . John 10:14
but thou shalt **k** . . . . . John 13:7
k the times . . . . . Acts 1:7
we **k** that all things . . . . . Rom 8:28
he **k** them . . . . . 1 Cor 2:14
we **k** in part . . . . . 1 Cor 13:9
to **k** the love . . . . . Eph 3:19
for I **k** whom . . . . . 2 Tim 1:12
k the holy scriptures . . . . . 2 Tim 3:15
saith, I **k** him . . . . . 1 John 2:4
we **k** that . . . . . 1 John 3:2
I **k** thy works . . . . . Rev 2:2
See 2 Tim 2:19; 2 Pet 2:9

KNOWLEDGE
k of thy ways . . . . . Job 21:14
teacheth man **k** . . . . . Ps 94:10
Wise men lay up **k** . . . . . Prov 10:14
increaseth **k** . . . . . Eccl 1:18
by his **k** . . . . . Is 53:11
God gave them **k** . . . . . Dan 1:17
k shall be increased . . . . . Dan 12:4
for lack of **k** . . . . . Hos 4:6
k of the glory . . . . . Hab 2:14
the key of **k** . . . . . Luke 11:52
having more perfect **k** . . . . . Acts 24:22
retain God in their **k** . . . . . Rom 1:28
we all have **k** . . . . . 1 Cor 8:1
K puffeth up . . . . . 1 Cor 8:1
k, it shall vanish . . . . . 1 Cor 13:8
the **k** of God . . . . . 1 Cor 15:34
which passeth **k** . . . . . Eph 3:19
k of Christ Jesus . . . . . Phil 3:8
wisdom and **k** . . . . . Col 2:3
k of the truth . . . . . 1 Tim 2:4
k of the truth . . . . . Heb 10:26
See 1 Sam 2:3; Hos 4:1

L

LABOUR (*n.*)
all **l** there is profit . . . . . Prov 14:23
man of all his **l** . . . . . Eccl 2:22
All the **l** of man . . . . . Eccl 6:7
your **l** is not . . . . . 1 Cor 15:58
and **l** of love . . . . . 1 Thess 1:3
thy works, and thy **l** . . . . . Rev 2:2
rest from their **l** . . . . . Rev 14:13
See Gen 31:42; 2 Cor 6:5; 11:23

LABOUR (*v.*)
Six days shalt thou **l** . . . . . Ex 20:9
they **l** in vain . . . . . Ps 127:1
no end of all his **l** . . . . . Eccl 4:8
The sleep of a **l** man . . . . . Eccl 5:12
all ye that **l** . . . . . Matt 11:28
L not for ... meat . . . . . John 6:27
we are **l** together . . . . . 1 Cor 3:9
rather let him **l** . . . . . Eph 4:28
know them which **l** . . . . . 1 Thess 5:12
who **l** in the word . . . . . 1 Tim 5:17
See Matt 9:37; 20:1; Luke 10:2

LAMB
dwell with the **l** . . . . . Is 11:6
l to the slaughter . . . . . Is 53:7
But I was like a **l** . . . . . Jer 11:19
the **L** of God . . . . . John 1:29, 36
l without blemish . . . . . 1 Pet 1:19
blood of the **L** . . . . . Rev 12:11
See Luke 10:3; John 21:15

LAMP
Thy word is a **l** unto my feet . . . . . Ps 119:105
l of the wicked . . . . . Prov 13:9

LAST
and let my **l** end be like his . . . . . Num 23:10
At the **l** it biteth . . . . . Prov 23:32
l state of that man is . . . . . Matt 12:45
first shall be **l** . . . . . Matt 19:30
the **l** shall be first . . . . . Matt 20:16
l which shall be . . . . . Luke 13:30
at the **l** day . . . . . John 6:39
See 2 Tim 3:1; 1 Pet 1:5

LAUGH
I also will **l** at your calamity . . . . . Prov 1:26
a time to **l**. . . . . Eccl 3:4
for ye shall **l**. . . . . Luke 6:21
your **l** be turned . . . . . James 4:9

LAW
l is within my heart . . . . . Ps 40:8
thy **l** do I love . . . . . Ps 119:113
thy **l** is my delight . . . . . Ps 119:174
l of the wise . . . . . Prov 13:14
destroy the **l**. . . . . Matt 5:17
by the deeds of the **l**. . . . . Rom 3:20
the **l** is spiritual . . . . . Rom 7:14
what the **l** could not do . . . . . Rom 8:3
the **l** was our . . . . . Gal 3:24
all the **l** is fulfilled. . . . . Gal 5:14
there is no **l** . . . . . Gal 5:23
fulfill the **l** of Christ . . . . . Gal 6:2
the **l** is good. . . . . 1 Tim 1:8
l of liberty . . . . . James 1:25
fulfill the royal **l** . . . . . James 2:8
See Ps 1:2; 19:7; Matt 7:12

LAWFUL
not **l** to do upon the sabbath day . . . . . Matt 12:2
All things are **l**. . . . . 1 Cor 6:12

LEAN
l not unto thine own understanding . . . . Prov 3:5
l upon the Lord. . . . . Mic 3:11

LEARN
L to do well . . . . . Is 1:17
l war any more . . . . . Is 2:4
much **l** doth . . . . . Acts 26:24
written for our **l** . . . . . Rom 15:4
yet **l** he obedience. . . . . Heb 5:8
See Matt 9:13; 11:29; Phil 4:11

LEAST
these **l** commandments . . . . . Matt 5:19
is **l** in the kingdom . . . . . Matt 11:11
one of the **l**. . . . . Matt 25:40
l in the kingdom . . . . . Luke 7:28
thing which is **l** . . . . . Luke 12:26
that which is **l** . . . . . Luke 16:10
l of all saints. . . . . Eph 3:8
See Gen 32:10; 1 Cor 6:4

LIBERTY
to proclaim **l** . . . . . Is 61:1
l unto them . . . . . Jer 34:8
to set at **l** them . . . . . Luke 4:18
l of the children. . . . . Rom 8:21
this **l** of yours. . . . . 1 Cor 8:9
there is **l** . . . . . 2 Cor 3:17
perfect law of **l**. . . . . James 1:25
See Gal 5:13; 1 Pet 2:16

LIE
is not a man, that he should **l** . . . . . Num 23:19
that cannot **l** . . . . . Titus 1:2
impossible for God to **l** . . . . . Heb 6:18

LIFE
into his nostrils the breath of **l** . . . . . Gen 2:7
the tree of **l** . . . . . Gen 2:9
the path of **l** . . . . . Ps 16:11
strength of my **l**. . . . . Ps 27:1
fountain of **l**. . . . . Ps 36:9
With long **l**. . . . . Ps 91:16
l for evermore . . . . . Ps 133:3
l unto thy soul . . . . . Prov 3:22
findeth me findeth **l** . . . . . Prov 8:35
The way of **l**. . . . . Prov 15:24
days of the **l** . . . . . Eccl 9:9
the way of **l** . . . . . Jer 21:8
thought for your **l**. . . . . Matt 6:25
to enter into **l**. . . . . Matt 18:8
enter into **l** maimed . . . . . Mark 9:43
for a man's **l** . . . . . Luke 12:15
The **l** is more . . . . . Luke 12:23
In him was **l**. . . . . John 1:4
hath everlasting **l**. . . . . John 5:24
ye might have **l** . . . . . John 5:40
everlasting **l** . . . . . John 6:47
I am that bread of **l**. . . . . John 6:48
hath eternal **l** . . . . . John 6:54
they might have **l** . . . . . John 10:10
I lay down my **l** . . . . . John 10:15
and the **l**. . . . . John 11:25
I will lay down my **l** . . . . . John 13:37
the truth, and the **l** . . . . . John 14:6
in newness of **l** . . . . . Rom 6:4
l from the dead . . . . . Rom 11:15
l which I now live . . . . . Gal 2:20
alienated from the **l** . . . . . Eph 4:18
your **l** is hid . . . . . Col 3:3
For what is your **l** . . . . . James 4:14
l was manifested . . . . . 1 John 1:2
the pride of **l** . . . . . 1 John 2:16
from death unto **l** . . . . . 1 John 3:14
to us eternal **l**. . . . . 1 John 5:11
the tree of **l** . . . . . Rev 2:7
river of water of **l** . . . . . Rev 22:1
See Matt 10:39; Acts 5:20

LIGHT
l of thy countenance. . . . . Ps 4:6
The Lord is my **l** . . . . . Ps 27:1
sins in the **l** . . . . . Ps 90:8
l unto my path. . . . . Ps 119:105
for thy **l** is come . . . . . Is 60:1
l of the world. . . . . Matt 5:14
Let your **l** so shine . . . . . Matt 5:16
The **l** of the body . . . . . Matt 6:22
your **l** burning. . . . . Luke 12:35
children of **l**. . . . . Luke 16:8
That was the true **L** . . . . . John 1:9
that **l** is come. . . . . John 3:19
burning and a shining **l** . . . . . John 5:35
is the **l** with you . . . . . John 12:35
from darkness to **l**. . . . . Acts 26:18
l of the glorious. . . . . 2 Cor 4:4
commanded the **l** . . . . . 2 Cor 4:6
an angel of **l**. . . . . 2 Cor 11:14
dwelling in the **l** . . . . . 1 Tim 6:16
l that shineth . . . . . 2 Pet 1:19
that God is **l**. . . . . 1 John 1:5

if we walk in the **l** . . . . . 1 John 1:7
neither **l** of the sun . . . . . .Rev 22:5
See 2 Tim 1:10; Rev 7:16; 18:23

LIKENESS
in the **l** of men. . . . . Acts 14:11
l of his death . . . . . .Rom 6:5
his own Son in the **l** . . . . . .Rom 8:3
in the **l** of men. . . . . Phil 2:7
See Gen 1:26; Deut 4:16

LION
but the righteous are bold as a **l** . . . . . .Prov 28:1
the den of **l**. . . . . Dan 6:16
as a roaring **l** . . . . . .1 Pet 5:8

LIVE
he shall **l**. . . . . .Lev 18:5
not **l** always . . . . . Job 7:16
shall he **l** again . . . . . Job 14:14
not die, but **l** . . . . . .Ps 118:17
make me to **l** . . . . . Is 38:16
soul shall **l** . . . . . Is 55:3
he shall surely **l** . . . . . .Ezek 3:21
in thy blood, **L**. . . . . .Ezek 16:6
he shall surely **l** . . . . . .Ezek 18:9
he shall even **l** . . . . . .Ezek 20:11
he shall surely **l** . . . . . .Ezek 33:13
and we shall **l**. . . . . Hos 6:2
l by his faith. . . . . Hab 2:4
not **l** by bread alone . . . . . .Matt 4:4
thou shalt **l**. . . . . .Luke 10:28
yet shall he **l**. . . . . .John 11:25
because I **l** . . . . . .John 14:19
For in him we **l** . . . . . Acts 17:28
The just shall **l**. . . . . .Rom 1:17
whether we **l** . . . . . .Rom 14:8
gospel should **l** . . . . . .1 Cor 9:14
behold, we **l** . . . . . .2 Cor 6:9
might **l** unto God . . . . . .Gal 2:19
If we **l** in the Spirit . . . . . .Gal 5:25
me to **l** is Christ . . . . . Phil 1:21
l godly in Christ . . . . . .1 Tim 3:12
we shall **l** . . . . . .James 4:15
I am he that **l**. . . . . .Rev 1:18
name that thou **l** . . . . . .Rev 3:1
See 1 Tim 5:6; Rev 20:4

LIVING
of life; and man became a **l** soul . . . . . Gen 2:7
land of the **l** . . . . . .Job 28:13
light of the **l** . . . . . .Job 33:30
the book of the **l** . . . . . .Ps 69:28
well of **l** waters . . . . . .Song 4:15
of **l** waters. . . . . Jer 2:13
that **l** waters . . . . . .Zech 14:8
given thee **l** water . . . . . .John 4:10
a **l** sacrifice. . . . . .Rom 12:1
By a new and **l** way. . . . . Heb 10:20
See Matt 22:32; 1 Cor 15:43

LORD
The **L** our God . . . . . .Deut 6:4
L, he is the God. . . . . 1 Kin 18:39
The **L** be with you. . . . . .Ruth 2:4
God is the **L**. . . . . .Ps 33:12
This is the **L** doing . . . . . .Ps 118:23
O **L** our God . . . . . Is 37:20
L shall be king. . . . . .Zech 14:9
saith unto me **L, L**. . . . . .Matt 7:21
Son of man is **L**. . . . . Mark 2:28
why call ye me, **L** . . . . . .Luke 6:46
both **L** and Christ . . . . . Acts 2:36
One **L,** one faith . . . . . Eph 4:5
L of peace. . . . . 2 Thess 3:16
See 1 Cor 2:8; Rev 11:15

LOSE
He that findeth his life shall **l** it . . . . . .Matt 10:39
l his own soul . . . . . .Matt 16:26
l himself . . . . . .Luke 9:25
See Eccl 3:6; Luke 15:4, 8

LOSS
burned, he shall suffer **l**. . . . . 1 Cor 3:15
l for Christ . . . . . Phil 3:7

LOST
I have gone astray like a **l** sheep . . . . . .Ps 119:176
hath been **l** sheep . . . . . Jer 50:6
the **l** sheep . . . . . .Matt 10:6
that which was **l** . . . . . .Matt 18:11
that which was **l** . . . . . .Luke 19:10
none of them is **l**. . . . . .John 17:12
See Deut 22:3; 2 Cor 4:3

LOVE (*n.*)
thy **l** to me was wonderful. . . . . .2 Sam 1:26
but **l** covereth . . . . . .Prov 10:12
where **l** is . . . . . .Prov 15:17
banner over me was **l**. . . . . .Song 2:4
for **l** is strong. . . . . .Song 8:6
an everlasting **l** . . . . . Jer 31:3
with bands of **l** . . . . . Hos 11:4
the **l** of many . . . . . .Matt 24:12
the **l** of God . . . . . .John 5:42
l one to another. . . . . .John 13:35
Greater **l** hath no man . . . . . .John 15:13
L worketh no ill. . . . . .Rom 13:10
the **l** of Christ . . . . . .2 Cor 5:14
God of **l** and peace . . . . . .2 Cor 13:11
And to know the **l**. . . . . Eph 3:19
l of money . . . . . .1 Tim 6:10
brotherly **l** continue . . . . . Heb 13:1
l one another . . . . . 1 John 4:7
for God is **l**. . . . . 1 John 4:8
Herein is **l** . . . . . 1 John 4:10
no fear in **l** . . . . . 1 John 4:18
left thy first **l** . . . . . .Rev 2:4
See Gal 5:22; 1 Thess 1:3

LOVE (*v.*)
l thy neighbour as thyself . . . . . .Lev 19:18
l the Lord thy God . . . . . .Deut 6:5
to **l** the Lord thy God . . . . . .Deut 19:9
I will **l** thee. . . . . .Ps 18:1
they that **l** his name . . . . . .Ps 69:36
prosper that **l** thee . . . . . .Ps 122:6
I **l** them that **l** me . . . . . .Prov 8:17
friend **l** at all times . . . . . .Prov 17:17

A time to **l** . . . . . Eccl 3:8
l them freely . . . . . Hos 14:4
l the good . . . . . Amos 5:15
to **l** mercy . . . . . Mic 6:8
L your enemies . . . . . Matt 5:44
For if ye **l** . . . . . Matt 5:46
L your enemies . . . . . Luke 6:27
l him most . . . . . Luke 7:42
he whom thou **l** . . . . . John 11:3
That ye **l** one another . . . . . John 15:12
that I **l** thee . . . . . John 21:15
to **l** one another . . . . . Rom 13:8
l our Lord Jesus . . . . . Eph 6:24
not seen, ye **l** . . . . . 1 Pet 1:8
L the brotherhood . . . . . 1 Pet 2:17
We **l** him . . . . . 1 John 4:19
As many as I **l** . . . . . Rev 3:19
See John 14:31; 1 John 4:20, 21

LOVINGKINDNESS
Shew thy marvelous **l** . . . . . Ps 17:7
How excellent is thy **l** . . . . . Ps 36:7
thy **l** is better . . . . . Ps 63:3
To shew forth thy **l** . . . . . Ps 92:2
with **l** have I drawn . . . . . Jer 31:3

LUST
whatsoever thy soul **l** after . . . . . Deut 12:15
own hearts' **l** . . . . . Ps 81:12
for I had not known **l** . . . . . Rom 7:7
affections and **l** . . . . . Gal 5:24
and hurtful **l** . . . . . 1 Tim 6:9
worldly **l** . . . . . Titus 2:12
of his own **l** . . . . . James 1:14
from fleshly **l** . . . . . 1 Pet 2:11
l of the flesh . . . . . 1 John 2:16
the **l** thereof . . . . . 1 John 2:17
after their own **l** . . . . . Jude 16
their own ungodly **l** . . . . . Jude 18
See Matt 5:38; 1 Cor 10:6

M

MAKER
a man be more pure than his **m** . . . . . Job 4:17
my **m** would . . . . . Job 32:22
Where is God my **m** . . . . . Job 35:10
righteousness to my **M** . . . . . Job 36:3
the Lord our **m** . . . . . Ps 95:6
reproacheth his **M** . . . . . Prov 14:31
the Lord is the **m** . . . . . Prov 22:2
striveth with his **M** . . . . . Is 45:9
the Lord thy **m** . . . . . Is 51:13
For thy **M** . . . . . Is 54:5
whose builder and **m** . . . . . Heb 11:10
See Is 1:31; 17:7; Hab 2:18

MAN
Let us make **m** in our image . . . . . Gen 1:26
imagination of **m** heart . . . . . Gen 8:21
God is not a **m** . . . . . Num 23:19
Yet **m** is born . . . . . Job 5:7
M that is born . . . . . Job 14:1
m of the earth . . . . . Ps 10:18
m obtaineth favour . . . . . Prov 12:2
what is good for **m** . . . . . Eccl 6:12
Cease ye from **m** . . . . . Is 2:22
it is not in **m** . . . . . Jer 10:23
I am God, and not **m** . . . . . Hos 11:9
No **m** can serve two . . . . . Matt 6:24
No **m** hath seen God . . . . . John 1:18
outward **m** perish . . . . . 2 Cor 4:16
in fashion as a **m** . . . . . Phil 2:8
the **m** Christ Jesus . . . . . 1 Tim 2:5
See 1 Cor 15:47; Eph 4:24

MASTER
can serve two **m** . . . . . Matt 6:24
not above his **m** . . . . . Matt 10:24
for one is your **M** . . . . . Matt 23:8
can serve two **m** . . . . . Luke 16:13
Ye call me **M** and Lord . . . . . John 13:13
obey ... your **m** . . . . . Col 3:22
a **M** in heaven . . . . . Col 4:1
be not many **m** . . . . . James 3:1
subject to your **m** . . . . . 1 Pet 2:18
See Gen 24:12; Eccl 12:11

MASTERY
voice of them that shout for **m** . . . . . Ex 32:18
striveth for the **m** . . . . . 1 Cor 9:25

MEAT
life more than **m** . . . . . Matt 6:25
have **m** to eat . . . . . John 4:32
My **m** is to do . . . . . John 4:34
the **m** which perisheth . . . . . John 6:27
did eat their **m** . . . . . Acts 2:46
abstain from **m** . . . . . Acts 15:29
with thy **m** . . . . . Rom 14:15
m destroy not . . . . . Rom 14:20
M for the belly . . . . . 1 Cor 6:13
if **m** make my brother . . . . . 1 Cor 8:13
same spiritual **m** . . . . . 1 Cor 10:3
abstain from **m** . . . . . 1 Tim 4:3
See Matt 3:4; Col 2:16

MEDITATE
went out to **m** in the field . . . . . Gen 24:63
shalt **m** therein . . . . . Josh 1:8
his law doth he **m** . . . . . Ps 1:2
m on thee . . . . . Ps 63:6
I will **m** also . . . . . Ps 77:12
m in thy word . . . . . Ps 119:148
I **m** on all thy works . . . . . Ps 143:5
Thine heart shall **m** . . . . . Is 33:18
not to **m** before . . . . . Luke 21:14
m upon these . . . . . 1 Tim 4:15
See Ps 19:14; 104:34; 119:97

MEEK
man Moses was very **m** . . . . . Num 12:3
the **m** shall eat . . . . . Ps 22:26
The **m** will he guide . . . . . Ps 25:9
m shall inherit . . . . . Ps 37:11
will beautify the **m** . . . . . Ps 149:4
m also shall increase . . . . . Is 29:19
tidings unto the **m** . . . . . Is 61:1
Blessed are the **m** . . . . . Matt 5:5

for I am **m** . . . . . Matt 11:29
ornament of a **m** . . . . . 1 Pet 3:4
See Ps 76:9; 147:6; Is 11:4

MEMBER
in thy book all my **m** were written . . . . . Ps 139:16
yield ye your **m** . . . . . Rom 6:13
many **m** in one body . . . . . Rom 12:4
the **m** of Christ . . . . . 1 Cor 6:15
the **m** of an harlot . . . . . 1 Cor 6:15
a little **m** . . . . . James 3:5
war in your **m** . . . . . James 4:1
See Matt 5:29; Eph 4:25; 5:30

MEMORY
cut off the **m** of them . . . . . Ps 109:15
utter the **m** . . . . . Ps 145:7
The **m** of the just . . . . . Prov 10:7
for the **m** of them . . . . . Eccl 9:5

MEN
yourselves like **m** . . . . . 1 Sam 4:9
to be but **m** . . . . . Ps 9:20
die like **m** . . . . . Ps 82:7
strong **m** shall bow . . . . . Eccl 12:3
shew yourselves **m** . . . . . Is 46:8
I now persuade **m** . . . . . Gal 1:10
not as pleasing **m** . . . . . 1 Thess 2:4
See 1 Tim 2:4; 1 Pet 2:17

MENTION
will make **m** . . . . . Ps 71:16
m that his name . . . . . Is 12:4
m the lovingkindness . . . . . Is 63:7
m of you always . . . . . Rom 1:9
making **m** of you . . . . . 1 Thess 1:2
See Is 62:6; Ezek 18:22; 33:16

MERCIFUL
He is ever **m** . . . . . Ps 37:26
God be **m** unto us . . . . . Ps 67:1
m man doeth good . . . . . Prov 11:17
m men are taken away . . . . . Is 57:1
for I am **m** . . . . . Jer 3:12
Blessed are the **m** . . . . . Matt 5:7
m, as your Father . . . . . Luke 6:36
m to me a sinner . . . . . Luke 18:13
be a **m** and faithful . . . . . Heb 2:17
See Ex 34:6; Joel 2:13

MERCY
shew **m** on whom I will shew **m** . . . . . Ex 33:19
for his **m** endureth . . . . . 1 Chr 16:34
his **m** endureth for ever . . . . . Ezra 3:11
goodness and **m** shall . . . . . Ps 23:6
great is his **m** toward them . . . . . Ps 103:11
full of thy **m** . . . . . Ps 119:64
m endureth for ever . . . . . Ps 136:1
m on the poor . . . . . Prov 14:21
m and truth . . . . . Prov 16:6
with great **m** . . . . . Is 54:7
and have no **m** . . . . . Jer 6:23
of the Lord's **m** . . . . . Lam 3:22
and **m** to them . . . . . Dan 9:4
no truth, nor **m** . . . . . Hos 4:1
For I desired **m** . . . . . Hos 6:6
fatherless findeth **m** . . . . . Hos 14:3
to love **m** . . . . . Mic 6:8
he delighteth in **m** . . . . . Mic 7:18
in wrath remember **m** . . . . . Hab 3:2
they shall obtain **m** . . . . . Matt 5:7
I will have **m** . . . . . Matt 9:13
have **m** on whom . . . . . Rom 9:15
by the **m** of God . . . . . Rom 12:1
that we may obtain **m** . . . . . Heb 4:16
judgment without **m** . . . . . James 2:13
his abundant **m** . . . . . 1 Pet 1:3
See Dan 4:27; 1 Tim 1:2

MIGHT
all thy soul, and with all thy **m** . . . . . Deut 6:5
do it with thy **m** . . . . . Eccl 9:10
Not by **m** . . . . . Zech 4:6
with all **m** . . . . . Col 1:11
See 2 Pet 2:11; Rev 7:12

MIGHTY
was a **m** hunter before the Lord . . . . . Gen 10:9
Thou hast a **m** arm . . . . . Ps 89:13
the **m** One of Israel . . . . . Is 1:24
m to save . . . . . Is 63:1
m in work . . . . . Jer 32:19
m works were done . . . . . Matt 11:20
a rushing **m** wind . . . . . Acts 2:2
but **m** through God . . . . . 2 Cor 10:4
See Eccl 6:10; Matt 3:11

MILK
m and honey . . . . . Ex 3:8
have need of **m** . . . . . Heb 5:12
m of the word . . . . . 1 Pet 2:2
See Judg 4:19; Job 21:24

MIND (*n.*)
whose **m** is stayed . . . . . Is 26:3
carnal **m** . . . . . Rom 8:7
same **m** one toward . . . . . Rom 12:16
a willing **m** . . . . . 2 Cor 8:12
be of one **m** . . . . . 2 Cor 13:11
with one **m** . . . . . Phil 1:27
one accord, of one **m** . . . . . Phil 2:2
Let this **m** be in you . . . . . Phil 2:5
keep your hearts and **m** . . . . . Phil 4:7
of corrupt **m** . . . . . 1 Tim 6:5
and of sound **m** . . . . . 2 Tim 1:7
men of corrupt **m** . . . . . 2 Tim 3:8
See Rom 8:6; 1 Thess 5:14

MIND (*v.*)
flesh do **m** the things of the flesh . . . . . Rom 8:5
M not high things . . . . . Rom 12:16
m the same thing . . . . . Phil 3:16
who **m** earthly things . . . . . Phil 3:19

MINDFUL
What is man, that thou art **m** of him . . . . . Ps 8:4

MINISTER (*n.*)
ye **m** of his . . . . . Ps 103:21
him **m** a flaming fire . . . . . Ps 104:4
M of our God . . . . . Is 61:6
the Lord's **m** . . . . . Joel 1:9
let him be your **m** . . . . . Matt 20:26

shall be your **m** . . . . . Mark 10:43
is the **m** of God . . . . . Rom 13:4
able **m** of the new . . . . . 2 Cor 3:6
the **m** of sin . . . . . Gal 2:17
I was made a **m** . . . . . Eph 3:7
faithful **m** . . . . . Eph 6:21
faithful **m** of Christ . . . . . Col 1:7
am made a **m** . . . . . Col 1:23
a faithful **m** . . . . . Col 4:7
shalt be a good **m** . . . . . 1 Tim 4:6
his **m** a flame of fire . . . . . Heb 1:7
See 2 Cor 6:4; 1 Thess 3:2

MINISTRY
and to the **m** of the word . . . . . Acts 6:4
we have this **m** . . . . . 2 Cor 4:1
m of reconciliation . . . . . 2 Cor 5:18
that the **m** . . . . . 2 Cor 6:3
work of the **m** . . . . . Eph 4:12
Take heed to the **m** . . . . . Col 4:17
proof of thy **m** . . . . . 2 Tim 4:5
See Acts 1:17; 12:25; Rom 12:7

MIRACLE
and where be all his **m** . . . . . Judg 6:13
a **m** in my name . . . . . Mark 9:39
some **m** done . . . . . Luke 23:8
beginning of **m** . . . . . John 2:11
again the second **m** . . . . . John 4:54
John did no **m** . . . . . John 10:41
among you by **m** . . . . . Acts 2:22
the working of **m** . . . . . 1 Cor 12:10
See Gal 3:5; Heb 2:4; Rev 13:14

MOCK
God is not **m** . . . . . Gal 6:7
See 2 Kin 2:23; Matt 2:16

MOCKER
there should be **m** . . . . . Jude 18

MODERATION
Let your **m** be known unto all . . . . . Phil 4:5

MONEY
redeemed without **m** . . . . . Is 52:3
the love of **m** . . . . . 1 Tim 6:10
See Gen 23:9; Mark 6:8; Luke 9:3; Acts 4:37

MORTAL
m man be more just than God . . . . . Job 4:17
in your **m** body . . . . . Rom 6:12
this **m** must . . . . . 1 Cor 15:53
See Deut 19:11; 2 Cor 4:11; 5:4

MORTIFY
the Spirit do **m** the deeds . . . . . Rom 8:13
M therefore . . . . . Col 3:5

MOTHER
Thou art my **m** . . . . . Job 17:14
to be a joyful **m** . . . . . Ps 113:9
As one whom his **m** . . . . . Is 66:13
As is the **m** . . . . . Ezek 16:44
Who is my **m** . . . . . Matt 12:48
and the **m** of Jesus . . . . . John 2:1
See Gal 4:26; 1 Tim 1:9; 5:2

MOURN
m at the last . . . . . Prov 5:11
all that **m** . . . . . Is 61:2
turn their **m** . . . . . Jer 31:13
they that **m** . . . . . Matt 5:4
tribes of the earth **m** . . . . . Matt 24:30
See Zech 7:5; James 4:9

MOUTH
Out of the **m** of babes . . . . . Ps 8:2
I will keep my **m** . . . . . Ps 39:1
open thy **m** wide . . . . . Ps 81:10
m of the foolish . . . . . Prov 10:14
the fruit of his **m** . . . . . Prov 13:2
Whoso keepeth his **m** . . . . . Prov 21:23
for his **m** . . . . . Eccl 6:7
was in his **m** . . . . . Mal 2:6
the **m** speaketh . . . . . Matt 12:34
a **m** and wisdom . . . . . Luke 21:15
the **m** confession . . . . . Rom 10:10
m must be stopped . . . . . Titus 1:11
of the same **m** . . . . . James 3:10
See John 19:29; 1 Pet 2:22

MOVE
said in his heart, I shall not be **m** . . . . . Ps 10:6
I shall not be **m** . . . . . Ps 16:8
I shall never be **m** . . . . . Ps 30:6
we live, and **m** . . . . . Acts 17:28
See Prov 23:31; Is 7:2

MULTITUDE
shalt not follow a **m** to do evil . . . . . Ex 23:2
In the **m** of words . . . . . Prov 10:19
m of counsellors . . . . . Prov 11:14
hide a **m** of sins . . . . . James 5:20
cover a **m** of sins . . . . . 1 Pet 4:8
See Josh 11:4; Luke 2:13

MUZZLE
not **m** the ox when he treadeth . . . . . Deut 25:4
not **m** the mouth . . . . . 1 Cor 9:9
not **m** the ox . . . . . 1 Tim 5:18

MYSTERY
the **m** of the kingdom of heaven . . . . . Matt 13:11
of God in a **m** . . . . . 1 Cor 2:7
I shew you a **m** . . . . . 1 Cor 15:51
This is a great **m** . . . . . Eph 5:32

N

NAKED
they were both **n,** the man and . . . . . Gen 2:25
people were **n** . . . . . Ex 32:25
N came I . . . . . Job 1:21
N, and ye clothed . . . . . Matt 25:36
thirst, and are **n** . . . . . 1 Cor 4:11
not be found **n** . . . . . 2 Cor 5:3
all things are **n** . . . . . Heb 4:13
See John 21:7; Rev 3:17; 16:15

NAME
in the **n** of our God . . . . . Ps 20:5
declare thy **n** . . . . . Ps 22:22

that love his **n** . . . . . Ps 69:36
praise thy **n** . . . . . Ps 138:2
n of the wicked . . . . . Prov 10:7
n of the Lord . . . . . Prov 18:10
A good **n** is rather. . . . . Prov 22:1
A good **n** is better . . . . . Eccl 7:1
thy **n** is as ointment . . . . . Song 1:3
an everlasting **n**. . . . . Is 56:5
whose **n** is Holy. . . . . Is 57:15
by a new **n** . . . . . Is 62:2
calleth upon thy **n**. . . . . Is 64:7
n is great in might . . . . . Jer 10:6
sworn by my great **n**. . . . . Jer 44:26
fear my **n** . . . . . Mal 4:2
Hallowed be thy **n**. . . . . Matt 6:9
in his **n** . . . . . Matt 12:21
little child in my **n** . . . . . Matt 18:5
together in my **n** . . . . . Matt 18:20
for my **n** sake. . . . . Matt 19:29
come in my **n** . . . . . Matt 24:5
My **n** is Legion . . . . . Mark 5:9
children in my **n** . . . . . Mark 9:37
a miracle in my **n** . . . . . Mark 9:39
this child in my **n** . . . . . Luke 9:48
your **n** are written. . . . . Luke 10:20
for my **n** sake. . . . . Luke 21:12
in my Father's **n**. . . . . John 5:43
shall ask in my **n**. . . . . John 14:13
nothing in my **n** . . . . . John 16:24
his **n** through faith . . . . . Acts 3:16
there is none other **n** . . . . . Acts 4:12
n that is named . . . . . Eph 1:21
n which is above . . . . . Phil 2:9
at the **n** of Jesus. . . . . Phil 2:10
whose **n** are . . . . . Phil 4:3
n of the Lord Jesus . . . . . Col 3:17
a more excellent **n**. . . . . Heb 1:4
n by the which. . . . . James 2:7
holdest fast my **n**. . . . . Rev 2:13
a new **n** written . . . . . Rev 2:17
his **n** shall be . . . . . Rev 22:4
See Ex 28:9; Is 45:3; John 10:3

NATION
exalteth a **n** . . . . . Prov 14:34
he sprinkle many **n**. . . . . Is 52:15
For **n** shall rise . . . . . Matt 24:7
shall rise against **n** . . . . . Luke 21:10
perverse **n** . . . . . Phil 2:15
See Deut 4:27; Jer 2:11; 4:2

NATURAL
nor his **n** force abated . . . . . Deut 34:7
without **n** affection. . . . . Rom 1:31
But the **n** man . . . . . 1 Cor 2:14
Without **n** affection . . . . . 2 Tim 3:3
See Phil 2:20; James 1:23

NATURE
Doth not even **n** itself teach you. . . . . 1 Cor 11:14
by **n** the children. . . . . Eph 2:3
the **n** of angels. . . . . Heb 2:16
of the divine **n**. . . . . 2 Pet 1:4
See Rom 1:26; Gal 2:15; 4:8

NEAR
neighbour that is **n**. . . . . Prov 27:10
come **n** to me. . . . . Is 50:8
while he is **n** . . . . . Is 55:6
day of the Lord is **n** . . . . . Obad 15
great day ... is **n** . . . . . Zeph 1:14
know that it is **n** . . . . . Matt 24:33
summer is **n**. . . . . Mark 13:28
See Ezek 11:3; 22:5; Rom 13:11

NEGLECT
N not the gift. . . . . 1 Tim 4:14
n so great salvation. . . . . Heb 2:3

NEIGHBOUR
love thy **n** . . . . . Lev 19:18
truth to his **n** . . . . . Zech 8:16
love thy **n** . . . . . Matt 19:19
And who is my **n** . . . . . Luke 10:29
truth with his **n**. . . . . Eph 4:25
See Lev 19:13; Rom 13:10

NEVER
Hell and destruction are **n** full . . . . . Prov 27:20
are **n** satisfied . . . . . Prov 30:15
n have enough. . . . . Is 56:11
I **n** knew you . . . . . Matt 7:23
shall **n** thirst . . . . . John 4:14
shall **n** hunger . . . . . John 6:35
N man spake . . . . . John 7:46
n see death. . . . . John 8:51
they shall **n** perish . . . . . John 10:28
shall **n** die. . . . . John 11:26
n faileth . . . . . 1 Cor 13:8
will **n** leave thee . . . . . Heb 13:5
See Judg 2:1; Dan 2:44

NEW
But if the Lord make a **n** thing . . . . . Num 16:30
a **n** song . . . . . Ps 33:3
unto the Lord a **n** . . . . . Ps 96:1
will sing a **n** song . . . . . Ps 144:9
Is no **n** thing . . . . . Eccl 1:9
create **n** heavens . . . . . Is 65:17
the **n** earth . . . . . Is 66:22
n every morning . . . . . Lam 3:23
A **n** commandment . . . . . John 13:34
he is a **n** creature. . . . . 2 Cor 5:17
one **n** man . . . . . Eph 2:15
put on the **n** man . . . . . Eph 4:24
n and living way . . . . . Heb 10:20
no **n** commandment. . . . . 1 John 2:7
a **n** name written. . . . . Rev 2:17
upon him my **n** name. . . . . Rev 3:12
they sung a **n** song . . . . . Rev 5:9
were a **n** song. . . . . Rev 14:3
I saw a **n** heaven . . . . . Rev 21:1
make all things **n** . . . . . Rev 21:5
See Is 24:7; 43:19; Acts 2:13

NEWNESS
we also should walk in **n** of life . . . . . Rom 6:4

NIGH
word is very **n** . . . . . Deut 30:14
The word is **n** thee . . . . . Rom 10:8

are made **n** . . . . . Eph 2:13
See Joel 2:1; Heb 6:8

NIGHT
songs in the **n** . . . . . Job 35:10
song in the **n** . . . . . Ps 77:6
all **n** in prayer . . . . . Luke 6:12
the **n** cometh . . . . . John 9:4
walk in the **n** . . . . . John 11:10
n is far spent . . . . . Rom 13:12
a thief in the **n** . . . . . 1 Thess 5:2
be no **n** there . . . . . Rev 21:25
See Ps 121:6; John 3:2

NOBLE
but their **n** put not their necks . . . . . Neh 3:5
n held their peace . . . . . Job 29:10
thee a **n** vine . . . . . Jer 2:21
n have sent . . . . . Jer 14:3
were more **n** . . . . . Acts 17:11
not many **n** . . . . . 1 Cor 1:26
See Num 21:18; Eccl 10:17

NONE
there is **n** righteous, no, not one . . . . . Rom 3:10

NUMBER (*v.*)
n ye the people . . . . . 2 Sam 24:2
Go, **n** Israel . . . . . 1 Chr 21:2
to **n** our days . . . . . Ps 90:12
wanting cannot be **n** . . . . . Eccl 1:15
he was **n** . . . . . Is 53:12
very hairs ... are all **n** . . . . . Matt 10:30
no man could **n** . . . . . Rev 7:9
See Job 14:16; Acts 1:17

NURTURE
n and admonition of the Lord . . . . . Eph 6:4

O

OBEDIENCE
so by the **o** of one . . . . . Rom 5:19
the **o** of faith . . . . . Rom 16:26
o by the things . . . . . Heb 5:8
See 2 Cor 10:5; 1 Pet 1:2

OBEDIENT
Lord ... said will we do, and be **o** . . . . . Ex 24:7
upon an **o** ear . . . . . Prov 25:12
willing and **o** . . . . . Is 1:19
o in all things . . . . . 2 Cor 2:9
o to them that . . . . . Eph 6:5
became **o** unto death . . . . . Phil 2:8
to be **o** . . . . . Titus 2:9
As **o** children . . . . . 1 Pet 1:14
See Num 27:20; Titus 2:5

OBEY
if ye **o** the commandments . . . . . Deut 11:27
voice will we **o** . . . . . Josh 24:24
to **o** is better . . . . . 1 Sam 15:22
o my voice . . . . . Jer 7:23
ought to **o** God . . . . . Acts 5:29
to whom ye **o** . . . . . Rom 6:16
o your parents . . . . . Eph 6:1
o in all things . . . . . Col 3:22
o not the gospel . . . . . 2 Thess 1:8
O them that . . . . . Heb 13:17
in **o** the truth . . . . . 1 Pet 1:22
o not the gospel . . . . . 1 Pet 4:17
See Ex 5:2; 23:21; Dan 9:10

OBSERVATION
of God cometh not with **o** . . . . . Luke 17:20

OBTAIN
and shall **o** favour of the Lord . . . . . Prov 8:35
they shall **o** joy . . . . . Is 35:10
shall **o** gladness . . . . . Is 51:11
to **o** that world . . . . . Luke 20:35
o help of God . . . . . Acts 26:22
that ye may **o** . . . . . 1 Cor 9:24
to **o** salvation . . . . . 1 Thess 5:9
but I **o** mercy . . . . . 1 Tim 1:13
o the salvation . . . . . 2 Tim 2:10
that we may **o** mercy . . . . . Heb 4:16
o eternal redemption . . . . . Heb 9:12
not **o** mercy . . . . . 1 Pet 2:10
that have **o** . . . . . 2 Pet 1:1
See Dan 11:21; Hos 2:23

OFFENCE
for yielding pacifieth great **o** . . . . . Eccl 10:4
a rock of **o** . . . . . Is 8:14
an **o** unto me . . . . . Matt 16:23
by whom the **o** cometh . . . . . Matt 18:7
that **o** will come . . . . . Luke 17:1
and rock of **o** . . . . . Rom 9:33
See Rom 5:15; 16:17; Gal 5:11

OFFEND
A brother **o** . . . . . Prov 18:19
if thy right eye **o** . . . . . Matt 5:29
not be **o** in me . . . . . Matt 11:6
all things that **o** . . . . . Matt 13:41
shall **o** one of these . . . . . Matt 18:6
eye **o** thee . . . . . Matt 18:9
yet **o** in one point . . . . . James 2:10
See Jer 37:18; 2 Cor 11:29

OFFER
the people willingly **o** themselves . . . . . Judg 5:2
Whoso **o** praise . . . . . Ps 50:23
and **o** thy gift . . . . . Matt 5:24
o also the other . . . . . Luke 6:29
o unto idols . . . . . 1 Cor 8:1
o in sacrifice . . . . . 1 Cor 10:19
and if I be **o** . . . . . Phil 2:17
ready to be **o** . . . . . 2 Tim 4:6
o to bear the sins . . . . . Heb 9:28
See Ezra 1:6; 2:68; Mal 1:8

OIL
anointed thee with the **o** of gladness . . . . . Ps 45:7
anointed with fresh **o** . . . . . Ps 92:10
the **o** of joy . . . . . Is 61:3
See Ex 27:20; Mic 6:7

ONE
his wife; and they shall be **o** flesh . . . . . Gen 2:24
I and my Father are **o** . . . . . John 10:30
that they may be **o** . . . . . John 17:11

o in Christ Jesus . . . . . Gal 3:28
O Lord, **o** faith . . . . . Eph 4:5
See Mark 12:32; 1 Tim 2:5

OPEN
and the earth **o** her mouth . . . . . Num 16:30
O thou mine eyes . . . . . Ps 119:18
O thy mouth . . . . . Prov 31:8
To **o** the blind eyes . . . . . Is 42:7
I will not **o** you . . . . . Mal 3:10
Lord, **o** to us . . . . . Matt 25:11
o to us the scriptures . . . . . Luke 24:32
To **o** their eyes . . . . . Acts 26:18
is **o** unto me . . . . . 1 Cor 16:9
o unto us a door . . . . . Col 4:3
See 2 Cor 2:12; Heb 4:13

OPINION
long halt ye between two **o** . . . . . 1 Kin 18:21

OPPRESS
neither vex a stranger, nor **o** him . . . . . Ex 22:21
not **o** a stranger . . . . . Ex 23:9
not **o** one another . . . . . Lev 25:14
fatherless and the **o** . . . . . Ps 10:18
that **o** the poor . . . . . Prov 14:31
o not the stranger . . . . . Jer 7:6
o not the widow . . . . . Zech 7:10
See Mal 3:5; Acts 7:24; 10:38

ORDAIN
thou **o** strength . . . . . Ps 8:2
I **o** thee a prophet . . . . . Jer 1:5
o twelve . . . . . Mark 3:14
and **o** you . . . . . John 15:16
must one be **o** . . . . . Acts 1:22
was **o** of God . . . . . Acts 10:42
o to eternal life . . . . . Acts 13:48
o them elders . . . . . Acts 14:23
o of the apostles . . . . . Acts 16:4
o of God . . . . . Rom 13:1
was **o** by angels . . . . . Gal 3:19
o that we should . . . . . Eph 2:10
and **o** elders . . . . . Titus 1:5
o to this . . . . . Jude 4
See 1 Cor 2:7; 9:14; 1 Tim 2:7

ORDER
set thine house in **o** . . . . . 2 Kin 20:1
o of Melchizedek . . . . . Ps 110:4
decently and in **o** . . . . . 1 Cor 14:40
set in **o** the things . . . . . Titus 1:5
rise after the **o** . . . . . Heb 7:11
See Ps 37:23; 1 Cor 15:23

ORDINANCE
forsook not the **o** of their God . . . . . Is 58:2
have kept his **o** . . . . . Mal 3:14
the **o** of God . . . . . Rom 13:2
contained in **o** . . . . . Eph 2:15
the handwriting of **o** . . . . . Col 2:14
and carnal **o** . . . . . Heb 9:10
See Jer 31:36; 1 Pet 2:13

OUTWARD
man looketh on the **o** appearance . . . . 1 Sam 16:7
appear beautiful **o** . . . . . Matt 23:27
o in the flesh . . . . . Rom 2:28
o man perish . . . . . 2 Cor 4:16
See Matt 23:28; 1 Pet 3:3

OVERCOME
I have **o** the world . . . . . John 16:33
Be not **o** of evil . . . . . Rom 12:21
victory that **o** . . . . . 1 John 5:4
o the world . . . . . 1 John 5:5
To him that **o** . . . . . Rev 2:7
he that **o** . . . . . Rev 2:26
See Song 6:5; 2 Pet 2:19

P

PAIN
My heart is sore **p** within me . . . . . Ps 55:4
the **p** of hell . . . . . Ps 116:3
the **p** of death . . . . . Acts 2:24
See Ps 73:16; 2 Cor 11:27

PARDON
will not **p** your transgressions . . . . . Ex 23:21
Lord **p** every one . . . . . 2 Chr 30:18
God ready to **p** . . . . . Neh 9:17
he will abundantly **p** . . . . . Is 55:7
See Jer 33:8; Mic 7:18

PARENTS
shall rise up against their **p** . . . . . Matt 10:21
or **p** or brethren . . . . . Luke 18:29
betrayed both by **p** . . . . . Luke 21:16
this man or his **p** . . . . . John 9:2
disobedient to **p** . . . . . Rom 1:30
lay up for the **p** . . . . . 2 Cor 12:14
Children, obey your **p** . . . . . Eph 6:1
obey your **p** in all . . . . . Col 3:20
disobedient to **p** . . . . . 2 Tim 3:2
See Luke 2:27; 8:56; 1 Tim 5:4

PARTAKER
and hast been **p** with adulterers . . . . . Ps 50:18
made **p** of their . . . . . Rom 15:27
p of his hope . . . . . 1 Cor 9:10
p with the altar . . . . . 1 Cor 9:13
for we are all **p** . . . . . 1 Cor 10:17
ye cannot be **p** . . . . . 1 Cor 10:21
neither be **p** . . . . . 1 Tim 5:22
p of the heavenly . . . . . Heb 3:1
p of the Holy Ghost . . . . . Heb 6:4
p of Christ's . . . . . 1 Pet 4:13
a **p** of the glory . . . . . 1 Pet 5:1
might be **p** . . . . . 2 Pet 1:4
See Eph 3:6; Phil 1:7

PASS
I see the blood, I will **p** over you . . . . . Ex 12:13
cup **p** from me . . . . . Matt 26:39
world **p** away . . . . . 1 Cor 7:31
which **p** knowledge . . . . . Eph 3:19
p all understanding . . . . . Phil 4:7
the world **p** away . . . . . 1 John 2:17
See 2 Cor 5:17; Rev 21:2

PASTOR
will give you **p** according to mine ..... Jer 3:15
from being a **p**..... Jer 17:16
p that destroy ..... Jer 23:1
p and teachers..... Eph 4:11

PASTURE
maketh me to lie down in green **p**..... Ps 23:2
the people of his **p** ..... Ps 95:7
sheep of his **p** ..... Ps 100:3
in a good **p**.....Ezek 34:14
and find **p** .....John 10:9

PATH
the **p** of life.....Ps 16:11
p in the great waters.....Ps 77:19
a light unto my **p** .....Ps 119:105
the **p** of the just.....Prov 4:18
walk in his **p** ..... Is 2:3
make his **p** straight.....Matt 3:3
See Lam 3:9; Heb 12:13

PATIENCE
In your **p** possess .....Luke 21:19
worketh **p**.....Rom 5:3
ye have need of **p** ..... Heb 10:36
let us run with **p** ..... Heb 12:1
faith worketh **p** .....James 1:3
the **p** of Job .....James 5:11
to **p** godliness .....2 Pet 1:6
labour and thy **p** .....Rev 2:2
p of the saints .....Rev 14:12
See Eccl 7:8; 1 Thess 5:14

PATIENTLY
in the Lord, and wait **p** for him ..... Ps 37:7
waited **p** for the Lord..... Ps 40:1
had **p** endured..... Heb 6:15
shall take it **p**.....1 Pet 2:20

PATTERN
p to them which should hereafter ....1 Tim 1:16
p of good works ..... Titus 2:7
p shewed to thee..... Heb 8:5
p of things ..... Heb 9:23

PEACE
and give thee **p** ..... Num 6:26
my covenant of **p** ..... Num 25:12
proclaim **p** unto it.....Deut 20:10
lay me down in **p** ..... Ps 4:8
end of that man is **p**.....Ps 37:37
and a time of **p** ..... Eccl 3:8
p been as a river ..... Is 48:18
There is no **p**..... Is 48:22
There is no **p**..... Is 57:21
The way of **p** ..... Is 59:8
saying **P, p** ..... Jer 6:14
shalt die in **p** ..... Jer 34:5
they shall seek **p** .....Ezek 7:25
to send **p** .....Matt 10:34
p one with another..... Mark 9:50
the way of **p**.....Luke 1:79
on earth **p** .....Luke 2:14
p be to this house.....Luke 10:5
P I leave with you.....John 14:27
ye might have **p**.....John 16:33
p from God .....Rom 1:7
the way of **p**.....Rom 3:17
we have **p** with God .....Rom 5:1
the gospel of **p**.....Rom 10:15
live in **p** .....2 Cor 13:11
For he is our **p**..... Eph 2:14
preached **p** to you..... Eph 2:17
the **p** of God ..... Phil 4:7
the **p** of God rule .....Col 3:15
p among yourselves ..... 1 Thess 5:13
the Lord of **p** ..... 1 Thess 3:16
King of **p** ..... Heb 7:2
Follow **p** with all men ..... Heb 12:14
Depart in **p** .....James 2:16
let him seek **p** .....1 Pet 3:11
p be multiplied .....2 Pet 1:2
See John 20:19; Gal 6:16

PEACEABLE
shall dwell in a **p** habitation ..... Is 32:18
a quiet and **p** life.....1 Tim 2:2

PEACEABLY
live **p** with all.....Rom 12:18

PEOPLE
I will take you to me for a **p** .....Ex 6:7
p of inheritance.....Deut 4:20
O **p** saved by the Lord .....Deut 33:29
thy **p** Israel.....2 Sam 7:24
P which I knew not ..... 2 Sam 22:44
happy is that **p**.....Ps 144:15
a **p** not strong .....Prov 30:25
a **p** laden..... Is 1:4
p of no understanding ..... Is 27:11
unto me for a **p** ..... Jer 13:11
a **p** prepared.....Luke 1:17
a peculiar **p** ..... Titus 2:14
See Rom 11:2; Heb 11:25

PERCEIVE
Jesus **p** their.....Matt 22:18
p that virtue.....Luke 8:46
I **p** that God.....Acts 10:34
p we the love ..... 1 John 3:16
See Neh 6:12; Job 33:14

PERDITION
of them is lost, but the son of **p** .....John 17:12
evident token of **p**..... Phil 1:28
draw back unto **p** ..... Heb 10:39

PERFECT
Noah was a just man and **p**..... Gen 6:9
and be thou **p** ..... Gen 17:1
p with the Lord.....Deut 18:13
his work is **p** .....Deut 32:4
law of the Lord is **p**..... Ps 19:7
Mark the **p** man .....Ps 37:37
unto the **p** day.....Prov 4:18
p in thy ways.....Ezek 28:15
Be ye therefore **p**.....Matt 5:48
If thou wilt be **p** .....Matt 19:21
may be made **p** .....John 17:23
acceptable, and **p** .....Rom 12:2

them that are **p** . . . . . 1 Cor 2:6
p in weakness . . . . . 2 Cor 12:9
Be **p,** be of . . . . . 2 Cor 13:11
unto a **p** man . . . . . Eph 4:13
were already **p** . . . . . Phil 3:12
as many as be **p** . . . . . Phil 3:15
p in Christ Jesus . . . . . Col 1:28
p and complete . . . . . Col 4:12
man of God may be **p** . . . . . 2 Tim 3:17
their salvation **p** . . . . . Heb 2:10
not be made **p** . . . . . Heb 11:40
men made **p** . . . . . Heb 12:23
Make you **p** . . . . . Heb 13:21
have her **p** work . . . . . James 1:4
p gift is from above . . . . . James 1:17
p law of liberty . . . . . James 1:25
same is a **p** man . . . . . James 3:2
made **p** in love . . . . . 1 John 4:18
See 2 Chr 8:16; Eph 4:12

PERFECTION
find out the Almighty unto **p** . . . . . Job 11:7
end of all **p** . . . . . Ps 119:96
even your **p** . . . . . 2 Cor 13:9
go on unto **p** . . . . . Heb 6:1

PERILOUS
the last days **p** times shall come . . . . . 2 Tim 3:1

PERISH
All flesh shall **p** . . . . . Job 34:15
ungodly shall **p** . . . . . Ps 1:6
the wicked shall **p** . . . . . Ps 37:20
beasts that **p** . . . . . Ps 49:12
They shall **p** . . . . . Ps 102:26
the wicked **p** . . . . . Prov 11:10
ready to **p** . . . . . Prov 31:6
that we **p** not . . . . . Jon 1:6
the sword shall **p** . . . . . Matt 26:52
meat which **p** . . . . . John 6:27
Thy money **p** . . . . . Acts 8:20
Which all are to **p** . . . . . Col 2:22
that any should **p** . . . . . 2 Pet 3:9
See Ps 2:12; John 10:28

PERSECUTE
them that **p** me . . . . . Ps 7:1
doth **p** the poor . . . . . Ps 10:2
hath **p** my soul . . . . . Ps 143:3
and **p** you . . . . . Matt 5:11
and **p** you . . . . . Matt 5:44
will also **p** you . . . . . John 15:20
Saul, why **p** thou me . . . . . Acts 9:4
being **p** . . . . . 1 Cor 4:12
p the church . . . . . 1 Cor 15:9
P, but not forsaken . . . . . 2 Cor 4:9
See Acts 7:52; Rom 12:14

PERSECUTION
or **p** ariseth because of the word . . . . . Matt 13:21
p ariseth . . . . . Mark 4:17
p, distresses . . . . . 2 Cor 12:10
shall suffer **p** . . . . . 2 Tim 3:12
See Gal 6:12; 1 Tim 1:13

PERSEVERANCE
with all **p** and supplication . . . . . Eph 6:18

PERSON
which regardeth not **p** . . . . . Deut 10:17
respect any **p** . . . . . 2 Sam 14:14
a vile **p** is contemned . . . . . Ps 15:4
followeth vain **p** . . . . . Prov 12:11
not the **p** of men . . . . . Matt 22:16
in the **p** of Christ . . . . . 2 Cor 2:10
image of his **p** . . . . . Heb 1:3
what manner of **p** . . . . . 2 Pet 3:11
See Mal 1:8; Jude 16

PERSUADE
we will **p** him . . . . . Matt 28:14
thou **p** me to be . . . . . Acts 26:28
man be fully **p** . . . . . Rom 14:5
we **p** men . . . . . 2 Cor 5:11
p better things . . . . . Heb 6:9
See 2 Kin 18:32; 2 Tim 1:12

PIECE
a **p** of bread . . . . . Prov 6:26
thirty **p** of silver . . . . . Zech 11:12
See Luke 14:18; Acts 19:19

PIERCE
whom they have **p** . . . . . Zech 12:10
p my hands . . . . . Ps 22:16
spear **p** his side . . . . . John 19:34
p themselves . . . . . 1 Tim 6:10
See Is 27:1; Heb 4:12

PILGRIMS
strangers and **p** on the earth . . . . . Heb 11:13
strangers and **p** . . . . . 1 Pet 2:11

PILLAR
and she became a **p** of salt . . . . . Gen 19:26
her seven **p** . . . . . Prov 9:1
seemed to be **p** . . . . . Gal 2:9
a **p** in the temple . . . . . Rev 3:12
See Joel 2:30; Rev 10:1

PIT
and cast him into some **p** . . . . . Gen 37:20
open a **p** . . . . . Ex 21:33
owner of the **p** . . . . . Ex 21:34
into the **p** . . . . . Num 16:30
alive into the **p** . . . . . Num 16:33
down to the **p** . . . . . Job 33:24
out of a horrible **p** . . . . . Ps 40:2
women is a deep **p** . . . . . Prov 22:14
woman is a narrow **p** . . . . . Prov 23:27
into his own **p** . . . . . Prov 28:10
p of corruption . . . . . Is 38:17
it fall into a **p** . . . . . Matt 12:11
ox fallen into a **p** . . . . . Luke 14:5

PLACE
p whereon thou standest is holy . . . . . Ex 3:5
art my hiding **p** . . . . . Ps 32:7
our dwelling **p** . . . . . Ps 90:1
a **p** of refuge . . . . . Prov 14:26
are in every **p** . . . . . Prov 15:3
All go unto one **p** . . . . . Eccl 3:20

p of my rest . . . . . Is 66:1
give **p** unto wrath . . . . . .Rom 12:19
p to the devil . . . . . Eph 4:27
no **p** of repentance . . . . . Heb 12:17
no **p** for them . . . . . .Rev 20:11
See Ps 16:6; Is 40:4; Eph 1:3

PLEASE
shalt thou be **p** . . . . . .Ps 51:19
Whatsoever the Lord **p** . . . . . .Ps 135:6
When a man's ways **p** . . . . . .Prov 16:7
p themselves . . . . . Is 2:6
Yet it **p** the Lord . . . . . Is 53:10
that which I **p** . . . . . Is 55:11
Lord be **p** . . . . . Mic 6:7
will he be **p** with thee. . . . . Mal 1:8
things that **p** him . . . . . .John 8:29
cannot **p** God . . . . . .Rom 8:8
to **p** ourselves . . . . . .Rom 15:1
it **p** God . . . . . .1 Cor 1:21
Even as I **p** all men . . . . . .1 Cor 10:33
I seek to **p** men . . . . . .Gal 1:10
impossible to **p** him . . . . . Heb 11:6
See 1 Cor 7:32; 1 Thess 2:4

PLEASURE
For what **p** hath he . . . . . .Job 21:21
p to the Almighty . . . . . .Job 22:3
hand there are **p** . . . . . .Ps 16:11
Do good in thy good **p**. . . . . .Ps 51:18
that do his **p** . . . . . .Ps 103:21
Lord taketh **p**. . . . . .Ps 147:11
that loveth **p** . . . . . .Prov 21:17
no **p** in fools . . . . . Eccl 5:4
no **p** in them . . . . . Eccl 12:1
perform all my **p**. . . . . Is 44:28
p of the Lord . . . . . Is 53:10
p on my holy day . . . . . Is 58:13
wherein is no **p** . . . . . Jer 22:28
Have I any **p** . . . . . .Ezek 18:23
no **p** in the death . . . . . .Ezek 33:11
I have no **p** in you. . . . . Mal 1:10
p of this life . . . . . .Luke 8:14
your Father's good **p**. . . . . .Luke 12:32
p in infirmities . . . . . .2 Cor 12:10
p of his will . . . . . Eph 1:5
of his good **p** . . . . . Phil 2:13
in **p** is dead . . . . . .1 Tim 5:6
lovers of **p** . . . . . .2 Tim 3:4
no **p** in him . . . . . Heb 10:38
enjoy the **p** of sin . . . . . Heb 11:25
after their own **p** . . . . . Heb 12:10
Ye have lived in **p** . . . . . .James 5:5
and for thy **p** . . . . . .Rev 4:11
See Eccl 2:1; Titus 3:3

PLOW
sluggard will not **p** . . . . . .Prov 20:4
p of the wicked . . . . . .Prov 21:4
swords into **p**. . . . . Is 2:4
Beat your **p** . . . . . .Joel 3:10
p shall overtake. . . . . .Amos 9:13
See Deut 22:10; 1 Cor 9:10

POOR
p shall never cease . . . . . .Deut 15:11
p of the earth. . . . . Job 24:4
a father to the **p**. . . . . Job 29:16
p committeth himself. . . . . Ps 10:14
This **p** man cried. . . . . Ps 34:6
I am **p** and needy . . . . . Ps 40:17
rich and **p**. . . . . Ps 49:2
am **p** and sorrowful . . . . . Ps 69:29
I am **p** and needy . . . . . Ps 70:5
He becometh **p** . . . . . .Prov 10:4
the tillage of the **p**. . . . . .Prov 13:23
The **p** useth . . . . . .Prov 18:23
The rich and **p** meet. . . . . .Prov 22:2
or lest I be **p**. . . . . .Prov 30:9
p and needy seek. . . . . Is 41:17
and the **p** . . . . . .Amos 2:6
O **p** of the flock. . . . . .Zech 11:7
the **p** in spirit. . . . . .Matt 5:3
as **p,** yet making . . . . . .2 Cor 6:10
he became **p**. . . . . .2 Cor 8:9
See James 2:2; Rev 3:17

POSSESS
shall **p** the gate of his enemies . . . . . Gen 22:17
let thy seed **p** . . . . . Gen 24:60
Lord **p** me . . . . . .Prov 8:22
all that I **p** . . . . . .Luke 18:12
p ye your souls . . . . . .Luke 21:19
See Luke 12:15; 2 Cor 6:10

POSSESSION
Canaan, for an everlasting **p** . . . . . Gen 17:8
sold their **p** . . . . . Acts 2:45
purchased **p** . . . . . Eph 1:14
See Lev 25:10; 1 Kin 21:15

POSSIBLE
with God all things are **p**. . . . . .Matt 19:26
if it were **p** . . . . . .Matt 24:24
things are **p** . . . . . Mark 9:23
if it were **p** . . . . . Mark 13:22
are **p** unto thee . . . . . Mark 14:36
are **p** with God . . . . . .Luke 18:27
See Acts 2:24; 20:16; Heb 10:4

POUR
Hast thou not **p** me out as milk . . . . . .Job 10:10
grace is **p** . . . . . .Ps 45:2
p out your heart . . . . . .Ps 62:8
p out my spirit. . . . . .Prov 1:23
spirit be **p** upon us . . . . . Is 32:15
p out his soul. . . . . Is 53:12
p out thine heart. . . . . Lam 2:19
p out my spirit. . . . . .Joel 2:28
his fury is **p** out. . . . . Nah 1:6
I will **p** upon . . . . . Zech 12:10
p you out a blessing . . . . . Mal 3:10
p it on his head . . . . . .Matt 26:7
p out the. . . . . .John 2:15
p out of my Spirit . . . . . Acts 2:17
p out in those days . . . . . Acts 2:18
p out the gift . . . . . .Acts 10:45
See 2 Sam 23:16; Rev 14:10; 16:1

POWER
pride of your **p** . . . . . Lev 26:19
God hath **p** . . . . . 2 Chr 25:8
p of the grave. . . . . Ps 49:15
p of thine hand . . . . . Prov 3:27
p of the tongue . . . . . Prov 18:21
hath given him **p**. . . . . Eccl 5:9
there is **p** . . . . . Eccl 8:4
p to the faint . . . . . Is 40:29
had **p** with God. . . . . Hos 12:3
I am full of **p** . . . . . Mic 3:8
hiding of his **p**. . . . . Hab 3:4
nor by **p** . . . . . Zech 4:6
kingdom, and the **p** . . . . . Matt 6:13
p on earth . . . . . Matt 9:6
of heaven with **p** . . . . . Matt 24:30
All **p** is given . . . . . Matt 28:18
p of the Highest . . . . . Luke 1:35
p will I give thee . . . . . Luke 4:6
p of the Spirit . . . . . Luke 4:14
hath killed hath **p** . . . . . Luke 12:5
a cloud with **p** . . . . . Luke 21:27
p of darkness . . . . . Luke 22:53
p from on high . . . . . Luke 24:49
p to become. . . . . John 1:12
p to lay it down. . . . . John 10:18
p over all flesh. . . . . John 17:2
p to crucify thee . . . . . John 19:10
ye shall receive **p**. . . . . Acts 1:8
by our own **p** . . . . . Acts 3:12
Give me also this **p**. . . . . Acts 8:19
the **p** of Satan . . . . . Acts 26:18
even his eternal **p** . . . . . Rom 1:20
raised in **p** . . . . . 1 Cor 15:43
p of the air . . . . . Eph 2:2
working of his **p** . . . . . Eph 3:7
the **p** of his. . . . . Phil 3:10
glory of his **p** . . . . . 2 Thess 1:9
of **p,** and of love . . . . . 2 Tim 1:7
denying the **p** thereof. . . . . 2 Tim 3:5
the **p** of death . . . . . Heb 2:14
the **p** of the world . . . . . Heb 6:5
p of an endless life . . . . . Heb 7:16
will I give **p** . . . . . Rev 2:26
honour and **p**. . . . . Rev 4:11
See Luke 22:69; Rom 1:16

POWERFUL
The voice of the Lord is **p** . . . . . Ps 29:4
is quick, and **p**. . . . . Heb 4:12

PRAISE (*n.*)
fearful in **p,** doing wonders. . . . . Ex 15:11
He is thy **p** . . . . . Deut 10:21
p to the Lord God. . . . . Judg 5:3
blessing and **p** . . . . . Neh 9:5
p to thy name . . . . . Ps 9:2
the **p** of Israel . . . . . Ps 22:3
My **p** shall be. . . . . Ps 22:25
for **p** is comely. . . . . Ps 33:1
p glorifieth me . . . . . Ps 50:23
sing and give **p** . . . . . Ps 57:7
I sing **p** unto . . . . . Ps 61:8
his **p** glorious. . . . . Ps 66:2
I will sing **p** . . . . . Ps 104:33
p of all his saints. . . . . Ps 148:14
a man to his **p** . . . . . Prov 27:21
thy gates **P** . . . . . Is 60:18
garment of **p** . . . . . Is 61:3
full of his **p** . . . . . Hab 3:3
p among all people. . . . . Zeph 3:20
Give God the **p** . . . . . John 9:24
p of men. . . . . John 12:43
p is not of men . . . . . Rom 2:29
p of the same. . . . . Rom 13:3
have **p** of God . . . . . 1 Cor 4:5
whose **p** is . . . . . 2 Cor 8:18
p of the glory. . . . . Eph 1:6
if there be any **p** . . . . . Phil 4:8
sacrifice of **p** . . . . . Heb 13:15
for the **p** of them. . . . . 1 Pet 2:14
whom be **p**. . . . . 1 Pet 4:11
See 2 Chr 29:30; 1 Pet 2:9

PRAISE (*v.*)
Shall the dust **p** thee. . . . . Ps 30:9
shall yet **p** him. . . . . Ps 42:5
people **p** thee. . . . . Ps 45:17
my lips shall **p** thee. . . . . Ps 63:3
p thee, O God . . . . . Ps 67:3
will yet **p** thee more . . . . . Ps 71:14
daily shall he be **p**. . . . . Ps 72:15
dead **p** not the Lord . . . . . Ps 115:17
p thy works . . . . . Ps 145:4
another man **p** thee . . . . . Prov 27:2
her own works **p** her . . . . . Prov 31:31
he shall **p** thee . . . . . Is 38:19
See Luke 2:13; Acts 2:47; 3:8

PRAY
he shall **p** for thee. . . . . Gen 20:7
I will **p** for you . . . . . 1 Sam 7:5
ceasing to **p** for you . . . . . 1 Sam 12:23
and **p,** and seek. . . . . 2 Chr 7:14
p for the life. . . . . Ezra 6:10
we **p** unto him. . . . . Job 21:15
unto thee will I **p** . . . . . Ps 5:2
at noon will I **p** . . . . . Ps 55:17
P for the peace . . . . . Ps 122:6
p unto a god . . . . . Is 45:20
p not thou for . . . . . Jer 7:16
P now unto the Lord . . . . . Jer 37:3
p for us. . . . . Jer 42:2
p before the Lord . . . . . Zech 7:2
p for them . . . . . Matt 5:44
to **p** standing . . . . . Matt 6:5
therefore **p** ye . . . . . Matt 6:9
mountain apart to **p** . . . . . Matt 14:23
go and **p** yonder . . . . . Matt 26:36
when ye stand **p** . . . . . Mark 11:25
while I stand **p** . . . . . Mark 14:32
teach us to **p** . . . . . Luke 11:1
men ought always to **p**. . . . . Luke 18:1
will **p** the Father . . . . . John 14:16
p the Father for you . . . . . John 16:26
I **p** for them . . . . . John 17:9
Neither **p** I . . . . . John 17:20
Saul ... he **p**. . . . . Acts 9:11

we should **p** . . . . . Rom 8:26
p with the spirit. . . . . 1 Cor 14:15
P always . . . . . Eph 6:18
P without ceasing . . . . . 1 Thess 5:17
p everywhere. . . . . 1 Tim 2:8
let him **p**. . . . . James 5:13
p one for another . . . . . James 5:16
shall **p** for it . . . . . 1 John 5:16
See Luke 9:29; 1 Thess 5:25

PRAYER
unto the **p** that is made . . . . . 2 Chr 7:15
and restrainest **p** . . . . . Job 15:4
my **p** is pure. . . . . Job 16:17
hear my **p**. . . . . Ps 4:1
will I direct my **p** . . . . . Ps 5:3
Lord will receive my **p** . . . . . Ps 6:9
give ear unto my **p** . . . . . Ps 17:1
p returned . . . . . Ps 35:13
Hear my **p,** O Lord. . . . . Ps 39:12
O thou that hearest **p** . . . . . Ps 65:2
voice of my **p**. . . . . Ps 66:19
p also shall. . . . . Ps 72:15
give myself unto **p** . . . . . Ps 109:4
p of the upright. . . . . Prov 15:8
when ye make many **p** . . . . . Is 1:15
a house of **p** . . . . . Is 56:7
shutteth out my **p** . . . . . Lam 3:8
the house of **p** . . . . . Matt 21:13
shall ask in **p** . . . . . Matt 21:22
make long **p**. . . . . Matt 23:14
the house of **p** . . . . . Mark 11:17
night in **p** to God . . . . . Luke 6:12
the house of **p** . . . . . Luke 19:46
for a shew make long **p** . . . . . Luke 20:47
the hour of **p** . . . . . Acts 3:1
continually to **p**. . . . . Acts 6:4
but **p** was made. . . . . Acts 12:5
where **p** was wont. . . . . Acts 16:13
p and supplication . . . . . Phil 4:6
the **p** of faith . . . . . James 5:15
p of a righteous man . . . . . James 5:16
watch unto **p** . . . . . 1 Pet 4:7
the **p** of saints . . . . . Rev 5:8
offer it with the **p** . . . . . Rev 8:3
See Ps 72:20; Col 4:2

PREACH
prophets to **p** of thee at Jerusalem . . . . . Neh 6:7
p good tidings. . . . . Is 61:1
p unto it . . . . . Jon 3:2
Jesus began to **p** . . . . . Matt 4:17
as ye go, **p** . . . . . Matt 10:7
to teach and to **p**. . . . . Matt 11:1
gospel **p** to them . . . . . Matt 11:5
and he **p** the word. . . . . Mark 2:2
and **p** everywhere . . . . . Mark 16:20
p the kingdom of God . . . . . Luke 9:60
p Christ unto them. . . . . Acts 8:5
Israel, **p** peace . . . . . Acts 10:36
p unto you . . . . . Acts 13:38
p unto them Jesus. . . . . Acts 17:18
that **p** a man . . . . . Rom 2:21
shall they **p** . . . . . Rom 10:15
p of the cross. . . . . 1 Cor 1:18
of **p** to save. . . . . 1 Cor 1:21
p Christ crucified . . . . . 1 Cor 1:23
have **p** to others. . . . . 1 Cor 9:27
so we **p** . . . . . 1 Cor 15:11
is our **p** vain. . . . . 1 Cor 15:14
For we **p** not . . . . . 2 Cor 4:5
p Christ . . . . . Phil 1:15
P the word . . . . . 2 Tim 4:2
the gospel **p** . . . . . Heb 4:2
p unto the spirits. . . . . 1 Pet 3:19
See 2 Cor 11:4; Eph 2:17

PRECIOUS
for the **p** things of heaven . . . . . Deut 33:13
for the **p** things . . . . . Deut 33:15
be **p** in thy sight . . . . . 2 Kin 1:13
p as gold. . . . . Ezra 8:27
their soul is **p**. . . . . Ps 49:8
p shall their blood be . . . . . Ps 72:14
P in the sight . . . . . Ps 116:15
more **p** than rubies . . . . . Prov 3:15
than **p** ointment . . . . . Eccl 7:1
p than fine gold. . . . . Is 13:12
a **p** corner stone . . . . . Is 28:16
p in my sight . . . . . Is 43:4
take forth the **p** . . . . . Jer 15:19
The **p** sons of Zion . . . . . Lam 4:2
more **p** than. . . . . 1 Pet 1:7
p blood of Christ . . . . . 1 Pet 1:19
elect, **p** . . . . . 1 Pet 2:6
like **p** faith . . . . . 2 Pet 1:1
and **p** promises . . . . . 2 Pet 1:4
See Matt 26:7; Mark 14:3

PREDESTINATE
also did **p** to be conformed . . . . . Rom 8:29
whom he did **p** . . . . . Rom 8:30
Having **p** us . . . . . Eph 1:5

PRESENCE
Cain went out from the **p** . . . . . Gen 4:16
we die in thy **p**. . . . . Gen 47:15
If thy **p** go not . . . . . Ex 33:15
troubled at his **p** . . . . . Job 23:15
in thy **p**. . . . . Ps 16:11
forth from thy **p** . . . . . Ps 17:2
secret of thy **p** . . . . . Ps 31:20
not away from thy **p** . . . . . Ps 51:11
I flee from thy **p** . . . . . Ps 139:7
p of a foolish man. . . . . Prov 14:7
his **p** saved them . . . . . Is 63:9
you out of my **p**. . . . . Jer 23:39
out from his **p** . . . . . Jer 52:3
the **p** of the Lord. . . . . Jon 1:3
p of the Lord God. . . . . Zeph 1:7
See Gen 16:12; Luke 15:10

PRESENT
a very **p** help . . . . . Ps 46:1
yet **p** with you . . . . . John 14:25
are we all here **p** . . . . . Acts 10:33
for to will is **p** . . . . . Rom 7:18
of this **p** time. . . . . Rom 8:18
ye **p** your bodies . . . . . Rom 12:1

for the **p** distress . . . . . 1 Cor 7:26
be **p** with the Lord . . . . . 2 Cor 5:8
p evil world . . . . . Gal 1:4
may **p** every man . . . . . Col 1:28
this **p** world . . . . . 2 Tim 4:10
p you faultless . . . . . Jude 24
See Ps 72:10; Matt 2:11

PRESERVE
God face to face, and my life is **p** . . . . . Gen 32:30
to **p** life . . . . . Gen 45:5
when God **p** me . . . . . Job 29:2
thou **p** man and beast . . . . . Ps 36:6
p thee from all evil . . . . . Ps 121:7
Lord shall **p** . . . . . Ps 121:8
p the way . . . . . Prov 2:8
Discretion shall **p** . . . . . Prov 2:11
Mercy and truth **p** . . . . . Prov 20:28
p them alive . . . . . Jer 49:11
life shall **p** it . . . . . Luke 17:33
See Hos 12:13; Jude 1

PREVAIL
one **p** against him . . . . . Eccl 4:12
gates ... shall not **p** . . . . . Matt 16:18
the word of God, and **p** . . . . . Acts 19:20
See Job 14:20; John 12:19

PRICE
the **p** of his redemption . . . . . Lev 25:52
of thee at a **p** . . . . . 2 Sam 24:24
for the full **p** . . . . . 1 Chr 21:22
part of the **p** . . . . . Acts 5:2
bought with a **p** . . . . . 1 Cor 6:20
of great **p** . . . . . 1 Pet 3:4
See Deut 23:18; Zech 11:12

PRIDE
thy presence from the **p** of man . . . . . Ps 31:20
p, and arrogancy . . . . . Prov 8:13
a rod of **p** . . . . . Prov 14:3
Woe to the crown of **p** . . . . . Is 28:1
p of thine heart . . . . . Jer 49:16
See Mark 7:22; 1 John 2:16

PRIEST
p of the most high God . . . . . Gen 14:18
kingdom of **p** . . . . . Ex 19:6
a faithful **p** . . . . . 1 Sam 2:35
so with the **p** . . . . . Is 24:2
the **p** and the prophet . . . . . Is 28:7
P of the Lord . . . . . Is 61:6
and the **p** . . . . . Jer 13:13
p unto God . . . . . Rev 1:6
kings and **p** . . . . . Rev 5:10
be **p** of God . . . . . Rev 20:6
See Heb 2:17; 3:1; 4:15; 7:26

PRIESTHOOD
shall surely be an everlasting **p** . . . . . Ex 40:15
seek ye the **p** . . . . . Num 16:10
an everlasting **p** . . . . . Num 25:13
an unchangeable **p** . . . . . Heb 7:24
and holy **p** . . . . . 1 Pet 2:5
a royal **p** . . . . . 1 Pet 2:9
See Josh 18:7; Neh 13:29

PRINCE
confidence in **p** . . . . . Ps 118:9
p decree justice . . . . . Prov 8:15
p of the devils . . . . . Matt 9:34
p of this world . . . . . John 12:31
p of this world . . . . . John 16:11
the **P** of life . . . . . Acts 3:15
a **P** and a Saviour . . . . . Acts 5:31
p of this world . . . . . 1 Cor 2:6
p of the power . . . . . Eph 2:2
See Is 3:4; Hos 7:5; Matt 20:25

PRINCIPALITY
but against **p,** against powers . . . . . Eph 6:12
to **p** and powers . . . . . Titus 3:1
See Rom 8:38; Eph 1:21; 3:10

PRISON
my soul out of **p** . . . . . Ps 142:7
out of **p** . . . . . Eccl 4:14
He was taken from **p** . . . . . Is 53:8
opening of the **p** . . . . . Is 61:1
I was in **p** . . . . . Matt 25:36
spirits in **p** . . . . . 1 Pet 3:19
See Jer 32:2; 39:14; Luke 3:20

PRISONER
p of Jesus Christ . . . . . Eph 3:1

PROCLAIM
I will **p** the name of the Lord . . . . . Ex 33:19
p liberty . . . . . Lev 25:10
p the acceptable year . . . . . Is 61:2
in **p** liberty . . . . . Jer 34:15
shall be **p** . . . . . Luke 12:3
See Deut 20:10; Joel 3:9

PROFANE
shalt thou **p** the name of thy God . . . . . Lev 18:21
p not my holy name . . . . . Lev 22:2
priest are **p** . . . . . Jer 23:11
the holy and **p** . . . . . Ezek 22:26
p the sabbath . . . . . Matt 12:5
to **p** the temple . . . . . Acts 24:6
for unholy and **p** . . . . . 1 Tim 1:9
avoiding **p** and vain . . . . . 1 Tim 6:20
But shun **p** . . . . . 2 Tim 2:16
or **p** persons . . . . . Heb 12:16
See Ps 89:39; Mal 1:12; 2:10

PROFIT (*n.*)
What **p** hath a man . . . . . Eccl 1:3
no **p** under the sun . . . . . Eccl 2:11
and what **p** hath he . . . . . Eccl 5:16
is **p** to them . . . . . Eccl 7:11
See Esth 3:8; 1 Tim 4:15

PROFIT (*v.*)
It **p** a man . . . . . Job 34:9
p nothing . . . . . Prov 10:2
shall not **p** them . . . . . Is 30:6
which doth not **p** . . . . . Jer 2:11
they shall not **p** . . . . . Jer 23:32
what is a man **p** . . . . . Matt 16:26
shall it **p** a man . . . . . Mark 8:36
shall **p** you nothing . . . . . Gal 5:2

exercise **p** little . . . . . 1 Tim 4:8
See Rom 2:25; 1 Cor 13:3

PROFITABLE
Can a man be **p** unto God . . . . . Job 22:2
godliness is **p** . . . . . 1 Tim 4:8
is **p** for doctrine . . . . . 2 Tim 3:16
See 2 Tim 4:11; Philem 11

PROMISE (*n.*)
doth his **p** fail . . . . . Ps 77:8
the **p** of my Father . . . . . Luke 24:49
wait for the **p** . . . . . Acts 1:4
the **p** is unto you . . . . . Acts 2:39
the hope of the **p** . . . . . Acts 26:6
p made of none effect . . . . . Rom 4:14
at the **p** of God . . . . . Rom 4:20
and the **p** . . . . . Rom 9:4
children of the **p** . . . . . Rom 9:8
all the **p** of God . . . . . 2 Cor 1:20
against the **p** of God . . . . . Gal 3:21
are the children of **p** . . . . . Gal 4:28
p of the life . . . . . 1 Tim 4:8
the **p** of life . . . . . 2 Tim 1:1
inherit the **p** . . . . . Heb 6:12
the **p** of eternal . . . . . Heb 9:15
might receive the **p** . . . . . Heb 10:36
received the **p** . . . . . Heb 11:13
and precious **p** . . . . . 2 Pet 1:4
p of his coming . . . . . 2 Pet 3:4
concerning his **p** . . . . . 2 Pet 3:9
See Eph 1:13; Heb 4:1; 11:9

PROMISE (*v.*)
according as he hath **p** . . . . . Ex 12:25
the Lord hath **p** . . . . . Num 14:40
as he hath **p** you . . . . . Deut 1:11
as he **p** thee . . . . . Deut 15:6
your God **p** you . . . . . Josh 23:15
as he **p** him . . . . . 2 Kin 8:19
what he had **p** . . . . . Rom 4:21
he is faithful that **p** . . . . . Heb 10:23
faithful who had **p** . . . . . Heb 11:11
that he hath **p** us . . . . . 1 John 2:25
See 1 Kin 8:24, 25; Ezek 13:22

PROOF
his passion by many infallible **p** . . . . . Acts 1:3
the **p** of you . . . . . 2 Cor 2:9
p of your love . . . . . 2 Cor 8:24
a **p** of Christ . . . . . 2 Cor 13:3
know the **p** of him . . . . . Phil 2:22
make full **p** . . . . . 2 Tim 4:5

PROPHECY
whether there be **p** . . . . . 1 Cor 13:8
more sure word of **p** . . . . . 2 Pet 1:19
the **p** came not . . . . . 2 Pet 1:21
words of this **p** . . . . . Rev 1:3
sayings of the **p** . . . . . Rev 22:7
See Neh 6:12; 1 Tim 4:14

PROPHESY
spirit rested upon them, they **p** . . . . . Num 11:25
P not unto us . . . . . Is 30:10
prophets **p** falsely . . . . . Jer 5:31
which **p** of peace . . . . . Jer 28:9
P unto the wind . . . . . Ezek 37:9
daughters shall **p** . . . . . Joel 2:28
who can but **p** . . . . . Amos 3:8
p not again . . . . . Amos 7:13
I will **p** unto thee . . . . . Mic 2:11
P unto us . . . . . Matt 26:68
unto him, **P** . . . . . Mark 14:65
P, who is it . . . . . Luke 22:64
let us **p** according . . . . . Rom 12:6
we **p** in part . . . . . 1 Cor 13:9
covet to **p** . . . . . 1 Cor 14:39
Despise not **p** . . . . . 1 Thess 5:20
See Amos 2:12; 1 Cor 11:5

PROPHET
people were **p** . . . . . Num 11:29
a **p** among you . . . . . Num 12:6
arise among you a **p** . . . . . Deut 13:1
unto thee a **P** . . . . . Deut 18:15
arose not a **p** . . . . . Deut 34:10
also among the **p** . . . . . 1 Sam 10:12
a **p** in Israel . . . . . 2 Kin 5:8
believe his **p** . . . . . 2 Chr 20:20
no more any **p** . . . . . Ps 74:9
maketh himself a **p** . . . . . Jer 29:26
the **p** is a fool . . . . . Hos 9:7
I was no **p** . . . . . Amos 7:14
Beware of false **p** . . . . . Matt 7:15
in the name of a **p** . . . . . Matt 10:41
A **p** is not without . . . . . Matt 13:57
the tombs of the **p** . . . . . Matt 23:29
p of the Highest . . . . . Luke 1:76
No **p** is accepted . . . . . Luke 4:24
great **p** is risen up . . . . . Luke 7:16
a greater **p** than John . . . . . Luke 7:28
that a **p** perish . . . . . Luke 13:33
p mighty in deed . . . . . Luke 24:19
thou art a **p** . . . . . John 4:19
a **p** hath no honour . . . . . John 4:44
this is the **P** . . . . . John 7:40
ariseth no **p** . . . . . John 7:52
are all **p** . . . . . 1 Cor 12:29
himself to be a **p** . . . . . 1 Cor 14:37
the apostles and **p** . . . . . Eph 2:20
and some, **p** . . . . . Eph 4:11
thy brethren the **p** . . . . . Rev 22:9
See 1 Kin 20:35; Neh 6:14

PROPITIATION
a **p** through faith in his blood . . . . . Rom 3:25
p for our sins . . . . . 1 John 2:2

PROSPER
it shall not **p** . . . . . Num 14:41
not **p** in thy ways . . . . . Deut 28:29
God made him to **p** . . . . . 2 Chr 26:5
he will **p** us . . . . . Neh 2:20
he doeth shall **p** . . . . . Ps 1:3
who **p** in his way . . . . . Ps 37:7
who **p** in the world . . . . . Ps 73:12
they shall **p** . . . . . Ps 122:6
shall not **p** . . . . . Prov 28:13
whether shall **p** . . . . . Eccl 11:6

of the Lord shall **p** ..... Is 53:10
thee shall **p**..... Is 54:17
shalt not **p** in them..... Jer 2:37
way of the wicked **p** ..... Jer 12:1
man that shall not **p**..... Jer 22:30
Shall it **p**.....Ezek 17:9
as God hath **p** him .....1 Cor 16:2
as thy soul **p**.....3 John 2
See Prov 17:8; Dan 6:28; 8:12

PROUD
here shall thy **p** waves be stayed.....Job 38:11
one that is **p**.....Job 40:11
the **p** doer .....Ps 31:23
respecteth not the **p** .....Ps 40:4
a reward to the **p**.....Ps 94:2
look and a **p** heart.....Ps 101:5
contempt of the **p** .....Ps 123:4
the **p** he knoweth .....Ps 138:6
A **p** look.....Prov 6:17
the house of the **p**.....Prov 15:25
is **p** in heart .....Prov 16:5
and a **p** heart .....Prov 21:4
the **p** in spirit..... Eccl 7:8
he is a **p** man..... Hab 2:5
call the **p** happy..... Mal 3:15
the **p** in.....Luke 1:51
He is **p** .....1 Tim 6:4
God resisteth the **p**.....James 4:6
See Job 9:13; 26:12; 2 Tim 3:2

PROVE
ordinance, and there he **p** them .....Ex 15:25
let me **p** .....Judg 6:39
he had not **p** it..... 1 Sam 17:39
came to **p** him..... 1 Kin 10:1
to **p** Solomon.....2 Chr 9:1
hast **p** mine heart .....Ps 17:3
p me, and saw .....Ps 95:9
p me now herewith..... Mal 3:10
p your own selves .....2 Cor 13:5
P all things..... 1 Thess 5:21
tempted me, **p** me..... Heb 3:9
See Eccl 2:1; 7:23; Dan 1:14

PUNISH
hast **p** us less than our iniquities .....Ezra 9:13
p the just .....Prov 17:26
I will **p** the world ..... Is 13:11
p the inhabitants..... Is 26:21
shall **p** thee..... Jer 13:21
I **p** them oft .....Acts 26:11
p ... everlasting..... 2 Thess 1:9
judgment to be **p**.....2 Pet 2:9
See Lev 26:18; Prov 21:11

PUNISHMENT
My **p** is greater than I can bear..... Gen 4:13
accept of the **p**.....Lev 26:41
no **p** happen..... 1 Sam 28:10
p of his sins .....Lam 3:39
p of the iniquity .....Lam 4:6
p of thine iniquity.....Lam 4:22
shall bear the **p** .....Ezek 14:10
into everlasting **p** .....Matt 25:46
Of how much sorer **p**..... Heb 10:29
p of evildoers.....1 Pet 2:14
See Prov 19:19; Amos 1:3; 2:1

PURCHASE
have I **p** to be my wife .....Ruth 4:10
hast **p** of old.....Ps 74:2
man **p** a field ..... Acts 1:18
be **p** with money..... Acts 8:20
p with his own blood ..... Acts 20:28
of the **p** possession ..... Eph 1:4
p to themselves .....1 Tim 3:13
See Gen 49:32; Ex 15:16; Lev 25:33; Jer 32:11

PURE
drink the **p** blood of the grape .....Deut 32:14
shew thyself **p** ..... 2 Sam 22:27
a man be more **p**..... Job 4:17
If thou wert **p** ..... Job 8:6
My doctrine is **p** ..... Job 11:4
my prayer is **p** ..... Job 16:17
the stars are not **p**..... Job 25:5
are **p** words .....Ps 12:6
of the Lord is **p** .....Ps 19:8
Thy word is very **p** .....Ps 119:140
words of the **p** .....Prov 15:26
p from my sin .....Prov 20:9
I count them **p** ..... Mic 6:11
a **p** language..... Zeph 3:9
p from the blood..... Acts 20:26
indeed are **p**.....Rom 14:20
things are **p** ..... Phil 4:8
in a **p** conscience.....1 Tim 3:9
keep thyself **p** .....1 Tim 5:22
with **p** conscience .....2 Tim 1:3
all things are **p**..... Titus 1:15
P religion .....James 1:27
is first **p** .....James 3:17
your **p** minds.....2 Pet 3:1
even as he is **p** ..... 1 John 3:3
p river of water .....Rev 22:1
See Ezra 6:20; Mal 1:11

PURIFY
p unto himself a peculiar people ..... Titus 2:14
p your hearts.....James 4:8
p your souls.....1 Pet 1:22

PURPOSE
my **p** are broken off .....Job 17:11
p is established .....Prov 20:18
hosts hath **p**..... Is 14:27
To what **p**.....Matt 26:8
with **p** of heart..... Acts 11:23
according to his **p**.....Rom 8:28
the **p** of God .....Rom 9:11
p of him ..... Eph 1:11
the eternal **p** ..... Eph 3:11
See 2 Tim 1:9; 1 John 3:8

Q

QUENCH
cannot **q** love.....Song 8:7

It shall not be **q** . . . . . Is 34:10
shall he not **q** . . . . . Is 42:3
their fire be **q** . . . . . Is 66:24
never shall be **q** . . . . . Mark 9:43
fire is not **q** . . . . . Mark 9:44
q all the . . . . . Eph 6:16
Q not the Spirit . . . . . 1 Thess 5:19
Q the violence . . . . . Heb 11:34
See Ps 104:11; Amos 5:6

QUICK
and they go down **q** into the pit . . . . . Num 16:30
down **q** into hell . . . . . Ps 55:15
Judge of **q** . . . . . Acts 10:42
shall judge the **q** . . . . . 2 Tim 4:1
word of God is **q** . . . . . Heb 4:12
See Lev 13:10, 24; Ps 124:3

QUICKEN
sore troubles, shalt **q** me again . . . . . Ps 71:20
q us . . . . . Ps 80:18
q thou me . . . . . Ps 119:25
word hath **q** me . . . . . Ps 119:50
q your mortal . . . . . Rom 8:11
sowest is not **q** . . . . . 1 Cor 15:36
you hath he **q** . . . . . Eph 2:1
hath **q** us together . . . . . Eph 2:5
hath he **q** . . . . . Col 2:13
q by the Spirit . . . . . 1 Pet 3:18
See John 5:21; 1 Tim 6:13

QUICKLY
thine adversary **q** . . . . . Matt 5:25
come unto thee **q** . . . . . Rev 2:5
Behold, I come **q** . . . . . Rev 3:11
Surely I come **q** . . . . . Rev 22:20
See Gen 18:6; 27:20; Luke 16:6

QUIET
be **q** from fear . . . . . Prov 1:33
study to be **q** . . . . . 1 Thess 4:11
may lead a **q** . . . . . 1 Tim 2:2
and **q** spirit . . . . . 1 Pet 3:4
See 2 Kin 11:20; Job 3:13; 21:23

R

RACE
as a strong man to run a **r** . . . . . Ps 19:5
the **r** is not . . . . . Eccl 9:11
which run in a **r** . . . . . 1 Cor 9:24
r that is set . . . . . Heb 12:1

RAGE
do the heathen **r** . . . . . Ps 2:1
but the fool **r** . . . . . Prov 14:16
See Prov 6:34; 29:9; Dan 3:13

RAIN (*n.*)
I will give you **r** in due season . . . . . Lev 26:4
the **r** of heaven . . . . . Deut 11:11
shall drop as the **r** . . . . . Deut 32:2
shining after **r** . . . . . 2 Sam 23:4
abundance of **r** . . . . . 1 Kin 18:41
a time of much **r** . . . . . Ezra 10:13
Who giveth **r** . . . . . Job 5:10
to the great **r** . . . . . Job 37:6
Hath the **r** a father . . . . . Job 38:28
come down like **r** . . . . . Ps 72:6
wind without **r** . . . . . Prov 25:14
wind driveth away **r** . . . . . Prov 25:23
as **r** in harvest . . . . . Prov 26:1
sweeping **r** . . . . . Prov 28:3
clouds be full of **r** . . . . . Eccl 11:3
return after the **r** . . . . . Eccl 12:2
the **r** is over . . . . . Song 2:11
from storm and from **r** . . . . . Is 4:6
the **r** cometh down . . . . . Is 55:10
unto us as the **r** . . . . . Hos 6:3
latter and former **r** . . . . . Hos 6:3
r on the just . . . . . Matt 5:45
the **r** descended . . . . . Matt 7:25
See Acts 14:17; 28:2; Heb 6:7

RAIN (*v.*)
will **r** bread from heaven for you . . . . . Ex 16:4
r it upon him . . . . . Job 20:23
he shall **r** snares . . . . . Ps 11:6
r down manna . . . . . Ps 78:24
He **r** flesh . . . . . Ps 78:27
r upon . . . . . Ezek 22:24
r righteousness . . . . . Hos 10:12
See Gen 2:5; 7:4; Amos 4:7

RAISE
r up unto thee a Prophet . . . . . Deut 18:15
Lord **r** up judges . . . . . Judg 2:16
r up all those . . . . . Ps 145:14
I have **r** him up . . . . . Is 45:13
he will **r** us up . . . . . Hos 6:2
r the dead . . . . . Matt 10:8
the dead are **r** . . . . . Matt 11:5
be **r** again . . . . . Matt 16:21
I will **r** it up . . . . . John 2:19
r it up again . . . . . John 6:39
whom God hath **r** up . . . . . Acts 2:24
r from the dead . . . . . Acts 3:15
r from the dead . . . . . Acts 4:10
r up Jesus . . . . . Acts 5:30
r up the third day . . . . . Acts 10:40
But God **r** him . . . . . Acts 13:30
that he hath **r** him . . . . . Acts 17:31
God should **r** the dead . . . . . Acts 26:8
was **r** again . . . . . Rom 4:25
r up Jesus . . . . . Rom 8:11
whom he **r** not up . . . . . 1 Cor 15:15
is not Christ **r** . . . . . 1 Cor 15:16
How are the dead **r** up . . . . . 1 Cor 15:35
is **r** in glory . . . . . 1 Cor 15:43
which **r** the dead . . . . . 2 Cor 1:9
that he which **r** up . . . . . 2 Cor 4:14
Father, who **r** him . . . . . Gal 1:1
when he **r** him . . . . . Eph 1:20
hath **r** us up together . . . . . Eph 2:6
able to **r** him up . . . . . Heb 11:19
r to life again . . . . . Heb 11:35
shall **r** him up . . . . . James 5:15
See Luke 20:37; 2 Tim 2:8

RANSOM
the **r** of his life . . . . . Ex 21:30
a **r** for his soul . . . . . Ex 30:12
I have found a **r** . . . . . Job 33:24
then a great **r** . . . . . Job 36:18
nor give to God a **r** . . . . . Ps 49:7
r of a man's life . . . . . Prov 13:8
the **r** of the Lord . . . . . Is 35:10
Egypt for thy **r** . . . . . Is 43:3
I will **r** them . . . . . Hos 13:14
give his life a **r** . . . . . Matt 20:28
See Prov 6:35; Is 51:10

REAP
neither **r** that which groweth . . . . . Lev 25:11
shall **r** in joy . . . . . Ps 126:5
clouds shall not **r** . . . . . Eccl 11:4
but shall **r** thorns . . . . . Jer 12:13
r the whirlwind . . . . . Hos 8:7
r in mercy . . . . . Hos 10:12
thou shalt not **r** . . . . . Mic 6:15
neither do they **r** . . . . . Matt 6:26
r where I sowed not . . . . . Matt 25:26
neither sow nor **r** . . . . . Luke 12:24
and **r** that thou . . . . . Luke 19:21
to **r** that whereon . . . . . John 4:48
r your carnal things . . . . . 1 Cor 9:11
r also sparingly . . . . . 2 Cor 9:6
that shall he also **r** . . . . . Gal 6:7
r down your fields . . . . . James 5:4
See Is 17:5; John 4:36, 37

REASON
choose out my words to **r** . . . . . Job 9:14
desire to **r** with God . . . . . Job 13:3
Should he **r** with . . . . . Job 15:3
let us **r** together . . . . . Is 1:18
r among themselves . . . . . Matt 16:7
What **r** ye . . . . . Luke 5:22
communed together and **r** . . . . . Luke 24:15
r of righteousness . . . . . Acts 24:25
See 1 Sam 12:7; Mark 2:6; 12:28

REBUKE (*n.*)
a day of trouble, and of **r** . . . . . 2 Kin 19:3
When thou with **r** . . . . . Ps 39:11
perish at the **r** . . . . . Ps 80:16
At thy **r** they fled . . . . . Ps 104:7
poor heareth not **r** . . . . . Prov 13:8
Open **r** is better . . . . . Prov 27:5
r of the wise . . . . . Eccl 7:5
at the **r** of one . . . . . Is 30:17
I have suffered **r** . . . . . Jer 15:15
without **r** . . . . . Phil 2:15
See Deut 28:20; Is 25:8; 50:2

REBUKE (*v.*)
O Lord, **r** me not in thine anger . . . . . Ps 6:1
O Lord, **r** me not . . . . . Ps 38:1
r a wicked man . . . . . Prov 9:7
r a wise man . . . . . Prov 9:8
He that **r** a man . . . . . Prov 28:23
r many people . . . . . Is 2:4
r strong nations . . . . . Mic 4:3
The Lord **r** thee . . . . . Zech 3:2
r the devourer . . . . . Mal 3:11
r the winds . . . . . Matt 8:26
began to **r** him . . . . . Matt 16:22
r the wind . . . . . Mark 4:39
r the fever . . . . . Luke 4:39
thee, **r** him . . . . . Luke 17:3
r thy disciples . . . . . Luke 19:39
R not an elder . . . . . 1 Tim 5:1
Them that sin **r** . . . . . 1 Tim 5:20
r, exhort with . . . . . 2 Tim 4:2
r them sharply . . . . . Titus 1:13
exhort, and **r** . . . . . Titus 2:15
art **r** of him . . . . . Heb 12:5
See Ruth 2:16; Amos 5:10

RECEIVE
to **r** money, and to **r** garments . . . . . 2 Kin 5:26
and mine ear **r** . . . . . Job 4:12
R, I pray thee . . . . . Job 22:22
Lord will **r** my prayer . . . . . Ps 6:9
he shall **r** me . . . . . Ps 49:15
r gifts for men . . . . . Ps 68:18
r me to glory . . . . . Ps 73:24
wilt **r** my words . . . . . Prov 2:1
for she hath **r** . . . . . Is 40:2
they **r** no correction . . . . . Jer 2:30
shall **r** shame . . . . . Hos 10:6
r us graciously . . . . . Hos 14:2
blind **r** their sight . . . . . Matt 11:5
if ye will **r** it . . . . . Matt 11:14
whoso shall **r** one . . . . . Matt 18:5
let him **r** it . . . . . Matt 19:12
believing, ye shall **r** . . . . . Matt 21:22
he **r** it not . . . . . Mark 15:23
r up into heaven . . . . . Mark 16:19
This man **r** sinners . . . . . Luke 15:2
R thy sight . . . . . Luke 18:42
own **r** him not . . . . . John 1:11
as many as **r** him . . . . . John 1:12
A man can **r** nothing . . . . . John 3:27
and ye **r** me not . . . . . John 5:43
which **r** honour . . . . . John 5:44
ask, and ye shall **r** . . . . . John 16:24
R ye the Holy Ghost . . . . . John 20:22
a cloud **r** him . . . . . Acts 1:9
r my spirit . . . . . Acts 7:59
r the Holy Ghost . . . . . Acts 8:17
shall **r** remission . . . . . Acts 10:43
which I have **r** . . . . . Acts 20:24
r thy sight . . . . . Acts 22:13
r the atonement . . . . . Rom 5:11
God hath **r** him . . . . . Rom 14:3
as Christ also **r** . . . . . Rom 15:7
r his own reward . . . . . 1 Cor 3:8
I have **r** of the Lord . . . . . 1 Cor 11:23
as we have **r** mercy . . . . . 2 Cor 4:1
r the things . . . . . 2 Cor 5:10
R us . . . . . 2 Cor 7:2
R him therefore . . . . . Phil 2:29
giving and **r** . . . . . Phil 4:15
r Christ Jesus . . . . . Col 2:6
r up into glory . . . . . 1 Tim 3:16
r with thanksgiving . . . . . 1 Tim 4:4
we **r** of him . . . . . 1 John 3:22
See Ezek 3:10; James 4:3

REDEEM
Angel which **r** me from all evil . . . . . Gen 48:16
r you with . . . . . Ex 6:6
thou hast **r** . . . . . Ex 15:13
shall be sold or **r** . . . . . Lev 27:28
hath **r** my soul . . . . . 2 Sam 4:9
power to **r** them . . . . . Neh 5:5
have **r** our brethren . . . . . Neh 5:8
r thee from death . . . . . Job 5:20
R me from the hand . . . . . Job 6:23
R Israel, O God . . . . . Ps 25:22
Lord **r** the soul . . . . . Ps 34:22
and **r** us . . . . . Ps 44:26
r his brother . . . . . Ps 49:7
God will **r** my soul . . . . . Ps 49:15
r their soul . . . . . Ps 72:14
Who **r** thy life . . . . . Ps 103:4
Let the **r** . . . . . Ps 107:2
r Israel from all . . . . . Ps 130:8
be **r** with judgment . . . . . Is 1:27
r shall walk there . . . . . Is 35:9
for I have **r** thee . . . . . Is 44:22
that it cannot **r** . . . . . Is 50:2
the **r** of the Lord . . . . . Is 51:11
r without money . . . . . Is 52:3
the year of my **r** . . . . . Is 63:4
I have **r** them . . . . . Hos 7:13
I will **r** them . . . . . Hos 13:14
r his people . . . . . Luke 1:68
have **r** Israel . . . . . Luke 24:21
Christ hath **r** us . . . . . Gal 3:13
To **r** them . . . . . Gal 4:5
he might **r** us . . . . . Titus 2:14
not **r** with . . . . . 1 Pet 1:18
and hast **r** us . . . . . Rev 5:9
See Num 18:15; Col 4:5

REDEEMER
I know that my **r** liveth . . . . . Job 19:25
strength, and my **r** . . . . . Ps 19:14
high God their **r** . . . . . Ps 78:35
their **r** is mighty . . . . . Prov 23:11
As for our **r** . . . . . Is 47:4
Saviour and thy **R** . . . . . Is 49:26
R shall come to Zion . . . . . Is 59:20
our father, our **r** . . . . . Is 63:16
See Is 41:14; 44:6; Jer 50:34

REDEMPTION
ye shall grant a **r** for the land . . . . . Lev 25:24
r of their soul . . . . . Ps 49:8
r unto his people . . . . . Ps 111:9
is plenteous **r** . . . . . Ps 130:7
the right of **r** . . . . . Jer 32:7
r in Jerusalem . . . . . Luke 2:38
r draweth nigh . . . . . Luke 21:28
r of our body . . . . . Rom 8:23
unto the day of **r** . . . . . Eph 4:30
See Num 3:49; Heb 9:12

REFRESH
seventh day he rested, and was **r** . . . . . Ex 31:17
that I may be **r** . . . . . Job 32:20
he **r** the soul . . . . . Prov 25:13
the times of **r** . . . . . Acts 3:19
r my spirit . . . . . 1 Cor 16:18
See Is 28:12; 2 Cor 7:13; 13:7

REGENERATION
the **r** when the Son of man shall . . . . . Matt 19:28
the washing of **r** . . . . . Titus 3:5

REIGN
Shalt thou indeed **r** over us . . . . . Gen 37:8
Lord shall **r** for ever . . . . . Ex 15:18
shall **r** over you . . . . . Lev 26:17
r over many nations . . . . . Deut 15:6
R thou over us . . . . . Judg 9:8
Saul **r** over us . . . . . 1 Sam 11:12
a king shall **r** . . . . . 1 Sam 12:12
thou hast **r** . . . . . 2 Sam 16:8
hypocrite **r** not . . . . . Job 34:30
God **r** over the . . . . . Ps 47:8
The Lord **r** . . . . . Ps 93:1
that the Lord **r** . . . . . Ps 96:10
The Lord **r** . . . . . Ps 97:1
By me kings **r** . . . . . Prov 8:15
a servant when he **r** . . . . . Prov 30:22
he cometh to **r** . . . . . Eccl 4:14
r in righteousness . . . . . Is 32:1
Thy God **r** . . . . . Is 52:7
Shalt thou **r** . . . . . Jer 22:15
r and prosper . . . . . Jer 23:5
shall **r** over them . . . . . Mic 4:7
to **r** over us . . . . . Luke 19:14
not that I should **r** . . . . . Luke 19:27
death **r** from Adam . . . . . Rom 5:14
death **r** by one . . . . . Rom 5:17
sin hath **r** unto death . . . . . Rom 5:21
Let not sin ... **r** . . . . . Rom 6:12
to God ye did **r** . . . . . 1 Cor 4:8
For he must **r** . . . . . 1 Cor 15:25
also **r** with him . . . . . 2 Tim 2:12
r on the earth . . . . . Rev 5:10
he shall **r** for ever . . . . . Rev 11:15
God omnipotent **r** . . . . . Rev 19:6
See Luke 1:33; Rev 20:4; 22:5

REJECT
but they have **r** me . . . . . 1 Sam 8:7
r your God . . . . . 1 Sam 10:19
thou hast **r** the word . . . . . 1 Sam 15:23
r him from reigning . . . . . 1 Sam 16:1
despised and **r** of men . . . . . Is 53:3
r thy confidences . . . . . Jer 2:37
the Lord hath **r** . . . . . Jer 7:29
have **r** the word . . . . . Jer 8:9
utterly **r** Judah . . . . . Jer 14:19
hast utterly **r** us . . . . . Lam 5:22
hast **r** knowledge . . . . . Hos 4:6
the builders **r** . . . . . Matt 21:42
r the commandment . . . . . Mark 7:9
lawyers **r** the counsel . . . . . Luke 7:30
r of this generation . . . . . Luke 17:25
admonition **r** . . . . . Titus 3:10
he was **r** . . . . . Heb 12:17
See Jer 6:19; Mark 6:26; 8:31

REJOICE
shall **r** in all that ye put your hand....Deut 12:7
r in every....Deut 26:11
will again **r**....Deut 30:9
r in thy salvation....1 Sam 2:1
heart of them **r**....1 Chr 16:10
saints **r** in goodness....2 Chr 6:41
r at the sound....Job 21:12
r because my wealth....Job 31:25
r in his strength....Job 39:21
r with trembling....Ps 2:11
in thee **r**....Ps 5:11
r in thy salvation....Ps 9:14
r as a strong man....Ps 19:5
shall **r** in him....Ps 33:21
adversity they **r**....Ps 35:15
bones ... may **r**....Ps 51:8
righteous shall **r**....Ps 58:10
let them **r**....Ps 68:3
r all the day....Ps 89:16
Let the heavens **r**....Ps 96:11
let the earth **r**....Ps 97:1
r in his works....Ps 104:31
shall see it, and **r**....Ps 107:42
Israel **r** in him....Ps 149:2
Who **r** to do evil....Prov 2:14
r with the wife....Prov 5:18
my heart shall **r**....Prov 23:15
the righteous shall ... **r**....Prov 23:24
R not when....Prov 24:17
the people **r**....Prov 29:2
and she shall **r**....Prov 31:25
r in all my labour....Eccl 2:10
but for a man to **r**....Eccl 3:12
to **r** in his labour....Eccl 5:19
R, O young man....Eccl 11:9
shall **r** in the....Is 29:19
desert shall **r**....Is 35:1
thy God **r** over thee....Is 62:5
my servants shall **r**....Is 65:13
your heart shall **r**....Is 66:14
then thou **r**....Jer 11:15
I will **r** over them....Jer 32:41
that they may **r**....Jer 51:39
let not the buyer **r**....Ezek 7:12
Ye which **r**....Amos 6:13
R not against me....Mic 7:8
will **r** in the Lord....Hab 3:18
he **r** more of....Matt 18:13
r at his birth....Luke 1:14
R ye in that day....Luke 6:23
in this **r** not....Luke 10:20
Jesus **r** in spirit....Luke 10:21
R with me....Luke 15:6
to **r** in his light....John 5:35
r to see my day....John 8:56
ye would **r**....John 14:28
world shall **r**....John 16:20
your heart shall **r**....John 16:22
r in hope of....Rom 5:2
R with them....Rom 12:15
and they that **r**....1 Cor 7:30
R not in iniquity....1 Cor 13:6
I therein do **r**....Phil 1:18
that I may **r**....Phil 2:16
r in the Lord....Phil 3:1
R in the Lord alway....Phil 4:4
R evermore....1 Thess 5:16
of low degree **r**....James 1:9
r against judgment....James 2:13
ye **r** with joy....1 Pet 1:8
See 1 Kin 1:40; 2 Kin 11:14

REJOICING
laughing, and thy lips with **r**....Job 8:21
his works with **r**....Ps 107:22
The voice of **r**....Ps 118:15
the **r** of my heart....Ps 119:111
come again with **r**....Ps 126:6
R in the habitable....Prov 8:31
Jerusalem a **r**....Is 65:18
r of mine heart....Jer 15:16
is the **r** city....Zeph 2:15
r that they....Acts 5:41
R in hope....Rom 12:2
yet always **r**....2 Cor 6:10
or crown of **r**....1 Thess 2:19
See Hab 3:14; James 4:16

RELIGION
sect of our **r**....Acts 26:5
in the Jews' **r**....Gal 1:13
man's **r** is vain....James 1:26
Pure **r** and undefiled....James 1:27

REMEMBER
R the sabbath day....Ex 20:8
r ... commandments....Num 15:39
r that thou wast....Deut 5:15
R the days of old....Deut 32:7
R me, O my God....Neh 13:14
he **r** them....Ps 9:12
r the name of....Ps 20:7
R, O Lord....Ps 25:6
R not the sins....Ps 25:7
r not against us....Ps 79:8
R how short....Ps 89:47
r his covenant....Ps 105:8
I have **r** thy name....Ps 119:55
r us in our....Ps 136:23
when we **r** Zion....Ps 137:1
r his misery no more....Prov 31:7
r the days of his....Eccl 5:20
yet let him **r**....Eccl 11:8
R now thy Creator....Eccl 12:1
r thy love....Song 1:4
R ye not....Is 43:18
R the former things....Is 46:9
shall not be **r**....Is 65:17
r the Lord afar off....Jer 51:50
in wrath **r** mercy....Hab 3:2
r me when thou comest....Luke 23:42
should **r** the poor....Gal 2:10
R my bonds....Col 4:18
R without ceasing....1 Thess 1:3
R them that are....Heb 13:3
R therefore from....Rev 2:5
See Ps 88:5; 103:14; Matt 5:23

REMEMBRANCE
bringing iniquity to **r** . . . . . Num 5:15
call my sin to **r** . . . . . 1 Kin 17:18
His **r** shall perish. . . . . Job 18:17
no **r** of thee . . . . . Ps 6:5
r of his holiness. . . . . Ps 30:4
in everlasting **r** . . . . . Ps 112:6
r of former things . . . . . Eccl 1:11
no **r** of the wise . . . . . Eccl 2:16
Put me in **r**. . . . . Is 43:26
set up thy **r**. . . . . Is 57:8
them still in **r**. . . . . Lam 3:20
calling to **r** . . . . . Ezek 23:19
a book of **r** . . . . . Mal 3:16
this do in **r** . . . . . Luke 22:19
things to your **r** . . . . . John 14:26
are had in **r** . . . . . Acts 10:31
do in **r** of me . . . . . 1 Cor 11:24
I have **r** of thee . . . . . 2 Tim 1:3
put them in **r** . . . . . 2 Tim 2:14
See Heb 10:3; 2 Pet 1:12; 3:1

REMISSION
shed for many for the **r** of sins . . . . . Matt 26:28
and **r** of sins. . . . . Luke 24:47
is no **r** . . . . . Heb 9:22

REMIT
Whose soever sins ye **r**. . . . . John 20:23

REND
And **r** your heart. . . . . Joel 2:13
turn again and **r** you . . . . . Matt 7:6
See Ps 7:2; Eccl 3:7; Jer 4:30

RENDER
r vengeance to mine enemies . . . . . Deut 32:41
r to every man. . . . . 1 Sam 26:23
he **r** unto him . . . . . 1 Sam 34:11
r to them . . . . . Ps 28:4
r evil for good . . . . . Ps 38:20
r unto our neighbours . . . . . Ps 79:12
r a reward. . . . . Ps 94:2
I **r** unto the Lord. . . . . Ps 116:12
r to every man. . . . . Prov 24:12
can **r** a reason . . . . . Prov 26:16
so will we **r** . . . . . Hos 14:2
r me a recompense . . . . . Joel 3:4
I will **r** double . . . . . Zech 9:12
r him the fruits . . . . . Matt 21:41
R to Caesar . . . . . Mark 12:17
R therefore to all. . . . . Rom 13:7
we **r** to God again . . . . . 1 Thess 3:9
r evil for evil . . . . . 1 Thess 5:15
See Num 18:9; Judg 9:56

RENEW
Thou **r** thy witnesses against me . . . . . Job 10:17
and my bow was **r**. . . . . Job 29:20
r a right spirit . . . . . Ps 51:10
thy youth is **r** . . . . . Ps 103:5
thou **r** the face. . . . . Ps 104:30
r their strength . . . . . Is 40:31
let the people **r** . . . . . Is 41:1
r our days. . . . . Lam 5:21
r day by day . . . . . 2 Cor 4:16
be **r** in the spirit . . . . . Eph 4:23
is **r** in knowledge . . . . . Col 3:10
to **r** them again . . . . . Heb 6:6
See 2 Chr 15:8; Titus 3:5

REPAY
to the righteous good shall be **r** . . . . . Prov 13:21
he will **r** him . . . . . Deut 7:10
I will **r** thee . . . . . Luke 10:35
is mine; I will **r** . . . . . Rom 12:19
See Job 21:31; 41:11; Is 59:18

REPENT
r the Lord that he had made man . . . . . Gen 6:6
the people **r** . . . . . Ex 13:17
Lord **r** of the evil. . . . . Ex 32:14
he should **r**. . . . . Num 23:19
and **r** himself. . . . . Deut 32:36
not lie nor **r** . . . . . 1 Sam 15:29
that he should **r**. . . . . 1 Sam 15:29
the Lord **r** him. . . . . 2 Sam 24:16
r in dust . . . . . Job 42:6
it **r** thee. . . . . Ps 90:13
r according. . . . . Ps 106:45
and will not **r**. . . . . Ps 110:4
no man **r** him . . . . . Jer 8:6
r of the evil . . . . . Jer 18:8
and the Lord will **r** . . . . . Jer 26:13
the Lord **r** him. . . . . Jer 26:19
was turned, I **r**. . . . . Jer 31:19
R ye: for the. . . . . Matt 3:2
r at the preaching . . . . . Matt 12:41
but afterward he **r**. . . . . Matt 21:29
r himself. . . . . Matt 27:3
except ye **r** . . . . . Luke 13:3
one sinner that **r** . . . . . Luke 15:7
and if he **r** . . . . . Luke 17:3
R therefore of . . . . . Acts 8:22
and will not **r**. . . . . Heb 7:21
her space to **r**. . . . . Rev 2:21
See Acts 2:38; 17:30; Rev 2:5

REPENTANCE
r shall be hid from mine eyes . . . . . Hos 13:14
fruits meet for **r**. . . . . Matt 3:8
fruits worthy of **r** . . . . . Luke 3:8
works meet for **r** . . . . . Acts 26:20
leadeth thee to **r** . . . . . Rom 2:4
are without **r** . . . . . Rom 11:29
sorrow worketh **r** . . . . . 2 Cor 7:10
the foundation of **r** . . . . . Heb 6:1
them again unto **r**. . . . . Heb 6:6
no place of **r**. . . . . Heb 12:17
See Luke 15:7; Acts 20:21

REPLENISH
multiply, and **r** the earth . . . . . Gen 1:28

REPROVE
he **r** kings for their sakes . . . . . 1 Chr 16:21
doth your arguing **r** . . . . . Job 6:25
He will surely **r** you . . . . . Job 13:10
Will he **r** thee. . . . . Job 22:4
he that **r** God. . . . . Job 40:2

I will not **r** . . . . . Ps 50:8
and let him **r** me . . . . . Ps 141:5
R not a scorner . . . . . Prov 9:8
one that **r** him . . . . . Prov 15:12
and **r** one that . . . . . Prov 19:25
r hardeneth his neck . . . . . Prov 29:1
lest he **r** thee . . . . . Prov 30:6
r with equity . . . . . Is 11:4
shall **r** thee . . . . . Jer 2:19
deeds should be **r** . . . . . John 3:20
r the world of sin . . . . . John 16:8
See Luke 3:19; Eph 5:11, 13

RESIST
at his right hand to **r** him . . . . . Zech 3:1
That ye **r** not evil . . . . . Matt 5:39
to gainsay nor **r** . . . . . Luke 21:15
r his will . . . . . Rom 9:19
r the ordinance . . . . . Rom 13:2
God **r** the proud . . . . . James 4:6
R the devil . . . . . James 4:7
Whom **r** steadfast . . . . . 1 Pet 5:9
See Acts 6:10; 7:51; 2 Tim 3:8

RESPECT (*n.*)
And the Lord had **r** unto Abel . . . . . Gen 4:4
had **r** unto them . . . . . Ex 2:25
have thou **r** . . . . . 1 Kin 8:28
Have **r** therefore . . . . . 2 Chr 6:19
nor **r** of persons . . . . . 2 Chr 19:7
r unto the covenant . . . . . Ps 74:20
r unto thy ways . . . . . Ps 119:15
r unto the lowly . . . . . Ps 138:6
have **r** of persons . . . . . Prov 24:23
To have **r** of persons . . . . . Prov 28:21
r to the Holy One . . . . . Is 17:7
r unto him . . . . . Is 22:11
no **r** of persons . . . . . Rom 2:11
in **r** of want . . . . . Phil 4:11
no **r** of persons . . . . . Col 3:25
See Heb 11:26; James 2:1, 3, 9

RESPECT (*v.*)
not **r** the person of the poor . . . . . Lev 19:15
shall not **r** persons . . . . . Deut 1:17
r not any . . . . . Job 37:24
See Num 16:15; Lam 4:16

REST (*n.*)
he saw that **r** was good . . . . . Gen 49:15
the sabbath of **r** . . . . . Ex 31:15
and I will give thee **r** . . . . . Ex 33:14
of **r** unto you . . . . . Lev 16:31
be a sabbath of **r** . . . . . Lev 25:4
he giveth you **r** . . . . . Deut 12:10
weary be at **r** . . . . . Job 3:17
thy **r** in safety . . . . . Job 11:18
and be at **r** . . . . . Ps 55:6
enter into my **r** . . . . . Ps 95:11
Return unto thy **r** . . . . . Ps 116:7
O Lord, into thy **r** . . . . . Ps 132:8
This is my **r** for ever . . . . . Ps 132:14
not **r** in the night . . . . . Eccl 2:23
r shall be glorious . . . . . Is 11:10
whole earth is at **r** . . . . . Is 14:7
I will take my **r** . . . . . Is 18:4
This is the **r** . . . . . Is 28:12
returning and **r** . . . . . Is 30:15
place of my **r** . . . . . Is 66:1
r for your souls . . . . . Jer 6:16
that are at **r** . . . . . Ezek 38:11
is not your **r** . . . . . Mic 2:10
and is at **r** . . . . . Zech 1:11
I will give you **r** . . . . . Matt 11:28
and ye shall find **r** . . . . . Matt 11:29
seeking **r** . . . . . Matt 12:43
and take your **r** . . . . . Matt 26:45
of **r** in sleep . . . . . John 11:13
churches **r** throughout . . . . . Acts 9:31
See Prov 29:17; 2 Thess 1:7

REST (*v.*)
he **r** on the seventh day . . . . . Gen 2:2
when the spirit **r** . . . . . Num 11:25
shall **r** in hope . . . . . Ps 16:9
R in the Lord . . . . . Ps 37:7
for anger **r** . . . . . Eccl 7:9
Lord shall **r** . . . . . Is 11:2
I will not **r** . . . . . Is 62:1
caused him to **r** . . . . . Is 63:14
r, and be still . . . . . Jer 47:6
thou shalt **r** . . . . . Dan 12:13
and **r** a while . . . . . Mark 6:31
may **r** upon me . . . . . 2 Cor 12:9
they **r** not day . . . . . Rev 4:8
should **r** yet . . . . . Rev 6:11
that they may **r** . . . . . Rev 14:13
See Prov 14:33; Song 1:7

RESTORE
he shall **r** double . . . . . Ex 22:4
r that which . . . . . Lev 6:4
and thou shalt **r** . . . . . Deut 22:2
He **r** my soul . . . . . Ps 23:3
R unto me the joy . . . . . Ps 51:12
I **r** that which . . . . . Ps 69:4
I will **r** thy judges . . . . . Is 1:26
r them to . . . . . Jer 27:22
r health unto thee . . . . . Jer 30:17
r the pledge . . . . . Ezek 33:15
and **r** all things . . . . . Matt 17:11
I **r** him fourfold . . . . . Luke 19:8
r again the kingdom . . . . . Acts 1:6
r such an one . . . . . Gal 6:1
See Ruth 4:15; Mark 8:25

RETURN
dust shalt thou **r** . . . . . Gen 3:19
r to their dust . . . . . Ps 104:29
dog **r** to his vomit . . . . . Prov 26:11
the dust **r** to the earth . . . . . Eccl 12:7
the ransomed ... shall **r** . . . . . Is 35:10
and shall not **r** . . . . . Is 45:23
r unto me void . . . . . Is 55:11
If thou wilt **r** . . . . . Jer 4:1
not **r** unto me . . . . . Amos 4:6
if he will **r** . . . . . Joel 2:14
will **r** unto you . . . . . Mal 3:7
See Gen 31:3; Lev 25:10

REVEAL
A talebearer **r** . . . . . Prov 11:13
r in mine ears . . . . . Is 22:14
shall be **r** . . . . . Is 40:5
righteousness to be **r** . . . . . Is 56:1
He **r** the deep. . . . . Dan 2:22
he **r** his secret . . . . . Amos 3:7
shall not be **r** . . . . . Matt 10:26
and hast **r** them. . . . . Matt 11:25
blood hath not **r** . . . . . Matt 16:17
hearts may be **r** . . . . . Luke 2:35
Son of man is **r** . . . . . Luke 17:30
the Lord been **r** . . . . . John 12:38
God **r** from faith . . . . . Rom 1:17
is **r** from heaven . . . . . Rom 1:18
be **r** in us . . . . . Rom 8:18
hath **r** them . . . . . 1 Cor 2:10
be **r** by fire . . . . . 1 Cor 3:13
If any thing be **r** . . . . . 1 Cor 14:30
To **r** his Son . . . . . Gal 1:16
Jesus shall be **r**. . . . . 2 Thess 1:7
that man of sin be **r** . . . . . 2 Thess 2:3
shall that Wicked be **r** . . . . . 2 Thess 2:8
ready to be **r** . . . . . 1 Pet 1:5
his glory shall be **r** . . . . . 1 Pet 4:13
glory that shall be **r** . . . . . 1 Pet 5:1
See Eph 3:5; 2 Thess 2:6

REWARD (*n.*)
nor taketh **r** . . . . . Deut 10:17
the **r** of his work . . . . . Job 7:2
there is great **r** . . . . . Ps 19:11
r for the righteous. . . . . Ps 58:11
the **r** of the wicked . . . . . Ps 91:8
shall be a sure **r**. . . . . Prov 11:18
a **r** in the bosom . . . . . Prov 21:14
shall be no **r**. . . . . Prov 24:20
have a good **r**. . . . . Eccl 4:9
they any more a **r** . . . . . Eccl 9:5
followeth after **r** . . . . . Is 1:23
the wicked for **r**. . . . . Is 5:23
his **r** is with him . . . . . Is 40:10
thou givest a **r** . . . . . Ezek 16:34
thy **r** to another. . . . . Dan 5:17
loved a **r** upon. . . . . Hos 9:1
judge for **r** . . . . . Mic 3:11
judge asketh for a **r**. . . . . Mic 7:3
for great is your **r** . . . . . Matt 5:12
what **r** have ye . . . . . Matt 5:46
ye have no **r**. . . . . Matt 6:1
a prophet's **r**. . . . . Matt 10:41
your **r** is great . . . . . Luke 6:23
r shall be great. . . . . Luke 6:35
r of our deeds . . . . . Luke 23:41
r of iniquity . . . . . Acts 1:18
r not reckoned. . . . . Rom 4:4
receive his own **r**. . . . . 1 Cor 3:8
What is my **r** then. . . . . 1 Cor 9:18
you of your **r** . . . . . Col 2:18
receive the **r**. . . . . Col 3:24
is worthy of his **r**. . . . . 1 Tim 5:18
recompense of **r** . . . . . Heb 2:2
receive the **r**. . . . . 2 Pet 2:13
See 2 John 8; Jude 11; Rev 11:18

REWARD (*v.*)
Wherefore have ye **r** evil for good . . . . . Gen 44:4
r them that. . . . . Deut 32:41
hast **r** me good . . . . . 1 Sam 24:17
work shall be **r** . . . . . 2 Chr 15:7
he **r** him . . . . . Job 21:19
and plentifully **r** . . . . . Ps 31:23
They **r** me evil. . . . . Ps 35:12
r us according . . . . . Ps 103:10
r evil for good . . . . . Prov 17:13
Lord shall **r** thee . . . . . Prov 25:22
both **r** the fool. . . . . Prov 26:10
work shall be **r** . . . . . Jer 31:16
See 2 Sam 22:21; 2 Tim 4:14

RICH
and maketh **r**. . . . . 1 Sam 2:7
asked **r** for thyself. . . . . 1 Kin 3:11
earth for **r** . . . . . 1 Kin 10:23
Both **r** and honour . . . . . 1 Chr 29:12
not asked **r**. . . . . 2 Chr 1:11
He shall not be **r** . . . . . Job 15:29
swallowed down **r**. . . . . Job 20:15
The **r** man . . . . . Job 27:19
Will he esteem thy **r** . . . . . Job 36:19
better than the **r** . . . . . Ps 37:16
one is made **r**. . . . . Ps 49:16
abundance of his **r** . . . . . Ps 52:7
if **r** increase . . . . . Ps 62:10
full of thy **r**. . . . . Ps 104:24
and **r** shall be. . . . . Ps 112:3
r and honour . . . . . Prov 3:16
R and honour . . . . . Prov 8:18
diligent maketh **r** . . . . . Prov 10:4
R profit not . . . . . Prov 11:4
yet hath great **r** . . . . . Prov 13:7
but the **r** answereth. . . . . Prov 18:23
shall not be **r** . . . . . Prov 21:17
r man is wise . . . . . Prov 28:11
poverty nor **r** . . . . . Prov 30:8
r kept for . . . . . Eccl 5:13
curse not the **r**. . . . . Eccl 10:20
and hidden **r** . . . . . Is 45:3
and with the **r** . . . . . Is 53:9
glory in his **r** . . . . . Jer 9:23
that getteth **r** . . . . . Jer 17:11
because of thy **r**. . . . . Ezek 28:5
I am become **r**. . . . . Hos 12:8
for I am **r** . . . . . Zech 11:5
deceitfulness of **r**. . . . . Matt 13:22
they that have **r** . . . . . Mark 10:23
r cast in much . . . . . Mark 12:41
the **r** he hath . . . . . Luke 1:53
that are **r** . . . . . Luke 6:24
with cares and **r** . . . . . Luke 8:14
not **r** toward God . . . . . Luke 12:21
thy **r** neighbours . . . . . Luke 14:12
he was very **r** . . . . . Luke 18:23
the **r** of his . . . . . Rom 2:4
r of his glory . . . . . Rom 9:23
is **r** unto all . . . . . Rom 10:12
r of the world . . . . . Rom 11:12
depth of the **r** . . . . . Rom 11:33

now ye are **r**. . . . . 1 Cor 4:8
yet making many **r** . . . . . 2 Cor 6:10
though he was **r** . . . . . 2 Cor 8:9
r of his grace . . . . . Eph 1:7
who is **r** in mercy . . . . . Eph 2:4
shew the exceeding **r** . . . . . Eph 2:7
the unsearchable **r** . . . . . Eph 3:8
to his **r** in glory . . . . . Phil 4:19
the **r** of the glory. . . . . Col 1:27
unto all **r** . . . . . Col 2:2
that will be **r** . . . . . 1 Tim 6:9
Charge them that are **r**. . . . . 1 Tim 6:17
r in good works. . . . . 1 Tim 6:18
greater **r** . . . . . Heb 11:26
But the **r**. . . . . James 1:10
r in faith . . . . . James 2:5
Your **r** are corrupted. . . . . James 5:2
but thou art **r**. . . . . Rev 2:9
sayest, I am **r** . . . . . Rev 3:17
mayest be **r** . . . . . Rev 3:18
power, and **r** . . . . . Rev 5:12
See Lev 25:47; Rev 6:15

RIGHT

which had led me in the **r** way . . . . . Gen 24:48
just and **r** is he. . . . . Deut 32:4
good and the **r** way. . . . . 1 Sam 12:23
them **r** judgments . . . . . Neh 9:13
are **r** words. . . . . Job 6:25
more than **r** . . . . . Job 34:23
of the Lord are **r** . . . . . Ps 19:8
is a **r** sceptre. . . . . Ps 45:6
and renew a **r** spirit . . . . . Ps 51:10
by the **r** way. . . . . Ps 107:7
judgments are **r**. . . . . Ps 119:75
in **r** paths . . . . . Prov 4:11
be **r** things . . . . . Prov 8:6
thoughts ... are **r** . . . . . Prov 12:5
way of a fool is **r** . . . . . Prov 12:15
way which seemeth **r** . . . . . Prov 14:12
Every way of a man is **r** . . . . . Prov 21:2
giveth a **r** answer. . . . . Prov 24:26
us **r** things . . . . . Is 30:10
know not to do **r**. . . . . Amos 3:10
whatsoever is **r** . . . . . Matt 20:4
for this is **r** . . . . . Eph 6:1
See Judg 17:6; 2 Pet 2:15

RIGHTEOUS

thee have I seen **r** before me . . . . . Gen 7:1
also destroy the **r** . . . . . Gen 18:23
also a **r** nation . . . . . Gen 20:4
more **r** than I. . . . . Gen 38:26
words of the **r** . . . . . Ex 23:8
death of the **r**. . . . . Num 23:10
justify the **r** . . . . . Deut 25:1
more **r** than I. . . . . 1 Sam 24:17
two men more **r** . . . . . 1 Kin 2:32
justifying the **r**. . . . . 2 Chr 6:23
r cut off . . . . . Job 4:7
though I were **r** . . . . . Job 9:15
The **r** also. . . . . Job 17:9
that thou art **r** . . . . . Job 22:3
said, I am **r**. . . . . Job 34:5
congregation of the **r** . . . . . Ps 1:5
for the **r** God trieth . . . . . Ps 7:9
what can the **r** do . . . . . Ps 11:3
The **r** cry . . . . . Ps 34:17
that a **r** man hath . . . . . Ps 37:16
The **r** shall inherit. . . . . Ps 37:29
salvation of the **r**. . . . . Ps 37:39
r to be moved . . . . . Ps 55:22
reward for the **r**. . . . . Ps 58:11
The **r** shall flourish. . . . . Ps 92:12
the **r** shall be . . . . . Ps 112:6
the lot of the **r** . . . . . Ps 125:3
r shall give thanks. . . . . Ps 140:13
Lord loveth the **r**. . . . . Ps 146:8
wisdom for the **r** . . . . . Prov 2:7
secret is with the **r** . . . . . Prov 3:32
mouth of a **r** man . . . . . Prov 10:11
labour of the **r**. . . . . Prov 10:16
r is an everlasting . . . . . Prov 10:25
The **r** shall . . . . . Prov 10:30
The **r** is delivered . . . . . Prov 11:8
The thoughts of the **r** . . . . . Prov 12:5
A **r** man regardeth . . . . . Prov 12:10
r is more excellent . . . . . Prov 12:26
but to the **r** good. . . . . Prov 13:21
but the **r** hath hope. . . . . Prov 14:32
the way of the **r**. . . . . Prov 15:19
heart of the **r** . . . . . Prov 15:28
R lips are the . . . . . Prov 16:13
r runneth into it . . . . . Prov 18:10
r are bold as a lion . . . . . Prov 28:1
r are in authority. . . . . Prov 29:2
Be not **r** over much. . . . . Eccl 7:16
r, and the wise. . . . . Eccl 9:1
one event to the **r** . . . . . Eccl 9:2
Say ye to the **r** . . . . . Is 3:10
glory to the **r** . . . . . Is 24:16
r nation which. . . . . Is 26:2
raised up the **r** man . . . . . Is 41:2
shall my **r** servant . . . . . Is 53:11
r perisheth . . . . . Is 57:1
shall be all **r**. . . . . Is 60:21
unto David a **r** Branch . . . . . Jer 23:5
heart of the **r** sad. . . . . Ezek 13:22
they are more **r** . . . . . Ezek 16:52
righteousness of the **r**. . . . . Ezek 33:12
they sold the **r** . . . . . Amos 2:6
between the **r**. . . . . Mal 3:18
to call the **r** . . . . . Matt 9:13
r men have desired. . . . . Matt 13:17
r shine forth. . . . . Matt 13:43
appear **r** unto men . . . . . Matt 23:28
sepulchres of the **r** . . . . . Matt 23:29
r into life eternal . . . . . Matt 25:46
not to call the **r** . . . . . Mark 2:17
both **r** before God. . . . . Luke 1:6
that they were **r**. . . . . Luke 18:9
this was a **r** man . . . . . Luke 23:47
judge **r** judgment . . . . . John 7:24
There is none **r** . . . . . Rom 3:10
scarcely for a **r** man . . . . . Rom 5:7
many be made **r** . . . . . Rom 5:19
it is a **r** thing . . . . . 2 Thess 1:6

the **r** judge . . . . . 2 Tim 4:8
that he was **r** . . . . . Heb 11:4
are over the **r** . . . . . 1 Pet 3:12
r scarcely be saved . . . . . 1 Pet 4:18
vexed his **r** soul . . . . . 2 Pet 2:8
Jesus Christ the **r** . . . . . 1 John 2:1
righteousness is **r** . . . . . 1 John 3:7
he that is **r** . . . . . Rev 22:11
See Ezek 3:20; 1 Tim 1:9

RIGHTEOUSNESS
shall my **r** answer for me in time . . . . . Gen 30:33
sacrifices of **r** . . . . . Deut 33:19
every man his **r** . . . . . 1 Sam 26:23
My **r** I hold fast . . . . . Job 27:6
I put on **r** . . . . . Job 29:14
My **r** is more . . . . . Job 35:2
ascribe **r** to my Maker . . . . . Job 36:3
O God of my **r** . . . . . Ps 4:1
judge the world in **r** . . . . . Ps 9:8
and worketh **r** . . . . . Ps 15:2
behold thy face in **r** . . . . . Ps 17:15
in the paths of **r** . . . . . Ps 23:3
I have preached **r** . . . . . Ps 40:9
lovest **r** . . . . . Ps 45:7
declare his **r** . . . . . Ps 50:6
people with **r** . . . . . Ps 72:2
return unto **r** . . . . . Ps 94:15
r and judgment . . . . . Ps 97:2
his **r** endureth . . . . . Ps 111:3
the gates of **r** . . . . . Ps 118:19
be clothed with **r** . . . . . Ps 132:9
riches and **r** . . . . . Prov 8:18
but **r** delivereth . . . . . Prov 10:2
r of the perfect . . . . . Prov 11:5
As **r** tendeth to life . . . . . Prov 11:19
way of **r** is life . . . . . Prov 12:28
R exalteth a nation . . . . . Prov 14:34
established by **r** . . . . . Prov 16:12
perisheth in his **r** . . . . . Eccl 7:15
r shall be the . . . . . Is 11:5
will he not learn **r** . . . . . Is 26:10
shall reign in **r** . . . . . Is 32:1
And the work of **r** . . . . . Is 32:17
and his **r** . . . . . Is 59:16
shall see thy **r** . . . . . Is 62:2
and all our **r** . . . . . Is 64:6
The Lord our **R** . . . . . Jer 23:6
Branch of **r** . . . . . Jer 33:15
doth turn from his **r** . . . . . Ezek 3:20
by their **r** . . . . . Ezek 14:14
turneth away from his **r** . . . . . Ezek 18:24
trust to his own **r** . . . . . Ezek 33:13
thy sins by **r** . . . . . Dan 4:27
r belongeth unto thee . . . . . Dan 9:7
bring in everlasting **r** . . . . . Dan 9:24
that turn many to **r** . . . . . Dan 12:3
yourselves in **r** . . . . . Hos 10:12
r as a mighty stream . . . . . Amos 5:24
the fruit of **r** . . . . . Amos 6:12
seek **r,** seek meekness . . . . . Zeph 2:3
Sun of **r** arise . . . . . Mal 4:2
fulfill all **r** . . . . . Matt 3:15
thirst after **r** . . . . . Matt 5:6
persecuted for **r** sake . . . . . Matt 5:10
except your **r** . . . . . Matt 5:20
in the way of **r** . . . . . Matt 21:32
In holiness and **r** . . . . . Luke 1:75
of sin, and of **r** . . . . . John 16:8
and worketh **r** . . . . . Acts 10:35
enemy of all **r** . . . . . Acts 13:10
as he reasoned of **r** . . . . . Acts 24:25
therein is the **r** . . . . . Rom 1:17
commend the **r** of God . . . . . Rom 3:5
God imputeth **r** . . . . . Rom 4:6
the gift of **r** . . . . . Rom 5:17
r unto God . . . . . Rom 6:13
free from **r** . . . . . Rom 6:20
life because of **r** . . . . . Rom 8:10
followed not after **r** . . . . . Rom 9:30
of the law for **r** . . . . . Rom 10:4
believeth unto **r** . . . . . Rom 10:10
r, and peace . . . . . Rom 14:17
wisdom, and **r** . . . . . 1 Cor 1:30
Awake to **r,** and sin not . . . . . 1 Cor 15:34
the **r** of God . . . . . 2 Cor 5:21
the armour of **r** . . . . . 2 Cor 6:7
fellowship hath **r** . . . . . 2 Cor 6:14
if **r** come by the law . . . . . Gal 2:21
of **r** by faith . . . . . Gal 5:5
breastplate of **r** . . . . . Eph 6:14
the fruits of **r** . . . . . Phil 1:11
not having mine own **r** . . . . . Phil 3:9
and follow after **r** . . . . . 1 Tim 6:11
instruction in **r** . . . . . 2 Tim 3:16
a crown of **r** . . . . . 2 Tim 4:8
Not by works of **r** . . . . . Titus 3:5
a sceptre of **r** . . . . . Heb 1:8
hast loved **r** . . . . . Heb 1:9
in the word of **r** . . . . . Heb 5:13
King of **r** . . . . . Heb 7:2
heir of the **r** . . . . . Heb 11:7
wrought **r** . . . . . Heb 11:33
peaceable fruit of **r** . . . . . Heb 12:11
not the **r** of God . . . . . James 1:20
And the fruit of **r** . . . . . James 3:18
should live unto **r** . . . . . 1 Pet 2:24
a preacher of **r** . . . . . 2 Pet 2:5
the way of **r** . . . . . 2 Pet 2:21
dwelleth **r** . . . . . 2 Pet 3:13
that doeth **r** . . . . . 1 John 2:29
See Is 54:14; 63:1; Zech 8:8

RIGHTLY
r dividing the word . . . . . 2 Tim 2:15

RISE
and ye shall **r** up early . . . . . Gen 19:2
a Sceptre shall **r** . . . . . Num 24:17
to **r** up early . . . . . Ps 127:2
She **r** also . . . . . Prov 31:15
r up at the voice . . . . . Eccl 12:4
Now will I **r** . . . . . Is 33:10
r in obscurity . . . . . Is 58:10
glory of the Lord is **r** . . . . . Is 60:1
r up early . . . . . Jer 7:13
and their **r** up . . . . . Lam 3:63

r on the evil . . . . . Matt 5:45
be **r** again . . . . . Matt 17:9
he shall **r** again . . . . . Matt 20:19
after I am **r** again . . . . . Matt 26:32
R, let us be going . . . . . Matt 26:46
r night and day . . . . . Mark 4:27
r from the dead . . . . . Mark 9:9
the **r** from the dead . . . . . Mark 9:10
r the third day . . . . . Mark 9:31
Be of good comfort, **r** . . . . . Mark 10:49
after that I am **r** . . . . . Mark 14:28
and **r** again . . . . . Luke 2:34
I cannot **r** . . . . . Luke 11:7
r and pray . . . . . Luke 22:46
third day **r** again . . . . . Luke 24:7
The Lord is **r** indeed . . . . . Luke 24:34
shall **r** again . . . . . John 11:23
R, Peter . . . . . Acts 10:13
r, and stand . . . . . Acts 26:16
r from the dead . . . . . Acts 26:23
that is **r** again . . . . . Rom 8:34
the dead **r** not . . . . . 1 Cor 15:15
r from the dead . . . . . 1 Cor 15:20
be **r** with Christ . . . . . Col 3:1
shall **r** first . . . . . 1 Thess 4:16
See Is 60:3; Mark 16:2

RIVER
upon their streams, upon their **r** . . . . . Ex 7:19
poured me out **r** . . . . . Job 29:6
tree planted by the **r** . . . . . Ps 1:3
There is a **r** . . . . . Ps 46:4
the **r** of God . . . . . Ps 65:9
R of waters . . . . . Ps 119:136
By the **r** of Babylon . . . . . Ps 137:1
r run into the sea . . . . . Eccl 1:7
as **r** of water . . . . . Is 32:2
r in the desert . . . . . Is 43:19
peace been as a **r** . . . . . Is 48:18
to her like a **r** . . . . . Is 66:12
of **r** of oil . . . . . Mic 6:7
belly shall flow **r** . . . . . John 7:38
shewed me a pure **r** . . . . . Rev 22:1
See Gen 41:1; Ex 1:22; Ezek 47:9

ROCK
I will put thee in a clift of the **r** . . . . . Ex 33:22
water out of this **r** . . . . . Num 20:10
thy nest in a **r** . . . . . Num 24:21
the **r** of flint . . . . . Deut 8:15
He is the **R** . . . . . Deut 32:4
R of his salvation . . . . . Deut 32:15
Of the **R** that . . . . . Deut 32:18
except their **R** . . . . . Deut 32:30
The Lord is my **r** . . . . . 2 Sam 22:2
The God of my **r** . . . . . 2 Sam 22:3
the **R** of Israel . . . . . 2 Sam 23:3
embrace the **r** . . . . . Job 24:8
set me up upon a **r** . . . . . Ps 27:5
r and my fortress . . . . . Ps 31:3
my feet upon a **r** . . . . . Ps 40:2
lead me to the **r** . . . . . Ps 61:2
honey out of the **r** . . . . . Ps 81:16
he is my **r** . . . . . Ps 92:15
houses in the **r** . . . . . Prov 30:26
clefts of the **r** . . . . . Song 2:14
a **r** of offence . . . . . Is 8:14
r of thy strength . . . . . Is 17:10
shadow of a great **r** . . . . . Is 32:2
founded upon a **r** . . . . . Matt 7:25
upon this **r** . . . . . Matt 16:18
fell upon a **r** . . . . . Luke 8:6
r of offence . . . . . Rom 9:33
that spiritual **R** . . . . . 1 Cor 10:4
a **r** of offence . . . . . 1 Pet 2:8
the mountains and **r** . . . . . Rev 6:16
See Judg 6:20; 1 Sam 14:4

ROOT
r of the righteous . . . . . Prov 12:3
r shall be . . . . . Is 5:24
a **r** of Jesse . . . . . Is 11:10
again take **r** . . . . . Is 37:31
r out of a dry ground . . . . . Is 53:2
for his **r** was . . . . . Ezek 31:7
r nor branch . . . . . Mal 4:1
r of the trees . . . . . Matt 3:10
they had no **r** . . . . . Matt 13:6
had no **r** . . . . . Mark 4:6
dried up from the **r** . . . . . Mark 11:20
these have no **r** . . . . . Luke 8:13
the **r** be holy . . . . . Rom 11:16
r of all evil . . . . . 1 Tim 6:10
r of bitterness . . . . . Heb 12:15
plucked up by the **r** . . . . . Jude 12
r and the offspring . . . . . Rev 22:16
See 2 Chr 7:20; Dan 4:15

ROSE (*n.*)
I am the **r** of Sharon . . . . . Song 2:1
blossom as the **r** . . . . . Is 35:1

ROSE (*v.*)
over Penuel the sun **r** upon him . . . . . Gen 32:31
r up upon a heap . . . . . Josh 3:16
r from the dead . . . . . Luke 16:31
both died, and **r** . . . . . Rom 14:9
that he **r** again . . . . . 1 Cor 15:4
and **r** again . . . . . 2 Cor 5:15
See 1 Thess 4:14; Rev 19:3

RULE (*v.*)
light to **r** the day ... to **r** the night . . . . . Gen 1:16
husband ... **r** over thee . . . . . Gen 3:16
r his spirit . . . . . Prov 16:32
The rich **r** over . . . . . Prov 22:7
r among fools . . . . . Eccl 9:17
peace of God **r** . . . . . Col 3:15
See Dan 5:21; Zech 6:13

S

SABBATH
shalt number seven **s** of years . . . . . Lev 25:8
new moon, nor **s** . . . . . 2 Kin 4:23
she kept **s** . . . . . 2 Chr 36:21
but on the **s** . . . . . Ezek 46:1
and the **s** . . . . . Amos 8:5

s was made for man . . . . . Mark 2:27
Lord also of the **s** . . . . . Mark 2:28
of you on the **s**. . . . . .Luke 13:15
See Is 1:13; Matt 28:1

SACKCLOTH
clothes, and gird you with **s** . . . . . .2 Sam 3:31
So they girded **s** . . . . . 1 Kin 20:32
and with **s** . . . . . Neh 9:1
on **s** with ashes . . . . . Esth 4:1
put off my **s** . . . . . Ps 30:11
my clothing was **s** . . . . . Ps 35:13
and put on **s**. . . . . Jon 3:5

SACRIFICE (*n.*)
Jacob offered **s** upon the mount . . . . . Gen 31:54
s to the Lord . . . . . .Ex 5:17
s of their gods . . . . . Num 25:2
better than **s**. . . . . 1 Sam 15:22
s of righteousness . . . . . Ps 4:5
s of joy . . . . . Ps 27:6
S and offering . . . . . Ps 40:6
desirest not **s** . . . . . Ps 51:16
bind the **s** . . . . . Ps 118:27
s of the wicked . . . . . Prov 15:8
to the Lord than **s** . . . . . Prov 21:3
the **s** of fools . . . . . Eccl 5:1
multitude of your **s**. . . . . Is 1:11
nor your **s** sweet . . . . . Jer 6:20
by him the daily **s** . . . . . Dan 8:11
take away the daily **s**. . . . . Dan 11:31
and without a **s** . . . . . Hos 3:4
mercy, and not **s** . . . . . Hos 6:6
s every morning . . . . . Amos 4:4
hath prepared a **s** . . . . . Zeph 1:7
the blind for **s** . . . . . Mal 1:8
every **s** shall . . . . . Mark 9:49
offerings and **s**. . . . . Mark 12:33
mingled with their **s** . . . . . .Luke 13:1
slain beasts and **s** . . . . . Acts 7:42
would have done **s** . . . . . Acts 14:13
bodies a living **s** . . . . . .Rom 12:1
in **s** unto idols . . . . . 1 Cor 8:4
is offered in **s** . . . . . 1 Cor 10:19
and a **s** to God. . . . . Eph 5:2
the **s** and service . . . . . Phil 2:17
s acceptable . . . . . Phil 4:18
by the **s** of himself. . . . . Heb 9:16
one **s** for sins . . . . . Heb 10:12
remaineth no more **s** . . . . . Heb 10:26
a more excellent **s** . . . . . Heb 11:4
s of praise to God . . . . . Heb 13:15
with such **s** God is . . . . . Heb 13:16
offer up spiritual **s** . . . . . .1 Pet 2:5
See Ezra 6:10; Jon 1:16

SACRIFICE (*v.*)
He that **s** unto any god. . . . . .Ex 22:20
we do **s** unto him . . . . . Ezra 4:2
will they **s**. . . . . Neh 4:2
I will freely **s** . . . . . Ps 54:6
s their sons. . . . . Ps 106:37
And let them **s**. . . . . Ps 107:22
him that **s**. . . . . Eccl 9:2
s in gardens . . . . . Is 65:3
They **s** flesh . . . . . Hos 8:13
s unto their net . . . . . Hab 1:16
our passover is **s** . . . . . 1 Cor 5:7
they **s** to devils . . . . . .1 Cor 10:20

SAFETY
multitude of counsellors is **s** . . . . . .Prov 11:14
s is of the Lord . . . . . .Prov 21:31
Peace and **s** . . . . . 1 Thess 5:3
See Job 24:23; Ps 12:5; 33:17

SAINTS
He will keep the feet of his **s** . . . . . .1 Sam 2:9
to which of the **s** . . . . . Job 5:1
no trust in his **s**. . . . . Job 15:15
But to the **s** . . . . . Ps 16:3
O ye **s** of his. . . . . Ps 30:4
forsaketh not his **s** . . . . . .Ps 37:28
Gather my **s** . . . . . Ps 50:5
congregation of the **s** . . . . . Ps 89:5
souls of his **s** . . . . . .Ps 97:10
death of his **s** . . . . . .Ps 116:15
s shout for joy . . . . . .Ps 132:9
have all his **s** . . . . . .Ps 149:9
s of the most High . . . . . Dan 7:18
one **s** speaking. . . . . Dan 8:13
bodies of the **s** . . . . . .Matt 27:52
done to thy **s** . . . . . Acts 9:13
called to be **s** . . . . . .Rom 1:7
intercession for the **s** . . . . . .Rom 8:27
the necessity of **s** . . . . . .Rom 12:13
as becometh **s** . . . . . .Rom 16:2
called to be **s** . . . . . 1 Cor 1:2
the **s** shall judge . . . . . 1 Cor 6:2
collection for the **s** . . . . . 1 Cor 16:1
ministry of the **s** . . . . . 1 Cor 16:15
inheritance in the **s**. . . . . Eph 1:18
citizens with the **s** . . . . . Eph 2:19
least of all **s** . . . . . Eph 3:8
perfecting of the **s**. . . . . Eph 4:12
as becometh **s** . . . . . Eph 5:3
the **s** and faithful. . . . . .Col 1:2
with all his **s**. . . . . 1 Thess 3:13
glorified in his **s** . . . . . 2 Thess 1:10
washed the **s** feet. . . . . .1 Tim 5:10
delivered unto the **s** . . . . . .Jude 3
the prayers of **s** . . . . . .Rev 5:8
See Phil 4:21; Rev 11:18; 13:7

SAKE
cursed is the ground for thy **s** . . . . . Gen 3:17
for man's **s** . . . . . Gen 8:21
for thy **s** . . . . . Gen 12:13
for Jonathan's **s** . . . . . .2 Sam 9:1
gently for my **s**. . . . . .2 Sam 18:5
great mercies' **s** . . . . . Neh 9:31
thy mercies' **s**. . . . . Ps 6:4
for his name's **s** . . . . . Ps 23:3
thy name's **s** . . . . . .Ps 25:11
righteousness' **s** . . . . . .Matt 5:10
the elect's **s** . . . . . .Matt 24:22
for the elect's **s**. . . . . Mark 13:20
for my name's **s** . . . . . .Luke 21:12

glad for your **s**. . . . . John 11:15
for conscience **s**. . . . . Rom 13:5
for Christ's **s**. . . . . 1 Cor 4:10
for conscience **s**. . . . . 1 Cor 10:25, 27
for his body's **s**. . . . . Col 1:24
for their work's **s** . . . . . 1 Thess 5:13
thy stomach's **s**. . . . . 1 Tim 5:23
filthy lucre's **s**. . . . . Titus 1:11
For the truth's **s** . . . . . 2 John 2
See 2 Cor 8:9; 1 Thess 3:9

SALVATION
I have waited for thy **s,** O Lord. . . . . Gen 49:18
he is become my **s**. . . . . Gen 15:2
Rock of his **s** . . . . . Deut 32:15
s in Israel . . . . . 1 Sam 11:13
wrought this great **s** . . . . . 1 Sam 14:45
great **s** for all . . . . . 1 Sam 19:5
the tower of **s**. . . . . 2 Sam 22:51
shew forth ... his **s** . . . . . 1 Chr 16:23
be clothed with **s**. . . . . 2 Chr 6:41
the **s** of the Lord . . . . . 2 Chr 20:17
S belongeth unto. . . . . Ps 3:8
rejoice in thy **s**. . . . . Ps 9:14
the **s** of Israel. . . . . Ps 14:7
God of my **s**. . . . . Ps 25:5
my light and my **s** . . . . . Ps 27:1
I am thy **s**. . . . . Ps 35:3
s of the righteous . . . . . Ps 37:39
shew the **s** of God. . . . . Ps 50:23
joy of thy **s** . . . . . Ps 51:12
my rock and my **s** . . . . . Ps 62:2, 6
our God is the God of **s**. . . . . Ps 68:20
working **s** . . . . . Ps 74:12
his **s** is nigh . . . . . Ps 85:9
the **s** of our God . . . . . Ps 98:3
the cup of **s** . . . . . Ps 116:13
is become my **s** . . . . . Ps 118:14
fainteth for thy **s** . . . . . Ps 119:81
S is far from. . . . . Ps 119:155
for thy **s,** O Lord. . . . . Ps 119:174
he that giveth **s** . . . . . Ps 144:10
the meek with **s**. . . . . Ps 149:4
Behold, God is my **s** . . . . . Is 12:2
our **s** also . . . . . Is 33:2
with an everlasting **s**. . . . . Is 45:17
in a day of **s** have . . . . . Is 49:8
my **s** is gone forth. . . . . Is 51:5
see the **s** of our God. . . . . Is 52:10
for my **s** is near . . . . . Is 56:1
for **s,** but it is . . . . . Is 59:11
helmet of **s** upon. . . . . Is 59:17
call thy walls **S**. . . . . Is 60:18
the garments of **s** . . . . . Is 60:10
is **s** hoped for. . . . . Jer 3:23
the **s** of the Lord . . . . . Lam 3:26
S is of the Lord . . . . . Jon 2:9
thy chariots of **s**. . . . . Hab 3:8
the God of my **s** . . . . . Hab 3:18
and having **s** . . . . . Zech 9:9
horn of **s** for us . . . . . Luke 1:69
knowledge of **s** unto . . . . . Luke 1:77
have seen thy **s** . . . . . Luke 2:30
shall see the **s** of God . . . . . Luke 3:6
This day is **s** come . . . . . Luke 19:9
for **s** is of the Jews. . . . . John 4:22
is there **s** in any. . . . . Acts 4:12
the way of **s** . . . . . Acts 16:17
power of God unto **s** . . . . . Rom 1:16
s nearer than when. . . . . Rom 13:11
now is the day of **s** . . . . . 2 Cor 6:2
repentance to **s** . . . . . 2 Cor 7:10
the gospel of your **s** . . . . . Eph 1:13
the helmet of **s**. . . . . Eph 6:17
turn to my **s**. . . . . Phil 1:19
but to you of **s** . . . . . Phil 1:28
work out your own **s** . . . . . Phil 2:12
the hope of **s** . . . . . 1 Thess 5:8
s by our Lord Jesus. . . . . 1 Thess 5:9
make thee wise unto **s** . . . . . 2 Tim 3:15
that bringeth **s**. . . . . Titus 2:11
be heirs of **s** . . . . . Heb 1:14
neglect so great **s**. . . . . Heb 2:3
captain of their **s** perfect . . . . . Heb 2:10
author of eternal **s**. . . . . Heb 5:9
that accompany **s** . . . . . Heb 6:9
without sin unto **s**. . . . . Heb 9:28
through faith unto **s** . . . . . 1 Pet 1:5
the **s** of your souls. . . . . 1 Pet 1:9
of our Lord is **s** . . . . . 2 Pet 3:15
of the common **s**. . . . . Jude 3
S to our God . . . . . Rev 7:10
See Job 13:16; 1 Sam 2:1

SANCTIFY
ye shall therefore **s** yourselves. . . . . Lev 11:44
S yourselves against . . . . . Num 11:18
the people, **S** yourselves. . . . . Josh 3:5
s yourselves . . . . . 1 Sam 16:5
is holy shall be **s** . . . . . Is 5:16
commanded my **s** ones . . . . . Is 13:3
they shall **s** my name . . . . . Is 29:23
that **s** themselves. . . . . Is 66:17
the womb I **s** thee . . . . . Jer 1:5
will be **s** in you . . . . . Ezek 20:41
be **s** ... in the sight . . . . . Ezek 28:25
shall be **s** in you . . . . . Ezek 36:23
am **s** in them in the . . . . . Ezek 39:27
S ye a fast . . . . . Joel 1:14
the Father hath **s** . . . . . John 10:36
S them through . . . . . John 17:17
sakes I **s** myself . . . . . John 17:19
them which are **s**. . . . . Acts 20:32
s by the Holy Ghost . . . . . Rom 15:16
are **s** in Christ Jesus . . . . . 1 Cor 1:2
but ye are **s**. . . . . 1 Cor 6:11
husband is **s** by the. . . . . 1 Cor 7:14
he might **s** and. . . . . Eph 5:26
of peace **s** you wholly. . . . . 1 Thess 5:23
For it is **s** by the. . . . . 1 Tim 4:5
s, and meet for . . . . . 2 Tim 2:21
and they who are **s** . . . . . Heb 2:11
we are **s** through . . . . . Heb 10:10
them that are **s** . . . . . Heb 10:14
he might **s** the . . . . . Heb 13:12
But **s** the Lord . . . . . 1 Pet 3:15
them that are **s** by . . . . . Jude 1
See Gen 2:3; Ex 13:2; Job 1:5

SATAN
S stood up against Israel . . . . . 1 Chr 21:1
and let **S** stand at. . . . . Ps 109:6
if **S** cast out **S**. . . . . Matt 12:26
Get thee behind me, **S** . . . . . Matt 16:23
S as lightning fall . . . . . Luke 10:18
hath **S** filled thine . . . . . Acts 5:3
power of **S** unto God . . . . . Acts 26:18
messenger of **S** to . . . . . 2 Cor 12:7
of **S** with all . . . . . 2 Thess 2:9
delivered unto **S** . . . . . 1 Tim 1:20
turned aside after **S**. . . . . 1 Tim 5:15
See Rom 16:20; 1 Cor 5:5

SAVE
and to **s** your lives by a great. . . . . Gen 45:7
no man shall **s** thee. . . . . Deut 28:29
people **s** by the Lord. . . . . Deut 33:29
and **s** us . . . . . Josh 10:6
shall I **s** Israel. . . . . Judg 6:15
the Lord to **s** by. . . . . 1 Sam 14:6
but **s** his life . . . . . Job 2:6
and he shall **s** the . . . . . Job 22:29
God, which **s** the. . . . . Ps 7:10
Lord **s** his anointed. . . . . Ps 20:6
s such as be of a . . . . . Ps 34:18
own arm **s** them . . . . . Ps 44:3
s with thy right . . . . . Ps 60:5
s the children. . . . . Ps 72:4
and we shall be **s**. . . . . Ps 80:3
s thy servant . . . . . Ps 86:2
to **s** him from . . . . . Ps 109:31
S now, I beseech . . . . . Ps 118:25
I am thine, **s** me . . . . . Ps 119:94
cried unto thee; **s** . . . . . Ps 119:146
hand shall **s** me . . . . . Ps 138:7
and he shall **s** thee . . . . . Prov 20:22
shall be **s**. . . . . Prov 28:18
will come and **s** . . . . . Is 35:4
and have **s** . . . . . Is 43:12
that cannot **s** . . . . . Is 45:20
and be ye **s** . . . . . Is 45:22
none shall **s** thee . . . . . Is 47:15
I will **s** thy children. . . . . Is 49:25
that it cannot **s** . . . . . Is 59:1
mighty to **s**. . . . . Is 63:1
s thee in the time . . . . . Jer 2:28
and we are not **s** . . . . . Jer 8:20
shall not **s** them. . . . . Jer 11:12
that cannot **s** . . . . . Jer 14:9
for I am with thee to **s** thee . . . . . Jer 15:20
and I shall be **s** . . . . . Jer 17:14
I will **s** thee . . . . . Jer 30:10
to **s** thee . . . . . Jer 30:11
you to **s** you . . . . . Jer 42:11
I will **s** thee from. . . . . Jer 46:27
Flee, **s** your lives . . . . . Jer 48:6
that could not **s** us . . . . . Lam 4:17
to **s** his life . . . . . Ezek 3:18
will I **s** my flock . . . . . Ezek 34:22
will **s** them by the . . . . . Hos 1:7
that may **s** thee in . . . . . Hos 13:10
and thou wilt not **s** . . . . . Hab 1:2
he will **s** . . . . . Zeph 3:17
shall **s** his . . . . . Matt 1:21
the end shall be **s** . . . . . Matt 10:22
whosoever will **s** his . . . . . Matt 16:25
is come to **s** that . . . . . Matt 18:11
Who then can be **s** . . . . . Matt 19:25
the same shall be **s** . . . . . Matt 24:13
s thyself . . . . . Matt 27:40
himself he cannot **s**. . . . . Matt 27:42
to **s** life, or to . . . . . Mark 3:4
S thyself, and come. . . . . Mark 15:30
baptized shall be **s**. . . . . Mark 16:16
to **s** life . . . . . Luke 6:9
faith hath **s** thee . . . . . Luke 7:50
believe and be **s**. . . . . Luke 8:12
but to **s** them . . . . . Luke 9:56
there few that be **s**. . . . . Luke 13:23
seek and to **s** that . . . . . Luke 19:10
let him **s** himself . . . . . Luke 23:35
s thyself and us . . . . . Luke 23:39
him might be **s** . . . . . John 3:17
that ye might be **s** . . . . . John 5:34
he shall be **s** . . . . . John 10:9
but to **s** the world . . . . . John 12:47
the Lord shall be **s** . . . . . Acts 2:21
such as should be **s**. . . . . Acts 2:47
whereby we must be **s** . . . . . Acts 4:12
ye cannot be **s** . . . . . Acts 15:1
must I do to be **s** . . . . . Acts 16:30
thou shalt be **s** . . . . . Acts 16:31
willing to **s** Paul . . . . . Acts 27:43
shall be **s** from. . . . . Rom 5:9
For we are **s** by hope. . . . . Rom 8:24
a remnant shall be **s** . . . . . Rom 9:27
they might be **s** . . . . . Rom 10:1
thou shalt be **s** . . . . . Rom 10:9
might **s** some of them . . . . . Rom 11:14
all Israel shall be **s**. . . . . Rom 11:26
us which are **s** . . . . . 1 Cor 1:18
preaching to **s** them . . . . . 1 Cor 1:21
himself shall be **s**. . . . . 1 Cor 3:15
the spirit may be **s** . . . . . 1 Cor 5:5
shalt **s** thy husband. . . . . 1 Cor 7:16
by all means **s** some . . . . . 1 Cor 9:22
them that are **s** . . . . . 2 Cor 2:15
by grace ye are **s** . . . . . Eph 2:5
by grace are ye **s** . . . . . Eph 2:8
the world to **s** sinners. . . . . 1 Tim 1:15
all men to be **s**. . . . . 1 Tim 2:4
shalt both **s** thyself . . . . . 1 Tim 4:16
to **s** him from death . . . . . Heb 5:7
s them to the uttermost . . . . . Heb 7:25
to the **s** of the soul . . . . . Heb 10:39
an ark to the **s** . . . . . Heb 11:7
to **s** your souls . . . . . James 1:21
can faith **s** him . . . . . James 2:14
who is able to **s** . . . . . James 4:12
faith shall **s** the . . . . . James 5:15
s a soul from death . . . . . James 5:20
souls were **s** by water . . . . . 1 Pet 3:20
scarcely be **s**. . . . . 1 Pet 4:18
others **s** with fear . . . . . Jude 23
See Matt 14:30; John 12:27

SAVIOUR
tower, and my refuge, my **s** . . . . . 2 Sam 22:3
gave Israel a **s**. . . . . 2 Kin 13:5
forgat God their **s** . . . . . Ps 106:21
send them a **s** . . . . . Is 19:20
a just God and a **S**. . . . . Is 45:21
I the Lord am thy **S** . . . . . Is 49:26
so he was their **S** . . . . . Is 63:8
the **s** of the body . . . . . Eph 5:23
the **S** of all men . . . . . 1 Tim 4:10
God our **S** in all . . . . . Titus 2:10
and our **S** Jesus Christ . . . . . Titus 2:13
only wise God our **S**. . . . . Jude 25
See Neh 9:27; Obad 21

SCHOOLMASTER
law was our **s** to bring us unto . . . . . Gal 3:24

SEARCH (*v.*)
that they may **s** the land of . . . . . Num 13:2
Lord **s** all hearts . . . . . 1 Chr 28:9
S me ... and know . . . . . Ps 139:23
Lord **s** the heart. . . . . Jer 17:10
Let us **s** and try our ways. . . . . Lam 3:40
S the scriptures . . . . . John 5:39
he that **s** the hearts . . . . . Rom 8:27
for the Spirit **s** . . . . . 1 Cor 2:10
and **s** diligently . . . . . 1 Pet 1:10
See Job 10:6, 28:3; 1 Pet 1:11

SEE
Lord came down to **s** the city . . . . . Gen 11:5
when I **s** the blood . . . . . Ex 12:13
s the salvation . . . . . Ex 14:13
not **s** my face . . . . . Ex 33:20
shall I **s** God . . . . . Job 19:26
to **s** the goodness . . . . . Ps 27:13
s the works of God . . . . . Ps 66:5
s with their eyes . . . . . Is 6:10
eyes, and **s** not. . . . . Jer 5:21
they shall **s** God . . . . . Matt 5:8
shalt **s** greater . . . . . John 1:50
blind, now I **s**. . . . . John 9:25
we **s** Jesus . . . . . Heb 2:9
now ye **s** him not . . . . . 1 Pet 1:8
s him as he is . . . . . 1 John 3:2
See Matt 27:24; John 1:51

SEEK
if thou **s** him . . . . . 1 Chr 28:9
heart to **s** God . . . . . 2 Chr 19:3
for we **s** your God. . . . . Ezra 4:2
I would **s** unto God . . . . . Job 5:8
them that **s** thee . . . . . Ps 9:10
not **s** after God . . . . . Ps 10:4
s out his wickedness . . . . . Ps 10:15
understand, and **s** God. . . . . Ps 14:2
them that **s** him. . . . . Ps 24:6
will I **s** after . . . . . Ps 27:4
S ye my face . . . . . Ps 27:8
do good; **s** peace . . . . . Ps 34:14
early will I **s** thee. . . . . Ps 63:1
live that **s** God . . . . . Ps 69:32
they may **s** thy name . . . . . Ps 83:16
I will **s** thy good . . . . . Ps 122:9
shall **s** me early . . . . . Prov 1:28
s good procureth. . . . . Prov 11:27
that **s** death . . . . . Prov 21:6
to **s** mixed wine. . . . . Prov 23:30
I will **s** it . . . . . Prov 23:35
my heart to **s** . . . . . Eccl 1:13
to **s** out wisdom. . . . . Eccl 7:25
will **s** him . . . . . Song 3:2
s judgment . . . . . Is 1:17
shall **s** to the idols . . . . . Is 19:3
S ye out of the book . . . . . Is 34:16
S ye me in vain . . . . . Is 45:19
ye shall **s** me . . . . . Jer 29:13
no man **s** after . . . . . Jer 30:17
soul that **s** him . . . . . Lam 3:25
they shall **s** peace . . . . . Ezek 7:25
to **s** by prayer. . . . . Dan 9:3
Israel, **S** ye me . . . . . Amos 5:4
S ye the Lord . . . . . Zeph 2:3
Should **s** the law . . . . . Mal 2:7
But **s** ye first. . . . . Matt 6:33
s, and ye shall find . . . . . Matt 7:7
evil ... generation **s** . . . . . Matt 12:39
I come **s** fruit. . . . . Luke 13:7
and **s** diligently . . . . . Luke 15:8
s and to save . . . . . Luke 19:10
s ye the living . . . . . Luke 24:5
the Father **s** such. . . . . John 4:23
whom they **s** to kill. . . . . John 7:25
Ye shall **s** me . . . . . John 7:34, 36
if therefore ye **s** me. . . . . John 18:8
that **s** after God. . . . . Rom 3:11
s after wisdom. . . . . 1 Cor 1:22
no man **s** his own . . . . . 1 Cor 10:24
s not her own . . . . . 1 Cor 13:5
I **s** not yours. . . . . 2 Cor 12:14
all **s** their own . . . . . Phil 2:21
s those things. . . . . Col 3:1
they **s** a country . . . . . Heb 11:14
s one to come . . . . . Heb 13:14
let him **s** peace . . . . . 1 Pet 3:11
s whom he may devour . . . . . 1 Pet 5:8
shall men **s** death . . . . . Rev 9:6
See Jer 45:5; 1 Cor 10:33

SEEN
I have **s** God face to face . . . . . Gen 32:30
whom ye have **s**. . . . . Ex 14:13
I have **s** an angel . . . . . Judg 6:22
mine eye hath **s** . . . . . Job 13:1
eye hath not **s** . . . . . Job 28:7
have **s** the King . . . . . Is 6:5
neither hath the eye **s**. . . . . Is 64:4
s the kingdom . . . . . Mark 9:1
s God at any time . . . . . John 1:18
have **s** and heard . . . . . Acts 4:20
Eye hath not **s** . . . . . 1 Cor 2:9
whom no man hath **s** . . . . . 1 Tim 6:16
of things not **s** . . . . . Heb 11:1
Whom having not **s** . . . . . 1 Pet 1:8
See John 5:37; 9:37; Rom 1:20

SEND
he shall **s** his angel before thee . . . . . Gen 24:7

Here am I; **s** me. . . . . Is 6:8
s forth labourers . . . . . Matt 9:38
he **s** forth judgment . . . . . Matt 12:20
he might **s** them . . . . . Mark 3:14
will **s** in my name . . . . . John 14:26
thou didst **s** me . . . . . John 17:8
God **s** his own Son . . . . . Rom 8:3
See Luke 10:3; 2 Thess 2:11

SEPARATE
s chief friends . . . . . Prov 16:28
the poor is **s**. . . . . Prov 19:4
he shall **s** them . . . . . Matt 25:32
shall **s** us. . . . . Rom 8:35
and be ye **s**. . . . . 2 Cor 6:17
s from sinners . . . . . Heb 7:26
See Ezra 10:11; Is 56:3; 59:2

SERVANT
good and faithful **s** . . . . . Matt 25:21
are unprofitable **s** . . . . . Luke 17:10
called being a **s** . . . . . 1 Cor 7:21
ye the **s** of men . . . . . 1 Cor 7:23
S, be obedient . . . . . Eph 6:5
S, be subject. . . . . 1 Pet 2:18
See 1 Tim 6:1; Rev 22:3

SERVE
him shalt thou **s** . . . . . Deut 10:20
whom ye will **s** . . . . . Josh 24:15
S the Lord with gladness . . . . . Ps 100:2
s two masters. . . . . Matt 6:24
If any man **s** me . . . . . John 12:26
should not **s** sin. . . . . Rom 6:6
s one another. . . . . Gal 5:13
for ye **s** the Lord . . . . . Col 3:24
idols to **s**. . . . . 1 Thess 1:9
s him day and night . . . . . Rev 7:15
See Luke 22:27; Heb 9:14; 12:28

SHADOW
s of the Almighty . . . . . Ps 91:1
days are like a **s** . . . . . Ps 102:11
s that passeth away . . . . . Ps 144:4
spendeth as a **s** . . . . . Eccl 6:12
which are as a **s** . . . . . Eccl 8:13
tabernacle for a **s**. . . . . Is 4:6
a **s** from the heat . . . . . Is 25:4
s of a great rock. . . . . Is 32:2
Under his **s** . . . . . Lam 4:20
dwell under his **s**. . . . . Hos 14:7
See Judg 9:15, 36; Jon 4:5

SHAME
long will ye turn my glory into **s** . . . . . Ps 4:2
to an open **s**. . . . . Heb 6:6
despising the **s**. . . . . Heb 12:2
See 1 Thess 2:2; 1 Tim 2:9

SHED
by man shall his blood be **s**. . . . . Gen 9:6
S for many for . . . . . Matt 26:28
is **s** abroad . . . . . Rom 5:5
s on us abundantly . . . . . Titus 3:6
without **s** of blood. . . . . Heb 9:22
See Ezek 18:10; 22:3

SHEEP
as **s** which have no . . . . . Num 27:17
Like **s** they are . . . . . Ps 49:14
the **s** of his pasture . . . . . Ps 100:3
like **s** have gone. . . . . Is 53:6
s for the slaughter . . . . . Jer 12:3
to you in **s** clothing. . . . . Matt 7:15
lost **s** of the house. . . . . Matt 10:6
better than a **s** . . . . . Matt 12:12
shepherd of the **s**. . . . . John 10:2
life for the **s** . . . . . John 10:11
Feed my **s**. . . . . John 21:16
See Matt 10:16; 12:11

SHEPHERD
every **s** is an abomination . . . . . Gen 46:34
The Lord is my **s**. . . . . Ps 23:1
the **s** make their fold . . . . . Is 13:20
his flock like a **s**. . . . . Is 40:11
they are **s** that . . . . . Is 56:11
s over them . . . . . Jer 23:4
their **s** have caused . . . . . Jer 50:6
As the **s** taketh. . . . . Amos 3:12
Woe to the idol **s**. . . . . Zech 11:17
I am the good **s** . . . . . John 10:14
See Zech 11:3; Luke 2:8

SHIELD
our help and our **s** . . . . . Ps 33:20
O Lord our **s** . . . . . Ps 59:11
Behold, O God our **s** . . . . . Ps 84:9
shall be thy **s** . . . . . Ps 91:4
the **s** of faith. . . . . Eph 6:16
See Prov 30:5; Jer 51:11

SHINE
the light shall **s** upon thy ways . . . . . Job 22:28
When his candle **s** . . . . . Job 29:3
his face to **s** . . . . . Ps 104:15
the night **s** as . . . . . Ps 139:12
s more and more. . . . . Prov 4:18
hath the light **s** . . . . . Is 9:2
Arise, **s;** for thy . . . . . Is 60:1
wise shall **s** as the . . . . . Dan 12:3
your light so **s** . . . . . Matt 5:16
the righteous **s** forth. . . . . Matt 13:43
the light to **s**. . . . . 2 Cor 4:6
See John 1:5; 2 Pet 1:19

SICK
deferred maketh the heart **s** . . . . . Prov 13:12
and I was not **s** . . . . . Prov 23:35
for I am **s** of love. . . . . Song 2:5
Is any **s** among. . . . . James 5:14
shall save the **s**. . . . . James 5:15

SICKNESS
and bare our **s** . . . . . Matt 8:17

SIGHT
and see this great **s** . . . . . Ex 3:3
s of thine eyes . . . . . Deut 28:34
Better is the **s** of . . . . . Eccl 6:9
received their **s** . . . . . Matt 11:5
good in thy **s** . . . . . Matt 11:26
eyes received **s**. . . . . Matt 20:34
blind he gave **s**. . . . . Luke 7:21

Receive thy **s** . . . . . Luke 18:42
fearful **s** and great . . . . . Luke 21:11
receive thy **s** . . . . . Acts 22:13
the **s** of all men . . . . . Rom 12:17
not by **s** . . . . . 2 Cor 5:7
See Eccl 11:9; Is 43:4

SIN (*n.*)
doest not well, **s** lieth at the door . . . . . Gen 4:7
in his own **s** . . . . . Num 27:3
for his own **s** . . . . . Deut 24:16
searchest after my **s** . . . . . Job 10:6
from presumptuous **s** . . . . . Ps 19:13
Remember not the **s** . . . . . Ps 25:7
whose **s** is covered . . . . . Ps 32:1
sorry for my **s** . . . . . Ps 38:18
and my **s** is ever . . . . . Ps 51:3
our secret **s** in the . . . . . Ps 90:8
with us after our **s** . . . . . Ps 103:10
the cords of his **s** . . . . . Prov 5:22
wanteth not **s** . . . . . Prov 10:19
make a mock at **s** . . . . . Prov 14:9
but **s** is a reproach . . . . . Prov 14:34
may add **s** to **s** . . . . . Is 30:1
not remember thy **s** . . . . . Is 43:25
as a cloud, thy **s** . . . . . Is 44:22
an offering for **s** . . . . . Is 53:10
bare the **s** of many . . . . . Is 53:12
s against the Holy . . . . . Jer 51:5
of his **s** that he . . . . . Ezek 33:16
They eat up the **s** . . . . . Hos 4:8
the **s** of my soul . . . . . Mic 6:7
of **s** and blasphemy . . . . . Matt 12:31
the **s** of the world . . . . . John 1:29
He that is without **s** . . . . . John 8:7
reprove the world of **s** . . . . . John 16:8
hath the greater **s** . . . . . John 19:11
lay not this **s** . . . . . Acts 7:60
wash away thy **s** . . . . . Acts 22:16
where **s** abounded . . . . . Rom 5:20
Shall we continue in **s** . . . . . Rom 6:1
wages of **s** is death . . . . . Rom 6:23
Is the law **s** . . . . . Rom 7:7
not of faith is **s** . . . . . Rom 14:23
him to be **s** for . . . . . 2 Cor 5:21
that man of **s** . . . . . 2 Thess 2:3
bare our **s** in his . . . . . 1 Pet 2:24
See 1 John 1:8; 3:4; 4:10

SIN (*v.*)
saying, Do not **s** against the child . . . . . Gen 42:22
I have **s** this time . . . . . Ex 9:27
I have **s** against . . . . . Ex 10:16
I have **s;** for I . . . . . Num 22:34
I have **s** against . . . . . Josh 7:20
I have **s** . . . . . 1 Sam 15:24
said Saul, I have **s** . . . . . 1 Sam 26:21
I have **s** against . . . . . 2 Sam 12:13
I have **s;** what shall . . . . . Job 7:20
If I **s,** then thou . . . . . Job 10:14
and **s** not . . . . . Ps 4:4
that I **s** not . . . . . Ps 39:1
for I have **s** against . . . . . Ps 41:4
s against me . . . . . Prov 8:36
first father hath **s** . . . . . Is 43:27
the soul that **s** . . . . . Ezek 18:4
they **s** more and . . . . . Hos 13:2
brother **s** against me . . . . . Matt 18:21
I have **s** in that . . . . . Matt 27:4
I have **s** against . . . . . Luke 15:18, 21
s no more, lest a . . . . . John 5:14
go, and **s** no more . . . . . John 8:11
s, and come short of . . . . . Rom 3:23
and **s** not . . . . . 1 Cor 15:34
Be ye angry, and **s** . . . . . Eph 4:26
he cannot **s** . . . . . 1 John 3:9
See Num 15:28; Job 1:5, 22

SINGING
come before his presence with **s** . . . . . Ps 100:2
our tongue with **s** . . . . . Ps 126:2
time of the **s** of . . . . . Song 2:12
s and making melody . . . . . Eph 5:19

SINGLENESS
with gladness and **s** of heart . . . . . Acts 2:46
in **s** of your heart . . . . . Eph 6:5
but in **s** of heart . . . . . Col 3:22

SINNER
of Sodom were wicked and **s** . . . . . Gen 13:13
in the way of **s** . . . . . Ps 1:1
he teach **s** in the way . . . . . Ps 25:8
my soul with **s** . . . . . Ps 26:9
s shall be converted . . . . . Ps 51:13
if **s** entice thee . . . . . Prov 1:10
Evil pursueth **s** . . . . . Prov 13:21
one **s** destroyeth . . . . . Eccl 9:18
The **s** in Zion are . . . . . Is 33:14
with publicans and **s** . . . . . Matt 9:11
but **s** to repentance . . . . . Matt 9:13
publicans and **s** . . . . . Matt 11:19
with publicans and **s** . . . . . Mark 2:16
which was a **s** . . . . . Luke 7:37
were **s** above all . . . . . Luke 13:2
This man receiveth **s** . . . . . Luke 15:2
heaven over one **s** . . . . . Luke 15:7
merciful to me a **s** . . . . . Luke 18:13
a **s** do such miracles . . . . . John 9:16
Whether he be a **s** . . . . . John 9:25
While we were yet **s** . . . . . Rom 5:8
many were made **s** . . . . . Rom 5:19
separate from **s** . . . . . Heb 7:26
See James 4:8; 1 Pet 4:18

SIT
They that **s** in . . . . . Ps 69:12
to **s** on my right . . . . . Matt 20:23
See Prov 23:1; Lam 3:63

SLACK
The Lord is not **s** . . . . . 2 Pet 3:9

SLAUGHTER
We are counted as sheep for the **s** . . . . . Ps 44:22
a lamb to the **s** . . . . . Is 53:7
See Hos 5:2; Zech 11:4

SLAY
Though he **s** me . . . . . Job 13:15
See Gen 4:15; Ex 21:14

SLEEP (*n.*)
a deep **s** from the Lord. . . . . 1 Sam 26:12
lest I **s** . . . . . Ps 13:3
giveth his beloved **s** . . . . . Ps 127:2
and thy **s** shall . . . . . Prov 3:24
Yet a little **s** . . . . . Prov 6:10
Love not **s,** lest . . . . . Prov 20:13
s of a labouring . . . . . Eccl 5:12
may rejoice, and **s** . . . . . Jer 51:39
were heavy with **s** . . . . . Luke 9:32
of rest in **s** . . . . . John 11:13
awake out of **s** . . . . . Rom 13:11
See Dan 2:1; Acts 16:27

SLEEP (*v.*)
I **s** in the dust. . . . . Job 7:21
in peace, and **s**. . . . . Ps 4:8
neither slumber nor **s**. . . . . Ps 121:4
For they **s** not . . . . . Prov 4:16
when thou **s**. . . . . Prov 6:22
them that **s** in the . . . . . Dan 12:2
and many **s** . . . . . 1 Cor 11:30
We shall not all **s**. . . . . 1 Cor 15:51
Awake thou that **s**. . . . . Eph 5:14
which **s** in Jesus. . . . . 1 Thess 4:14
let us not **s** . . . . . 1 Thess 5:6
See Gen 28:11; 1 Kin 18:27

SLOW
s of speech . . . . . Ex 4:10
s to anger . . . . . Neh 9:17
s to anger . . . . . Ps 103:8
He that is **s**. . . . . Prov 14:29
and **s** of heart to believe. . . . . Luke 24:25
See Acts 27:7; Titus 1:12

SMITE
S a scorner . . . . . Prov 19:25
my back to the **s** . . . . . Is 50:6
s the shepherd . . . . . Zech 13:7
shall **s** thee on . . . . . Matt 5:39
See Luke 6:29; Acts 23:2

SNARE
the **s** of death. . . . . 2 Sam 22:6
thee from the **s** of . . . . . Ps 91:3
s with the words . . . . . Prov 6:2
the **s** of death . . . . . Prov 13:14
reproach and the **s** . . . . . 1 Tim 3:7
temptation and a **s** . . . . . 1 Tim 6:9
the **s** of the devil . . . . . 2 Tim 2:26
See Ex 23:33; Deut 7:16

SOBER
we be **s** . . . . . 2 Cor 5:13
watch and be **s**. . . . . 1 Thess 5:6
one wife, vigilant, **s**. . . . . 1 Tim 3:2
good men, **s** . . . . . Titus 1:8
That the aged men be **s** . . . . . Titus 2:2
women to be **s**. . . . . Titus 2:4
be ye therefore **s** . . . . . 1 Pet 4:7
See Acts 26:25; Rom 12:3

SON
the **s** of God saw the daughters. . . . . Gen 6:2
the **s** of God came. . . . . Job 1:6
all the **s** of God . . . . . Job 38:7
Kiss the **S** . . . . . Ps 2:12
s of thine handmaid . . . . . Ps 86:16
A wise **s** maketh . . . . . Prov 10:1
wise **s** heareth . . . . . Prov 13:1
rule over a **s** . . . . . Prov 17:2
foolish **s** is a grief . . . . . Prov 17:25
s is the calamity. . . . . Prov 19:13
the **s** of my womb . . . . . Prov 31:2
unto us a **s** is given . . . . . Is 9:6
s of the morning . . . . . Is 14:12
s of the house . . . . . Jer 35:5
your **s** to pass. . . . . Ezek 20:31
also caused their **s**. . . . . Ezek 23:37
s of the living God . . . . . Hos 1:10
spareth his own **s** . . . . . Mal 3:17
man knoweth the **S**. . . . . Matt 11:27
the carpenter's **s** . . . . . Matt 13:55
This is my beloved **S**. . . . . Matt 17:5
whose **s** is he . . . . . Matt 22:42
the **s** of Mary . . . . . Mark 6:3
this Joseph's **s**. . . . . Luke 4:22
the **s** of peace. . . . . Luke 10:6
a **s** of Abraham . . . . . Luke 19:9
the **s** of God. . . . . John 1:12
the only begotten **S**. . . . . John 1:18
begotten **S** of God. . . . . John 3:18
so the **S** quickeneth . . . . . John 5:21
the **S** abideth ever . . . . . John 8:35
S ... make you free. . . . . John 8:36
the **s** of perdition . . . . . John 17:12
s of consolation . . . . . Acts 4:36
gospel of his **S** . . . . . Rom 1:9
sending his own **S**. . . . . Rom 8:3
image of his **S** . . . . . Rom 8:29
spared not his own **S** . . . . . Rom 8:32
as my beloved **s** . . . . . 1 Cor 4:14
the adoption of **s**. . . . . Gal 4:5
if a **s,** then an heir. . . . . Gal 4:7
the **s** of God. . . . . Phil 2:15
of his dear **S**. . . . . Col 1:13
s of perdition . . . . . 2 Thess 2:3
in bringing many **s** . . . . . Heb 2:10
Though he were a **S** . . . . . Heb 5:8
the **s** of Pharaoh's . . . . . Heb 11:24
and scourgeth every **s**. . . . . Heb 12:6
the Father and the **S** . . . . . 1 John 2:22
the **s** of God. . . . . 1 John 3:1
He that hath the **S**. . . . . 1 John 5:12
See 1 John 1:7; Rev 21:7

SONG
s in the night . . . . . Job 35:10
s of deliverance . . . . . Ps 32:7
Sing unto him a new **s** . . . . . Ps 33:3
new **s** in my mouth. . . . . Ps 40:3
s of the drunkards. . . . . Ps 69:12
remembrance my **s** . . . . . Ps 77:6
have been my **s** . . . . . Ps 119:54
sing the Lord's **s** . . . . . Ps 137:4
that singeth **s** . . . . . Prov 25:20
sing many **s** . . . . . Is 23:16
to Zion with **s** . . . . . Is 35:10
unto the Lord a new **s** . . . . . Is 42:10

a very lovely **s** . . . . . Ezek 33:32
the **s** of the temple . . . . . Amos 8:3
and spiritual **s** . . . . . Eph 5:19
See Song 1:1; Rev 5:9; 14:3

SORROW
I will greatly multiply thy **s** . . . . . Gen 3:16
eat the bread of **s** . . . . . Ps 127:2
all his days are **s** . . . . . Eccl 2:23
S is better . . . . . Eccl 7:3
a man of **s** . . . . . Is 53:3
the beginning of **s** . . . . . Matt 24:8
For godly **s** worketh . . . . . 2 Cor 7:10
that ye **s** not . . . . . 1 Thess 4:13
through with many **s** . . . . . 1 Tim 6:10
See Prov 15:13; Hos 8:10

SOUL
life; and man became a living **s** . . . . . Gen 2:7
a ransom for his **s** . . . . . Ex 30:12
with all your **s** . . . . . Deut 11:13
as thine own **s** . . . . . Deut 13:6
with all thy **s** . . . . . Deut 30:2
his **s** was grieved . . . . . Judg 10:16
as his own **s** . . . . . 1 Sam 18:1
with all their **s** . . . . . 1 Kin 8:48
your **s** to seek . . . . . 1 Chr 22:19
the bitter in **s** . . . . . Job 3:20
hand is the **s** . . . . . Job 12:10
what his **s** desireth . . . . . Job 23:13
a curse to his **s** . . . . . Job 31:30
his **s** draweth near . . . . . Job 33:22
s from death . . . . . Ps 33:19
Lord redeemeth the **s** . . . . . Ps 34:22
redemption of their **s** . . . . . Ps 49:8
Truly my **s** waiteth . . . . . Ps 62:1
my **s** thirsteth . . . . . Ps 63:1
s of thy turtledove . . . . . Ps 74:19
the Lord, O my **s** . . . . . Ps 103:2
my **s** from death . . . . . Ps 116:8
Let my **s** live . . . . . Ps 119:175
The liberal **s** . . . . . Prov 11:25
s be without knowledge . . . . . Prov 19:2
to a thirsty **s** . . . . . Prov 25:25
your **s** shall live . . . . . Is 55:3
the afflicted **s** . . . . . Is 58:10
the **s** of the poor . . . . . Jer 20:13
and their **s** shall . . . . . Jer 31:12
the **s** that sinneth . . . . . Ezek 18:4
they have devoured **s** . . . . . Ezek 22:25
against thy **s** . . . . . Hab 2:10
able to kill the **s** . . . . . Matt 10:28
exchange for his **s** . . . . . Matt 16:26
My **s** is exceeding . . . . . Matt 26:38
possess ye your **s** . . . . . Luke 21:19
and of one **s** . . . . . Acts 4:32
every **s** be subject . . . . . Rom 13:1
and **s** and body . . . . . 1 Thess 5:23
an anchor of the **s** . . . . . Heb 6:19
for your **s** . . . . . Heb 13:17
a **s** from death . . . . . James 5:20
war against the **s** . . . . . 1 Pet 2:11
keeping of their **s** . . . . . 1 Pet 4:19
unstable **s** . . . . . 2 Pet 2:14
as thy **s** prospereth . . . . . 3 John 2
See Prov 3:22; Ezek 3:19

SOUND (*adj.*)
He layeth up **s** wisdom . . . . . Prov 2:7
keep **s** wisdom . . . . . Prov 3:21
A **s** heart . . . . . Prov 14:30
to **s** doctrine . . . . . 1 Tim 1:10
and of a **s** mind . . . . . 2 Tim 1:7
the form of **s** words . . . . . 2 Tim 1:13
not endure **s** doctrine . . . . . 2 Tim 4:3
able by **s** doctrine . . . . . Titus 1:9
become **s** doctrine . . . . . Titus 2:1
See Ps 119:80; Titus 2:2, 8

SPARE
S thy people . . . . . Joel 2:17
s not his own Son . . . . . Rom 8:32
if God **s** not . . . . . Rom 11:21
God **s** not the angels . . . . . 2 Pet 2:4
See Prov 17:27; Is 54:2; 58:1

SPIRIT
My **s** shall not always strive with . . . . . Gen 6:3
his **s** made willing . . . . . Ex 35:21
take of the **s** . . . . . Num 11:17
another **s** with him . . . . . Num 14:24
s of all flesh . . . . . Num 16:22
and the **s** of God . . . . . Num 24:2
in whom is the **s** . . . . . Num 27:18
was there **s** in them . . . . . Josh 5:1
and the **S** of God . . . . . 1 Sam 10:10
there came forth a **s** . . . . . 1 Kin 22:21
thy **s** be upon me . . . . . 2 Kin 2:9
the **S** of God . . . . . 2 Chr 15:1
good **s** to instruct . . . . . Neh 9:20
Then a **s** passed . . . . . Job 4:15
thy **s** against God . . . . . Job 15:13
s came from thee . . . . . Job 26:4
there is a **s** in man . . . . . Job 32:8
I commit my **s** . . . . . Ps 31:5
and in whose **s** . . . . . Ps 32:2
and renew a right **s** . . . . . Ps 51:10
whose **s** was not . . . . . Ps 78:8
maketh his angels **s** . . . . . Ps 104:4
provoked his **s** . . . . . Ps 106:33
I go from thy **s** . . . . . Ps 139:7
Lord weigheth the **s** . . . . . Prov 16:2
and a haughty **s** . . . . . Prov 16:18
be of a humble **s** . . . . . Prov 16:19
he that ruleth his **s** . . . . . Prov 16:32
the humble in **s** . . . . . Prov 29:23
the **s** of man . . . . . Eccl 3:21
the patient in **s** . . . . . Eccl 7:8
to retain the **s** . . . . . Eccl 8:8
the way of the **s** . . . . . Eccl 11:5
the **s** shall return . . . . . Eccl 12:7
the **s** of judgment . . . . . Is 4:4
s of the Lord . . . . . Is 11:2
his **s** it hath . . . . . Is 34:16
put my **s** upon him . . . . . Is 42:1
I will pour my **s** . . . . . Is 44:3
contrite and humble **s** . . . . . Is 57:15
My **s** that is . . . . . Is 59:21
S of the Lord God . . . . . Is 61:1

the **s** lifted me up . . . . . Ezek 3:14
a new **s** within you . . . . . Ezek 11:19
and a new **s** . . . . . Ezek 18:31
I will pour out my **s** . . . . . Joel 2:28
man walking in the **s** . . . . . Mic 2:11
the **s** of grace . . . . . Zech 12:10
S of God descending . . . . . Matt 3:16
s indeed is willing . . . . . Matt 26:41
the **S** like a dove . . . . . Mark 1:10
the **s** driveth him . . . . . Mark 1:12
sighed deeply in his **s** . . . . . Mark 8:12
in the **s** and power . . . . . Luke 1:17
came by the **S** . . . . . Luke 2:27
in the power of the **S** . . . . . Luke 4:14
her **s** came again . . . . . Luke 8:55
not what manner of **s** . . . . . Luke 9:55
Jesus rejoiced in **S** . . . . . Luke 10:21
for a **s** hath not . . . . . Luke 24:39
the **S** descending . . . . . John 1:32
the **S** by measure . . . . . John 3:34
God is a **S** . . . . . John 4:24
s that quickeneth . . . . . John 6:63
Even the **S** of truth . . . . . John 14:17
the **S** of truth . . . . . John 15:26
the **S** gave them . . . . . Acts 2:4
the wisdom and the **s** . . . . . Acts 6:10
his **s** was stirred . . . . . Acts 17:16
neither angel, nor **s** . . . . . Acts 23:8
but after the **S** . . . . . Rom 8:1
the law of the **S** . . . . . Rom 8:2
the **S** of him . . . . . Rom 8:11
S itself beareth . . . . . Rom 8:16
S itself maketh . . . . . Rom 8:26
fervent in **s** . . . . . Rom 12:11
power of the **S** . . . . . Rom 15:19
of the **S** . . . . . 1 Cor 2:4
for the **S** searcheth . . . . . 1 Cor 2:10
the **s** of meekness . . . . . 1 Cor 4:21
Lord is one **s** . . . . . 1 Cor 6:17
and in your **s** . . . . . 1 Cor 6:20
but the same **S** . . . . . 1 Cor 12:4
discerning of **s** . . . . . 1 Cor 12:10
in the **s** he speaketh . . . . . 1 Cor 14:2
made a quickening **s** . . . . . 1 Cor 15:45
the **s** giveth life . . . . . 2 Cor 3:6
the **S** of the Lord is . . . . . 2 Cor 3:17
having begun in the **S** . . . . . Gal 3:3
Walk in the **S** . . . . . Gal 5:16
fruit of the **S** . . . . . Gal 5:22
If we live in the **S** . . . . . Gal 5:25
soweth to the **S** . . . . . Gal 6:8
the **s** of wisdom . . . . . Eph 1:17
s that now worketh . . . . . Eph 2:2
access by one **S** . . . . . Eph 2:18
through the **S** . . . . . Eph 2:22
with might by his **S** . . . . . Eph 3:16
one body, and one **S** . . . . . Eph 4:4
be renewed in the **s** . . . . . Eph 4:23
grieve not the holy **S** . . . . . Eph 4:30
the **S** is in all . . . . . Eph 5:9
filled with the **S** . . . . . Eph 5:18
the sword of the **S** . . . . . Eph 6:17
stand fast in one **s** . . . . . Phil 1:27
fellowship of the **S** . . . . . Phil 2:1
your love in the **S** . . . . . Col 1:8
with you in the **s** . . . . . Col 2:5
Quench not the **S** . . . . . 1 Thess 5:19
of the **S** . . . . . 2 Thess 2:13
justified in the **S** . . . . . 1 Tim 3:16
S speaketh expressly . . . . . 1 Tim 4:1
be with thy **s** . . . . . 2 Tim 4:22
all ministering **s** . . . . . Heb 1:14
of soul and **s** . . . . . Heb 4:12
eternal **s** offered . . . . . Heb 9:14
unto the Father of **s** . . . . . Heb 12:9
the **s** of just men . . . . . Heb 12:23
body without the **s** . . . . . James 2:26
The **s** that dwelleth . . . . . James 4:5
a meek and quiet **s** . . . . . 1 Pet 3:4
but quickened by the **S** . . . . . 1 Pet 3:18
the **s** in prison . . . . . 1 Pet 3:19
to God in the **s** . . . . . 1 Pet 4:6
s of glory . . . . . 1 Pet 4:14
by the **S** . . . . . 1 John 3:24
believe not every **s** . . . . . 1 John 4:1
know ye the **S** of God . . . . . 1 John 4:2
s that confesseth not . . . . . 1 John 4:3
the **s** of truth . . . . . 1 John 4:6
S that beareth witness . . . . . 1 John 5:6
s, and the water . . . . . 1 John 5:8
having not the **S** . . . . . Jude 19
I was in the **S** . . . . . Rev 1:10
S saith unto . . . . . Rev 2:7
I was in the **s** . . . . . Rev 4:2
the **S** of life . . . . . Rev 11:11
Yea, saith the **S** . . . . . Rev 14:13
S and the bride say . . . . . Rev 22:17
See Matt 8:16; John 3:5

SPIRITUAL

is a fool, the **s** man is mad . . . . . Hos 9:7
unto you some **s** gift . . . . . Rom 1:11
that the law is **s** . . . . . Rom 7:14
of their **s** things . . . . . Rom 15:27
comparing **s** things . . . . . 1 Cor 2:13
But he that is **s** . . . . . 1 Cor 2:15
unto you as unto **s** . . . . . 1 Cor 3:1
the same **s** meat . . . . . 1 Cor 10:3
concerning **s** gifts . . . . . 1 Cor 12:1
and desire **s** gifts . . . . . 1 Cor 14:1
raised a **s** body . . . . . 1 Cor 15:44
which is **s** . . . . . 1 Cor 15:46
ye which are **s** . . . . . Gal 6:1
hymns and **s** songs . . . . . Eph 5:19
against **s** wickedness . . . . . Eph 6:12
built up a **s** house . . . . . 1 Pet 2:5
See 1 Cor 9:11; Col 1:9; 3:16

SPIRITUALLY

but to be **s** minded is life . . . . . Rom 8:6
are **s** discerned . . . . . 1 Cor 2:14
which **s** is called . . . . . Rev 11:8

STAND

Fear ye not, **s** still, and see the . . . . . Ex 14:13
how then shall we **s** . . . . . 2 Kin 10:4
s ye still . . . . . 2 Chr 20:17
but it shall not **s** . . . . . Job 8:15

he shall **s** at the . . . . . Job 19:25
nor **s** in the way. . . . . Ps 1:1
shall not **s**. . . . . Ps 1:5
S in awe . . . . . Ps 4:4
Why **s** thou afar off. . . . . Ps 10:1
or who shall **s** in . . . . . Ps 24:3
the Lord **s** for ever . . . . . Ps 33:11
s up for mine help. . . . . Ps 35:2
and who may **s** in . . . . . Ps 76:7
who will **s** up for . . . . . Ps 94:16
s at the right hand. . . . . Ps 109:31
Our feet shall **s** . . . . . Ps 122:2
who shall **s** . . . . . Ps 130:3
who can **s** before . . . . . Ps 147:17
shall **s** before . . . . . Prov 22:29
but who is able to **s** . . . . . Prov 27:4
s not in an evil. . . . . Eccl 8:3
It shall not **s** . . . . . Is 7:7
I **s** ... upon the . . . . . Is 21:8
hell shall not **s** . . . . . Is 28:18
our God shall **s** . . . . . Is 40:8
S by thyself. . . . . Is 65:5
S ye in the ways. . . . . Jer 6:16
s before me for ever . . . . . Jer 35:19
s in thy lot at the . . . . . Dan 12:13
he shall **s** and feed . . . . . Mic 5:4
S, s, shall they . . . . . Nah 2:8
Satan **s** at his . . . . . Zech 3:1
who shall **s** when . . . . . Mal 3:2
itself shall not **s** . . . . . Matt 12:25
be some **s** here. . . . . Matt 16:28
that kingdom cannot **s** . . . . . Mark 3:24
that house cannot **s**. . . . . Mark 3:25
shall his kingdom **s** . . . . . Luke 11:18
grace wherein we **s** . . . . . Rom 5:2
able to make him **s** . . . . . Rom 14:4
s in the wisdom of . . . . . 1 Cor 2:5
s fast in the faith . . . . . 1 Cor 16:13
for I **s** in doubt . . . . . Gal 4:20
S fast therefore . . . . . Gal 5:1
having done all, to **s** . . . . . Eph 6:13
that ye **s** fast. . . . . Phil 1:27
so **s** fast in the Lord . . . . . Phil 4:1
if ye **s** fast . . . . . 1 Thess 3:8
God **s** sure . . . . . 2 Tim 2:19
the judge **s** before . . . . . James 5:9
I **s** at the door . . . . . Rev 3:20
shall be able to **s** . . . . . Rev 6:17
dead ... **s** before God. . . . . Rev 20:12
See 1 Cor 10:12; Rev 15:2

STILL
and be **s** . . . . . Ps 4:4
beside the **s** waters . . . . . Ps 23:2
Be **s,** and know . . . . . Ps 46:10
that standeth **s**. . . . . Zech 11:16
Peace, be **s** . . . . . Mark 4:39
See Num 13:30; Ps 65:7

STING
where is thy **s**. . . . . 1 Cor 15:55

STIR
eagle **s** up her. . . . . Deut 32:11
s up an adversary . . . . . 1 Kin 11:14
s up the spirit . . . . . 1 Chr 5:26
Lord **s** up the spirit . . . . . 2 Chr 36:22
See Song 2:7; 3:5; 8:4

STONE
foot against a **s** . . . . . Ps 91:12
s which the builders . . . . . Ps 118:22
that a **s** was cut . . . . . Dan 2:34
shall fall on this **s** . . . . . Matt 21:44
one **s** upon another. . . . . Matt 24:2
command this **s**. . . . . Luke 4:3
one **s** upon another. . . . . Luke 19:44
interpretation, A **s**. . . . . John 1:42
cast a **s** at her . . . . . John 8:7
as lively **s,** are. . . . . 1 Pet 2:5
See 1 Sam 30:6; 1 Cor 3:12

STOREHOUSE
Bring ye all the tithes into the **s** . . . . . Mal 3:10

STRAIGHT
make thy way **s** before my face . . . . . Ps 5:8
look **s** before thee . . . . . Prov 4:25
cannot be made **s** . . . . . Eccl 1:15
can make that **s** . . . . . Eccl 7:13
shall be made **s** . . . . . Is 40:4
the crooked places **s** . . . . . Is 45:2
make his paths **s** . . . . . Matt 3:3
she was made **s** . . . . . Luke 13:13
which is called **S** . . . . . Acts 9:11
And make **s** paths . . . . . Heb 12:13
See Josh 6:5; 1 Sam 6:12

STRANGER
I am a **s** and a sojourner with you . . . . . Gen 23:4
I am a **s** with thee . . . . . Ps 39:12
Lord preserveth the **s** . . . . . Ps 146:9
I was a **s** . . . . . Matt 25:35
save this **s**. . . . . Luke 17:18
s from the covenants . . . . . Eph 2:12
ye are no more **s** . . . . . Eph 2:19
they were **s**. . . . . Heb 11:13
to entertain **s** . . . . . Heb 13:2
See Matt 17:25; 1 Pet 2:11

STRENGTH
The Lord is my **s** and song . . . . . Ex 15:2
trodden down **s**. . . . . Judg 5:21
by **s** shall no man . . . . . 1 Sam 2:9
the **S** of Israel. . . . . 1 Sam 15:29
God is my **s** . . . . . 2 Sam 22:33
If I speak of **s**. . . . . Job 9:19
is wisdom and **s**. . . . . Job 12:13
my God, my **s** . . . . . Ps 18:2
girded me with **s** . . . . . Ps 18:32
Lord is the **s**. . . . . Ps 27:1
The Lord is my **s** . . . . . Ps 28:7
s unto his people. . . . . Ps 29:11
by much **s**. . . . . Ps 33:16
I may recover **s** . . . . . Ps 39:13
God is our refuge and **s** . . . . . Ps 46:1
Ascribe ye **s** unto God . . . . . Ps 68:34
that giveth **s** . . . . . Ps 68:35
s of my heart . . . . . Ps 73:26
unto God our **s** . . . . . Ps 81:1
whose **s** is in thee . . . . . Ps 84:5

s and beauty. . . . . Ps 96:6
my **s** and song . . . . . Ps 118:14
with **s** in my soul . . . . . Ps 138:3
the Lord is **s**. . . . . Prov 10:29
better than **s**. . . . . Eccl 9:16
princes eat ... for **s**. . . . . Eccl 10:17
Jehovah is my **s** . . . . . Is 12:2
a **s** to the poor . . . . . Is 25:4
he increaseth **s**. . . . . Is 40:29
awake, put on **s** . . . . . Is 51:9
s of the kingdoms . . . . . Hag 2:22
He hath shewed **s** . . . . . Luke 1:51
yet without **s** . . . . . Rom 5:6
and the **s** of sin . . . . . 1 Cor 15:56
thou hast a little **s** . . . . . Rev 3:8
See Job 21:23; 2 Cor 12:9

STRENGTHEN
s himself against the Almighty . . . . . Job 15:25
and **s** thee. . . . . Ps 20:2
s man's heart . . . . . Ps 104:15
Wisdom **s** the wise . . . . . Eccl 7:19
S ye the weak hands . . . . . Is 35:3
s thy brethren . . . . . Luke 22:32
to be **s** with might. . . . . Eph 3:16
which **s** me. . . . . Phil 4:13
S with all might. . . . . Col 1:11
See Luke 22:43; 1 Pet 5:10

STRIPES
Forty **s** he may give him . . . . . Deut 25:3
by whose **s** . . . . . 1 Pet 2:24

STRIVE
My spirit shall not always **s** . . . . . Gen 6:3
S not with a man. . . . . Prov 3:30
S to enter . . . . . Luke 13:24
s for masteries . . . . . 2 Tim 2:5
servant ... must not **s**. . . . . 2 Tim 2:24
See Is 45:9; Jer 50:24

STRONG
Be **s,** and quit yourselves like . . . . . 1 Sam 4:9
be thou **s** therefore . . . . . 1 Kin 2:2
lo, he is **s** . . . . . Job 9:19
rejoiceth as a **s** man . . . . . Ps 19:5
The Lord **s** and mighty . . . . . Ps 24:8
be thou my **s** rock. . . . . Ps 31:2
art my **s** refuge . . . . . Ps 71:7
is his **s** city . . . . . Prov 10:15
Lord is a **s** tower . . . . . Prov 18:10
battle to the **s**. . . . . Eccl 9:11
be **s,** fear not . . . . . Is 35:4
he is **s** in power . . . . . Is 40:26
be **s,** yea, be **s**. . . . . Dan 10:19
a **s** man's house . . . . . Matt 12:29
was **s** in faith . . . . . Rom 4:20
weak, but ye are **s** . . . . . 1 Cor 4:10
send them **s** delusion . . . . . 2 Thess 2:11
not of **s** meat . . . . . Heb 5:12
a **s** consolation. . . . . Heb 6:18
See Prov 14:26; Joel 3:10

SUBJECT
devils are **s** unto us . . . . . Luke 10:17
s to the law of God . . . . . Rom 8:7
made **s** to vanity . . . . . Rom 8:20
every soul be **s**. . . . . Rom 13:1
s to the prophets . . . . . 1 Cor 14:32
be **s** unto him . . . . . 1 Cor 15:28
s unto Christ . . . . . Eph 5:24
s to bondage . . . . . Heb 2:15
s to like passions . . . . . James 5:17
s to your masters. . . . . 1 Pet 2:18
powers being made **s** . . . . . 1 Pet 3:22
all of you be **s** . . . . . 1 Pet 5:5
See Luke 2:51; Titus 3:1

SUBMIT
Strangers shall **s** themselves . . . . . 2 Sam 22:45
s himself. . . . . Ps 68:30
Wives, **s** yourselves . . . . . Eph 5:22
S yourselves . . . . . James 4:7
See Rom 10:3; Eph 5:21

SUBSTANCE
with thy **s** . . . . . Prov 3:9
increaseth his **s** . . . . . Prov 28:8
wasted his **s** . . . . . Luke 15:13
faith is the **s** . . . . . Heb 11:1
See Prov 1:13; 6:31; 8:21

SUFFER
s the righteous. . . . . Ps 55:22
shall **s** hunger . . . . . Prov 19:15
not **s** him to sleep . . . . . Eccl 5:12
s many things . . . . . Matt 16:21
S little children . . . . . Matt 19:14
Son of man must **s** . . . . . Mark 8:31
S the little children . . . . . Mark 10:14
behooved Christ to **s** . . . . . Luke 24:46
that Christ should **s** . . . . . Acts 3:18
we **s** with him . . . . . Rom 8:17
he shall **s** loss. . . . . 1 Cor 3:15
one member **s** . . . . . 1 Cor 12:26
should **s** persecution . . . . . Gal 6:12
If we **s** . . . . . 2 Tim 2:12
shall **s** persecution . . . . . 2 Tim 3:12
to **s** affliction . . . . . Heb 11:25
Christ also **s**. . . . . 1 Pet 2:21
if ye **s** for . . . . . 1 Pet 3:14
Christ hath **s** for us. . . . . 1 Pet 4:1
See Phil 3:8; Heb 2:18; 5:8

SUFFICIENT
S unto the day . . . . . Matt 6:34
See Deut 15:8; John 6:7

SUN
S, stand thou still upon Gibeon . . . . . Josh 10:22
as the **s** when . . . . . Judg 5:31
green before the **s** . . . . . Job 8:16
may not see the **s** . . . . . Ps 58:8
a **s** and shield. . . . . Ps 84:11
s shall not smite . . . . . Ps 121:6
thing under the **s** . . . . . Eccl 1:9
to behold the **s**. . . . . Eccl 11:7
While the **s**. . . . . Eccl 12:2
the **s** hath looked . . . . . Song 1:6
clear as the **s** . . . . . Song 6:10

her **s** is gone down . . . . . Jer 15:9
the **s** and the moon. . . . . Joel 2:10
S of righteousness. . . . . Mal 4:2
s to rise on . . . . . Matt 5:45
shine forth as the **s** . . . . . Matt 13:43
not the **s** go down . . . . . Eph 4:26
See 1 Cor 15:41; Rev 7:16

SUPPLICATION
have heard thy prayer and thy **s** . . . . . 1 Kin 9:3
s to my judge . . . . . Job 9:15
Lord hath heard my **s** . . . . . Ps 6:9
seek by prayer and **s** . . . . . Dan 9:3
grace and of **s** . . . . . Zech 12:10
all prayer and **s** . . . . . Eph 6:18
s, prayers . . . . . 1 Tim 2:1
See Ps 28:6; 31:22; Heb 5:7

SUPPLY
s all your need. . . . . Phil 4:19

SWORD
their tongue a sharp **s**. . . . . Ps 57:4
shall not lift up **s** . . . . . Is 2:4
The **s** is without . . . . . Ezek 7:15
but a **s** . . . . . Matt 10:34
a **s** ... pierce. . . . . Luke 2:35
beareth not the **s** . . . . . Rom 13:4
s of the Spirit . . . . . Eph 6:17
any two-edged **s** . . . . . Heb 4:12
a sharp two-edged **s** . . . . . Rev 1:16
killeth with the **s** . . . . . Rev 13:10
goeth a sharp **s** . . . . . Rev 19:15
See Is 2:4; Joel 3:10; Mic 4:3

T

TABERNACLE
Lord, who shall abide in thy **t** . . . . . Ps 15:1
In the secret of his **t** . . . . . Ps 27:5
How amiable are thy **t** . . . . . Ps 84:1
a **t** that shall not . . . . . Is 33:20
See Job 5:24; Prov 14:11

TABLE
Thou preparest a **t** before me . . . . . Ps 23:5
their masters' **t** . . . . . Matt 15:27
dogs under the **t** . . . . . Mark 7:28
See Prov 3:3; Jer 17:1; Mal 1:7

TAKE
I will **t** you to me for a people. . . . . Ex 6:7
T no thought . . . . . Matt 6:25
t no thought how . . . . . Matt 10:19
T my yoke upon you . . . . . Matt 11:29
and said, **T,** eat . . . . . Matt 26:26
t thy coat also . . . . . Luke 6:29
why **t** ye thought . . . . . Luke 12:26
rather **t** wrong . . . . . 1 Cor 6:7
t thy crown . . . . . Rev 3:11
See John 1:29; Rev 22:19

TASTE
the **t** of it was as the **t** of fresh oil . . . . . Num 11:8
there any **t** . . . . . Job 6:6
mouth **t** his meat. . . . . Job 12:11
O **t** and see. . . . . Ps 34:8
sweet ... unto my **t** . . . . . Ps 119:103
t remained in him. . . . . Jer 48:11
not **t** of death. . . . . Matt 16:28
t of my supper . . . . . Luke 14:24
never **t** of death . . . . . John 8:52
Touch not; **t** not . . . . . Col 2:21
should **t** death . . . . . Heb 2:9
and have **t** . . . . . Heb 6:4
ye have **t** . . . . . 1 Pet 2:3
See 1 Sam 14:43; 2 Sam 19:35

TAUGHT
thou hast **t** me . . . . . Ps 71:17
He **t** me also . . . . . Prov 4:4
he **t** them as one . . . . . Matt 7:29
for he **t** them . . . . . Mark 1:22
and thou hast **t** . . . . . Luke 13:26
be all **t** of God . . . . . John 6:45
as my Father hath **t** . . . . . John 8:28
neither was I **t** it . . . . . Gal 1:12
t in the word . . . . . Gal 6:6
been **t** by him . . . . . Eph 4:21
ye have been **t** . . . . . 2 Thess 2:15
See 1 Thess 4:9; 1 John 2:27

TEACH
and will **t** you . . . . . Ex 4:15
t their children . . . . . Deut 4:10
t them diligently . . . . . Deut 6:7
And ye shall **t** them . . . . . Deut 11:19
and **t** us . . . . . Judg 13:8
I will **t** you . . . . . 1 Sam 12:23
t the children of Judah . . . . . 2 Sam 1:18
a **t** priest . . . . . 2 Chr 15:3
T me and I will . . . . . Job 6:24
Shall not they **t** . . . . . Job 8:10
they shall **t** thee. . . . . Job 12:7
not **t** thou me . . . . . Job 34:32
by his power: who **t** . . . . . Job 36:22
t me thy paths . . . . . Ps 25:4
will he **t** sinners. . . . . Ps 25:8
T me thy way. . . . . Ps 27:11
will **t** you the fear . . . . . Ps 34:11
I **t** transgressors. . . . . Ps 51:13
t us to number our . . . . . Ps 90:12
and **t** him out . . . . . Ps 94:12
t with his fingers . . . . . Prov 6:13
he will **t** us . . . . . Is 2:3
shall he **t** knowledge. . . . . Is 28:9
and doth **t** him . . . . . Is 28:26
God which **t** thee . . . . . Is 48:17
t your daughters . . . . . Jer 9:20
t my people . . . . . Ezek 44:23
thereof **t** for . . . . . Mic 3:11
and **t** all nations . . . . . Matt 28:19
Lord, **t** us to pray . . . . . Luke 11:1
Holy Ghost shall **t** . . . . . Luke 12:12
dost thou **t** us . . . . . John 9:34
he shall **t** you all . . . . . John 14:26
ceased not to **t** . . . . . Acts 5:42
or he that **t** . . . . . Rom 12:7

t every where . . . . . 1 Cor 4:17
nature itself **t** . . . . . 1 Cor 11:14
my voice I might **t** . . . . . 1 Cor 14:19
and **t** every man . . . . . Col 1:28
t and admonishing . . . . . Col 3:16
t no other doctrine . . . . . 1 Tim 1:3
apt to **t** . . . . . 1 Tim 3:2
things command and **t** . . . . . 1 Tim 4:11
t and exhort . . . . . 1 Tim 6:2
to **t** others also . . . . . 2 Tim 2:2
t things which . . . . . Titus 1:11
t the young women . . . . . Titus 2:4
T us that . . . . . Titus 2:12
t you again . . . . . Heb 5:12
See Matt 22:16, Mark 6:34

TEACHER

as the great, the **t** as the scholar . . . . . 1 Chr 25:8
than all my **t** . . . . . Ps 119:99
the voice of my **t** . . . . . Prov 5:13
not thy **t** be removed . . . . . Is 30:20
and a **t** of lies . . . . . Hab 2:18
t come from God . . . . . John 3:2
a **t** of babes . . . . . Rom 2:20
are all **t** . . . . . 1 Cor 12:29
pastors and **t** . . . . . Eph 4:11
t of the law . . . . . 1 Tim 1:7
t of good things . . . . . Titus 2:3
See 1 Tim 2:7; 2 Tim 1:11

TEARS

thy prayer, I have seen thy **t** . . . . . 2 Kin 20:5
They that sow in **t** . . . . . Ps 126:5
wipe away **t** . . . . . Is 25:8
covering ... with **t** . . . . . Mal 2:13
wash his feet with **t** . . . . . Luke 7:38
and with many **t** . . . . . Acts 20:19
and day with **t** . . . . . Acts 20:31
mindful of thy **t** . . . . . 2 Tim 1:4
See 2 Cor 2:4; Heb 5:7; 12:17

TEMPLE

hear my voice out of his **t** . . . . . 2 Sam 22:7
within the **t** . . . . . Neh 6:10
enquire in his **t** . . . . . Ps 27:4
in his **t** doth . . . . . Ps 29:9
train filled the **t** . . . . . Is 6:1
songs of the **t** . . . . . Amos 8:3
come to his **t** . . . . . Mal 3:1
greater than the **t** . . . . . Matt 12:6
Destroy this **t** . . . . . John 2:19
are the **t** of God . . . . . 1 Cor 3:16
body is the **t** . . . . . 1 Cor 6:19
t of the living God . . . . . 2 Cor 6:16
See Hos 8:14; Rev 7:15; 11:19

TEMPORAL

the things which are seen are **t** . . . . . 2 Cor 4:18

TEMPT

that God did **t** Abraham . . . . . Gen 22:1
do ye **t** the Lord . . . . . Ex 17:2
and have **t** me . . . . . Num 14:22
as ye **t** him . . . . . Deut 6:16
they **t** God . . . . . Ps 78:18
I **t** the Lord . . . . . Is 7:12
that **t** God . . . . . Mal 3:15
t the Lord thy God . . . . . Matt 4:7
said, Why **t** ye me . . . . . Matt 22:18
and **t** him . . . . . Luke 10:25
to **t** the Spirit . . . . . Acts 5:9
why **t** ye God . . . . . Acts 15:10
you to be **t** . . . . . 1 Cor 10:13
lest thou also be **t** . . . . . Gal 6:1
suffered being **t** . . . . . Heb 2:18
was in all points **t** . . . . . Heb 4:15
say when he is **t** . . . . . James 1:13
See Matt 4:1; Mark 1:13

TEMPTATION

lead us not into **t** . . . . . Matt 6:13
enter not into **t** . . . . . Matt 26:41
lest ye enter into **t** . . . . . Mark 14:38
and in time of **t** . . . . . Luke 8:13
no **t** taken you . . . . . 1 Cor 10:13
And my **t** which . . . . . Gal 4:14
fall into **t** . . . . . 1 Tim 6:9
fall into divers **t** . . . . . James 1:2
the godly out of **t** . . . . . 2 Pet 2:9
See Luke 11:4; 1 Pet 1:6

TEMPTER

And when the **t** came to him . . . . . Matt 4:3
t have tempted you . . . . . 1 Thess 3:5

TERRIBLE

a mighty God and **t** . . . . . Deut 7:21
great and **t** things . . . . . Deut 10:21
the great and **t** God . . . . . Neh 1:5
How **t** art thou . . . . . Ps 66:3
O God, thou art **t** . . . . . Ps 68:35
the hand of the **t** . . . . . Jer 15:21
great and very **t** . . . . . Joel 2:11
so **t** was the sight . . . . . Heb 12:21
See Lam 5:10; Ezek 1:22; 28:7

TERROR

the **t** of God was upon the cities . . . . . Gen 35:5
and **t** within . . . . . Deut 32:25
t of God . . . . . Job 6:4
T shall make . . . . . Job 18:11
t of the shadow . . . . . Job 24:17
my **t** shall not . . . . . Job 33:7
the **t** of death . . . . . Ps 55:4
consumed with **t** . . . . . Ps 73:19
for the **t** by night . . . . . Ps 91:5
the **t** of the Lord . . . . . 2 Cor 5:11
See Ezek 21:12; 1 Pet 3:14

TESTIMONY

his **t** which he testified . . . . . 2 Kin 17:15
Thy **t** are very sure . . . . . Ps 93:5
I have kept thy **t** . . . . . Ps 119:22
Thy **t** also . . . . . Ps 119:24
will speak of thy **t** . . . . . Ps 119:46
feet unto thy **t** . . . . . Ps 119:59
I love thy **t** . . . . . Ps 119:119
Thy **t** are wonderful . . . . . Ps 119:129
Bind up the **t** . . . . . Is 8:16
and to the **t** . . . . . Is 8:20

a **t** against them. . . . . Matt 10:18
to you for a **t** . . . . . Luke 21:13
receiveth his **t** . . . . . John 3:32
his **t** is true. . . . . John 21:24
t unto the word . . . . . Acts 14:3
the **t** of God . . . . . 1 Cor 2:1
t of our conscience . . . . . 2 Cor 1:12
ashamed of the **t** . . . . . 2 Tim 1:8
had this **t** . . . . . Heb 11:5
See Rev 1:2; 6:9; 11:7

THANK
I **t** thee, O Father . . . . . Matt 11:25
God I **t** thee . . . . . Luke 18:11
I **t** thee that . . . . . John 11:41
he **t** God . . . . . Acts 28:15
I **t** my God always. . . . . 1 Cor 1:4
to **t** God always . . . . . 2 Thess 1:3
I **t** Christ Jesus. . . . . 1 Tim 1:12
See 1 Chr 23:30; Dan 2:23

THANKS
companies of them that gave **t** . . . . . Neh 12:31
and gave **t**. . . . . Matt 26:27
gave **t** likewise . . . . . Luke 2:38
he giveth God **t** . . . . . Rom 14:6
But **t** be to God . . . . . 1 Cor 15:57
Giving **t** always . . . . . Eph 5:20
For what **t** can we . . . . . 1 Thess 3:9
t to him . . . . . Rev 4:9
See 2 Cor 1:11; Heb 13:15

THANKSGIVING
may publish with the voice of **t**. . . . . Ps 26:7
his presence with **t** . . . . . Ps 95:2
found therein, **t**. . . . . Is 51:3
a sacrifice of **t** . . . . . Amos 4:5
supplication with **t** . . . . . Phil 4:6
in the same with **t**. . . . . Col 4:2
be received with **t** . . . . . 1 Tim 4:3
See Neh 11:17; 12:8; 2 Cor 4:15

THIEF
as a **t** in the night . . . . . 1 Thess 5:2; 2 Pet 3:10
See Prov 6:30; 29:24

THIRST (*v.*)
My soul **t** for God . . . . . Ps 42:2
my soul **t** for thee . . . . . Ps 63:1
my soul **t** after thee. . . . . Ps 143:6
not hunger nor **t** . . . . . Is 49:10
Ho, every one that **t** . . . . . Is 55:1
t after righteousness . . . . . Matt 5:6
him shall never **t**. . . . . John 4:14
shall never **t** . . . . . John 6:35
If any man **t,** let him . . . . . John 7:37
saith, I **t** . . . . . John 19:28
neither **t** any more . . . . . Rev 7:16
See Ex 17:3; Is 48:21

THORN
and **t** in your sides . . . . . Num 33:55
as **t** in your sides . . . . . Judg 2:3
As the lily among **t** . . . . . Song 2:2
a **t** in the flesh . . . . . 2 Cor 12:7
See Matt 13:7; 27:29

THOUGHT (*n.*)
no **t** can be withholden . . . . . Job 42:2
in all his **t**. . . . . Ps 10:4
and thy **t** which are. . . . . Ps 40:5
thy **t** are very deep . . . . . Ps 92:5
the **t** of man. . . . . Ps 94:11
and know my **t** . . . . . Ps 139:23
t of the righteous . . . . . Prov 12:5
and thy **t** shall be . . . . . Prov 16:3
The **t** of foolishness . . . . . Prov 24:9
unrighteous man his **t** . . . . . Is 55:7
For my **t** are not your. . . . . Is 55:8
the **t** of the Lord . . . . . Mic 4:12
Take no **t** for your. . . . . Matt 6:25
take no **t,** saying . . . . . Matt 6:31
knowing their **t** said . . . . . Matt 9:4
take no **t** how or what . . . . . Matt 10:19
Jesus knew their **t** . . . . . Matt 12:25
proceed evil **t**. . . . . Matt 15:19
proceed evil **t**. . . . . Mark 7:21
take no **t** beforehand . . . . . Mark 13:11
t of many hearts . . . . . Luke 2:35
perceived their **t** . . . . . Luke 5:22
he knew their **t** . . . . . Luke 6:8
the **t** of their heart . . . . . Luke 9:47
knowing their **t** . . . . . Luke 11:17
take ye no **t** how or. . . . . Luke 12:11
t of thine heart . . . . . Acts 8:22
the **t** of the wise. . . . . 1 Cor 3:20
t to the obedience . . . . . 2 Cor 10:5
the **t** and intents of . . . . . Heb 4:12
See Gen 6:5; Jer 4:14

THOUGHT (*v.*)
that **t** upon his name . . . . . Mal 3:16
I **t** as a child . . . . . 1 Cor 13:11
t it not robbery . . . . . Phil 2:6
See Gen 20:11; 50:20

THRONE
the Lord's **t** is in heaven . . . . . Ps 11:4
the **t** of iniquity . . . . . Ps 94:20
set **t** of judgment. . . . . Ps 122:5
and his **t** is . . . . . Prov 20:28
The heaven is my **t** . . . . . Is 66:1
A glorious high **t**. . . . . Jer 17:12
his **t** was like the . . . . . Dan 7:9
the **t** of his glory . . . . . Matt 19:28
the **t** of his glory . . . . . Matt 25:31
be **t,** or dominions . . . . . Col 1:16
the **t** of grace . . . . . Heb 4:16
sit with me in my **t** . . . . . Rev 3:21
a **t** was set in heaven. . . . . Rev 4:2
See Rev 6:16; 7:9; 14:3; 19:4

TIDINGS
He shall not be afraid of evil **t** . . . . . Ps 112:7
man who brought **t**. . . . . Jer 20:15
But **t** out of the . . . . . Dan 11:44
thee these glad **t** . . . . . Luke 1:19
good **t** of great joy . . . . . Luke 2:10
glad **t** of the kingdom. . . . . Luke 8:1
unto you glad **t** . . . . . Acts 13:32
t of good things. . . . . Rom 10:15
See Ex 33:4; 1 Kin 14:6

TIME
the **t** drew nigh . . . . . Gen 47:29
down out of **t**. . . . . Job 22:16
the **t** of trouble . . . . . Job 38:23
pray unto thee in a **t**. . . . . Ps 32:6
in the evil **t**. . . . . Ps 37:19
in **t** of trouble . . . . . Ps 41:1
What **t** I am afraid . . . . . Ps 56:3
an acceptable **t**. . . . . Ps 69:13
how short my **t** is . . . . . Ps 89:47
a **t** to every purpose . . . . . Eccl 3:1
t and chance happeneth. . . . . Eccl 9:11
an acceptable **t** have . . . . . Is 49:8
hasten it in his **t** . . . . . Is 60:22
and the **t** of their. . . . . Jer 46:21
the **t** of love . . . . . Ezek 16:8
until a **t** and **t** and. . . . . Dan 7:25
t to seek the Lord . . . . . Hos 10:12
fruit before the **t** . . . . . Mal 3:11
signs of the **t** . . . . . Matt 16:3
the **t** of thy visitation . . . . . Luke 19:44
the **t** of refreshing . . . . . Acts 3:19
the **t** of restitution. . . . . Acts 3:21
high **t** to awake . . . . . Rom 13:11
the **t** is short . . . . . 1 Cor 7:29
is the accepted **t** . . . . . 2 Cor 6:2
Redeeming the **t** . . . . . Eph 5:16
in **t** of need . . . . . Heb 4:16
of **t** the Spirit . . . . . 1 Pet 1:11
the **t** is at hand . . . . . Rev 1:3
should be **t** no longer. . . . . Rev 10:6
See Prov 17:17; Eph 1:10

TOGETHER
exalt his name **t**. . . . . Ps 34:3
the poor meet **t** . . . . . Prov 22:2
Can two walk **t** . . . . . Amos 3:3
are gathered **t** . . . . . Matt 18:20
God hath joined **t** . . . . . Matt 19:6
work **t** for good. . . . . Rom 8:28
caught up **t**. . . . . 1 Thess 4:17
See Matt 19:6; Eph 2:21

TO MORROW
Boast not thyself of **t** . . . . . Prov 27:1
drink; for **t** we shall die . . . . . Is 22:13
t shall be as this day . . . . . Is 56:12
eat and drink; for **t** we . . . . . 1 Cor 15:32
See Josh 5:12; 2 Kin 7:1

TONGUE
he hid from the scourge of the **t**. . . . . Job 5:21
it under his **t** . . . . . Job 20:12
Keep thy **t** from. . . . . Ps 34:13
t of the just. . . . . Prov 10:20
the **t** of the wise. . . . . Prov 12:18
but a lying **t** is . . . . . Prov 12:19
A wholesome **t** is a . . . . . Prov 15:4
the power of the **t** . . . . . Prov 18:21
bridleth not his **t**. . . . . James 1:26
the **t** is a fire. . . . . James 3:6
his **t** from evil . . . . . 1 Pet 3:10
in word, neither in **t**. . . . . 1 John 3:18
See Ps 45:1; Luke 16:24

TOOTH
Eye for eye, **t** for **t**. . . . . Ex 21:24
is like a broken **t** . . . . . Prov 25:19

TRADITION
transgress the **t** of the elders . . . . . Matt 15:2
t of the elders. . . . . Mark 7:3
t of my fathers. . . . . Gal 1:14
the **t** of men. . . . . Col 2:8
received by **t** . . . . . 1 Pet 1:18

TRANSFORMED
t by the renewing of your mind . . . . . Rom 12:2
t themselves. . . . . 2 Cor 11:13
Satan himself is **t**. . . . . 2 Cor 11:14
t as ... ministers . . . . . 2 Cor 11:15

TRANSGRESS
do ye **t** the commandment . . . . . Num 14:41
Lord's people to **t** . . . . . 1 Sam 2:24
If ye **t** . . . . . Neh 1:8
mouth shall not **t** . . . . . Ps 17:3
that man will **t**. . . . . Prov 28:21
the pastors also **t**. . . . . Jer 2:8
hast **t** against . . . . . Jer 3:13
because he **t** by . . . . . Hab 2:5
See Matt 15:2; 1 John 3:4

TRANSGRESSION
forgiving iniquity and **t** . . . . . Ex 34:7
died for his **t** . . . . . 1 Chr 10:13
because of the **t** . . . . . Ezra 10:6
not pardon my **t** . . . . . Job 7:21
my **t** and my sin . . . . . Job 13:23
My **t** is sealed. . . . . Job 14:17
If I covered my **t** . . . . . Job 31:33
from the great **t**. . . . . Ps 19:13
nor my **t** . . . . . Ps 25:7
whose **t** is forgiven . . . . . Ps 32:1
blot out my **t** . . . . . Ps 51:1
as for our **t,** thou. . . . . Ps 65:3
because of their **t** . . . . . Ps 107:17
a **t** seeketh love . . . . . Prov 17:9
blotteth out thy **t**. . . . . Is 43:25
thy **t** . . . . . Is 44:22
wounded for our **t** . . . . . Is 53:5
the **t** of my people. . . . . Is 53:8
people their **t**. . . . . Is 58:1
All his **t** that. . . . . Ezek 18:22
For the **t** of Jacob . . . . . Mic 1:5
See Rom 4:15; 5:14

TRANSGRESSOR
way of **t** is hard . . . . . Prov 13:15
a **t** from the womb . . . . . Is 48:8
numbered with the **t**. . . . . Is 53:12
reckoned among the **t** . . . . . Luke 22:37
See Dan 8:23; Hos 14:9

TRANSLATE
hath **t** us into. . . . . Col 1:13
Enoch was **t**. . . . . Heb 11:5

TRAVAIL
the **t** of his soul . . . . . Is 53:11
and **t** in pain . . . . . Rom 8:22

I **t** in birth again . . . . . Gal 4:19
See Job 15:20; Is 13:8

TREASURE
a peculiar **t** unto me . . . . . Ex 19:5
thee his good **t**. . . . . Deut 28:12
his peculiar **t** . . . . . Ps 135:4
the peculiar **t** . . . . . Eccl 2:8
where your **t** is . . . . . Matt 6:21
shalt have **t** in heaven. . . . . Matt 19:21
See Deut 32:34; 33:19

TREE
be like a **t** planted . . . . . Ps 1:3
The **t** of the Lord. . . . . Ps 104:16
the **t** of Eden . . . . . Ezek 31:9
See Mark 8:24; Luke 21:29; Rev 22:2

TREMBLE
and shall **t,** and be in anguish. . . . . Deut 2:25
earth **t,** and the . . . . . Judg 5:4
shook and **t** . . . . . 2 Sam 22:8
every one that **t**. . . . . Ezra 9:4
pillars thereof **t** . . . . . Job 9:6
pillars of heaven **t** . . . . . Job 26:11
rejoice with **t** . . . . . Ps 2:11
the earth to **t** . . . . . Ps 60:2
the earth **t** . . . . . Ps 77:18
earth saw, and **t**. . . . . Ps 97:4
let the people **t** . . . . . Ps 99:1
the earth, and it **t** . . . . . Ps 104:32
house shall **t**. . . . . Eccl 12:3
the earth to **t** . . . . . Is 14:16
t at thy presence . . . . . Is 64:2
t at his word. . . . . Is 66:5
t at my presence . . . . . Jer 5:22
shall fear and **t**. . . . . Jer 33:9
not the land **t**. . . . . Amos 8:8
Felix **t,** and. . . . . Acts 24:25
believe, and **t** . . . . . James 2:19
See Acts 9:6; 16:29

TRESPASS
what is my **t?** what is my sin . . . . . Gen 31:36
t of thy servants . . . . . Gen 50:17
chief in this **t** . . . . . Ezra 9:2
still in his **t**. . . . . Ps 68:21
forgive men their **t** . . . . . Matt 6:14
shall **t** against thee . . . . . Matt 18:15
If thy brother **t** . . . . . Luke 17:3
t unto them . . . . . 2 Cor 5:19
who were dead in **t**. . . . . Eph 2:1
forgiven you all **t**. . . . . Col 2:13
See Num 5:6; 1 Kin 8:31

TRIAL
laugh at the **t** of the innocent . . . . . Job 9:23
great **t** of affliction . . . . . 2 Cor 8:2
See Ezek 21:13; Heb 11:36

TRIBULATION
shall be great **t**. . . . . Matt 24:21
ye shall have **t** . . . . . John 16:33
much **t** enter into . . . . . Acts 14:22
that **t** worketh patience . . . . . Rom 5:3
patient in **t**. . . . . Rom 12:12
See 2 Cor 1:4; 7:4; Eph 3:13

TRIED
the word of the Lord is **t** . . . . . 2 Sam 22:31
for when he is **t**. . . . . James 1:12

TRIUMPH
the Lord, for he hath **t** gloriously . . . . Ex 15:1, 21
enemies **t** over me. . . . . Ps 25:2
I will **t** in the . . . . . Ps 92:4
to **t** in Christ . . . . . 2 Cor 2:14
t over them in . . . . . Col 2:15
See 2 Sam 1:20; Job 20:5

TROUBLE (*n.*)
man is born unto **t** . . . . . Job 5:7
and full of **t** . . . . . Job 14:1
in the time of **t** . . . . . Ps 27:5
present help in **t** . . . . . Ps 46:1
in the midst of **t** . . . . . Ps 138:7
have **t** in the flesh . . . . . 1 Cor 7:28
See Prov 15:6; 25:19

TRUE
we are **t** men, thy servants. . . . . Gen 42:11
that which is **t** . . . . . 1 Kin 22:16
without the **t** God. . . . . 2 Chr 15:3
and **t** laws. . . . . Neh 9:13
Thy word is **t**. . . . . Ps 119:160
A **t** witness. . . . . Prov 14:25
is the **t** God . . . . . Jer 10:10
that thou art **t** . . . . . Matt 22:16
the **t** riches. . . . . Luke 16:11
the **t** Light . . . . . John 1:9
the **t** worshippers . . . . . John 4:23
witness is not **t** . . . . . John 5:31
you the **t** bread . . . . . John 6:32
this man were **t**. . . . . John 10:41
I am the **t** vine. . . . . John 15:1
the only **t** God. . . . . John 17:3
and yet **t**. . . . . 2 Cor 6:8
and **t** holiness . . . . . Eph 4:24
things are **t**. . . . . Phil 4:8
with a **t** heart. . . . . Heb 10:22
him that is **t**. . . . . 1 John 5:20
See Rev 3:7; 6:10; 15:3

TRUST
he slay me, yet will I **t** in him . . . . . Job 13:15
Wilt thou **t** him. . . . . Job 39:11
I **t** in thee . . . . . Ps 25:2
I **t** in the Lord . . . . . Ps 31:6
T in the Lord. . . . . Ps 37:3
shall **t** in the Lord. . . . . Ps 40:3
I will **t** in thee . . . . . Ps 55:23
I will **t** in thee . . . . . Ps 56:3
T in him at all . . . . . Ps 62:8
t thou in the Lord. . . . . Ps 115:9
It is better to **t** . . . . . Ps 118:8
in thee do I **t** . . . . . Ps 143:8
he in whom I **t** . . . . . Ps 144:2
T in the Lord. . . . . Prov 3:5
He that **t** in his . . . . . Prov 28:26
let him **t** in the . . . . . Is 50:10
thy widows **t** in me. . . . . Jer 49:11
T ye not in a . . . . . Mic 7:5
that **t** in him . . . . . Nah 1:7

He **t** in God . . . . . Matt 27:43
which **t** in themselves. . . . . Luke 18:9
See Jer 17:5; 2 Cor 1:9

TRUTH
a God of **t** and without iniquity . . . . . Deut 32:4
the **t** in his heart . . . . . Ps 15:2
thou desirest **t** . . . . . Ps 51:6
his **t** ... be thy . . . . . Ps 91:4
the **t** of the Lord . . . . . Ps 117:2
the way of **t** . . . . . Ps 119:30
Buy the **t**. . . . . Prov 23:23
for **t** is fallen . . . . . Is 59:14
valiant for the **t** . . . . . Jer 9:3
the **t** to his . . . . . Zech 8:16
The law of **t** . . . . . Mal 2:6
of grace and **t**. . . . . John 1:14
know the **t** . . . . . John 8:32
the **t,** and the life. . . . . John 14:6
the Spirit of **t** . . . . . John 16:13
thy word is **t** . . . . . John 17:17
What is **t**. . . . . John 18:38
the **t** in unrighteousness . . . . . Rom 1:18
sincerity and **t** . . . . . 1 Cor 5:8
against the **t** . . . . . 2 Cor 13:8
the **t** in love . . . . . Eph 4:15
ground of the **t** . . . . . 1 Tim 3:15
the word of **t** . . . . . 2 Tim 2:15
err from the **t**. . . . . James 5:19
See 1 Cor 13:6; 2 Tim 3:7

TRY
God left him, to **t** him . . . . . 2 Chr 32:31
he hath **t** me . . . . . Job 23:10
t my reins and . . . . . Ps 26:2
t the spirits. . . . . 1 John 4:1
See Prov 17:3; Is 28:16

TWINKLING
in the **t** of an eye . . . . . 1 Cor 15:52

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UNBELIEF
Lord, I believe; help thou mine **u** . . . . . Mark 9:24
shall their **u** . . . . . Rom 3:3
shall all in **u** . . . . . Rom 11:32
evil heart of **u** . . . . . Heb 3:12
See Matt 13:58; Mark 6:6

UNCLEAN
not call any man common or **u** . . . . . Acts 10:28
nothing **u** of itself . . . . . Rom 14:14
touch not the **u** . . . . . 2 Cor 6:17

UNDEFILED
Blessed are the **u** in the way . . . . . Ps 119:1
u before God . . . . . James 1:27
incorruptible, and **u** . . . . . 1 Pet 1:4
See Song 5:2; 6:9; Heb 7:26

UNDERSTAND
readeth, let him **u** . . . . . Matt 24:15
that they might **u** . . . . . Luke 24:45
not **u** my speech . . . . . John 8:43
There is none that **u** . . . . . Rom 3:11
not heard shall **u** . . . . . Rom 15:21
u all mysteries . . . . . 1 Cor 13:2
I **u** as a child . . . . . 1 Cor 13:11
See 1 Cor 14:2; 2 Pet 2:12; 3:16

UNDERSTANDING
of God, in wisdom, and in **u** . . . . . Ex 31:3
u in the sight . . . . . Deut 4:6
u to discern . . . . . 1 Kin 3:11
wisdom and **u** . . . . . 1 Kin 4:29
u of the times . . . . . 1 Chr 12:32
who had **u** . . . . . 2 Chr 26:5
counsel and **u** . . . . . Job 12:13
u of the aged . . . . . Job 12:20
heart from **u** . . . . . Job 17:4
the place of **u**. . . . . Job 28:12
giveth them **u** . . . . . Job 32:8
praises with **u** . . . . . Ps 47:7
heart shall be of **u** . . . . . Ps 49:3
Give me **u**. . . . . Ps 119:34
give me **u** . . . . . Ps 119:169
his **u** is infinite . . . . . Ps 147:5
u shall keep thee . . . . . Prov 2:11
unto thine own **u** . . . . . Prov 3:5
Get wisdom, get **u**. . . . . Prov 4:5
thy getting get **u** . . . . . Prov 4:7
in the way of **u** . . . . . Prov 9:6
is of great **u** . . . . . Prov 14:29
U is a wellspring . . . . . Prov 16:22
him that hath **u** . . . . . Prov 17:24
he that keepeth **u** . . . . . Prov 19:8
no wisdom nor **u** . . . . . Prov 21:30
not the **u** of a man . . . . . Prov 30:2
riches to men of **u**. . . . . Eccl 9:11
of wisdom and **u** . . . . . Is 11:2
the way of **u** . . . . . Is 40:14
with knowledge and **u** . . . . . Jer 3:15
with thine **u** . . . . . Ezek 28:4
mine **u** returned . . . . . Dan 4:34
yet without **u** . . . . . Matt 15:16
so without **u**. . . . . Mark 7:18
and with all the **u** . . . . . Mark 12:33
at his **u** . . . . . Luke 2:47
opened he their **u** . . . . . Luke 24:45
u of the prudent . . . . . 1 Cor 1:9
pray with the **u** . . . . . 1 Cor 14:15
be not children in **u** . . . . . 1 Cor 14:20
the **u** darkened . . . . . Eph 4:18
passeth all **u**. . . . . Phil 4:7
See Col 1:9; 2:2; 1 John 5:20

UNFAITHFUL
and dealt **u** like their fathers . . . . . Ps 78:57
in an **u** man . . . . . Prov 25:19

UNFRUITFUL
the word and he becometh **u** . . . . . Matt 13:22
u works of darkness . . . . . Eph 5:11
they be not **u** . . . . . Titus 3:14
u in the knowledge. . . . . 2 Pet 1:8

UNGODLINESS
from heaven against all **u**. . . . . Rom 1:18
shall turn away **u**. . . . . Rom 11:26
unto more **u**. . . . . 2 Tim 2:16
denying **u** . . . . . Titus 2:12

UNGODLY
Shouldest thou help the **u** . . . . . 2 Chr 19:2
me to the **u** . . . . . Job 16:11
counsel of the **u**. . . . . Ps 1:1
u shall perish. . . . . Ps 1:6
against an **u** nation . . . . . Ps 43:1
An **u** man diggeth. . . . . Prov 16:27
died for the **u**. . . . . Rom 5:6
u and the sinner . . . . . 1 Pet 4:18
perdition of **u** men . . . . . 2 Pet 3:7
See 1 Tim 1:9; 2 Pet 2:5

UNHOLY
difference between holy and **u** . . . . . Lev 10:10
for **u** and profane . . . . . 1 Tim 1:9
unthankful, **u**. . . . . 2 Tim 3:2
an **u** thing . . . . . Heb 10:29

UNITY
brethren to dwell together in **u**. . . . . Ps 133:1
u of the Spirit . . . . . Eph 4:3
u of the faith . . . . . Eph 4:13

UNJUST
from the deceitful and **u** man . . . . . Ps 43:1
the hope of **u** men . . . . . Prov 11:7
u gain increaseth. . . . . Prov 28:8
An **u** man. . . . . Prov 29:27
the **u** knoweth . . . . . Zeph 3:5
and on the **u** . . . . . Matt 5:45
the **u** judge saith . . . . . Luke 18:6
extortioners, **u**. . . . . Luke 18:11
of the just and **u** . . . . . Acts 24:15
before the **u** . . . . . 1 Cor 6:1
just for the **u** . . . . . 1 Pet 3:18
He that is **u** . . . . . Rev 22:11
See Ps 82:2; Is 26:10

UNKNOWN
this inscription, To the **u** God. . . . . Acts 17:23
in an **u** tongue. . . . . 1 Cor 14:2

UNPROFITABLE
Should he reason with **u** talk . . . . . Job 15:3
the **u** servant . . . . . Matt 25:30
We are **u** servants . . . . . Luke 17:10
See Titus 3:9; Philem 11

UNREPROVEABLE
unblameable and **u** in his sight. . . . . Col 1:22

UNRIGHTEOUS
the wicked to be an **u** witness. . . . . Ex 23:1
u decrees . . . . . Is 10:1
and the **u** man. . . . . Is 55:7
Is God **u** . . . . . Rom 3:5
God is not **u**. . . . . Heb 6:10
See Deut 25:16; 1 Cor 6:9

UNRIGHTEOUSNESS
friends of the mammon of **u**. . . . . Luke 16:9
hold the truth in **u** . . . . . Rom 1:18
but obey **u** . . . . . Rom 2:8
if our **u** commend. . . . . Rom 3:5
as instruments of **u**. . . . . Rom 6:13
Is there **u** with God . . . . . Rom 9:14
with **u** . . . . . 2 Cor 6:14
pleasure in **u** . . . . . 2 Thess 2:12
the reward of **u** . . . . . 2 Pet 2:13
from all **u** . . . . . 1 John 1:9
All **u** is sin . . . . . 1 John 5:17
See Lev 19:15; Jer 22:13

UNSEARCHABLE
doeth great things and **u** . . . . . Job 5:9
greatness is **u** . . . . . Ps 145:3
how **u** are his. . . . . Rom 11:33
u riches of Christ . . . . . Eph 3:8

UNSPEAKABLE
Thanks be unto God for his **u** gift . . . . 2 Cor 9:15
and heard **u** words . . . . . 2 Cor 12:4
with joy **u**. . . . . 1 Pet 1:8

UNSPOTTED
keep himself **u** from the world . . . . . James 1:27

UNTHANKFUL
kind unto the **u** and to the evil. . . . . Luke 6:35
u, unholy . . . . . 2 Tim 3:2

UNWISE
O foolish people and **u**. . . . . Deut 32:6
he is an **u** son . . . . . Hos 13:13
wise, and to the **u** . . . . . Rom 1:14
be ye not **u** . . . . . Eph 5:17

UNWORTHY
u of everlasting life . . . . . Acts 13:46
u to judge. . . . . 1 Cor 6:2
of the Lord, **u**. . . . . 1 Cor 11:27

UPHOLD
and **u** me with thy free spirit. . . . . Ps 51:12
that **u** my soul . . . . . Ps 54:4
U me according. . . . . Ps 119:116
u all that fall . . . . . Ps 145:14
I will **u** thee . . . . . Is 41:10
my servant, whom I **u** . . . . . Is 42:1
was none to **u** . . . . . Is 63:5
u all things. . . . . Heb 1:3
See Ps 37:17; 41:12; 63:8

UPRIGHT
just **u** man is laughed to scorn . . . . . Job 12:4
U men shall be . . . . . Job 17:8
then shall I be **u** . . . . . Ps 19:13
Good and **u** is the Lord . . . . . Ps 25:8
of **u** conversation . . . . . Ps 37:14
u shall have . . . . . Ps 49:14
that the Lord is **u** . . . . . Ps 92:15
assembly of the **u** . . . . . Ps 111:1
u shall dwell. . . . . Prov 2:21
tabernacle of the **u** . . . . . Prov 14:11
the prayer of the **u** . . . . . Prov 15:8
the **u** shall have . . . . . Prov 28:10
hath made man **u** . . . . . Eccl 7:29
the **u** love thee. . . . . Song 1:4
See Mic 7:2; Hab 2:4

UPRIGHTNESS
and in **u** of heart with thee . . . . . 1 Kin 3:6
pleasure in **u** . . . . . 1 Chr 29:17
the **u** of thy ways. . . . . Job 4:6
unto man his **u** . . . . . Job 33:23

and **u** preserve me . . . . . Ps 25:21
the land of **u** . . . . . Ps 143:10
the paths of **u**. . . . . Prov 2:13
See Ps 111:8; Prov 14:2

V

VAIN
thy God in **v** . . . . . Ex 20:7
imagine a **v** thing . . . . . Ps 2:1
walketh in a **v** shew . . . . . Ps 39:6
for **v** is the . . . . . Ps 60:11
all men in **v** . . . . . Ps 89:47
they labour in **v**. . . . . Ps 127:1
followeth **v** persons. . . . . Prov 12:11
beauty is **v** . . . . . Prov 31:30
his **v** life which he. . . . . Eccl 6:12
Seek ye me in **v** . . . . . Is 45:19
It is **v** to serve . . . . . Mal 3:14
use not **v** repetitions. . . . . Matt 6:7
v they do worship . . . . . Matt 15:9
the sword in **v** . . . . . Rom 13:4
have believed in **v** . . . . . 1 Cor 15:2
grace of God in **v** . . . . . 2 Cor 6:1
or had run, in **v**. . . . . Gal 2:2
v talkers and deceivers . . . . . Titus 1:10
man's religion is **v** . . . . . James 1:26
v conversation . . . . . 1 Pet 1:18
See Prov 1:17; Rom 1:21

VALUE
ye are all physicians of no **v**. . . . . Job 13:4
of more **v** . . . . . Matt 10:31
See Lev 27:16; Job 28:16

VANISH
shall **v** away . . . . . Is 51:6
it shall **v** . . . . . 1 Cor 13:8
ready to **v** away . . . . . Heb 8:13

VANITY
I made to possess months of **v** . . . . . Job 7:3
trust in **v**. . . . . Job 15:31
not hear **v**. . . . . Job 35:13
They speak **v** every. . . . . Ps 12:2
altogether **v** . . . . . Ps 39:5
degree are **v** . . . . . Ps 62:9
is like to **v**. . . . . Ps 144:4
gotten by **v**. . . . . Prov 13:11
far from me **v** . . . . . Prov 30:8
that increase **v**. . . . . Eccl 6:11
youth are **v**. . . . . Eccl 11:10
the sieve of **v** . . . . . Is 30:28
incense to **v** . . . . . Jer 18:15
for very **v** . . . . . Hab 2:13
subject to **v**. . . . . Rom 8:20
in the **v** of their . . . . . Eph 4:17
swelling words of **v**. . . . . 2 Pet 2:18
See Eccl 1:2; Jer 10:8

VARIABLENESS
with whom is no **v** . . . . . James 1:17

VEIL
v of the temple was rent. . . . . Matt 27:51
within the **v** . . . . . Heb 6:19

VENGEANCE
To me belongeth **v** . . . . . Deut 32:35
the day of **v** . . . . . Prov 6:34
the Lord's **v** . . . . . Is 34:8
garments of **v** for. . . . . Is 59:17
the day of **v** . . . . . Is 61:2
the Lord's **v** . . . . . Jer 51:6
yet **v** suffereth . . . . . Acts 28:4
suffering the **v** . . . . . Jude 7
See Mic 5:15; Nah 1:2; Rom 2:19

VESSEL
he is a chosen **v**. . . . . Acts 9:15
possess his **v** . . . . . 1 Thess 4:4
shall be a **v** . . . . . 2 Tim 2:21
the weaker **v**. . . . . 1 Pet 3:7
See Is 52:11; 65:4

VICTORY
the **v** that day. . . . . 2 Sam 19:2
and the **v** . . . . . 1 Chr 29:11
gotten him the **v** . . . . . Ps 98:1
judgment unto **v** . . . . . Matt 12:20
the **v** that . . . . . 1 John 5:4
See Is 25:8; 1 Cor 15:54

VILE
his sons made themselves **v**. . . . . 1 Sam 3:13
v in your sight . . . . . Job 18:3
I am **v** . . . . . Job 40:4
v person is contemned. . . . . Ps 15:4
The **v** person . . . . . Is 32:5
from the **v** . . . . . Jer 15:19
I am become **v**. . . . . Lam 1:11
stand up a **v** person . . . . . Dan 11:21
and make thee **v** . . . . . Nah 3:6
unto **v** affections . . . . . Rom 1:26
change our **v** body . . . . . Phil 3:21
man in **v** raiment . . . . . James 2:2
See 2 Sam 1:21; Job 30:8

VIOLENCE
the earth was filled with **v** . . . . . Gen 6:11
him that loveth **v**. . . . . Ps 11:5
I have seen **v** . . . . . Ps 55:9
v of your hands . . . . . Ps 58:2
from deceit and **v** . . . . . Ps 72:14
v covereth them . . . . . Ps 73:6
drink the wine of **v**. . . . . Prov 4:17
but **v** covereth . . . . . Prov 10:6, 11
he had done no **v** . . . . . Is 53:9
V shall no more . . . . . Is 60:18
the land with **v** . . . . . Ezek 8:17
of thee with **v**. . . . . Ezek 28:16
who store up **v**. . . . . Amos 3:10
for spoiling and **v** . . . . . Hab 1:3
one covereth **v**. . . . . Mal 2:16
heaven suffereth **v**. . . . . Matt 11:12
Do **v** to no man. . . . . Luke 3:14
See Mic 2:2; 6:12; Zeph 1:9

VIRGIN
a **v** shall conceive . . . . . Is 7:14
O thou oppressed **v**, daughter of. . . . . Is 23:12
O **v** daughter . . . . . Is 47:1

man marrieth a **v** . . . . . Is 62:5
v daughter . . . . . Jer 14:17
a **v** shall be with child . . . . . .Matt 1:23

VIRTUE
that **v** had gone out of him . . . . . Mark 5:30
v out of him . . . . . .Luke 6:19
perceive that **v** . . . . . .Luke 8:46
there be any **v** . . . . . Phil 4:8
add to your faith **v** . . . . . .2 Pet 1:5

VIRTUOUS
know that thou art a **v** woman . . . . . .Ruth 3:11
v woman is a crown . . . . . .Prov 12:4
can find a **v** woman . . . . . .Prov 31:10
daughters have done **v** . . . . . .Prov 31:29

VISION
chased away as a **v** of the night . . . . . Job 20:8
there is no **v** . . . . . .Prov 29:18
of the valley of **v** . . . . . Is 22:1
they err in **v** . . . . . Is 28:7
no **v** from the Lord . . . . . Lam 2:9
I have multiplied **v** . . . . . Hos 12:10
men shall see **v** . . . . . .Joel 2:28
one of his **v** . . . . . .Zech 13:4
the **v** to no man . . . . . .Matt 17:9
seen a **v** of angels . . . . . .Luke 24:23
the heavenly **v** . . . . . Acts 26:19
See Job 4:13; Ezek 1:1; 8:3

VOCATION
walk worthy of the **v** . . . . . Eph 4:1

VOICE
and obey his **v** . . . . . .Ex 23:21
v of God speaking . . . . . .Deut 4:33
a still small **v** . . . . . 1 Kin 19:12
The **v** of him . . . . . Is 40:3
v of one crying . . . . . .Matt 3:3
v of the Son of God . . . . . .John 5:25
for they know his **v** . . . . . .John 10:4
This **v** came not . . . . . .John 12:30
truth heareth my **v** . . . . . .John 18:37
v of the archangel . . . . . 1 Thess 4:16
if any man hear my **v** . . . . . .Rev 3:20
See Gen 3:17; Ps 58:5

VOID
earth was without form, and **v** . . . . . Gen 1:2
v of counsel . . . . . .Deut 32:28
made **v** ... covenant . . . . . Ps 89:39
made **v** thy law . . . . . .Ps 119:126
is **v** of wisdom . . . . . .Prov 11:12
return unto me **v** . . . . . Is 55:11
without form, and **v** . . . . . Jer 4:23
make **v** the counsel . . . . . Jer 19:7
She is empty, and **v** . . . . . Nah 2:10
v of offence . . . . . Acts 24:16
See Num 30:12; Rom 3:31; 4:14

W

WAGES
content with your **w** . . . . . .Luke 3:14
he ... receiveth **w** . . . . . .John 4:36
w of sin is death . . . . . .Rom 6:23
loved the **w** . . . . . .2 Pet 2:15
See Ezek 29:18; Mal 3:5

WAIT
I have **w** for thy salvation . . . . . Gen 49:18
I **w** for the Lord . . . . . 2 Kin 6:33
time will I **w** . . . . . .Job 14:14
when I **w** for light . . . . . .Job 30:26
W on the Lord . . . . . .Ps 27:14
Our soul **w** . . . . . .Ps 33:20
Lord, and **w** patiently . . . . . .Ps 37:7
w on thy name . . . . . .Ps 52:9
my soul **w** upon God . . . . . .Ps 62:1
Praise **w** for thee . . . . . .Ps 65:1
them that **w** on thee . . . . . .Ps 69:6
soul **w** for the Lord . . . . . .Ps 130:6
w on the Lord . . . . . .Prov 20:22
they that **w** . . . . . Is 40:31
shall **w** for his law . . . . . Is 42:4
w for light . . . . . Is 59:9
quietly **w** for the . . . . . .Lam 3:26
he that **w** . . . . . Dan 12:12
w upon me . . . . . Zech 11:11
w for the kingdom . . . . . Mark 15:43
w for their lord . . . . . .Luke 12:36
w for the promise . . . . . Acts 1:4
w for the adoption . . . . . .Rom 8:23
we with patience **w** . . . . . .Rom 8:25
w for the hope . . . . . .Gal 5:5
w for his Son . . . . . 1 Thess 1:10
See Num 3:10; Neh 12:44

WALK
w before me, and be thou perfect . . . . . Gen 17:1
before whom I **w** . . . . . Gen 24:40
Isaac did **w** . . . . . Gen 48:15
w in my law . . . . . .Ex 16:4
I will **w** among you . . . . . .Lev 26:12
w in the midst . . . . . .Deut 23:14
and **w** by the way . . . . . .Judg 5:10
w all that night . . . . . .2 Sam 2:29
I **w** through the valley . . . . . .Ps 23:4
w in mine integrity . . . . . .Ps 26:11
I may **w** before God . . . . . .Ps 56:13
that **w** uprightly . . . . . .Ps 84:11
who **w** upon the wings . . . . . .Ps 104:3
w before the Lord . . . . . .Ps 116:9
I **w** in the midst . . . . . .Ps 138:7
he that **w** uprightly . . . . . .Prov 10:9
w with wise men . . . . . .Prov 13:20
Whoso **w** uprightly . . . . . .Prov 28:18
fool **w** in darkness . . . . . Eccl 2:14
let us **w** in the light . . . . . Is 2:5
that **w** in darkness . . . . . Is 9:2
Isaiah hath **w** naked . . . . . Is 20:3
the way, **w** ye in it . . . . . Is 30:21
redeemed shall **w** there . . . . . Is 35:9
w, and not faint . . . . . Is 40:31
that **w** in darkness . . . . . Is 50:10
w in the light . . . . . Is 50:11
way, and **w** therein . . . . . Jer 6:16
w to direct his steps . . . . . Jer 10:23

that **w** in pride. . . . . Dan 4:37
just shall **w** in them . . . . . Hos 14:9
to **w** humbly. . . . . Mic 6:8
have **w** to and fro . . . . . Zech 1:11
w mournfully. . . . . Mal 3:14
he **w** on the water . . . . . Matt 14:29
Rise up and **w** . . . . . Luke 5:23
I must **w** today . . . . . Luke 13:33
thy bed, and **w**. . . . . John 5:8
not **w** in darkness . . . . . John 8:12
any man **w** in the day. . . . . John 11:9
rise up and **w**. . . . . Acts 3:6
also **w** in the steps. . . . . Rom 4:12
w in newness of life . . . . . Rom 6:4
w not after the flesh . . . . . Rom 8:1, 4
For we **w** by faith . . . . . 2 Cor 5:7
w according to this . . . . . Gal 6:16
in time past ye **w**. . . . . Eph 2:2
we should **w** in them . . . . . Eph 2:10
w worthy of the vocation. . . . . Eph 4:1
as other Gentiles **w**. . . . . Eph 4:17
w circumspectly . . . . . Eph 5:15
mark them which **w** . . . . . Phil 3:17
For many **w** . . . . . Phil 3:18
might **w** worthy. . . . . Col 1:10
which ye also **w**. . . . . Col 3:7
w worthy of God. . . . . 1 Thess 2:12
w and to please God. . . . . 1 Thess 4:1
w honestly toward them . . . . . 1 Thess 4:12
that **w** disorderly. . . . . 2 Thess 3:6
w in lasciviousness . . . . . 1 Pet 4:3
w about, seeking . . . . . 1 Pet 5:8
we **w** in the light . . . . . 1 John 1:7
also so to **w** . . . . . 1 John 2:6
See Gal 5:16; Eph 5:2

WANT (*v.*)
my shepherd; I shall not **w** . . . . . Ps 23:1
Lord shall not **w** . . . . . Ps 34:10
that **w** understanding. . . . . Prov 9:4
the wicked shall **w** . . . . . Prov 13:25
so that he **w** nothing. . . . . Eccl 6:2
none shall **w**. . . . . Is 34:16
have **w** all things . . . . . Jer 44:18
See Eccl 1:15; Dan 5:27

WAR (*n.*)
the **w** was of God . . . . . 1 Chr 5:22
though **w** should rise . . . . . Ps 27:3
maketh **w** to cease. . . . . Ps 46:9
w was in his heart. . . . . Ps 55:21
that delight in **w** . . . . . Ps 68:30
good advice make **w**. . . . . Prov 20:18
a time of **w**. . . . . Eccl 3:8
discharge in that **w** . . . . . Eccl 8:8
they learn **w**. . . . . Is 2:4
shall see no **w** . . . . . Jer 42:14
men averse from **w**. . . . . Mic 2:8
of **w** and rumours of **w**. . . . . Matt 24:6
w against another . . . . . Luke 14:31
w and commotions. . . . . Luke 21:9
w and fightings . . . . . James 4:1
was **w** in heaven . . . . . Rev 12:7
See Eccl 9:18; Dan 7:21

WAR (*v.*)
He teacheth my hands to **w**. . . . . 2 Sam 22:35
people go out to **w** . . . . . 2 Chr 6:34
they that **w**. . . . . Is 41:12
w after the flesh. . . . . 2 Cor 10:3
w a good warfare. . . . . 1 Tim 1:18
No man that **w** . . . . . 2 Tim 2:4
w in your members. . . . . James 4:1
ye fight and **w** . . . . . James 4:2
w against the soul . . . . . 1 Pet 2:11
See 1 Kin 14:19; Rom 7:23

WASH
Go and **w** in Jordan seven times. . . . . 2 Kin 5:10
may I not **w** in them. . . . . 2 Kin 5:12
If I **w** myself. . . . . Job 9:30
w away the things . . . . . Job 14:19
When I **w** my steps. . . . . Job 29:6
I will **w** mine hands . . . . . Ps 26:6
W me thoroughly . . . . . Ps 51:2
and **w** my hands . . . . . Ps 73:13
yet is not **w**. . . . . Prov 30:12
w with milk . . . . . Song 5:12
W you, make you clean . . . . . Is 1:16
though thou **w** thee . . . . . Jer 2:22
w thine heart . . . . . Jer 4:14
thou **w** in water. . . . . Ezek 16:4
and **w** thy face . . . . . Matt 6:17
w his hands . . . . . Matt 27:24
except they **w**. . . . . Mark 7:3
began to **w** his feet . . . . . Luke 7:38
w, and came seeing. . . . . John 9:7
w their stripes . . . . . Acts 16:33
w away thy sins . . . . . Acts 22:16
but ye are **w** . . . . . 1 Cor 6:11
w with pure water. . . . . Heb 10:22
sow that was **w** . . . . . 2 Pet 2:22
w us from our sins . . . . . Rev 1:5
and have **w** their robes. . . . . Rev 7:14
See Neh 4:23; Titus 3:5

WATCH (*n.*)
as a **w** in the night . . . . . Ps 90:4
prevent the night **w** . . . . . Ps 119:148
make the **w** strong . . . . . Jer 51:12
stand upon my **w** . . . . . Hab 2:1
See Matt 14:25; Luke 2:8

WATCH (*v.*)
the Lord **w** between me and thee . . . . . Gen 31:49
not **w** over my sin. . . . . Job 14:16
The wicked **w** . . . . . Ps 37:32
w for the morning . . . . . Ps 130:6
w for iniquity. . . . . Is 29:20
All my familiars **w** . . . . . Jer 20:10
will **w** to see. . . . . Hab 2:1
W therefore . . . . . Matt 24:42
W and pray . . . . . Matt 26:41
W ye therefore. . . . . Mark 13:35
Therefore **w** . . . . . Acts 20:31
w and be sober . . . . . 1 Thess 5:6
w for your souls . . . . . Heb 13:17
w unto prayer . . . . . 1 Pet 4:7
See 1 Cor 16:13; 2 Tim 4:5; Rev 3:2

WATER

Unstable as **w**. . . . . Gen 49:4
land of brooks and **w** . . . . . .Deut 8:7
became as **w**. . . . . Josh 7:5
and are as **w**. . . . . 2 Sam 14:14
drink no **w**. . . . . 1 Kin 13:22
with **w** of affliction . . . . . 1 Kin 22:27
poured out like **w** . . . . . Ps 22:14
beside the still **w** . . . . . Ps 23:2
w that be above . . . . . Ps 148:4
Drink **w** out of. . . . . Prov 5:15
Stolen **w** are sweet. . . . . Prov 9:17
is like deep **w**. . . . . Prov 20:5
w to a thirsty soul . . . . . Prov 25:25
bread upon the **w** . . . . . Eccl 11:1
a well of living **w**. . . . . .Song 4:15
w cannot quench love . . . . . .Song 8:7
shall **w** break out. . . . . Is 35:6
poor and needy seek **w** . . . . . Is 41:17
passeth through the **w** . . . . . Is 43:2
path in the mighty **w** . . . . . Is 43:16
w in the wilderness. . . . . Is 43:20
pour **w** upon him . . . . . Is 44:3
come ye to the **w**. . . . . Is 55:1
fountain of living **w** . . . . . Jer 2:13
I sprinkle clean **w** . . . . . .Ezek 36:25
a thirst for **w** . . . . . .Amos 8:11
baptize you with **w** . . . . . .Matt 3:11
a cup of cold **w** . . . . . .Matt 10:42
he took **w,** and washed. . . . . .Matt 27:24
a cup of **w** to drink. . . . . Mark 9:41
filled with **w**. . . . . .Luke 8:23
raging of the **w** . . . . . .Luke 8:24
his finger in **w** . . . . . .Luke 16:24
I baptize with **w**. . . . . .John 1:26
man be born of **w** . . . . . .John 3:5
the moving of the **w** . . . . . .John 5:3
rivers of living **w**. . . . . .John 7:38
blood and **w**. . . . . .John 19:34
baptized with **w**. . . . . Acts 1:5
indeed baptized with **w** . . . . . Acts 11:16
in perils of **w** . . . . . .2 Cor 11:26
the washing of **w**. . . . . Eph 5:26
were saved by **w** . . . . . .1 Pet 3:20
wells without **w** . . . . . .2 Pet 2:17
he that came by **w**. . . . . 1 John 5:6
take the **w** of life . . . . . .Rev 22:17
See Ps 29:3; Jer 51:13; Ezek 32:2

WAY

all flesh had corrupted his **w**. . . . . Gen 6:12
and prosper thy **w**. . . . . Gen 24:40
thy **w** is perverse. . . . . Num 22:32
to walk in his **w**. . . . . .Deut 8:6
w of all the earth. . . . . Josh 23:14
the right **w** . . . . . 1 Sam 12:23
his **w** is perfect . . . . . 2 Sam 22:31
I go the **w**. . . . . 1 Kin 2:2
God, to walk in his **w**. . . . . 1 Kin 2:3
them the good **w**. . . . . .2 Chr 6:27
a right **w** for us . . . . . Ezra 8:21
man whose **w** is hid . . . . . Job 3:23
he knoweth the **w** . . . . . Job 23:10
w of the righteous. . . . . Ps 1:6
perish from the **w** . . . . . Ps 2:12
Teach me thy **w,** O Lord. . . . . Ps 27:11
w that is not good. . . . . Ps 36:4
Commit thy **w** . . . . . Ps 37:5
w is their folly . . . . . Ps 49:13
thy **w** may be known . . . . . Ps 67:2
He made a **w** . . . . . Ps 78:50
not known my **w**. . . . . Ps 95:10
in a perfect **w**. . . . . Ps 101:2
walk in his **w** . . . . . Ps 119:3
my **w** were directed . . . . . Ps 119:5
the **w** of truth . . . . . Ps 119:30
walketh in his **w** . . . . . Ps 128:1
any wicked **w** in me . . . . . Ps 139:24
w of his saints . . . . . Prov 2:8
w acknowledge him . . . . . Prov 3:6
the **w** of man . . . . . Prov 5:21
consider her **w**. . . . . Prov 6:6
the **w** of life . . . . . Prov 6:23
The **w** of a fool . . . . . Prov 12:15
w of the slothful man. . . . . Prov 15:19
When a man's **w** please the . . . . . Prov 16:7
a child in the **w** . . . . . Prov 22:6
heart in the **w** . . . . . Prov 23:19
a lion in the **w** . . . . . Prov 26:13
w of the spirit . . . . . Eccl 11:5
shall be in the **w** . . . . . Eccl 12:5
teach us of his **w** . . . . . Is 2:3
a highway ... and a **w**. . . . . Is 35:8
My **w** is hid . . . . . Is 40:27
walk in his **w** . . . . . Is 42:24
direct all his **w**. . . . . Is 45:13
are your **w** my **w** . . . . . Is 55:8
delight to know my **w**. . . . . Is 58:2
according to his **w**. . . . . Jer 17:10
one heart, and one **w** . . . . . Jer 32:39
ask the **w** to Zion . . . . . Jer 50:5
from his wicked **w** . . . . . .Ezek 3:18
The **w** of the Lord. . . . . .Ezek 18:29
every one on his **w** . . . . . .Joel 2:7
Lord hath his **w**. . . . . Nah 1:3
Consider your **w** . . . . . Hag 1:5, 7
shall prepare the **w** . . . . . Mal 3:1
and broad is the **w** . . . . . .Matt 7:13
Go not into the **w** . . . . . .Matt 10:5
w of God in truth . . . . . .Matt 22:16
faint by the **w**. . . . . Mark 8:3
clothes in the **w**. . . . . .Luke 19:36
teachest the **w** of God. . . . . .Luke 20:21
up some other **w** . . . . . .John 10:1
the **w** ye know . . . . . .John 14:4
I am the **w,** the truth . . . . . .John 14:6
any of this **w** . . . . . Acts 9:2
the Lord in the **w** . . . . . Acts 9:27
the **w** of salvation . . . . . Acts 16:17
the **w** of God . . . . . Acts 18:26
stir about that **w** . . . . . Acts 19:23
after the **w** . . . . . Acts 24:14
a **w** to escape . . . . . .1 Cor 10:13
a more excellent **w** . . . . . .1 Cor 12:31
the **w** into the holiest . . . . . Heb 9:8
By a new and living **w** . . . . . Heb 10:20

unstable in all his **w** . . . . . James 1:8
the error of his **w** . . . . . James 5:20
w of truth . . . . . 2 Pet 2:2
w of righteousness . . . . . 2 Pet 2:21
See Hos 2:6; Luke 10:31

WEAK
then shall I be **w** . . . . . Judg 16:7
strengthened the **w** . . . . . Job 4:3
O Lord; for I am **w** . . . . . Ps 6:2
the **w** hands . . . . . Is 35:3
the flesh is **w** . . . . . Matt 26:41
support the **w** . . . . . Acts 20:35
not **w** in faith . . . . . Rom 4:19
w through the flesh . . . . . Rom 8:3
the **w** things . . . . . 1 Cor 1:27
many are **w** and sickly . . . . . 1 Cor 11:30
presence is **w** . . . . . 2 Cor 10:10
Who is **w** . . . . . 2 Cor 11:29
for when I am **w** . . . . . 2 Cor 12:10
to the **w** and beggarly . . . . . Gal 4:9
unto the **w** vessel . . . . . 1 Pet 3:7
See Job 12:21; 1 Thess 5:14

WEAKNESS
w of God is stronger than men . . . . . 1 Cor 1:25
I was with you in **w** . . . . . 1 Cor 2:3
it is sown in **w** . . . . . 1 Cor 15:43
See 2 Cor 12:9; 13:4; Heb 7:18

WEALTH
the **w** which God . . . . . 1 Sam 2:32
asked riches, **w** . . . . . 2 Chr 1:11
their days in **w** . . . . . Job 21:13
not increase thy **w** . . . . . Ps 44:12
trust in their **w** . . . . . Ps 49:6
W in riches . . . . . Ps 112:3
filled with thy **w** . . . . . Prov 5:10
W gotten by vanity . . . . . Prov 13:11
W maketh many friends . . . . . Prov 19:4
we have our **w** . . . . . Acts 19:25
one another's **w** . . . . . 1 Cor 10:24
See Ruth 2:1; Ezra 9:12

WEARY
the **w** be at rest . . . . . Job 3:17
soul is **w** of my life . . . . . Job 10:1
neither be **w** . . . . . Prov 3:11
lest he be **w** of thee . . . . . Prov 25:17
None shall be **w** . . . . . Is 5:27
but will ye **w** my God . . . . . Is 7:13
cause the **w** to rest . . . . . Is 28:12
rock in a **w** land . . . . . Is 32:2
run, and not be **w** . . . . . Is 40:31
him that is **w** . . . . . Is 50:4
I am **w** with repenting . . . . . Jer 15:6
satiated the **w** soul . . . . . Jer 31:25
not **w** in well doing . . . . . 2 Thess 3:13
See Judg 4:21; Hab 2:13

WEEPING
w may endure . . . . . Ps 30:5
fasting, and with **w** . . . . . Joel 2:12
be **w** and gnashing . . . . . Matt 8:12
at the sepulchre **w** . . . . . John 20:11
See Num 25:6; Mal 2:13

WELL
is a **w** of life . . . . . Prov 10:11
w of living waters . . . . . Song 4:15
the **w** of salvation . . . . . Is 12:3
a **w** of water . . . . . John 4:14
w without water . . . . . 2 Pet 2:17
See Gen 21:19; 2 Sam 17:18

WEPT
beheld the city, and **w** . . . . . Luke 19:41
Jesus **w** . . . . . John 11:35
See 2 Sam 12:22; Ps 69:10

WHATSOEVER
and **w** he doeth shall prosper . . . . . Ps 1:3
w God doeth . . . . . Eccl 3:14
w is more . . . . . Matt 5:37
w ye would that men . . . . . Matt 7:12
and **w** is right . . . . . Matt 20:4
w things are true . . . . . Phil 4:8
See John 15:16; Rom 14:23

WHILE
with you, **w** ye be with him . . . . . 2 Chr 15:2
Seek ye the Lord **w** . . . . . Is 55:6
w it was yet day . . . . . Jer 15:9
w it is day . . . . . John 9:4
See 2 Sam 7:19; Acts 20:11

WHITE
leprous, **w** as snow . . . . . Num 12:10
garments be always **w** . . . . . Eccl 9:8
My beloved is **w** . . . . . Song 5:10
be as **w** as snow . . . . . Is 1:18
not make one hair **w** . . . . . Matt 5:36
w already to harvest . . . . . John 4:35
give him a **w** stone . . . . . Rev 2:17
walk with me in **w** . . . . . Rev 3:4
See Dan 11:35; 12:10; Matt 17:2

WHITER
I shall be **w** than snow . . . . . Ps 51:7

WHOLE
the **w** duty of man . . . . . Eccl 12:13
be made **w** again . . . . . Jer 19:11
when it was **w** . . . . . Ezek 15:5
thy **w** body . . . . . Matt 5:29
that be **w** . . . . . Matt 9:12
gain the **w** world . . . . . Matt 16:26
They that are **w** . . . . . Mark 2:17
w creation groaneth . . . . . Rom 8:22
If the **w** body . . . . . 1 Cor 12:17
Put on the **w** armour . . . . . Eph 6:11
your **w** spirit . . . . . 1 Thess 5:23
keep the **w** law . . . . . James 2:10
sins of the **w** world . . . . . 1 John 2:2
the **w** world lieth . . . . . 1 John 5:19
See Matt 15:31; John 5:6; 7:23

WICKED
destroy the righteous with the **w** . . . . . Gen 18:23
in thy **w** heart . . . . . Deut 15:9
w shall be silent . . . . . 1 Sam 2:9
the **w** cease from . . . . . Job 3:17
of the **w** shall come . . . . . Job 8:22

If I be **w** . . . . . Job 9:29
Wherefore do the **w** . . . . . Job 21:7
the **w** is reserved . . . . . Job 21:30
angry with the **w** . . . . . Ps 7:11
w shall be turned . . . . . Ps 9:17
w through the pride . . . . . Ps 10:4
Upon the **w** he shall rain . . . . . Ps 11:6
w walk on every side . . . . . Ps 12:8
not sit with the **w** . . . . . Ps 26:5
Evil shall slay the **w** . . . . . Ps 34:21
The **w** borroweth . . . . . Ps 37:21
The **w** watcheth . . . . . Ps 37:32
w are estranged . . . . . Ps 58:3
w perish at the . . . . . Ps 68:2
shall the **w** triumph . . . . . Ps 94:3
any **w** way in me . . . . . Ps 139:24
the **w** will he destroy . . . . . Ps 145:20
w shall fall by his . . . . . Prov 11:5
The **w** is driven away . . . . . Prov 14:32
w flee when no man . . . . . Prov 28:1
Be not over much **w** . . . . . Eccl 7:17
I saw the **w** buried . . . . . Eccl 8:10
evil, and the **w** . . . . . Is 13:11
his grave with the **w** . . . . . Is 53:9
Let the **w** forsake . . . . . Is 55:7
the **w** are like . . . . . Is 57:20
and desperately **w** . . . . . Jer 17:9
w man shall die . . . . . Ezek 3:18
and give **w** counsel . . . . . Ezek 11:2
that the **w** should die . . . . . Ezek 18:23
w restore the pledge . . . . . Ezek 33:15
w shall do wickedly . . . . . Dan 12:10
with the **w** balances . . . . . Mic 6:11
at all acquit the **w** . . . . . Nah 1:3
spirits more **w** . . . . . Matt 12:45
sever the **w** from . . . . . Matt 13:49
O thou **w** servant . . . . . Matt 18:32
Thou **w** and slothful . . . . . Matt 25:26
thou **w** servant . . . . . Luke 19:22
w hands have . . . . . Acts 2:23
that **w** person . . . . . 1 Cor 5:13
fiery darts of the **w** . . . . . Eph 6:16
by **w** works . . . . . Col 1:21
then shall that **W** be . . . . . 2 Thess 2:8
See Eccl 9:2; 2 Pet 2:7; 3:17

WICKEDNESS
W proceedeth from . . . . . 1 Sam 24:13
iniquity, and sow **w** . . . . . Job 4:8
Thy **w** may hurt a man . . . . . Job 35:8
Oh let the **w** of the . . . . . Ps 7:9
W is in the midst . . . . . Ps 55:11
Yea, in heart ye work **w** . . . . . Ps 58:2
in the tents of **w** . . . . . Ps 84:10
eat the bread of **w** . . . . . Prov 4:17
w is an abomination . . . . . Prov 8:7
fall by his own **w** . . . . . Prov 11:5
but **w** overthroweth . . . . . Prov 13:6
his **w** shall be shewed . . . . . Prov 26:26
know the **w** of folly . . . . . Eccl 7:25
w burneth as the fire . . . . . Is 9:18
hast trusted in thy **w** . . . . . Is 47:10
own **w** shall correct . . . . . Jer 2:19
repented him of his **w** . . . . . Jer 8:6
w of your fathers . . . . . Jer 44:9
turn not from his **w** . . . . . Ezek 3:19
him out for his **w** . . . . . Ezek 31:11
w of their doings . . . . . Hos 9:15
treasures of **w** . . . . . Mic 6:10
he said, This is **w** . . . . . Zech 5:8
The border of **w** . . . . . Mal 1:4
they that work **w** . . . . . Mal 3:15
covetousness, **w** . . . . . Mark 7:22
ravening and **w** . . . . . Luke 11:39
w, covetousness . . . . . Rom 1:29
of malice and **w** . . . . . 1 Cor 5:8
against spiritual **w** . . . . . Eph 6:12
world lieth in **w** . . . . . 1 John 5:19
See Gen 6:5; Ps 94:23

WIFE
with the **w** of thy youth . . . . . Prov 5:18
Whoso findeth a **w** . . . . . Prov 18:22
and a prudent **w** . . . . . Prov 19:14
with the **w** whom thou . . . . . Eccl 9:9
I have married a **w** . . . . . Luke 14:20
Remember Lot's **w** . . . . . Luke 17:32
sanctified by the **w** . . . . . 1 Cor 7:14
the head of the **w** . . . . . Eph 5:23
the Lamb's **w** . . . . . Rev 21:9
See 1 Tim 3:2; 5:9; Titus 1:6

WILL
I **w**; be thou clean . . . . . Matt 8:3
so it is not the **w** . . . . . Matt 18:14
not as I **w,** but as . . . . . Matt 26:39
shall do the **w** of God . . . . . Mark 3:35
w of the flesh . . . . . John 1:13
w of him that sent me . . . . . John 4:34
The **w** of the Lord . . . . . Acts 21:14
for to **w** is present . . . . . Rom 7:18
both to **w** and to do . . . . . Phil 2:13
I **w** therefore . . . . . 1 Tim 2:8
whosoever **w** . . . . . Rev 22:17
See Rom 9:15; Eph 1:11; Heb 2:4

WILLING
whosoever is of a **w** heart . . . . . Ex 35:5
and with a **w** mind . . . . . 1 Chr 28:9
w to consecrate his . . . . . 1 Chr 29:5
people shall be **w** . . . . . Ps 110:3
spirit indeed is **w** . . . . . Matt 26:41
w rather to be . . . . . 2 Cor 5:8
first a **w** mind . . . . . 2 Cor 8:12
w to communicate . . . . . 1 Tim 6:18
not **w** that any . . . . . 2 Pet 3:9
See Luke 22:42; Philem 14

WIN
thought to **w** them for himself . . . . . 2 Chr 32:1
he that **w** souls . . . . . Prov 11:30
that I may **w** Christ . . . . . Phil 3:8

WIND
is desperate, which are as **w** . . . . . Job 6:26
my life is **w** . . . . . Job 7:7
shall inherit the **w** . . . . . Prov 11:29
Prophesy unto the **w** . . . . . Ezek 37:9

they have sown the **w**. . . . . Hos 8:7
createth the **w** . . . . . Amos 4:13
shaken with the **w**. . . . . Matt 11:7
The **w** bloweth where. . . . . John 3:8
every **w** of doctrine. . . . . Eph 4:14
See James 1:6; Jude 12

WINGS
hide me under the shadow of thy **w**. . . . . Ps 17:8
he did fly upon the **w**. . . . . Ps 18:10
shadow of thy **w** . . . . . Ps 36:7
had **w** like a dove . . . . . Ps 55:6
in the shadow of thy **w**. . . . . Ps 57:1
in the covert of thy **w**. . . . . Ps 61:4
w of a dove. . . . . Ps 68:13
and under his **w** . . . . . Ps 91:4
the **w** of the morning . . . . . Ps 139:9
make themselves **w**. . . . . Prov 23:5
mount up with **w** . . . . . Is 40:31
healing in his **w**. . . . . Mal 4:2
See Zech 5:9; Matt 23:37

WISDOM
they die, even without **w** . . . . . Job 4:21
w shall die with you . . . . . Job 12:2
W is the principal. . . . . Prov 4:7
better is it to get **w** . . . . . Prov 16:16
getteth **w** loveth. . . . . Prov 19:8
cease from thine own **w**. . . . . Prov 23:4
For in much **w**. . . . . Eccl 1:18
and by my **w** . . . . . Is 10:13
w of their wise men . . . . . Is 29:14
what **w** is in them . . . . . Jer 8:9
the man of **w** . . . . . Mic 6:9
But **w** is justified . . . . . Matt 11:19
with **w** of words. . . . . 1 Cor 1:17
and the **w** of God . . . . . 1 Cor 1:24
God is made unto us **w** . . . . . 1 Cor 1:30
we speak **w** among them . . . . . 1 Cor 2:6
w of this world . . . . . 1 Cor 3:19
not with fleshly **w**. . . . . 2 Cor 1:12
his will in all **w** . . . . . Col 1:9
Walk in **w** toward them . . . . . Col 4:5
any of you lack **w** . . . . . James 1:5
w that is from above. . . . . James 3:17
and **w,** and strength . . . . . Rev 5:12
Here is **w** . . . . . Rev 13:18
See Eccl 1:16; Rom 11:33

WISE
to be desired to make one **w** . . . . . Gen 3:6
gift blindeth the **w** . . . . . Ex 23:8
w and understanding . . . . . Deut 4:6
O that they were **w** . . . . . Deut 32:29
a **w** ... heart. . . . . 1 Kin 3:12
He is **w** in heart. . . . . Job 9:4
vain man would be **w**. . . . . Job 11:12
he that is **w** may be. . . . . Job 22:2
men are not always **w**. . . . . Job 32:9
Be **w** now therefore. . . . . Ps 2:10
making **w** the simple . . . . . Ps 19:7
hath left off to be **w** . . . . . Ps 36:3
when will ye be **w** . . . . . Ps 94:8
Whoso is **w** . . . . . Ps 107:43
w man will hear . . . . . Prov 1:5
w in thine own eyes . . . . . Prov 3:7
consider ... and be **w**. . . . . Prov 6:6
If thou be **w** . . . . . Prov 9:12
winneth souls is **w** . . . . . Prov 11:30
w in heart shall be . . . . . Prov 16:21
A **w** king scattereth. . . . . Prov 20:26
my son, and be **w** . . . . . Prov 23:19
be **w,** and make . . . . . Prov 27:11
I said, I will be **w**. . . . . Eccl 7:23
righteous, and the **w**. . . . . Eccl 9:1
The words of the **w**. . . . . Eccl 12:11
the **w** counsellors . . . . . Is 19:11
And they that be **w**. . . . . Dan 12:3
be ye therefore **w**. . . . . Matt 10:16
things from the **w** . . . . . Matt 11:25
both to the **w**. . . . . Rom 1:14
Be not **w** in your own. . . . . Rom 12:16
Where is the **w** . . . . . 1 Cor 1:20
ye are **w** in Christ . . . . . 1 Cor 4:10
to make thee **w** . . . . . 2 Tim 3:15
See Is 5:21; Matt 25:2

WISER
For he was **w** than all men. . . . . 1 Kin 4:31
w than the children . . . . . Luke 16:8
God is **w** than men . . . . . 1 Cor 1:25

WITCH
Thou shalt not suffer a **w** to live. . . . . Ex 22:18
enchanter, or a **w**. . . . . Deut 18:10

WITHER
his leaf also shall not **w** . . . . . Ps 1:3
The grass **w** . . . . . Is 40:7, 8
the grass **w** . . . . . 1 Pet 1:24
trees whose fruit **w** . . . . . Jude 12
See Joel 1:12; James 1:11

WITHHOLD
W not thou thy tender mercies. . . . . Ps 40:11
W not good from them . . . . . Prov 3:27
W not correction . . . . . Prov 23:13
w not thine hand. . . . . Eccl 11:6
See Job 22:7; Joel 1:13

WITHIN
God: yea, thy law is **w** my heart . . . . . Ps 40:8
which is **w** the cup . . . . . Matt 23:26
right spirit **w** me . . . . . Matt 51:10
See Ps 45:13; Matt 3:9

WITHSTAND
that I could **w** God . . . . . Acts 11:17
w in the evil day . . . . . Eph 6:13
See Num 22:32; Esth 9:2

WITNESS (*n.*)
God is **w** betwixt me and thee . . . . . Gen 31:50
be a **w** unto us . . . . . Josh 24:27
my **w** is in heaven . . . . . Job 16:19
as a faithful **w** . . . . . Ps 89:37
w will not lie . . . . . Prov 14:5
given him for a **w** . . . . . Is 55:4
true and faithful **w** . . . . . Jer 42:5
the world for a **w**. . . . . Matt 24:14

same came for a **w** . . . . . John 1:7
ye receive not our **w** . . . . . John 3:11
have greater **w** than . . . . . John 5:36
himself without **w** . . . . . Acts 14:17
also bearing **w** . . . . . Rom 2:15
the **w** of God is . . . . . 1 John 5:9
the **w** in himself . . . . . 1 John 5:10
See Is 43:10; Luke 24:48

WITNESS (*v.*)
I call heaven and earth to **w** . . . . . Deut 4:26
countenance doth **w** . . . . . Is 3:9
the Holy Ghost **w** in . . . . . Acts 20:33
being **w** by the law . . . . . Rom 3:21
w a good confession . . . . . 1 Tim 6:13
See 1 Sam 12:3; Matt 26:62

WIZARD
or that is a **w** . . . . . Lev 20:27

WOMAN
men say not of me, A **w** slew him . . . . . Judg 9:54
as of a **w** in travail . . . . . Ps 48:6
from the evil **w** . . . . . Prov 6:24
A foolish **w** is . . . . . Prov 9:13
virtuous **w** is a crown . . . . . Prov 12:4
Every wise **w** buildeth . . . . . Prov 14:1
with a brawling **w** . . . . . Prov 21:9
find a virtuous **w** . . . . . Prov 31:10
a **w** among all those . . . . . Eccl 7:28
be in pain as a **w** . . . . . Is 13:8
as the pangs of a **w** . . . . . Is 21:3
as a **w** with child . . . . . Is 26:17
as a **w** forsaken . . . . . Is 54:6
as of a **w** in travail . . . . . Jer 6:24
lame, the **w** with child . . . . . Jer 31:8
A **w** shall compass . . . . . Jer 31:22
be as the heart of a **w** . . . . . Jer 48:41
on a **w** to lust . . . . . Matt 5:28
w, great is thy faith . . . . . Matt 15:28
last of all the **w** . . . . . Matt 22:27
Why trouble ye the **w** . . . . . Matt 26:10
that this **w** hath done . . . . . Matt 26:13
W, what have I to do . . . . . John 2:4
brought unto him a **w** . . . . . John 8:3
W, behold thy son . . . . . John 19:26
this **w** was full of good . . . . . Acts 9:36
natural use of the **w** . . . . . Rom 1:27
not to touch a **w** . . . . . 1 Cor 7:1
but the **w** is the glory . . . . . 1 Cor 11:7
his Son, made of a **w** . . . . . Gal 4:4
I suffer not a **w** . . . . . 1 Tim 2:12
w being deceived . . . . . 1 Tim 2:14
See Is 49:15; Luke 7:39; 13:16

WOMEN
Blessed above **w** . . . . . Judg 5:24
w answered one . . . . . 1 Sam 18:7
the loving **w** . . . . . 2 Sam 1:26
thy honourable **w** . . . . . Ps 45:9
thy strength unto **w** . . . . . Prov 31:3
pitiful **w** have . . . . . Lam 4:10
that are born of **w** . . . . . Matt 11:11
w shall be grinding . . . . . Matt 24:41
art thou among **w** . . . . . Luke 1:28
w keep silence . . . . . 1 Cor 14:34
w adorn themselves . . . . . 1 Tim 2:9
the younger **w** marry . . . . . 1 Tim 5:14
w laden with sins . . . . . 2 Tim 3:6
The aged **w** likewise . . . . . Titus 2:3
W received their . . . . . Heb 11:35
See Acts 16:13; 1 Pet 3:5

WONDERFUL
thy love to me was **w** . . . . . 2 Sam 1:26
things too **w** for me . . . . . Job 42:3
knowledge is too **w** . . . . . Ps 139:6
name shall be called **W** . . . . . Is 9:6
See Deut 28:59; Jer 5:30

WONDERFULLY
for I am fearfully and **w** made . . . . . Ps 139:14

WORD
by every **w** that proceedeth out . . . . . Deut 8:3
the **w** is very nigh . . . . . Deut 30:14
the **w** of my mouth . . . . . Ps 19:14
The Lord gave the **w** . . . . . Ps 68:11
the **w** of truth . . . . . Ps 119:43
and a **w** spoken . . . . . Prov 15:23
a **w** fitly spoken . . . . . Prov 25:11
every idle **w** that men . . . . . Matt 12:36
w may be established . . . . . Matt 18:16
w shall not pass away . . . . . Matt 24:35
the **w** that I speak . . . . . John 6:63
w of eternal life . . . . . John 6:68
receiveth not my **w** . . . . . John 12:48
the **w** which ye hear . . . . . John 14:24
w which thou gavest me . . . . . John 17:8
w of exhortation . . . . . Acts 13:15
remember the **w** . . . . . Acts 20:35
the **w** of truth . . . . . Acts 26:25
w is nigh thee . . . . . Rom 10:8
with wisdom of **w** . . . . . 1 Cor 1:17
the kingdom ... not in **w** . . . . . 1 Cor 4:20
w easy to be understood . . . . . 1 Cor 14:9
our **w** toward you . . . . . 2 Cor 1:18
w of reconciliation . . . . . 2 Cor 5:19
By the **w** of truth . . . . . 2 Cor 6:7
fulfilled in one **w** . . . . . Gal 5:14
taught in the **w** . . . . . Gal 6:6
heard the **w** of truth . . . . . Eph 1:13
deceive you with vain **w** . . . . . Eph 5:6
the **w** of life . . . . . Phil 2:16
the **w** of the truth . . . . . Col 1:5
Let the **w** of Christ . . . . . Col 3:16
unto you in **w** . . . . . 1 Thess 1:5
with these **w** . . . . . 1 Thess 4:18
in the **w** of faith . . . . . 1 Tim 4:6
they who labour in the **w** . . . . . 1 Tim 5:17
strive not about **w** . . . . . 2 Tim 2:14
dividing the **w** . . . . . 2 Tim 2:15
Preach the **w** . . . . . 2 Tim 4:2
manifested his **w** . . . . . Titus 1:3
the faithful **w** . . . . . Titus 1:9
all things by the **w** . . . . . Heb 1:3
the **w** spoken by angels . . . . . Heb 2:2
w preached did not . . . . . Heb 4:2
the **w** of God is quick . . . . . Heb 4:12

w of righteousness . . . . . Heb 5:13
the good w of God . . . . . Heb 6:5
but the w of the oath . . . . . Heb 7:28
were framed by the w. . . . . Heb 11:3
spoken unto you the w. . . . . Heb 13:7
the w of truth . . . . . James 1:18
doers of the w . . . . . James 1:22
man offend not in w. . . . . James 3:2
by the w of God . . . . . 1 Pet 1:23
milk of the w . . . . . 1 Pet 2:2
stumble at the w . . . . . 1 Pet 2:8
if any obey not the w . . . . . 1 Pet 3:1
sure w of prophecy . . . . . 2 Pet 1:19
w which were spoken . . . . . 2 Pet 3:2
by the same w are kept. . . . . 2 Pet 3:7
of the W of life . . . . . 1 John 1:1
But whoso keepeth his w. . . . . 1 John 2:5
let us not love in w . . . . . 1 John 3:18
and hast kept my w. . . . . Rev 3:8
the w of my patience . . . . . Rev 3:10
slain for the w of God . . . . . Rev 6:9
w of the book . . . . . Rev 22:19
See Is 8:20; Jer 20:9; Mic 2:7

WORK (*n.*)
the seventh day God ended his w. . . . . Gen 2:2
the w of their Lord . . . . . Neh 3:5
hast blessed the w. . . . . Job 1:10
the w of a man. . . . . Job 34:11
w of thy fingers . . . . . Ps 8:3
and all his w are done . . . . . Ps 33:4
wonderful w which. . . . . Ps 40:5
w that he hath done . . . . . Ps 78:4
for his wonderful w . . . . . Ps 107:8
The w of the Lord. . . . . Ps 111:2
wonderful w . . . . . Ps 111:4
practice wicked w . . . . . Ps 141:4
meditate on all thy w . . . . . Ps 143:5
Commit thy w. . . . . Prov 16:3
whether his w be pure . . . . . Prov 20:11
according to his w. . . . . Prov 24:12
her own w praise her . . . . . Prov 31:31
have seen all the w . . . . . Eccl 1:14
and for every w . . . . . Eccl 3:17
and destroy the w . . . . . Eccl 5:6
unto every w . . . . . Eccl 8:9
God now accepteth thy w . . . . . Eccl 9:7
every w into judgment . . . . . Eccl 12:14
hasten his w. . . . . Is 5:19
performed his whole w . . . . . Is 10:12
the w of men's hands . . . . . Is 37:19
my w with my God. . . . . Is 49:4
know their w . . . . . Is 66:18
w of the hands. . . . . Jer 10:3
the w of the workman . . . . . Jer 10:9
and mighty in w . . . . . Jer 32:19
trusted in thy w. . . . . Jer 48:7
any of their w . . . . . Amos 8:7
for I will w . . . . . Hab 1:5
many wonderful w . . . . . Matt 7:22
ye after their w . . . . . Matt 23:3
w they do for . . . . . Matt 23:5
do no mighty w. . . . . Mark 6:5
shew him greater w . . . . . John 5:20
This is the w of God. . . . . John 6:29
I have done one w. . . . . John 7:21
w of God should be . . . . . John 9:3
w that I do . . . . . John 10:25
which of those w. . . . . John 10:32
the w that I do. . . . . John 14:12
finished the w . . . . . John 17:4
wonderful w of God. . . . . Acts 2:11
By what law? of w. . . . . Rom 3:27
righteousness without w . . . . . Rom 4:6
not of w, but of him . . . . . Rom 9:11
nor more of w . . . . . Rom 11:6
cast off the w. . . . . Rom 13:12
destroy not the w . . . . . Rom 14:20
man's w shall be. . . . . 1 Cor 3:13
ye my w in the Lord . . . . . 1 Cor 9:1
by the w of the law . . . . . Gal 2:16
prove his own w . . . . . Gal 6:4
Not of w, lest any . . . . . Eph 2:9
w of the ministry . . . . . Eph 4:12
with the unfruitful w . . . . . Eph 5:11
by wicked w. . . . . Col 1:21
for their w sake . . . . . 1 Thess 5:13
good word and w . . . . . 2 Thess 2:17
according to our w . . . . . 2 Tim 1:9
the w of an evangelist. . . . . 2 Tim 4:5
according to his w. . . . . 2 Tim 4:14
but in w they deny . . . . . Titus 1:16
by w of righteousness. . . . . Titus 3:5
repentance from dead w . . . . . Heb 6:1
conscience from dead w . . . . . Heb 9:14
her perfect w . . . . . James 1:4
faith without thy w. . . . . James 2:18
w that are therein . . . . . 2 Pet 3:10
w of the devil. . . . . 1 John 3:8
my w unto the end . . . . . Rev 2:26
I know thy w . . . . . Rev 3:8
and their w do follow. . . . . Rev 14:13
See Gal 5:19; 2 Thess 1:11

WORK (*v.*)
the Lord will w for us. . . . . 1 Sam 14:6
w evil in the. . . . . 1 Kin 21:20
had a mind to w . . . . . Neh 4:6
where he doth w . . . . . Job 23:9
these things w . . . . . Job 33:29
ye w wickedness . . . . . Ps 58:2
He that w deceit . . . . . Ps 101:7
thee, Lord, to w. . . . . Ps 119:126
I will w . . . . . Is 43:13
and w evil upon . . . . . Mic 2:1
saith the Lord, and w . . . . . Hag 2:4
that w wickedness. . . . . Mal 3:15
Son, go w today. . . . . Matt 21:28
Lord w with them. . . . . Mark 16:20
My Father w. . . . . John 5:17
w the works of God . . . . . John 6:28
what dost thou w . . . . . John 6:30
when no man can w. . . . . John 9:4
w righteousness. . . . . Acts 10:35
the law w wrath. . . . . Rom 4:15
tribulation w patience . . . . . Rom 5:3

all things **w** together. . . . . Rom 8:28
w with our own. . . . . 1 Cor 4:12
same God which **w** all . . . . . 1 Cor 12:6
So then death **w** . . . . . 2 Cor 4:12
faith which **w** by love . . . . . Gal 5:6
purpose of him who **w**. . . . . Eph 1:11
spirit that now **w**. . . . . Eph 2:2
to the power that **w** . . . . . Eph 3:20
w with his hands. . . . . Eph 4:28
w out your own. . . . . Phil 2:12
and to **w** with . . . . . 1 Thess 4:11
doth already **w**. . . . . 2 Thess 2:7
if any would not **w** . . . . . 2 Thess 3:10
faith **w** patience. . . . . James 1:3
See Ezek 46:1; Prov 11:18

WORKMAN
a **w** that needeth . . . . . 2 Tim 2:15

WORKMANSHIP
we are his **w**. . . . . Eph 2:10

WORLD
for the **w** is mine. . . . . Ps 50:12
he hath set the **w**. . . . . Eccl 3:11
the face of the **w** . . . . . Is 14:21
the **w,** and all things . . . . . Is 34:1
kingdoms of the **w** . . . . . Matt 4:8
the light of the **w**. . . . . Matt 5:14
the care of this **w**. . . . . Matt 13:22
The field is the **w** . . . . . Matt 13:38
the end of this **w** . . . . . Matt 13:40
gain the whole **w**. . . . . Matt 16:26
Woe unto the **w**. . . . . Matt 18:7
cares of this **w** . . . . . Mark 4:19
and in the **w** to come . . . . . Mark 10:30
since the **w** began . . . . . Luke 1:70
w should be taxed. . . . . Luke 2:1
if he gain the whole **w** . . . . . Luke 9:25
the children of this **w** . . . . . Luke 16:8
in the **w** to come . . . . . Luke 18:30
children of this **w** . . . . . Luke 20:34
to obtain that **w**. . . . . Luke 20:35
He was in the **w**. . . . . John 1:10
the sin of the **w** . . . . . John 1:29
For God so loved the **w** . . . . . John 3:16
Saviour of the **w** . . . . . John 4:42
light unto the **w**. . . . . John 6:33
The **w** cannot hate you. . . . . John 7:7
I am the light of the **w** . . . . . John 8:12
judgment of this **w** . . . . . John 12:31
to judge the **w** . . . . . John 12:47
depart out of this **w** . . . . . John 13:1
the **w** cannot receive. . . . . John 14:17
not as the **w** giveth . . . . . John 14:27
the prince of this **w**. . . . . John 14:30
If the **w** hate you . . . . . John 15:18
In the **w** ye shall . . . . . John 16:33
I pray not for the **w**. . . . . John 17:9
They are not of the **w**. . . . . John 17:16
w may believe . . . . . John 17:21
even the **w** itself . . . . . John 21:25
have turned the **w**. . . . . Acts 17:6
all the **w** may become. . . . . Rom 3:19
conformed to this **w** . . . . . Rom 12:2
disputer of this **w** . . . . . 1 Cor 1:20
the wisdom of this **w** . . . . . 1 Cor 2:6
they that use this **w**. . . . . 1 Cor 7:31
the god of this **w** . . . . . 2 Cor 4:4
the present evil **w** . . . . . Gal 1:4
the **w** is crucified. . . . . Gal 6:14
course of this **w**. . . . . Eph 2:2
God in the **w** . . . . . Eph 2:12
this present **w** . . . . . 2 Tim 4:10
w was not worthy . . . . . Heb 11:38
from the **w** . . . . . James 1:27
a **w** of iniquity . . . . . James 3:6
the friendship of the **w**. . . . . James 4:4
spared not the old **w**. . . . . 2 Pet 2:5
Whereby the **w** that . . . . . 2 Pet 3:6
Love not the **w**. . . . . 1 John 2:15
the **w** knoweth us not. . . . . 1 John 3:1
if the **w** hate you . . . . . 1 John 3:13
Saviour of the **w** . . . . . 1 John 4:14
w lieth in wickedness . . . . . 1 John 5:19
See 2 Sam 22:16; 1 Chr 16:30

WORSHIP
let us **w** and bow down . . . . . Ps 95:6
w him, all ye gods. . . . . Ps 97:7
w at his footstool. . . . . Ps 99:5
shall **w** the Lord in the. . . . . Is 27:13
her cakes to **w** her. . . . . Jer 44:19
them that **w** the host . . . . . Zeph 1:5
fall down and **w** me . . . . . Matt 4:9
in vain do they **w** me . . . . . Matt 15:9
wilt **w** me . . . . . Luke 4:7
men ought to **w**. . . . . John 4:20
Ye **w** ye know not . . . . . John 4:22
that came up to **w** . . . . . John 12:20
ye ignorantly **w** . . . . . Acts 17:23
so **w** I the God. . . . . Acts 24:14
and **w** and served . . . . . Rom 1:25
he will **w** God . . . . . 1 Cor 14:25
See Col 2:18; Heb 1:6; Rev 4:10

WORTHY
I am not **w** of the least of all . . . . . Gen 32:10
ye are **w** to die. . . . . 1 Sam 26:16
himself a **w** man . . . . . 1 Kin 1:52
shoes I am not **w**. . . . . Matt 3:11
I am not **w** . . . . . Matt 8:8
for the workman is **w** . . . . . Matt 10:10
more than me is not **w**. . . . . Matt 10:37
bidden were not **w** . . . . . Matt 22:8
shoes I am not **w**. . . . . Mark 1:7
therefore fruits **w** . . . . . Luke 3:8
he was **w** for whom. . . . . Luke 7:4
for the labourer is **w** . . . . . Luke 10:7
things **w** of stripes. . . . . Luke 12:48
am no more **w** . . . . . Luke 15:19
accounted **w** to . . . . . Luke 20:35
latchet I am not **w**. . . . . John 1:27
very **w** deeds . . . . . Acts 24:2
time are not **w** . . . . . Rom 8:18
that ye walk **w** . . . . . Eph 4:1
walk **w** of the Lord . . . . . Col 1:10

walk **w** of God . . . . . 1 Thess 2:12
w of his reward . . . . . 1 Tim 5:18
world was not **w** . . . . . Heb 11:38
that **w** name . . . . . James 2:7
for they are **w** . . . . . Rev 3:4
See Nah 2:5; Rev 4:11; 5:2

WRATH
I feared the **w**. . . . . Deut 32:27
to the day of **w**. . . . . Job 21:30
the **w** of man . . . . . Ps 76:10
and by thy **w** . . . . . Ps 90:7
in the day of **w**. . . . . Prov 11:4
The **w** of a king . . . . . Prov 16:14
a fool's **w** is heavier. . . . . Prov 27:3
much sorrow and **w** . . . . . Eccl 5:17
cruel both with **w** . . . . . Is 13:9
In a little **w** I hid . . . . . Is 54:8
and he reserveth **w** . . . . . Nah 1:2
in **w** remember mercy . . . . . Hab 3:2
day is a day of **w** . . . . . Zeph 1:15
from the **w** to come . . . . . Matt 3:7
unto thyself **w** . . . . . Rom 2:5
your children to **w** . . . . . Eph 6:4
appointed us to **w** . . . . . 1 Thess 5:9
without **w** and . . . . . 1 Tim 2:8
great day of his **w** . . . . . Rev 6:17
See James 1:19; Rev 6:16; 12:12

WRITE
unto Moses, **W** thou these words . . . . . Ex 34:27
thou shalt **w** them. . . . . Deut 6:9
that **w** grievousness . . . . . Is 10:1
a child may **w** them . . . . . Is 10:19
W ye this man. . . . . Jer 22:30
W thee all the words . . . . . Jer 30:2
w it in their hearts . . . . . Jer 31:33
W the vision . . . . . Hab 2:2
mind, and **w** them . . . . . Heb 8:10
See Job 13:26; Rev 3:12

WRITTEN
Oh that my words were now **w**. . . . . Job 19:23
w with the righteous. . . . . Ps 69:28
and it was **w** within . . . . . Ezek 2:10
are **w** in heaven . . . . . Luke 10:20
What I have **w**. . . . . John 19:22
they are **w** for . . . . . 1 Cor 10:11
w in our hearts . . . . . 2 Cor 3:2
See Is 4:3; Jer 17:1; Rev 2:17

Y

YEAR
for seasons, and for days, and **y** . . . . . Gen 1:14
once a **y** . . . . . Lev 16:34
it is a **y** of rest . . . . . Lev 25:5
each day for a **y**. . . . . Num 14:34
forth **y** by **y** . . . . . Deut 14:22
the **y** of release. . . . . Deut 15:9
the **y** of tithing. . . . . Deut 26:12
y as man's days . . . . . Job 10:5
and multitude of **y** . . . . . Job 32:7
y as many generations . . . . . Ps 61:6
y of ancient times . . . . . Ps 77:5
their **y** in trouble. . . . . Ps 78:33
For a thousand **y**. . . . . Ps 90:4
The days of our **y** . . . . . Ps 90:10
y are throughout all . . . . . Ps 102:24
y shall have no end. . . . . Ps 102:27
y of thy life. . . . . Prov 4:10
y of the wicked . . . . . Prov 10:27
nor the **y** draw nigh . . . . . Eccl 12:1
y of a hireling . . . . . Is 21:16
y of the Lord . . . . . Is 61:2
the **y** of my redeemed. . . . . Is 63:4
even the **y** of . . . . . Jer 11:23
y of their iniquity . . . . . Ezek 4:5
in the latter **y**. . . . . Ezek 38:8
y of liberty . . . . . Ezek 46:17
and in the end of **y** . . . . . Dan 11:6
to the **y** of many . . . . . Joel 2:2
calves of a **y** old. . . . . Mic 6:6
midst of the **y** . . . . . Hab 3:2
as in former **y** . . . . . Mal 3:4
let it alone this **y** . . . . . Luke 13:8
times, and **y** . . . . . Gal 4:10
a thousand **y** . . . . . Rev 20:2
See Zech 14:16; James 4:13

YESTERDAY
For we are but of **y** . . . . . Job 8:9
years ... are but as **y**. . . . . Ps 90:4
same **y,** and today . . . . . Heb 13:8

YOKE
Take my **y** upon you. . . . . Matt 11:29
y together with . . . . . 2 Cor 6:14
the **y** of bondage . . . . . Gal 5:1
are under the **y** . . . . . 1 Tim 6:1
See Job 1:3; 42:12; Lam 1:14

YOUTH
man's heart is evil from his **y**. . . . . Gen 8:21
cattle from our **y** . . . . . Gen 46:34
war from his **y**. . . . . 1 Sam 17:33
whose son is this **y** . . . . . 1 Sam 17:55
thee from thy **y** . . . . . 2 Sam 19:7
the Lord from my **y** . . . . . 1 Kin 18:12
iniquities of my **y** . . . . . Job 13:26
the sin of his **y**. . . . . Job 20:11
in the days of my **y** . . . . . Job 29:4
rise the **y**. . . . . Job 30:12
to the days of his **y** . . . . . Job 33:25
They die in **y** . . . . . Job 36:14
the sins of my **y**. . . . . Ps 25:7
my trust from my **y** . . . . . Ps 71:5
taught me from my **y** . . . . . Ps 71:17
die from my **y** up . . . . . Ps 88:15
The days of his **y**. . . . . Ps 89:45
thy **y** is renewed . . . . . Ps 103:5
the dew of thy **y** . . . . . Ps 110:3
children of the **y** . . . . . Ps 127:4
afflicted me from my **y**. . . . . Ps 129:1
grown up in their **y**. . . . . Ps 144:12
guide of her **y** . . . . . Prov 2:17
wife of thy **y**. . . . . Prov 5:18
Rejoice, ... in thy **y**. . . . . Eccl 11:9

for childhood and **y** . . . . . Eccl 11:10
days of thy **y** . . . . . Eccl 12:1
laboured from thy **y** . . . . . Is 47:12
shame of thy **y** . . . . . Is 54:4
the kindness of thy **y** . . . . . Jer 2:2
the guide of my **y** . . . . . Jer 3:4
thy manner from thy **y** . . . . . Jer 22:21
the reproach of my **y** . . . . . Jer 31:19
from their **y** . . . . . Jer 32:30
the yoke in his **y** . . . . . Lam 3:27
from my **y** up even . . . . . Ezek 4:14
the days of thy **y** . . . . . Ezek 16:22
in the days of her **y** . . . . . Hos 2:15
husband of her **y** . . . . . Joel 1:8
cattle from my **y** . . . . . Zech 13:5
from my **y** up . . . . . Matt 19:20
observed from my **y** . . . . . Mark 10:20
life from my **y** . . . . . Acts 26:4
despise thy **y** . . . . . 1 Tim 4:12
See Prov 7:7; Is 40:30

YOUTHFUL
Flee also **y** lusts . . . . . 2 Tim 2:22

Z

ZEAL
the **z** of thine house . . . . . Ps 69:9
The **z** of the Lord . . . . . Is 6:7
with **z** as a cloak . . . . . Is 59:17
The **z** of thine house . . . . . John 2:17
they have a **z** of God . . . . . Rom 10:2
your **z** hath provoked . . . . . 2 Cor 9:2
Concerning **z**, persecuting . . . . . Phil 3:6

ZEALOUS
he was **z** for his God . . . . . Num 25:13
all **z** of the law . . . . . Acts 21:20
z of spiritual gifts . . . . . 1 Cor 14:12
z of good works . . . . . Titus 2:14
be **z** therefore, and . . . . . Rev 3:19

MAPS


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Black Sea
Caspian Sea
Aegean Sea
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Mycenae
Knossos
Caphtor (Crete)
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HITTITES
Taurus Mts.
Kittim (Cyprus)
Mediterranean Sea (The Great Sea)
Carchemish
PADAN ARAM
Haran
Aleppo
Ebla
Ugarit
Gebal (Byblos)
Damascus
Hazor
Megiddo
Dothan
Shechem
Bethel
Ai
Gerar
Hebron
Zoar
Beersheba
Zoan (Tanis)
Succoth
On (Heliopolis)
Kadesh Barnea
Noph (Memphis)
EGYPTIANS
Nile R.
Sinai
Red Sea
Euphrates R.
Tadmor
Mari
ARABIA
Mt. Ararat
Araxes (Aras) R.
Lake Urmia
Nineveh
Asshur
Nuzi
Tigris R.
BABYLONIANS
Babylon
Nippur
Erech
Ur
Persian Gulf
Possible location of Sodom and Gomorrah
Possible location of biblical "Ur of the Chaldeans," where Abraham's migration began
10,000 ft 3050 m
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2000 ft 610 m
1000 ft 305 m
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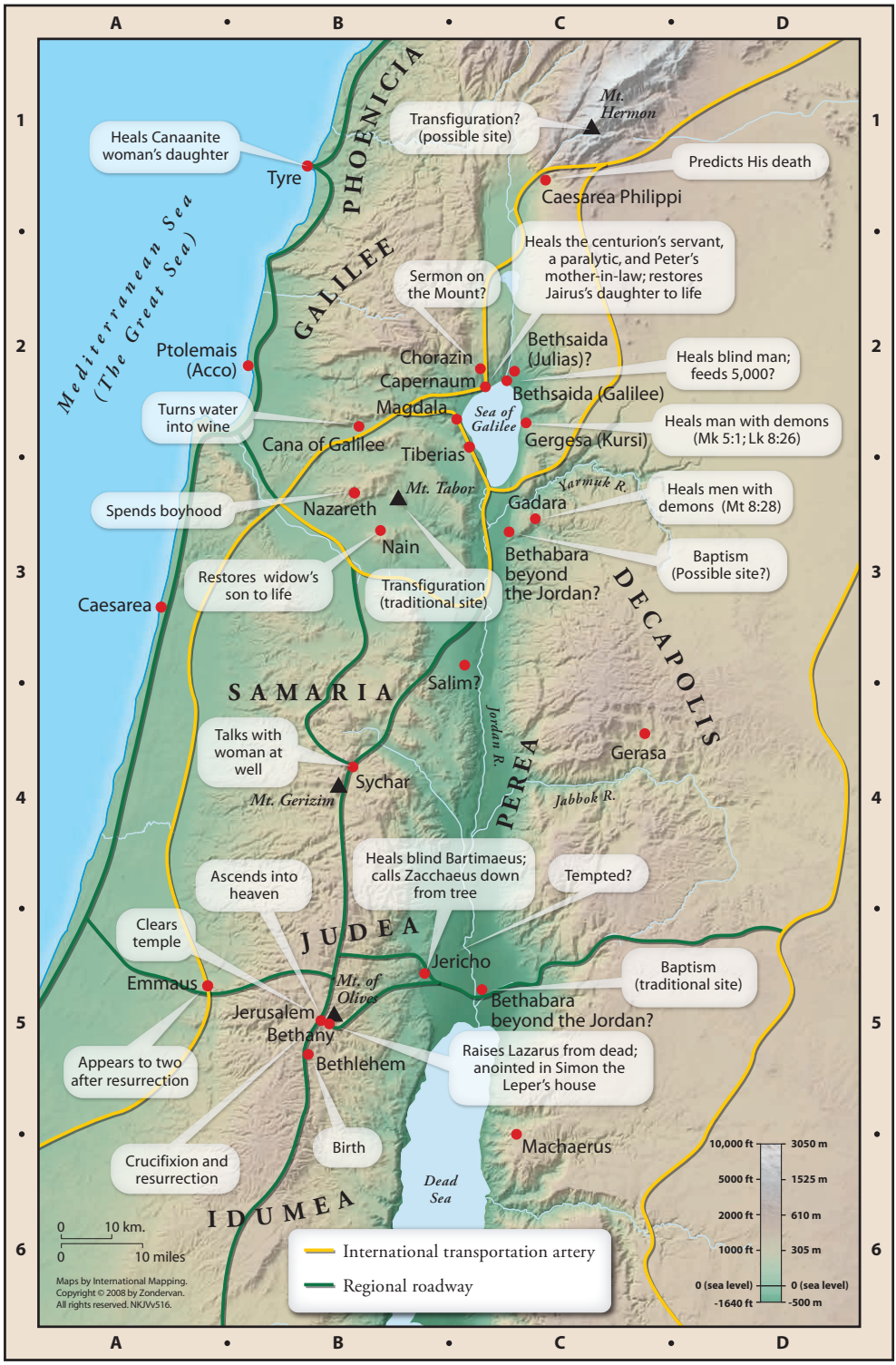
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KINGDOM OF DAVID AND SOLOMON



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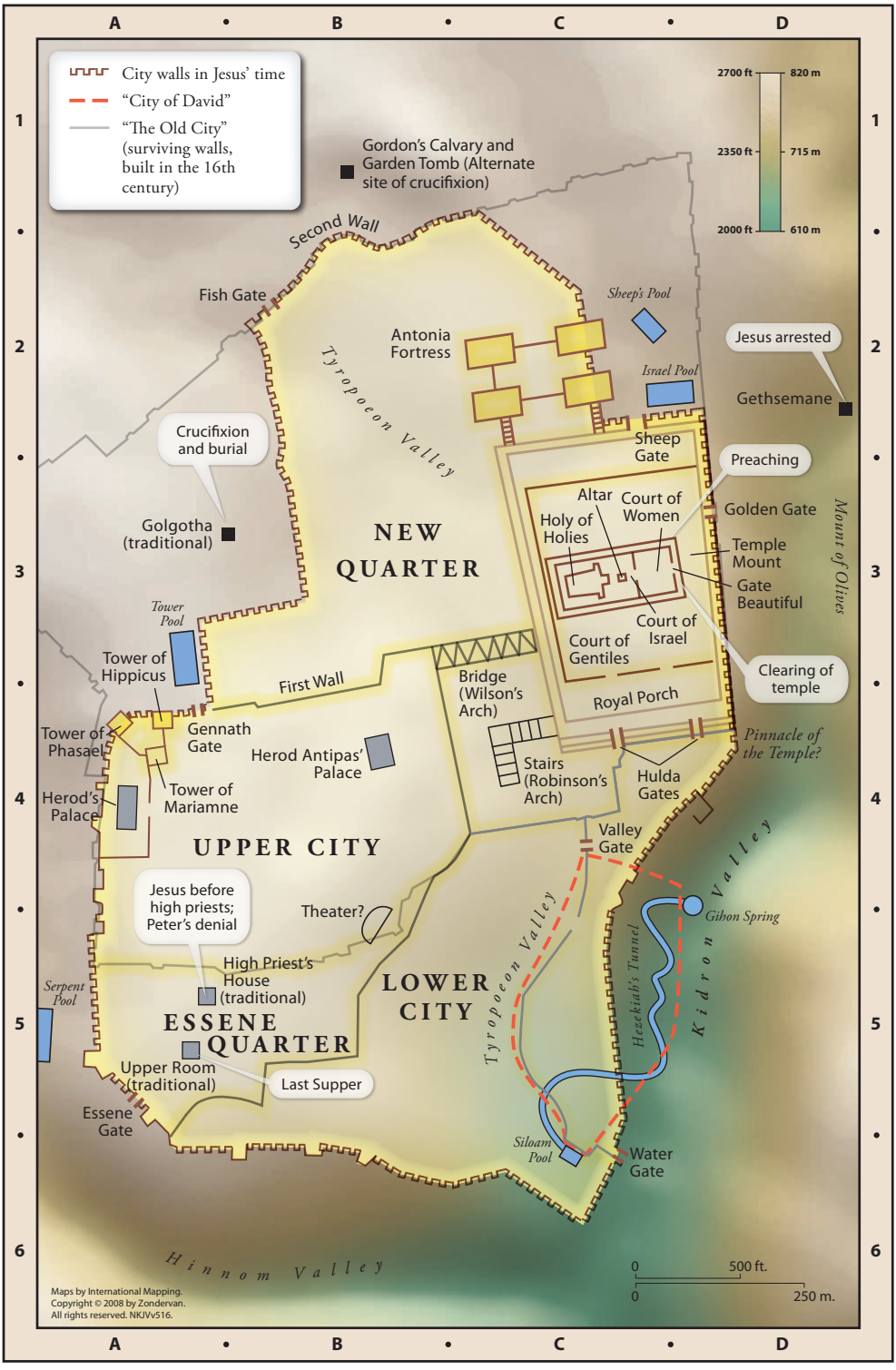
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rea
Philippi
Neapolis
Samothrace
Apollonia?
Mt. Olympus
Aegean Sea
BITHYNIA & PONTUS
GALATIA
CAPPADOCIA
Troas
Assos
Mitylene
Chios
MYSIA
ASIA
Pergamos
Thyatira
LYDIA
Sardis
Smyrna
Ephesus
Samos
Philadelphia
Laodicea
Colosse
Miletus
Patmos
PISIDIA
PAMPHYLIA
LYCAONIA
Antioch in Pisidia
Iconium
Lystra
Derbe
COMMAGENE
Euphrates R.
CILICIA
Tarsus
Issus
Seleucia Pieria
SYRIA
Aleppo
Antioch
Delphi
Athens
orinth
AIA
Cenchreae
Sparta
Cos
Cnidus
LYCIA
Attalia
Patara
Myra
Perga
Rhodes
Cyprus
Salamis
Paphos
Crete
Phoenix
Salmone
Lasea
Clauda
Fair Havens
PHOENICIA
ABILENE
Sidon
Tyre
Ptolemais
Damascus
Caesarea
JUDEA
Jordan R.
Jerusalem
Dead Sea
Mediterranean Sea
(The Great Sea)
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EGYPT
Nile R.
ARABIA
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JERUSALEM IN THE TIME OF JESUS



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